

# Legislative Council,

Thursday, 27th October, 1910.

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

## PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the Colonial Secretary: 1, Report of the Chief Harbour Master for the year ended 30th June, 1910. 2, Reports and Returns in accordance with Clauses 54 and 83 of "The Government Railways Act, 1904," quarter ended 30th September, 1910.

## PRESS REPORTS OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Hon. J. F. CULLEN: May I ask you, Mr. President, as chairman of the House Committee, whether any fresh cause for friction has arisen between this committee and the Press to cause the strike that has prevailed during the last two days.

The PRESIDENT: In reply to the Hon. Mr. Cullen I have to answer that I know of no difference between the House Committee and the Press. I may add that the House Committee have no control whatever over the Press reporting other than furnishing the members of the Press with accommodation.

Hon. J. W. HACKETT: Perhaps I am hardly in order in speaking on this matter, but I suppose Mr. Cullen alludes to the omission of reports of the Legislative Council proceedings. This is to be attributed to the holiday, which left arrears that we have not yet overtaken.

## BILLS (5)—THIRD READING.

1. Jury Act Amendment.
2. Cemeteries Act Amendment.

3. Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Amendment.

4. Leederville and Cottesloe Municipal Boundaries Alteration.

5. Pharmacy and Poisons Act Compilation.

Transmitted to the Legislative Assembly.

## BILL—GAME ACT AMENDMENT.

Report of Committee adopted.

## BILL—ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. D. Connolly) moved—

*That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the Bill to pass through all further stages at this sitting.*

He said: In explanation of this motion, I would draw members' attention to the fact that in to-day's Notice Paper it is stated that the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Electoral Act Amendment Bill is to come on to-day. Under our Standing Orders, when a Bill is amended in Committee, the report and third reading stages cannot be taken on the one day. So as not to keep the Bill here for eight or nine days I have brought forward this motion.

Question passed.

*Report stage, etcetera.*

Report of Committee adopted.

Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Legislative Assembly.

## BILL—AGRICULTURAL BANK ACT AMENDMENT.

*Second Reading.*

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. D. Connolly) in moving the second reading, said: This is a short Bill to amend the Agricultural Bank Act. It is necessary that the Bill should be introduced every year in order to increase the capital of the bank. The capital is, at present, two millions, and the Bill proposes to increase that sum by £500,000.

Members are aware that the capital of the bank is only nominally this amount, because the money is not re-used as in the ordinary banking business. When it comes in it is not lent out again. The two and a half million pounds is the full extent of all loans, including those repaid.

Hon. W. Kingsmill: What are the repayments?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: I have not the particulars with me, but they show a considerable increase as compared with last year, owing to the fact that the ordinary banking institutions are taking up agriculture more than formerly, and a great number of loans have been repaid and taken up by the private banks. Clause 3 of the Bill is a further amendment, amending Section 28 of the principal Act, as amended Section 4 of the Act of 1909. It was provided in the section referred to, that advances of £100 could be made out of the total amount approved by the bank for the purchase of machinery. The restriction of £100 is now struck out, and advances may be made on machinery at the discretion of the trustees. That is to say, a proportion of the £500 greater than the £100 may be so granted.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

#### *In Committee.*

Bill passed through Committee without debate, reported without amendment, and the report adopted.

### BILL—GENERAL LOAN AND INSCRIBED STOCK.

#### *In Committee.*

Bill passed through Committee without debate, reported without amendment, and the report adopted.

### ADJOURNMENT—STATE OF BUSINESS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. D. Connolly): I beg to move—

*That the House at its rising adjourn till Tuesday, 8th November.*

Hon. W. Kingsmill: Are you not going to make it a fortnight?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: No; we will have the Licensing Bill down before then.

Question passed.

*House adjourned at 1.55 p.m.*

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

### PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the Premier: By-laws made by the municipalities of Perth, Norseman, and Boulder.

By the Minister for Lands: 1, Papers (ordered on notice by Mr. Johnson) relating to applications for lands at Morawa. 2, Papers relating to the allocation of lands on the Stirling Estate to G. A. Dunkley (ordered on notice by Mr. Price).

### QUESTION—MARINE ASSESSORS' QUALIFICATIONS.

Mr. PRICE asked the Premier: 1, Are Captains Foxworthy and McConochie, Assessors, Marine Court of Inquiry, the holders of Board of Trade certificates as master mariners? 2, If so, what date were such certificates issued? 3, What was the last date they had command of a ship? 4, What was the class and tonnage of such ships? 5, Have they ever commanded a steamship? 6, What special