

and "go straight." And I thought it was the duty of the Labour party to endeavour to clean politics, and not to lend themselves to corruption or to Cabinets composed of men who have sold their manhood for a thousand a year. That is my reason; and I will never associate myself, in this Chamber or out of it, with traitors. (OPPOSITION MEMBERS: Hear, hear.)

MR. H. J. YELVERTON (Sussex): As my name has been rather freely used by the newspapers during the last few days, without their consulting me in any way whatever on the question, I too desire to make an explanation in this House. Personally, I have had no communication whatever with Mr. Leake or his party regarding this matter. I may say that on Friday morning last I was approached by a prominent member of our (Opposition) party, and asked whether, under certain conditions which I need not name, as they are well known, I would join a coalition Government. I asked for time to consider that question, but at once said that I thought it would be very difficult indeed for me to entertain such a proposition. However, within ten minutes I sought my leader, Mr. Morgans; I asked him what was the present political situation; and he told me that a dissolution had been refused him by the Governor, and farther that he (Mr. Morgans) and his Ministers were about to resign their positions in this House. I then told him of the manner in which I had been approached, and said to him: "You, sir, are still my leader. If you are still prepared to fight on, I will be with you till the last; but if you think it desirable that this coalition Government should be formed, do you wish that I should be one of the Ministers if the opportunity is afforded me?" He answered me at once, that I had been loyal to him right through, and that, so far as I was personally concerned, if a coalition were formed, he would not only concur with my being one of the Ministers, but would wish it. Then I asked him to refer the matter to his colleagues. He did so; and those colleagues told me, a very short time afterwards, that they concurred with what Mr. Morgans had said to me. Then, after farther consideration, I placed my service at the disposal of the gentle-

man who had approached me, subject to the exact conditions laid down by my party, who were really Mr. Morgans's party. Those conditions were clearly defined. They were that our party should have equal representation in the proposed Ministry, with a voice as to who should be appointed to represent the Ministry in the Upper House. It was only on those conditions, and with the concurrence of my leader, that I gave my adhesion to that scheme. I may say, one of the conditions made by my party was that Mr. Rason should not be a member of any Government we might join; and for my part, I was not prepared on any conditions other than those laid down by my party, to join the coalition Ministry; and then I was not prepared to join them save with the approval of my leader, Mr. Morgans. (OPPOSITION MEMBERS: Hear, hear.)

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion by the HON. J. J. HOLMES, the House adjourned at 12 minutes to 5 o'clock until Tuesday, the 14th January.

Legislative Council,
Thursday, 2nd January, 1902.

Ministerial Re-election—Adjournment.

The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

MINISTERIAL RE-ELECTION.

THE PRESIDENT reported the return of election writ for filling the vacancy in the Metropolitan-Suburban Province (Hon. A. Jameson having been appointed Minister for Lands), and that the Hon. A. Jameson had been re-elected.

HON. A. JAMESON (introduced by Hon. G. Randell), having taken the oath and subscribed the members' roll, took his seat.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. A. Jameson): As one of the writs for the re-election of Ministers was not returnable until the 17th instant, he moved that the House at its rising do adjourn until the 21st instant.

Put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly until Tuesday, 21st January.

Legislative Assembly.

Tuesday, 14th January, 1902.

Ministerial Re-elections (four seats)—Petition: Hospital (Central), Kalgoorlie and Boulder—Papers presented—Question: Education, Teacher at Boulder—Question: Coolgardie Water Scheme, Testing and Reticulation—Question: Judges' Pension Act, to amend—Sanitary Site, North Perth—Annual Estimates, in Committee of Supply (resumed), Attorney-General's Votes to Audit; progress—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

MINISTERIAL RE-ELECTIONS.

(FOUR SEATS.)

THE SPEAKER announced the return of writs issued for elections to seats for West Perth, Cue, Menzies, and Guildford, by which it appeared the following had been re-elected:—West Perth, Hon. G. Leake; Cue, Hon. F. Illingworth; Menzies, Hon. H. Gregory; Guildford, Hon. C. H. Rason.

The re-elected members took the oath of allegiance, signed the members' roll, and took their seats as Ministers.

PETITION—HOSPITAL (CENTRAL), KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.

MR. HOPKINS presented a petition from residents of the districts of Kalgoorlie and Boulder, praying for the erection of a central hospital.

Petition received, read, and ordered to be printed.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. Illingworth): 1, Emoluments Return, based on Annual Estimates 1901-2 (on motion by Mr. Hopkins); 2, Census of Population and Habitations, 1901; 3, Statistical Abstract for December, 1901.

By the MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. C. H. Rason): Regulations for preventing pollution of water near Wyndham.

By the MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. H. Gregory): Amended Regulations 4 and 128, under Goldfields Acts.

Ordered to lie on the table.

QUESTION—EDUCATION, TEACHER AT BOULDER.

MR. J. M. HOPKINS asked the Premier: 1, What was the date of the official appointment of Mr. Wm. Hill (late of Boulder Mines School) to the Education Department. 2, Whether his salary was paid from the date of engagement. If not, why. 3, Whether he was entitled by amended Regulation No. 64, as published on folio 6 of July Circular, 1900, to receive a *pro rata* portion of a special £10 increment for the period January to July, 1901. If so, whether the amount was paid. If not, why. 4, Whether subsequent to his taking charge of the Boulder Mines School he was entitled to any increment under Regulation 67. If so, to what amount. Whether it was paid. If not, why.

THE PREMIER (Hon. G. Leake) replied: 1, April 1, 1901. 2, Paid from April 2. April 1 was a Sunday, and in such cases pay has always begun on the day on which the teacher takes up his work. 3, He was entitled to this special increment. The amount was paid. 4, As acting head master he might have received half the head master's salary and half his own, subject to a favourable report of his conduct of the school, and at the discretion of the Minister. It was not paid because his conduct of the school was not satisfactory.

QUESTION—COOLGARDIE WATER SCHEME, TESTING AND RETICULATION.

MR. HOPKINS asked the Minister for Public Works: 1, Whether it is the