

becomes. The Government is like a schoolboy. If the father of that boy is prepared to hand out anything the boy wants, it will be taken and spent, and the boy will spend it extravagantly. That applies equally to the Government.

It is time we stopped becoming "yes" men and stopped agreeing to every imposition of tax the Government likes to introduce.

That is very true today. That statement was made by a member in this House who is respected by all. He knows quite a lot about taxation. The statement was made by the member for Murray, an ex-Premier of the State, in this House in 1958. Of course, at that time he was speaking in criticism of the Hawke Government. If those remarks were pertinent then, they are ever so much more pertinent today. I feel there should be an end to the increase of taxation.

It is unsound for the Government to say that because the rate is so much in the pound in a certain area, that is a valid reason why the rates in other areas should be brought into line. We do not have that apply in other instances. We do not hear it put forward by this Government that there should be uniform railway charges. So it applies with other things, too. We do not hear that the people on the goldfields should be put on the same basis as the people in the metropolitan area in regard to allowances of water. Although the people in the metropolitan area have to pay high rates in some instances, they are certainly allowed a lot of water for the money they pay. However, that is not so with the people on the goldfields. They are not allowed rebate amounts which in any way compare with the rebates allowed in the metropolitan area. Therefore they have to pay very high amounts for excess water.

When this Bill was before the House last session I opposed it very strongly, and I do so again with an equal amount of justification. The Bill may have been introduced hastily last year and the Minister may have been unable to supply the House with figures in connection with it; but one would have thought that on this occasion he would be able to supply authentic figures and more authentic reasons than he did as to why this rate should be increased, particularly in view of the fact that this measure was defeated in another place last year.

Evidently those members in another place felt the same as members on this side of the House felt last year—that it was too much of an imposition to place on the people who live in the outer areas and who have all sorts of hardships to put up with. These people should be able to obtain their water at somewhere near a reasonable rate. I oppose the Bill.

On motion by Mr. Evans, debate adjourned.

House adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 7.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

1. This question was postponed.

GOLD PRICE

Information on Recent Developments

2. The Hon. E. M. HEENAN asked the Minister for Mines:—

In view of its great importance to the goldmining industry in particular, and to the State of Western Australia in general, will the Minister for Mines make a statement to the House giving what information is in his possession regarding the developments now occurring overseas in relation to the price of gold?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

I am in the process of obtaining information relative to the development now occurring overseas in connection with the price of gold. I will make a statement to the House when I am in possession of the information.

APPRENTICE JOCKEYS*Conditions of Employment, Pay, and Supervision*

3. The Hon. G. E. JEFFERY asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Under what conditions are boys apprenticed as jockeys in Western Australia?
- (2) What rates of pay are applicable—
 - (a) as apprentices in their—
 - (i) 1st year,
 - (ii) 2nd year,
 - (iii) 3rd year,
 - (iv) 4th year; and
 - (b) as a conditional jockey in their 5th year?
- (3) What supervision is exercised over the apprentices by the W.A.T.C. in respect to—
 - (a) training; and
 - (b) social welfare?

Registrations and Wastage

- (4) (a) How many apprentices are at present registered with the W.A.T.C.; and
- (b) what has been the percentage wastage in these apprenticeships during the past five years?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

The Western Australian Turf Club advises that—

- (1) Under articles of apprenticeship approved of and registered by the club.
- (2) A weekly wage at the rate of £52 per annum for the 1st year; £65 for the 2nd year; £78 for the 3rd year; £91 for the 4th year; and £104 for the 5th year.
- (3) (a) W.A.T.C. stewards supervise training.
- (b) W.A.T.C. conducts apprentices school under National Fitness Council guidance with provision for—
 - (i) Riding lecturer;
 - (ii) Guest speaker;
 - (iii) Competitive sport.
 Stewards supervise standard of quarters.
- (4) (a) 54.
- (b) Excluding those forced to terminate apprenticeships because of increased weight, estimated wastage is less than 5 per cent.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE**APPRENTICE JOCKEYS***Employers' Share of Earnings*

The Hon. H. C. STRICKLAND asked the Minister for Mines:

Could the Minister tell us whether the masters of apprentice jockeys still take 50 per cent. of the apprentice jockeys' earnings?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

No; I am sorry I am not in a position to advise the honourable member at this time. However, I will make inquiries and give him the information at the next sitting of the House.

BRANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL*First Reading*

On motion by The Hon. A. R. Jones, Bill introduced, and read a first time.

BILLS (2)—THIRD READING

1. Traffic Act Amendment Bill.

On motion by The Hon. A. F. Griffith (Minister for Mines), Bill read a third time, and returned to the Assembly with an amendment.

2. Stamp Act Amendment Bill (No. 2).

On motion by The Hon. L. A. Logan (Minister for Local Government), Bill read a third time, and passed.

METROPOLITAN REGION TOWN PLANNING SCHEME ACT AMENDMENT BILL*Third Reading.*

THE HON. L. A. LOGAN (Midland—Minister for Local Government) [7.40]: I move—

That the Bill be now read a third time.

THE HON. H. C. STRICKLAND (North) [7.41]: I would like some information from the Minister. I do not know whether I heard correctly, but today on the news it was stated that the Minister had intimated that, because of the defeat of the Bill pertaining to the metropolitan region improvement tax, any likelihood of the rate being reduced from a halfpenny to three-eighths of a penny in the future was pretty hopeless. I forget the exact words, but that was the impression I gained. I would like the Minister to tell us whether or not that is a fact.

THE HON. L. A. LOGAN (Midland—Minister for Local Government—in reply) [7.42]: I did not hear the news, but the information given was that there could be no reduction before the 1st July, 1962.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and passed.

COAL MINE WORKERS (PENSIONS) ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Third Reading

On motion by The Hon. A. F. Griffith (Minister for Mines), Bill read a third time, and passed.

DAIRY CATTLE INDUSTRY COMPENSATION BILL

Report

Report of Committee adopted.

PAPER MILL AGREEMENT BILL

First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by The Hon. A. F. Griffith (Minister for Mines), read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE: SPECIAL

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (Suburban—Minister for Mines): I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn till 2.30 p.m. tomorrow.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Roberts) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

BEACON RESEARCH COMPANY

Control of Activities

- Mr. NORTON asked the Attorney General:
 - Has he any knowledge of the company operating in Western Australia known as the Beacon Research Company of Sydney?
 - Can he advise the House of the aims and objects of this company?
 - From whom or by what means does it derive its income?
 - Does he consider it right for its canvassers to pester housewives on weekends—particularly on Sundays?
 - If his answer to No. (4) is in the negative, will he have steps taken to stop this practice?