

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Saturday, 22nd November, 1873.

Construction and Maintenance of Railways Bill: third reading—Geraldton and Northampton Railway Bill: third reading—Prorogation.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 10 a.m.
PRAYERS.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
OF RAILWAYS BILL.

Third Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

GERALDTON AND NORTHAMPTON
RAILWAY BILL.

Third Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

PROROGATION.

Message from His Excellency The Governor.

The SPEAKER announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency The Governor:—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

I have this day assented, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, to an Act intituled "*An Act to make provision for the construction and maintenance of Railways authorized by any Act of the Legislature*"; and also, in like manner, to an Act intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from Geraldton to Northampton out of monies authorized to be raised by 'The Public Works Loan Act, 1873.'*"

I have gladly received the expression of your opinion regarding the great importance of the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Colony and other parts of the world, via Eucla and Adelaide, and I hope to be able to lay definite proposals on the subject before the Council at its next meeting.

I thank you for your attendance and the services you have rendered, and I now hereby declare this Council prorogued till the sixteenth day of April next.

Government House, Perth,
22nd November, 1873

The House prorogued accordingly.