

Ministers appointed by them, which is the procedure hitherto adopted. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

On motion by Hon. A. Thomson, debate adjourned.

### DISCHARGE OF ORDER.

On motion by the Chief Secretary, Order of the Day for the second reading of the Industries Assistance Act Continuance Bill was discharged from the Notice Paper.

*House adjourned at 6.7 p.m.*

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

### QUESTION—UNEMPLOYMENT, LAND SETTLEMENT.

Mr. GRIFFITHS asked the Minister for Employment: 1, With a view to assisting to solve the unemployment question, will the Government consider placing married men with families on suitable abandoned blocks, as is being done in Victoria and New South Wales? 2, Will the Minister have prepared a list of married men, at present on sustenance and/or relief work, who are desirous of settling on the land? 3, Will the Government consider placing these men on suitable blocks to clean up, repair fences, dig out rabbits, etc., in anticipation of the Federal grant to settle such men? 4, In view of what is being paid to caretakers at present,

could not those caretakers be given an incentive to work by the acquisition of such blocks by an arrangement as outlined in Question 3?

The MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT replied: 1, The Government have no knowledge of what is being done in the States mentioned other than has already been tried in this State. 2, Not considered necessary at present. 3,749 men are at present employed on reconditioning, and additional men will be so placed when considered necessary. If and when a Federal grant is made available, the Government will give attention to using it to the best possible advantage. 4, Answered by No. 3.

### QUESTION—STATE FERRIES.

*Repairs and Boat Hire.*

Mr. CROSS asked the Minister for Railways: 1, What was the cost of repairs to boats employed in the South Perth ferry service for the year ended 30th June, 1934? 2, What was the cost of hiring boats to take the place of ferry boats under repair for the same period?

The MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS replied: 1, £1,200. 2, £180.

### BILL—ADMINISTRATION ACT (ESTATE AND SUCCESSION DUTIES) AMENDMENT.

Report of Committee adopted.

### AGRICULTURAL BANK ROYAL COMMISSION.

*Standing Orders Suspension.*

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. M. F. Troy—Mount Magnet) [4.35]: I move—

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as to enable a motion dealing with the consideration of the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the operations of the Agricultural Bank, to be taken into consideration at this sitting.

Question put.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have counted the House, and there is an absolute majority present.

Question passed.

*Consideration of Report.*

**THE MINISTER FOR LANDS** (Hon. M. F. Troy—Mount Magnet) [4.36]: I move—

That the House take into consideration the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the operations of the Agricultural Bank.

On motion by Mr. Latham, debate adjourned.

*House adjourned at 4.37 p.m.*

## Legislative Council,

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

### QUESTION—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY TAX.

Hon. C. F. BAXTER asked the Chief Secretary: 1, What amounts have been assessed since 30th June, 1934, for financial emergency tax covering the period to the 30th June, 1933—(a) on individuals; (b) on companies? 2, What amount, is it estimated, has still to be assessed under the above headings for the same period?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: 1, (a), (b) £29,546. The amounts cannot be given separately under (a) and (b), as a dissection for that purpose is not made in the office. 2, Approximately £20,000.

### MOTION—STATE TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION ACT.

*To Disallow Regulation.*

Order of the Day read for the resumption of the debate from the previous day on the following motion by Hon. A. Thomson—

That Regulation No. 48, made under the State Transport Co-ordination Act, 1933, as published in the *Government Gazette* on 16th March, 1934, and laid on the Table of the House on 7th August, 1934, be and is hereby disallowed.

On motion by Hon. J. George, debate adjourned.

### BILL—ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT.

*Third Reading.*

On motion by Hon. G. Fraser, Bill read a third time and passed.

### BILL—FORESTS ACT AMENDMENT.

*Second Reading.*

Debate resumed from the previous day.

**HON. W. J. MANN** (South-West) [4.38]: If the forestry authorities are perfectly satisfied, as we understand they are, that the reforestation of sandalwood under existing conditions in this State is impracticable, it seems to me the proper course for the Government to take would be to introduce a Bill for the repeal of the whole of Section 2 of the Forests Act Amendment Act of 1924. That would put back the position to what it was previously, and there would be no necessity to bring down a re-enactment measure year after year. So far as I can gather, the forestry authorities have decided that they cannot profitably expend in sandalwood reforestation the amount that is provided in the original Act. If they are sincere in that, the bringing down of an annual measure is only prolonging the position without any good effect. The Bill before us has a retrospective force; it sets out to validate certain things that were done up to the 30th June of this year. To that there can be no objection, but it seems unnecessary to bring down a Bill year after year when final results could be obtained in another way. As for the utilising of funds for reforestation purposes, I join with Mr. Miles in calling attention to the fallacy of