

Item: Two second-class clerks, Perth, £410.

Item: Three third-class clerks, Perth, £360.

Item: Letter carrier, Perth, £80.

Item: One third-class clerk, Albany, £120.

Items agreed to.

Item: Messenger, Albany, £30.

Mr. NEWMAN moved that £30 be struck out and £15 inserted.

Amendment put, "That £30 be struck out and £15 inserted", upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 6

Noes 11

Majority against 5

<p>Ayes.</p> <p>Mr. Moore</p> <p>Mr. Steere</p> <p>Mr. Drummond</p> <p>Mr. Logue</p> <p>Mr. Shenton</p> <p>Mr. Newman (Teller.)</p>	<p>Noes.</p> <p>The Speaker</p> <p>The Hon. M. Fraser</p> <p>The Hon. R. J. Walcott</p> <p>Mr. Gull</p> <p>Mr. Phillips</p> <p>Mr. Hassell</p> <p>Mr. Brown</p> <p>Mr. Marmion</p> <p>Mr. Russell</p> <p>Mr. Monger</p> <p>The Hon. F. P. Barlee (Teller.)</p>
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Amendment thus negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item: Education, £6,181.

An animated discussion ensued on the item, £1,200, for new and assisted schools. The COLONIAL SECRETARY having explained that it would be impossible to carry out the provision of the Education Bill if this item were restricted to any specified sum, Mr. STEERE proposed that no more than £1,000 be provided for assisted schools for the ensuing year. This, however, after a conversational debate, was negatived, as was also a proposal by the SPEAKER that the sum of £500, grant for erection of school houses, be struck out.

Item agreed to.

Item: Miscellaneous Services, £2,850.

Item: Volunteer Corps, £300.

Item: Aid to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, £200.

Item: Queen's Plate, £100.

Item: Library Legislative Council, £50.

Items agreed to.

Mr. LOGUE, with leave, without notice, moved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency requesting that he would allow the sum of £50 to be placed on the Estimates for the Working Men's Association at Geraldton.

Question put, upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 3

Noes 14

Majority against 11

<p>Ayes.</p> <p>Mr. Shenton</p> <p>Mr. Brown</p> <p>Mr. Logue (Teller.)</p>	<p>Noes.</p> <p>The Hon. F. P. Barlee</p> <p>The Hon. M. Fraser</p> <p>Mr. Phillips</p> <p>Mr. Steere</p> <p>Mr. Marmion</p> <p>Mr. Hassell</p> <p>Mr. Drummond</p> <p>Mr. Newman</p> <p>Mr. Moore</p> <p>Mr. Gull</p> <p>Mr. Russell</p> <p>Mr. Monger</p> <p>The Speaker</p> <p>The Hon. R. J. Walcott (Teller.)</p>
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Question thus negatived.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Monday, 7th August, 1871.

Sericulture—Government Printing Department—Aboriginal Natives: select committee report—Actions at Law in Supreme Court—Small Debts Ordinance Amendment Bill: second reading—28th Victoria, No. 2, Amendment Bill: third reading—Estimates: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

SERICULTURE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid upon the Table of the House a letter addressed to him by Mr. P. A. Gugèri relative to the bonus of £500 offered for the production of half-a-ton of cocoons under certain restrictions, and moved that the same be read.

Question put and passed.

Letter read.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid upon the Table of the House a return of the work performed in the Government Printing Department, Perth, from the 2nd August, 1870, to the 31st July, 1871.

ABORIGINAL NATIVES.

Select Committee Report.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott) brought up the report of the select committee and moved that the report be received and read.

Question put and passed.

Report read.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott) moved that the report be printed.

Question put and passed.

ACTIONS AT LAW IN
SUPREME COURT.

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary the following questions:—First, if the Government is defending certain actions at law in the Supreme Court, namely, "*Bourke versus Sullivan*" and "*Bourke versus Bryan*," and if so, on what grounds or for what reason. Secondly, he wanted information as to the expenses that had been incurred, or were likely to be incurred.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott) replied that the Government was defending the actions, "*Bourke versus Sullivan*" and "*Bourke versus Bryan*," on the grounds that the actions were unjust: the causes of action having reference to a mistake in the description of the parcels in the grants from the Crown to the plaintiffs, but not in the land itself; and for the reasons that the defendants were very poor, and would, but for the intervention of the Government, have suffered a great wrong, have been reduced to beggary, and thereby become a charge upon the Government. The expenses incurred amounted to £1 15s., but he could not say what further expenses were likely to be incurred.

SMALL DEBTS ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT BILL.

Second Reading.

Mr. LOGUE moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

28th VICTORIA, No. 2,
AMENDMENT BILL.

Third Reading.

Mr. SHENTON moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

ESTIMATES.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Item: Inspectors of sheep, £1,200.

Item: Aborigines, £1,188.

Item: Revenue, £83,680.

Items agreed to.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 9th August, 1871.

Sericulture—Assent to Bills: Message from the Governor, No. 4—Elementary Education Bill: recommittal: third reading—Small Debts Ordinance Amendment Bill: in committee—Land Regulations: select committee report.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6. p.m.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

SERICULTURE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved that the bonus offered as an encouragement to sericulture be amended in the manner suggested in a letter dated the 4th August, 1871, from Mr. P. A. Gugèri, now on the Table of the House.

Question put and passed.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

Message from the Governor—No. 4.

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

The Governor was pleased, on the eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord 1871, and in the 35th year of Her Majesty's Reign, in the name and on behalf of the Queen to assent to the following Acts; that is to say:—

"An Act to regulate the distillation rectifying and compounding of Spirits, to grant a duty upon spirits distilled in Western Australia, and to regulate the sale of fermented and spirituous Liquors in certain cases."