

AYES.

Mr. Collier
Mr. Heitmann
Mr. Holman
Mr. Scaddan
Mr. Walker
Mr. Ware
Mr. Troy (Teller).

NOES.

Mr. Barnett
Mr. Carson
Mr. Davies
Mr. Eddy
Mr. Ewing
Mr. Gordon
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Keenan
Mr. Layman
Mr. Mule
Mr. Mitchell
Mr. Price
Mr. Smith
Mr. Stone
Mr. A. J. Wilson
Mr. Hardwick (Teller).

Question thus negatived.

MR. HEITMANN: Had the Minister read the notice of amendment by the member for Leonora in regard to spraying?

THE MINISTER: That matter would be dealt with by regulation. He would not recommit the measure until members had a chance of considering the regulations, which would be available shortly. They were now in the printer's hands. The regulations dealt with the question referred to, with sanitation, the testing of ropes, signalling and so forth.

Schedule, Title—agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 1.40 o'clock a.m. Wednesday until the afternoon.

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THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

BILL—PERTH TOWN HALL (SITE).

SECOND READING.

Resumed from the previous day.

Order read. [No farther debate.]

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1, 2, 3—agreed to.

Clause 4—Monetary consideration to be expended in building town hall:

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY moved an amendment—

That the words "or any other land approved by a referendum of the ratepayers of the municipality of Perth" be struck out.

As explained on the second reading, it was intended originally to confine this Bill to the land mentioned in the schedule, for a referendum to be taken whether the ratepayers would accept the Irwin Street site and £22,000 in exchange for the present town hall site. As the Bill now read it would apply to any other lands.

HON. W. T. LOTON: Had any negotiations taken place between the Government and the City Council in reference to the purchase of any other land than the Irwin Street block? If not, it was useless to take a referendum except in relation to an exchange of the town hall site for the Irwin Street site and a sum of money. If no other land had been offered by the Government, it was useless to retain the words now proposed to be struck out.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: There was no other land offered, but in another place this amendment was proposed by some member who thought he would do the City Council a good turn. The City Council, however, objected to these words. In the negotiations entered into, the City Council asked the Government if they would sell them the Savings Bank site; but the Government were not willing to part with that. They also mentioned the Technical School site in St. George's Terrace, which they would have liked to obtain in exchange; but the Government would not entertain that suggestion either, as they required the premises for perhaps mining offices and a technical school.

HON. J. W. LANGSFORD: This amendment seemed to strike out the only allusion to a referendum in connection with the Bill, and it was on condition of there being a referendum that the Bill had been passed so far. There was a

distinct understanding that there should be a referendum of the ratepayers on the question.

HON. G. RANDELL: Clause 6 provided for that.

Amendment passed; the clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 6—Provisional agreement to be submitted to ratepayers:

HON. S. J. HAYNES: Would it not be well to strike out the word "shall" and substitute "may," so as not to make a poll mandatory but optional? After the statement made by members it appeared to him that a referendum would be a waste of money. He moved an amendment—

That the word "shall" be struck out and "may" inserted in lieu.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: It would be well to make a referendum compulsory, so that the ratepayers should have an opportunity of saying whether they approved of this proposal or not. It seemed to him that if it were left optional with the City Council they would take it as sufficient authority to go on with the transfer.

HON. G. RANDELL: It was not intended to leave it entirely in the hands of the council. He would oppose the second reading on those terms.

HON. W. PATRICK: The amendment would clash with Clause 10, where it was assumed that the vote should be taken.

Amendment withdrawn, the clause passed.

Clauses 7 to end—agreed to.

Progress reported, the Bill returned to the Legislative Assembly with a request that an amendment be made as suggested; leave given to sit again on receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly.

BILL—MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Received from the Legislative Assembly, and read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at three minutes to 5 o'clock, until the next day.

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THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

QUESTION—METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY, CONSUMPTION.

MR. SCADDAN (for Mr. Johnson) asked the Minister for Works:

1. What increased consumption of water per day during this summer is anticipated by the Metropolitan Water Supply Board as a result of the recent enlarging and extension of mains?
2. Is Maylands being reticulated?
3. If so, what is the estimated summer consumption per day in this suburb?
4. What is the possible daily supply from the Victoria Reservoir?
5. How long could the supply be maintained during summer, basing rainfall on figures of summer 1904-5?
6. What is possible daily supply from bores now connected with the service reservoir?
7. What is the highest consumption ever recorded for one day?
8. The date of this record?
9. Is any difficulty anticipated in meeting the demands this summer?
10. If so, how is it intended to overcome this difficulty?

THE TREASURER (for the Minister) replied:

1. 500,000 gallons per day; but this increase should be largely compensated for by the metering now going on.
2. Yes.
3. 100,000 gallons per day.
4. The mains from the reservoir are capable of supplying 2,000,000 gallons per day.
5. There are 220,000,000 gallons of water in the reservoir to-day and it is still overflowing; a consumption of