

cal life coming to when a number of men are going to accept what an outside organisation orders them to do, without a definite motion coming before this House. So far as the Labour party are concerned, a definite policy is submitted to us and we sign that for three years and there is no organisation or individual which has the power to alter that during the course of the three years. There is no Mr. Monger or any such individual who can come in. Our platform cannot be altered during the life of a Parliament. There is no essential difference between the Labour party and their policy and the way they conduct their business. What can we think of men who accept a mandate from a body outside of Parliament altogether—

The Premier: And their constituents.

Mr. MULLANY: And outside of their constituents, which tells them how they shall act when a matter comes up for discussion in this Chamber? Can they say that their souls are their own? They cannot. But, to go further, we find that a conference was held and a working agreement was come to to put out one Government and put in another. Very good. We find again the famous speech by Mr. Monger at York, where he and others stated publicly—and it was published throughout the length and breadth of the State—that amongst all the members of the Country party in Parliament there was only one who was fit to hold office, or fit to be a member of Parliament, and that they could not trust that one. They said it, there is no doubt about that, and here now are the members of that party, who, we are told, are going to support a motion which is going to turn out the Government which has done so much for them. I hold the honest conviction that I am right when I say that if these men cross the floor of the House to put out the present Government, they will bite the hand which has fed them and their constituents.

Mr. Allen: Who fed them before?

Mr. MULLANY: They starved. I repeat, if they have any sense of political honesty, they will not support the motion if it is moved to stifle discussion on this debate, but that they will allow the Government, which has done so much for them, to have an opportunity of replying to the attacks and unfair statements which have been

circulated throughout the State during the last recess. If they are so bound to this conference, which has been held, and which has nothing to do with Parliament at all, if they are so tied up to people who have no right to express opinions in this Chamber, if they have to do as their masters tell them, then I say God help them. I feel there is no more to say, except to second the motion for the adoption of the Address-in-reply, which was so ably moved by my colleague, the member for Yilgarn (Mr. Hudson).

On motion by Hon. Frank Wilson, debate adjourned.

House adjourned at 5.2 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the COLONIAL SECRETARY: 1, (a) Workers' Homes Act, 1911 and 1912—Financial Statement and Report for Year ended 30th June, 1915. (b) Amendment to Form No. 2, Schedule A. 2, Audit Act, 1904—Amendment to Regulation 44. 3, Roads Act, 1911—By-laws of Collie, Melville, and Roebourne Roads Boards.

QUESTION—MINING AND TIMBER COMPANIES, GUARANTEES.

Hon. W. KINGSMILL (for Hon. A. G. Jenkins) asked the Colonial Secretary: What was the total amount of guarantees given by the Government for overdraft accommodation to the mining and timber companies?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied: (a) Mining, £24,000; (b) Timber, £50,000.

ELECTORAL—EAST PROVINCE.

Seat declared vacant.

The Clerk of Parliaments read the Order of the Court of Disputed Returns dated 11th July.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [4.39]: I move—

That pursuant to the Order of the Court of Disputed Returns dated the 11th instant the seat of the Hon. Vernon Hamersley, member for the East Province, be declared vacant.

Question passed.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.

Order of the Day Postponed.

Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the Address-in-Reply read.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [4.43]: I move—

That the Order of the Day be postponed till the next sitting of the House.

I will give two reasons for the course I have adopted. In the first place it is not the custom of the Council to sit under certain circumstances. The Government have had official intimation that those circumstances exist at the present time. The second reason is that if the debate were to proceed, speeches might be made and criticisms indulged in which I would not be in a position to reply to to-morrow. Under the circumstances, in fairness to the Government this Order of the Day should be postponed until to-morrow.

I have discussed the matter with Mr. Colebatch, who had secured the adjournment of the debate, and he agrees with the view I have taken.

The PRESIDENT: Do you expect some business from the other House?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: Yes, at about a quarter past five o'clock. It is urgent and necessary business.

Question put and passed.

Sitting suspended from 4.48 to 5.40 p.m.

BILL—SUPPLY (No. 1), £1,298,000.

All stages.

Received from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time.

Standing Orders Suspension.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [5.42]: I move—

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the Supply Bill to pass through all its stages at this sitting.

Question passed.

Second Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [5.43] in moving the second reading said: The Bill covers two months' Supply based on two-twelfths of the expenditure from revenue and loan account last year. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

In Committee, etcetera.

Bill passed through Committee without debate, reported without amendment, and the report adopted.

Read a third time and passed.

House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.