

this House in the affections of the people. In conclusion, we have every reason to enter with great confidence on this parliamentary session. We have here a great State which needs population. A country that is territorially great does not necessarily contain a great people, but it furnishes its people with the opportunity of becoming great; and I hope that, led by the present Government, and with the assistance of Parliament, this State will yet become one of the brightest in the Commonwealth of Australia.

On motion by HON. C. E. DEMPSTER, debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the House adjourned at 8 o'clock until the next day.

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THE SPEAKER (Hon. T. F. Quinlan) took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

PAPER PRESENTED.

By the SPEAKER: Annual Report of the Auditor General.

OBITUARY—MR. A. J. DIAMOND.

THE PREMIER (Hon. N. J. Moore): I beg to move that the House at its rising do adjourn until 4:30 o'clock to-morrow. Question passed.

MOTION OF SYMPATHY.

THE PREMIER: It was my melancholy duty at the previous sitting of the House to move a motion expressive of

the sympathy of this House with the people of New Zealand, at the death of the most prominent member of the Legislative Assembly of that Colony. To-day I have to announce that the same grim visitor has entered our own circle, and one who was intimately associated with the parliamentary life of this State has passed away. The late Mr. Diamond, who was a citizen of Western Australia for over 22 years, had served his adopted State in the capacity of a representative in this House for South Fremantle, and while giving every attention to the wants of his own constituency, had not failed to give the benefit of his wide experience to the House when questions affecting the commercial and shipping interests of the State were under review. Generous to a degree, a man whose fair-mindedness commended itself to all, he will indeed be sadly missed. Out of respect to the memory of our friend and fellow-member, I beg to move the adjournment of the House; at the same time extending to Mrs. Diamond and family our sincere sympathy in the hour of their trial.

MR. T. H. BATH (Brown Hill): I desire to second the motion which has been moved by the Premier, and at the same time to express my regret that one who was with us last session apparently in the best of health has since been taken away from us. Since I have been a member of the House I was brought into contact with the late hon. member for South Fremantle, and I say I always found him to be a man of genial disposition, one who was friendly to the whole of the members of the House, no matter on which side they sat, and one who was particularly attentive to his legislative duties. It is regrettable that excitement which was incidental to a subject in which he took a great deal of interest occasioned his end. On behalf of members on this side of the House I desire to join with the Premier in expressing regret that he has been taken away from us, and also to convey our expressions of the deepest sympathy with his relatives. I beg to second the motion.

Question passed, the members standing.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 4:35 o'clock, until the next day.