

Hon. E. ROSE (South-West) [4.42]: In common with previous speakers I, too, came into close contact with the late Mr. Peter O'Loghlen, and I extend my sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his relatives, and to his friends in the Forrest electorate. As the Parliamentary representative of that constituency he worked hard, and no one was more active in the interests of his constituents and for the good of the State than the late Mr. O'Loghlen. He was a man the State could ill afford to lose. He was in his prime, fighting for the good of Western Australia. He had a big heart, and took a broad view of everything relating to Western Australia. I join with other members in extending sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends.

The PRESIDENT [4.43]: It is difficult to say anything that will not be repetition in support of the generous remarks already made concerning the late Mr. Peter O'Loghlen. Death always brings sorrow, and it is particularly grievous when we remember that we are mourning the death of a fellow member who was amongst us for so many years. It is a great pleasure to reflect that Mr. O'Loghlen had the respect of everyone who knew him. Although he and I did not see eye to eye on political matters, he was one of those who recognised that there must be differences of opinion, because if it were not so there would be no need for Parliament. He was always generous to his adversaries although he always fought well for his principles. He had a charm of manner that endeared him to all, and anyone who knew him, no matter what his political opinions might be, could not help liking him. He will be universally regretted and I can only add *requiescat in pace*.

Question put and passed, members standing.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. J. Ewing—South-West) [4.46]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Thursday, 15th November.

In order that members may attend the funeral at Minnievale, arrangements have been made for a train to leave Perth at 7.10 a.m. to-morrow and return to the city in the evening.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.47 p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

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

OBITUARY—MR. PETER O'LOGHLEN, M.L.A.

The PREMIER (Hon. Sir James Mitchell—Northam) [4.32]: Since the House adjourned on Thursday last, the sad news of the death of Mr. Peter O'Loghlen, the member for Forrest, has come to hand. Mr. O'Loghlen was a member of this House for many years, and was in every way a worthy representative of the people and a capable and generous opponent. He was always, as the House knows, ready to take his part in debate, and always interesting and informative on the subjects he dealt with. Then he set a good example to other members by his respect for the traditions of the House. As a man he was a good friend indeed, a pleasant companion, thinking well and speaking well of all people. He was broad-minded and big-hearted, a man of lovable disposition. We all had for him the greatest admiration and respect. We shall miss him very much and I am afraid it will be a long time before we see him like again. I move—

That this House places on record its deep regret at the death of Mr. Peter O'Loghlen, M.L.A., and tenders to his relatives its sincerest sympathy in the loss they have sustained; and desires that the terms of this resolution be communicated to the relatives of the late gentleman by Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. P. COLLIER (Boulder) [4.35]: I second the motion, perhaps with a degree of feeling to which I am unable to give expression. Our late friend—I think I can say that Mr. O'Loghlen was an intimate personal friend of every man with whom he sat during the 15 years he was a member of this House. He was not only liked but loved by all those who had the privilege of his intimate acquaintance. His influence was very great amongst those who knew him best in the House, and, in fact, amongst the wide circle of his friends, which extended throughout the length and breadth of the State. To me, intimately acquainted with him during all the 15 years he was in the House, an association that was personal, I might say almost that of a brother, the loss of Mr. O'Loghlen will be very great indeed. I re-echo the whole of the sentiments expressed by the Premier, and I believe I voice the opinion of every member when I say that no man who has

gone from amongst us during the past decade or so was more highly esteemed, nay, loved, than was our late friend, Mr. Peter O'Loughlen.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (Hon. H. K. Maley—Greenough) [4.36]: I join with the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition in their tributes to the memory of one who was a good friend to most of us. Mr. O'Loughlen was a conscientious representative, not only of his party but of the State. Words fail one on an occasion like this. Mr. O'Loughlen was a close personal friend of mine. If one were in difficulties of any sort, Mr. O'Loughlen was prepared to assist, not only with his sympathy, but with his last shilling. He was a man whom we all personally admired. I do not know of a single period, however brief, in the whole of my association of seven or eight years with the hon. member when his buoyancy of spirit, his goodwill, and the many other fine qualities that made up his character, were not esteemed generally, not only in Parliament, but outside as well. The death of the late hon. member means a distinct loss to the public life of the State. I join sincerely in the Premier's condolences with the late hon. member's relatives, and I think I echo the feelings of all members when I say, "God rest the spirit of Peter O'Loughlen."

Mr. UNDERWOOD (Pilbara) [4.39]: I do not think I have ever felt greater difficulty in speaking in the House than I do to-day. I knew Mr. O'Loughlen before he was a member of the House, and I have been personally and intimately acquainted with him ever since. It seems to me that when one has lost something, one does not want to speak too much about it. I know I am re-echoing the feelings of all members when I say we have lost something, something pretty dear to us. I endorse everything that has been uttered, but I do not know that quite sufficient has been said of the late member's generosity, not only his generosity expressed through the medium of his pocket, but his generosity of thought and spirit. I do not know that I have met a more generous man in the whole of my life. It is with very deep regret that I have had to speak on this occasion.

Hon. W. C. ANGWIN (North East Fremantle) [4.41]: As one associated with the late Mr. O'Loughlen almost daily since he entered the House 15 years ago, I, like others, find that words fail to express my feelings at the sad news that has reached us. I do not suppose any man in Western Australia was better or more favourably known throughout the State than was the late Mr. O'Loughlen. He endeavoured to carry out his duties to the best advancement of Western Australia. In a small population such men are few, and so the State sustains a great loss when one of them is taken. I can only echo the words of those who have preceded me. I feel that his place will be difficult to fill.

Hon. T. WALKER (Kalgoorlie) [4.42]: I, too, feel diffident in adding words to the gracious expression of sympathy with those who are bereaved by the death of our comrade; because it would be right to say, "Sorrow is most sweet when it is silent." And it is, if I may so express it, a sweet sorrow, a sorrow tempered by the memories of all the kind deeds and the noble character performed and held by the departed. I knew the late Mr. O'Loughlen from the days when he was merely an aspirant for Parliament. I have watched his career, have been associated with it in a sense, and all through that career he seemed to me the ideal type of a true Australian, a man who ardently loved his country, and showed it most by the love he had for its citizens. A characteristic feature of our friend was that there was no sorrow too deep for him to share that he might relieve it, amongst his fellow men no distress too dire but it appealed to his activities, not merely to his sympathies alone. Principally his character was that of a man who, in his own being, with every quality he possessed, loved his fellow men. It was a characteristic of his life. It may perhaps be somewhat of a jarring note to say that the cause he served, the Labour cause, was endeared to him, for in that great cause he could go down to the fallen, to the helpless, to the perishing and the struggling, to the yearning and the oppressed. He went there with a warm heart, a big soul, and energy that was tireless. There was no spot in this country too distant, but when the cry for help came he was there. There was no sacrifice, no personal effort or inconvenience, too great for him to make in the help that he gave to his fellow men, to better their lot in life. It was his zeal, his character, his well being, and the words of love I have heard expressed for him, are the words he brought out as a response to the great love he had for his fellow mortals. He was an example to the young. His name has become a household word in the family of every worker, not only in this State, but in other States of the Commonwealth. To be like him many a youth is yearning to-day, and the life he led, and the example he set will be followed, and profitably followed, to the advantage of all by many of those who, possessed of similar qualities, are capable of appreciating the excellence of his work. He was gifted by nature, not only with that large heart we have heard of, but with extraordinary talents, and had health been preserved to him there is no position to which he might not have honourably aspired, and gained, in the service of his country. Not only had he these gifts, but he had that magnetic quality that without voice, without utterance, or without ostentation, everywhere radiated an atmosphere of love, companionship, comradeship, and fellowship. Antagonism to his views broke down in that atmosphere. His bitterest enemies felt a kindly feeling for him. Whatever hurt came was compensated by the wholesome spirit of generous charity, forgiveness, and kindness that he ever carried

about with him wheresoever he went. Deeply indeed I regret his loss, for the sake of the cause he served, for the sake of the future of this land, and for the sake of those who are endeavouring to lead Australia to a higher level among the civilisations of the world. In him I have lost a friend. We on this side of the House have not only lost a comrade, but we have lost a force, a strength, and an influence. The country has lost one who loved it, and devoted his life to its service. We all, therefore, regret his loss, and we all feel the deepest sympathy for those who by his death have been so grievously bereaved.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (Kalgoorlie) [4.50]: I cannot allow this sad occasion to pass without expressing my sorrow at the loss of our late colleague, Peter O'Loghlen. I remember well when he and I, many years ago, tramped through this country. I remember, too, the love he had for those who were toiling in an endeavour to build up the industries of Western Australia. I remember, also, the very high ideals he held for the uplifting of humanity throughout Australia. I worked with him and tramped with him, and, with the utmost sincerity, voice my regret at his early demise at the age of 39. I was in great hopes at one time, in the history of Western Australia, that Mr. O'Loghlen might live to assist the people of this State and of the Commonwealth, to gain a better condition of living, and that he might help to bring this State and the Commonwealth into a greater measure of prosperity. Many years ago Mr. O'Loghlen used to walk miles to meet me, in furtherance of our endeavour to uplift the working classes of the State. He could not ride a bicycle, and therefore used to walk seven miles, after leaving his work, to meet me in consultation. I could ride a bicycle, and used to travel three miles to the meeting place. After getting through our propaganda at the meeting, at half past two in the morning, Mr. O'Loghlen would walk back seven miles so that he would be in time for his work at the beginning of the day. This was one of the many examples of his self-sacrifice in the interests of the people of his country. Last Saturday I made an endeavour, on behalf of all members who sit here, to see him. Unfortunately the train service was such that this was rendered impossible, and I failed in my object. Mr. O'Loghlen fought, not only for one section of the community, but for all the people of Australia. So broad-minded was he, and so deep was his sense of justice, that he endeavoured at all times to do his best for this country. I have indeed lost an old and a dear friend.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. S. Sampson—Swan) [4.53]: I had the privilege of accompanying the late Mr. O'Loghlen on the occasion of his last official work, when he visited the Jarrabdale and Dwellingup hospitals. His health was such that he should not have undertaken the heavy task that was before him. I endeavoured to dissuade him from making that visit, but so great was his

devotion to duty, that he could not be prevailed upon to forego the execution of this task. The visit was accordingly made, and he went through all the routine of giving introductions to the various officials connected with the two institutions. I was struck with admiration at the wonderful spirit he showed, notwithstanding that his health was so bad. To say that he was honoured by one and all is to express in very feeble terms the high regard in which he was held by every section of the people. Mr. O'Loghlen was a warm-hearted friend and was generous to a fault. I am proud indeed to have had the privilege of numbering him amongst my friends. His generosity was such that he endeared himself to all. I join with every member in expressing my sincere and heartfelt regret at his untimely death.

Mr. J. H. SMITH (Nelson) [4.55]: I, too, feel I must pay some small tribute to one who was a bosom pal of mine. Our friendship extended over 20 years. We first met in the timber industry, when we were both driving horses. Our friendship was cemented in clouds of dust, and in camp life, where we worked long hours and had not very high wages. I can testify to his great generosity, and say from the bottom of my heart there is no man in Australia who was more loved, and who had more deeply endeared himself to his many friends than Peter O'Loghlen.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS (Hon. W. J. George—Murray-Wellington) [4.56]: I endorse all that has been said. The electorate our late friend represented ran boundary for boundary with that which I have represented for so many years. The news of the death of Peter O'Loghlen must have come as a sad shock to those he had so well represented in his seat in this House. I also wish to pay a warm tribute to his memory, and to express my deep regret at his early death.

Mr. WILSON (Collie) [4.57]: I wish to voice my heartfelt appreciation of the many good deeds and the many kindnesses I received at the hands of Peter O'Loghlen whilst he was a member of this Chamber. When I took time by the forelock and saw fit to go abroad with the A.I.F., during the whole period of my absence he did my Parliamentary work. He did this with such thoroughness that I always said he was the one man in Western Australia who could have deposed me from the position of member for Collie. Since his health broke down I have attended to his Parliamentary duties. This involved opening his correspondence. I always kept back any letters that might have been detrimental to his health. The entire correspondence, however, showed how deeply he was loved by those who wrote to him, and how much people felt his illness. He was a man of outstanding ability, and was ever ready to help those who were in need. I know of cases where he borrowed money in order to help some widow and her children so that

they might not go short of bread, and he paid this back as soon as possible out of his next cheque. We have not in the community many men so great as he was. When we do meet them we should not fail to appreciate them. I deeply regret this sad occasion, and support with all my heart the many glowing references that have been made to our friend.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On behalf of the Speaker, and speaking for myself, I would sum up the eloquent tribute that has been paid by members in support of the motion, in these few words—Peter O'Loughlen was a man amongst men. I now submit the motion.

Question put and passed, members standing.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The PREMIER (Hon. Sir James Mitchell—Northam) [5.1]: Hon. members who desire to attend the funeral, which will take place at Minnievale, can do so by taking the 7.10 a.m. train from Perth to-morrow. The return train will reach Perth at 11.28 p.m. I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Thursday, 15th inst.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 5.2 p.m.

Legislative Council,

Thursday, 15th November, 1923.

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

QUESTIONS (2)—COAL.

Railway Supplies North of Buntine.

Hon. J. MILLS asked the Minister for Education: 1, What quantity of coal was used by the Railway Department in all its branches north of Buntine for the year ended the 30th June last? 2, What was the cost of haulage of this coal to all the stations from which it was distributed?

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION replied: 1, (a) Collicie, 13,662 tons; (b) Newcastle, 1,361 tons. 2, It is not possible to arrive at the cost of haulage of departmental coal.

Seams at Irwin and Eradu.

Hon. J. MILLS asked the Minister for Education: Will the Government make provision on this year's Estimates for a sum of money to further test the coal seams at Irwin and Eradu?

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION replied: Such is not intended. Assistance to interested parties is given upon a pound for pound basis, and an application by interested parties is at present under consideration.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion by Hon. J. Duffell, leave of absence for six consecutive sittings granted to Hon. H. Boan on the ground of urgent private business.

RESOLUTION — ESPERANCE NORTHWARDS RAILWAY EXTENSION.

Assembly's Message.

Order read for the resumption of the debate from the 8th November.

The PRESIDENT [4.39]: The contents of the Assembly's Message No. 11 being to a large extent similar to the terms of a resolution which this House recently passed at the instance of Mr. Kirwan, and having regard to Standing Order 120, I am of opinion that we cannot discuss the question any further. It is a matter for hon. members to consider how the House shall treat the Assembly's Message as regards sending a reply.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. J. Ewing—South-West) [4.40]: In view of your ruling, Mr. President, I move—

That the following Message be sent to the Assembly:—"The Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly, in reply to its Message No. 11, that the Council has already passed a resolution which is of like substance to that set out in the Assembly's Message, the only difference between the two resolutions being that in the Assembly's resolution the words 'as early as possible' are substituted for 'this session' in the Council's resolution. In these circumstances, except for the difficulty which arises from the provisions of the Council's Standing Order No. 120, the Council is necessarily prepared to concur in the Assembly's resolution subject to the alteration above referred to."

I suggest that this Message be sent as a matter of courtesy.