

next time.] I may be opposed; but I am prepared to say I will meet with the same success as I met with last time. Now I will thank members—[THE MINISTER FOR MINES: For a patient hearing.]—if the Minister desires it should be considered patient, I will not oppose his wish. I hope I have made my position clear. I feel confident that there is no time in the history of the politics of Western Australia, or of any part of the Commonwealth, when there was such a political crisis as there is here to-day. I say it is necessary that members on this (Government) side of the House should make their position clear; because I am perfectly satisfied that the electors who returned Labour members to Parliament are thoroughly dissatisfied with the later developments of the last week, in respect of the negotiations with the Opposition.

On motion by MR. FOULKES, debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at six minutes to 11 o'clock, until the next day.

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THE ACTING PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY, PRESENTATION.

THE ACTING PRESIDENT (Hon. H. Briggs) reported that, in accordance with the instruction of the House, he had presented to the Governor the Address in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech, and that His Excel-

lency had been pleased to return the following answer:—

MR. ACTING PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

I thank you for your Address in reply to the Speech with which I opened Parliament, and for your expressions of loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

FRED. G. D. BEDFORD, Governor.

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PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the COLONIAL SECRETARY: 1, Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Department of Land Titles, being that for the year 1904. 2, Report and Returns in accordance with Clauses 54 and 83 of the Government Railways Act, 1904—Quarter ended 30th June, 1905. 3, The Inspection of Machinery Act, 1904—Regulations.

MIDLAND RAILWAY AND LANDS, REPORT.

On motion by the Hon. J. W. HACKETT, the adjourned debate on the motion for production of the full report of the board of inquiry into the extent and value of the Midland Railway and lands was farther adjourned until the next Tuesday.

BILL POSTPONED.

Bill for amending the Fertilisers and Feedingstuffs Act was also farther postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On formal motion by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the House adjourned for a fortnight.