

over the week-end, in order that the usual Constitutional course may be adopted. I regret I have not been able to discuss the matter with the Leader of the National Party. I have been very busy since the party meeting and have not been able to make contact with him. I hope he, too, will agree to that procedure. Members, of course, will be required to meet to-morrow for the joint sitting of Parliament to elect a senator. I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 25th August, at 4.30 p.m.

Question put and passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: As indicated by the Minister for Lands, I remind members that they are expected to meet at 4.30 to-morrow afternoon in the Legislative Council Chamber with a view to electing a senator.

Mr. Lambert: If we adjourn this House, is it competent for us to meet the other branch of the Legislature to-morrow?

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes.

House adjourned at 1.58 p.m.

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FEDERAL SENATE VACANCY.

In accordance with the Standing Orders passed by both Houses of Parliament and approved by Executive Council, the members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly met in joint sitting in the Legislative Council Chamber, to fill the vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate of the Federal Parliament caused by the death of Senator William Carroll.

The PRESIDENT of the Legislative Council (Hon. Sir John Kirwan) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., in accordance with the

Standing Orders. He was accompanied by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Hon. A. H. Panton).

Election.

The PRESIDENT: I am ready to receive nominations for the vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate of the Australian Commonwealth.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. M. F. Troy—Mt. Magnet): I propose—

That Mr. Reginald Frederick Bourke, secretary, of Tuart-street, Applecross, be elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Senate due to the death of Senator William Carroll.

I have Mr. Bourke's assurance that, if elected, he is prepared to act.

Mr. SLEEMAN (M.L.A., Fremantle): I second the nomination of Mr. Reginald Frederick Bourke.

Hon. C. G. LATHAM (M.L.A., York): I propose—

That Mr. Thomas William Marwick, farmer, Greenhills, be elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Senate due to the death of Senator William Carroll.

I have Mr. Marwick's assurance that, if elected, he is prepared to act.

Hon. N. KEENAN (M.L.A., Nedlands): I second the nomination of Mr. Thomas William Marwick.

The PRESIDENT: I have received two nominations, and as there are no others I declare nominations closed. The two nominations I have received are those of Mr. Bourke and Mr. Marwick. Members will now proceed to vote.

The ballot having been completed by members present from both Houses,

The PRESIDENT: It has been reported to me that every member has received a duly certified ballot paper, and I presume that each member has voted. I therefore declare the ballot closed. Under Standing Order 18, governing the election of a senator, I have to appoint a member of each House to act as scrutineer with the Clerks of the two Houses. On behalf of the Legislative Council, I appoint the Hon. H. Seddon to be a scrutineer. After consultation with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Hon. A. H. Panton), and at his suggestion, I appoint the member for North-East Fremantle (Mr. Tonkin) to act as scrutineer on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

The Scrutineers, together with the Clerks tallied the votes and submitted the result of the ballot to the President.

The PRESIDENT: The result of the ballot is as follows:—

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I declare Thomas William Marwick, farmer, of Greenhills, duly elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Senate caused by the death of Senator William Carroll. That concludes the business of the joint sitting.

The President left the Chair at 4.19 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.15 p.m. and read prayers.

QUESTION—TRANSPORT BOARD.

Carriage of Honey.

Hon. C. F. BAXTER asked the Chief Secretary: 1, Is it a fact that the Transport Board has refused to allow apiarists to carry their honey to market in their own vehicles? 2, If so, does not the term "perishable commodities," contained in paragraph (3) of the First Schedule of the State Transport Co-ordination Act, include honey?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: 1, Yes; 2, No.

QUESTION—TREASURY BILLS AND FUNDED DEFICIT.

Hon. H. SEDDON asked the Chief Secretary: 1, What was the amount of

Treasury bills outstanding at the 30th June, 1936? 2, What proportion of this amount is in Australia, and what proportion in London? 3, What portion of the accumulated deficit of £5,300,000 has been funded? 4, Is such portion, if any, carrying the four per cent. sinking fund in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Agreement?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: 1, £9,303,014. 2, Australia £6,305,000; London, £2,998,014. 3, Nil. 4, Nil.

QUESTION—MIDLAND RAILWAY CO.

Government Control.

Hon. E. H. H. HALL asked the Chief Secretary: What control, if any, has the Government over the operations of the Midland Railway Company?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: That provided for in the contract dated 27th February, 1886, between the Government of Western Australia of the one part and John Waddington of the other part as confirmed by the Guildford-Greenough Flats Railway Act, 1886, and supplemented by the Midland Railway Act, No. 24 of 1919.

Sitting suspended during the joint sitting of both Houses to elect a Federal Senator (vide report ante) from 4.23 to 4.55 p.m.

FEDERAL SENATE—VACANCY FILLED.

The PRESIDENT: I desire to report that at the joint sitting of members of both Houses of the State Parliament, Thomas William Marwick was elected to fill the vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Federal Senate, due to the death of Senator William Carroll.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central): I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn till Tuesday, 25th August.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 1.57 p.m.