

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 5th August, 1880.

Sandalwood Bill: further considered in Committee—
Real Property Limitation Act, 1878, Repeal Bill:
further considered in Committee—Supreme Court
Bill: first reading—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

SANDALWOOD BILL.

The House having gone into Committee for the further consideration of this Bill,

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS (Hon. M. Fraser) said when the Bill was in Committee before, Progress was reported in order that some hon. members should consult together as to some of its provisions and certain amendments which were considered desirable, with the view of rendering the Bill more effectual. Certain propositions had been agreed upon, but he doubted whether they would be able to pilot the Bill, as amended, through Committee, and he was rather inclined to think the better plan would be to refer the Bill to a Select Committee. He had a map prepared, showing the limits within which it was thought desirable that no sandalwood should be cut for the next ten years or so, and which he would lay on the Table of the House, for the information of the Committee. There was some difficulty experienced with regard to restricting the cutting of immature wood on fee-simple lands. If they could only persuade the owners of these lands to abide by the law as it was proposed to apply it with respect to Crown Lands, the difficulty would be overcome. If these people could only be persuaded what a splendid investment it would be for them to let the immature wood on their lands lie idle until it grew to maturity, there would be no difficulty in getting them to accept the law as provided in the Bill; but there was no way of compelling them to accept its provisions.

Mr. MARMION was inclined to agree with the Commissioner of Crown Lands that, if any real good was likely to come out of the Bill, it would be necessary to refer it to a Select Committee.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS (Hon. M. Fraser) then moved, That Progress be reported, and leave asked to sit again another day.

Agreed to.

Progress reported.

REAL PROPERTY LIMITATION ACT,
1878, REPEAL BILL.

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IN COMMITTEE.

MR. S. H. PARKER said, that accepting the suggestion made the other day, when he moved a new clause in the Bill, that the operation of the clause should be delayed, he had prepared an amendment which he trusted would meet with the support of the Committee. He would therefore move, "That the words 'commencement of this Act' (in the 3rd and 4th lines of the new clause) be struck out, and the words '1st day of September, 1883,' be inserted in lieu thereof." If this amendment were accepted, the provision relating to absence beyond seas would not come into operation until that date, which would afford ample time for absentees to look after their rights.

The amendment was agreed to, without discussion.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill reported.

SUPREME COURT BILL.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. G. W. Leake), with leave, without notice, moved the first reading of a Bill to make provision for the better Administration of Justice in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

Motion agreed to.

Bill brought in and read a first time.

The House adjourned at one o'clock, p.m.