

foreman, but that the foreman himself should realise that he also has some responsibility, and, to that end, that he should be subjected to some pains and penalties, which I think should be expressed in this Act.

Motion put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at six minutes past 6 o'clock, p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Monday, 6th August, 1894.

Bi-weekly Mail to Cue via Yalgoo, &c.—Detour of Mullewa-Cue Telegraph Line to Mount Magnet and Lake Austin—Correspondence re Mullewa-to-Cue and Southern Cross-to-Coolgardie Railways—Incursion of Rabbits at Eucla Border—Police Protection at Eucla—School and Money Order Office at Esperance Bay—Improvement of Recreation Ground at Albany—Bankers' Books Evidence Bill: in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

BI-WEEKLY MAIL TO CUE *via* YALGOO, &c.

MR. ILLINGWORTH, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier—

1. Whether (in view of the fact that a line of coaches was now running to Cue *via* Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, and Lake Austin) it was the intention of the Government to arrange for a bi-weekly mail to Cue, *via* these places.

2. If not, would the Government arrange for the Mount Magnet and Lake Austin mails to be carried by the new line of coaches, and so prevent the unnecessary carriage and great delay caused by carrying the mail for these centres by the present route.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied that arrangements had already been made, and the transmission of mails by these coaches would commence on the 17th inst.

DETOUR OF MULLEWA-CUE TELEGRAPH LINE.

MR. ILLINGWORTH, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier—

1. Whether he promised to arrange for a detour of the telegraph line (now in course of construction from Mullewa to Cue), so as to accommodate the residents of Mount Magnet and Lake Austin.

2. If not, was it the intention of the Government to give telegraph communication to these places? If so, when; and by what route?

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied—

1. I did not make such a promise. It was not possible to arrange the detour of the telegraph line, owing to the work being too far advanced.

2. The Government propose to erect a telegraph line from Cue to Mount Magnet, and the work will be put in hand as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE *RE* GOLDFIELDS RAILWAYS.

MR. ILLINGWORTH, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier—

1. Whether it was his intention to lay upon the table of the House the correspondence between the Government and Mr. Lush, relative to the construction of a line of railway from Mullewa to the Murchison goldfields.

2. Had the Government received any offer or proposals from Messrs. Sylvester Browne and others, relative to the construction of a railway from Southern Cross to Coolgardie? If so, was it the intention of the Premier to lay such correspondence upon the table of the House?

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied—

1. The papers will be placed on the table of the House this evening.

2. The offer has been received, but has not yet been considered; when it has been considered, there will be no objection to place it on the table of the House.

INCURSION OF RABBITS AT EUCLA BORDER.

MR. HASSELL, in accordance with notice, asked the Commissioner of Crown Lands whether the Government had any recent information with regard to rabbits at Eucla.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS (Hon. W. E. Marmion) replied—On 4th April, station master, Eucla, reported to Postmaster General that he had been shown what was considered to be dung of rabbits, found about seven (7) miles from Eucla; and on 11th May he reported further, as follows:—"Have had natives hunting along coast 15 miles, and over all country within ten (10) miles radius of station. Mr. Been has also had natives out, and has been out frequently himself, but can find no trace beyond the deposits already reported. Tramps, horsemen, and camel parties arrive daily, many of whom had years of experience in rabbit-infested parts in other colonies; all report no trace whatever of rabbits, between Bight and Eucla, along route."

POLICE PROTECTION AT EUCLA.

MR. HASSELL, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier whether the Government had made any provision for police protection at Eucla.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied that the Government hoped to be able to do so upon the estimates.

SCHOOL AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE AT ESPERANCE BAY.

MR. HASSELL, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier whether it was the intention of the Government to build a school and establish a money order office at Esperance Bay.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied: The Education Department has under consideration the establishment of a school at Esperance Bay. If the necessary number of children are promised to justify the erection of a school, the Government will build one. In regard to the question of a money order office at Esperance Bay, the Postmaster General has been considering it for some time past, but, owing to the infrequency of communication and other reasons, has not been able to make a recommendation.

IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATION GROUND AT ALBANY.

MR. LEAKE, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier whether it was his intention to place upon the Estimates the sum of £500 for the purpose of improving the recreation ground at Albany.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied: The Government are unable to do so. Recreation grounds are so numerous all over the colony, that to provide funds for the improvement of the ground at Albany would result in similar demands from every other town, and the Government are unable to recommend such demands being granted.

BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL. IN COMMITTEE.

Bill passed through committee without amendment, and reported.
Report adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 7:54 o'clock p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Tuesday, 7th August, 1894.

Railway rates for Live Stock—Removal of Powder Magazine, Fremantle—Railway Station at East Perth—Amendment of the Goldfields Act—Return showing revenues received from the Railways of the colony—Municipal Institutions Bill: second reading—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 2:30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

RAILWAY RATES FOR LIVE STOCK.

MR. HARPER, in accordance with notice, asked the Commissioner of Rail-