

undermentioned Bills, passed by the Legislative Council during the present Session of the Legislature:—

"An Act to amend *The Capital Punishment Amendment Act, 1871.*"

"An Act to further amend the Law of Evidence."

"An Act to empower the Governor under certain circumstances to authorise persons to have and use Distilling Apparatus without a license."

"An Act to confirm the Expenditure for the services of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, beyond the grant for that year."

"An Act to amend *The Colonial Passengers' Ordinance, 1861.*"

"An Act to further amend the Administration of Justice."

"An Act to make it lawful to close up certain streets in the City of Perth."

"An Act to amend the Bastardy Laws."

"An Act to make provision for the maintenance of Discipline among the Crews of Coasting Vessels."

"An Act to amend the Law relating to Election Petitions, and to provide more effectually for the prevention of Corrupt Practices at the Election of Members of the Legislative Council."

"An Act to further amend *The Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872.*"

Government House, Perth, 21st December, 1875.

The Council adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 22nd December, 1875.

Perth Drainage Bill: first reading—Offenders Apprehension Bill: second reading and committee—Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Bill: third reading—Geraldton and Northampton Railway Petition: in committee—Estimates: in committee.

The ACTING SPEAKER took the Chair at 7 p.m.

PRAYERS.

#### PERTH DRAINAGE BILL.

First Reading.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking), in accordance with notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to declare valid the City of Perth drainage rates.

The Bill was read a first time.

#### OFFENDERS APPREHENSION BILL.

Second Reading and Committee.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time, and passed through Committee without amendment.

#### PEARL SHELL FISHERY REGULATION BILL.

Third Reading.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### GERALDTON AND NORTHAMPTON RAILWAY PETITION.

In Committee.

Mr. CROWTHER moved that in the opinion of the House the goods imported by Mr. Palmer for the construction of the Geraldton and Northampton railway, and upon which he had paid duty, may fairly be considered to come within the meaning of the words, "all material for construction of railways," in the Tariff Act of 1872, and that the amount of £67 18s. 2d. should be refunded to Mr. Palmer.

Question put and passed.

#### ESTIMATES.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Item: Immigration, £7,000.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that His Excellency the Governor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £3,000 for the introduction of immigrants, beyond the vote for 1876, should such vote be found to be insufficient.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

*Item: Pensions, £2,382 3s.*

Item agreed to.

*Item: Inspectors of Sheep, £1,050.*

After some debate,

Mr. STEERE moved that in the item "Forage for one Inspector at £100," the amount be reduced to £50.

Debate ensued.

Amendment put, upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes ..... 11

Noes ..... 7

Majority for ..... 4

Ayes.  
Mr. Padbury  
Mr. Randell  
Mr. Shenton  
Mr. W. Hughes  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Monger  
Mr. Glyde  
Mr. Marmion  
Mr. Pearce  
Mr. Bickley  
Mr. Steere (Teller.)

Noes.  
The Hon. M. Fraser.  
The Hon. H. H. Hocking  
Mr. Burt  
Mr. T. Burges  
Mr. Brown  
Mr. Crowther  
The Hon. A. O'Grady  
Lefroy (Teller.)

Amendment thus passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

*Item: Ecclesiastical Services, £3,543.*

After some debate, the item was agreed to.

*Item: Education, £7,895.*

Item agreed to.

*Item: Works and Buildings, £12,789.*

Debate ensued.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that the following item be inserted, "School Houses Perth and Fremantle, £2,000."

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. STEERE moved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to place the sum of £300 on the Estimates for the extension of the Albany jetty.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. SHENTON moved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to place the sum of £200 on the Estimates for the extension of the Perth jetty.

Amendment agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

*Item: Roads and Bridges, £11,000.*

After some debate, Mr. BURT moved that progress be reported.

Question put and negatived.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that the words, "road, Cossack to Roebourne," in the second line be struck out, and the words, "roads, north district," inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 1 a.m. (Thursday).

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Thursday, 23rd December, 1875.

Adjournment—Standing Orders Suspension—First Readings—Geraldton and Northampton Railway: Message from the Governor, No. 4—Lands and Works Department: select committee—High School Bill: third reading—Estimates: in committee—Geraldton and Northampton Railway: Message from the Governor, No. 4: in committee.

The ACTING SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.

PRAYERS.

## ADJOURNMENT.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy), with leave, moved that after the close of the business of the day the House adjourn until Tuesday, the 28th December.

Question put and passed.

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

Mr. STEERE moved for the suspension of Standing Order No. 2 with a view that the House may be enabled to meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 28th December.

Question put and passed.

## FIRST READINGS.

The following Bills were read a first time, in accordance with notice, on motions by the Attorney General (Hon. H. H. Hocking): Trespass Act, 1872, Amendment Bill and the Remission of Penalties Amendment Bill.