

occupied a seat in that House. At the same time it must be admitted there was a difference between him and the other officers alluded to, as regards their length of service. He might add, however, that should he have the pleasure of occupying a seat in the House hereafter, and a proposition were made to increase the salary of either the Attorney General or the Surveyor General, in all probability his voice would be raised in support of it.

THE HON. J. G. LEE STEERE said he merely rose to reply to one remark which fell from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, who stated that the whole time of the Attorney General was given up to the business of the colony, when it was perfectly well known to every member of the House that nearly a whole week during the present session of Council had been lost in consequence of the Attorney General's time being taken up by his private practice.

The motion to strike out the £100 was then put, and, a division being called for, the numbers were—

Ayes ... .. 14

Noes ... .. 5

Majority for ... 9

AYES.	NOES.
Mr. Burt	Hon. J. Forrest
Mr. Davis	Mr. Mason
Mr. Glyde	Mr. Hamersley
Mr. Grant	Mr. Higham
Sir L. S. Leake, Kt.	Hon. M. Fraser (Teller.)
Mr. Loton	
Mr. Marmion	
Mr. McRae	
Mr. S. S. Parker	
Mr. S. H. Parker	
Mr. Randall	
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Venn	
Hon. J. G. Lee Steere (Teller.)	

The amendment was therefore carried, and the item struck out.

Question—That a sum not exceeding £14,689 be granted to the Judicial Department—put and passed.

Progress reported, and leave given to sit again on September 5th.

#### CATTLE TRESPASS ACT, 1882, AMENDMENT BILL.

Read a third time and passed.

#### WINES, BEER, AND SPIRITS SALE ACT, 1880, AMENDMENT BILL.

Read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at a quarter to twelve o'clock (midnight).

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 4th September, 1884.

Death of the hon. member for the Vasse (Mr. T. C. Carey)—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

#### DEATH OF MR. T. C. CAREY.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser): It is my melancholy duty to rise a second time this session to ask, what I know is the feeling of all hon. members, that the business of the House be suspended until tomorrow evening, as a tribute to the memory of our late friend and fellow member, Mr. Carey. I am quite sure that no one who watched the career of the late member for the Vasse during the many years he occupied a seat in this House but must be satisfied that to his constituents he always proved a zealous and careful advocate of their rights, and that as a member of this Council he was at all times willing to assist in every work that came before the House. I regarded the late hon. member for the Vasse as one of our most useful members, for this reason,—that he gave, when his health allowed him, so much close attention at all times to the business of the House, and I am quite sure that every hon. member will agree with me in regretting his removal from amongst us. Sir, it only remains for me to move that the House, on its rising, do adjourn until

Friday evening, and that the business on the paper for today be postponed accordingly.

MR VENN: In rising to second this motion, I should like to say a few words with reference to an hon. member whom I regarded as a colleague in this House. I was glad to hear the few words addressed to the House by the leader of the Government, and, possibly, had I had time I should have felt it my duty to have dwelt at some length upon the services rendered to the public of this colony by the late hon. member for the Vasse. He was a member of this House for a great many years, both under the present constitution and under the form of Government that prevailed before this constitution came into force, and I think every hon. member here, and every person in the colony who knew the late member for the Vasse will admit, notwithstanding his faults—and possibly he had many—and notwithstanding all the abuse heaped upon him, that there never was a more fearless and more independent member of this House than the late hon. member. I feel, sir, that we are only paying a small tribute to his memory—but it is a graceful tribute, and the only one within our power to pay him—in adjourning the business of the House until tomorrow.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

The House adjourned at a quarter past twelve o'clock.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Friday, 5th September, 1884.*

Presbyterian Church Bill: second reading—Police Benefit Fund Bill: second reading—Governor's Salary Bill: second reading—Building Bill: third reading—Message (No. 34): Replying to Addresses—Estimates, 1885: further considered in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL.

MR. S. H. PARKER, in moving the second reading of this bill, said hon. members would observe that the bill was framed very much upon the same lines as other measures dealing with church property were framed. The object of the bill was to incorporate the minister of the Presbyterian Church in Perth and two of the elders of that church (Mr. Moseley and Colonel Angelo) as commissioners for the management of the real and personal estate of the church. The bill also provided for the appointment of additional commissioners in the event of new congregations being formed, which commissioners would be the minister for the time being of such congregation and one of the elders to be selected by the congregation. These commissioners would be empowered to receive all monies raised or contributed for church purposes, and to apply such funds as they shall think fit, subject to the approval of a majority of the congregation. They would also be empowered, under certain conditions, to invest the funds upon mortgage, or, if necessary, to mortgage the lands of the church, and generally to manage the church property.

The motion for the second reading was agreed to, without discussion.

## POLICE BENEFIT FUND BILL.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. A. P. Hensman), in moving the second reading of a bill to amend an Ordinance to regulate the Police Benefit Fund, said it would be necessary for him to say scarcely anything. It would be in the recollection of the House that a select committee had been recently appointed to inquire into the state of this fund, and that the report of the committee was not altogether favorable to the present condition of the fund. The committee at all events made certain recommendations on the subject, which the Government had adopted, and which were carried out in this bill, which was based on the following principle. Heretofore it had been the practice to devote a moiety of the fines and penalties imposed upon offenders by magistrates, upon information laid by the police, to this Benefit Fund; but the committee, after giving