

ABORIGINES BILL.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS (Hon. J. Forrest), in moving the second reading of a "Bill to provide for certain matters connected with the Aborigines," said it was unnecessary for him to offer any comments upon the bill. The same bill was introduced and passed its second reading at the last session, when he entered at some length into its provisions, and the bill was then fully debated. (*Hansard*, vol. xiv., p. 238, *et seq.*)

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time, *sub silentio*.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes past ten o'clock, p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 19th March, 1889.

Address in Reply: Governor's acknowledgment—Bonus for Gold discovery at the North-West—Constitution Bill: Electoral Districts and Electoral Divisions: Appointment of select committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

ADDRESS IN REPLY: HIS EXCELLENCY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

At a quarter past twelve o'clock, p.m., the Council adjourned to present the Address in Reply to the Governor's Speech.

The Council re-assembled at twenty minutes to one o'clock, when

THE SPEAKER announced to the Council that the Address in Reply had been presented to His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the resolution of the House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows:—

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

"I beg to thank you for your Address
"in reply to my Speech, and to assure
"you of my earnest coöperation during
"this important session."

BONUS FOR GOLD DISCOVERY: MESSRS.
WITHNELL'S APPLICATION.

MR. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary, whether it was the intention of the Government to award the bonus to Messrs. H. & J. Withnell, for the discovery of a payable goldfield in the Nicol Bay district?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said the Government had received the application made on behalf of Messrs. Withnell, but had deferred its consideration, as it was thought premature at present to make any award.

ELECTORAL DIVISIONS UNDER THE
CONSTITUTION BILL.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser), in accordance with notice, moved that a select committee be appointed to consider and report on the boundaries of Electoral Districts and Electoral Divisions, as proposed in the Constitution Bill now before the Council.

Question—put and passed.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) moved that such committee consist of the Hon. J. Forrest, Mr. A. Forrest, Mr. Harper, Mr. Burt, Mr. Marmion, and the Mover.

SIR T. COCKBURN-CAMPBELL required that such election be by ballot.

The members having delivered to the CLERK the list of members to serve on such committee, the CLERK reported to the Speaker the following members as having the greatest number of votes:—The Hon. J. Forrest, Mr. Marmion, the Hon. Sir M. Fraser, Mr. Scott, Mr. Venn, Mr. Loton, and Mr. Shenton.

The House adjourned at a quarter to one o'clock, p.m.