

under such conditions as these? If members opposite went deeper into the matter they would find that we were more concerned than they are about the working man. The working man was a jolly sight better off under the Liberal Government than he is to-day.

Mr. B. J. Stubbs: You cannot convince him.

Mr. WISDOM: I move as an amendment—

That the following words be added to the clause:—"Provided that the maximum amount which can be claimed for wages shall be an amount equal to one fortnight's wages."

The Attorney General: I will agree to one month.

Mr. WISDOM: Very well, one month. Amendment altered accordingly.

Mr. HARPER: From the remarks of the members for Subiaco and for Perth, one would think the wage-earner had no brains, and that he had been victimised on many occasions. The more these matters are interfered with, the less opportunity there will be for the trades people to give employment to the workers.

Amendment put and passed; the clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 19, 20—agreed to.

Schedules, Title—agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

House adjourned at 11.4 p.m.

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

BILL—REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES ACT AMENDMENT.

Read a third time and transmitted to the Legislative Assembly.

BILL—ROAD CLOSURE.

In Committee.

Hon. W. Kingsmill in the Chair; the Colonial Secretary in charge of the Bill.

Clauses 1, 2—agreed to.

Schedule:

Hon. J. F. CULLEN: Have the Government had application from Woodanilling for the closing of a road separating the recreation ground from some additional land which the Government agreed to throw into it? I will not endeavour to get this inserted in the present Bill, but I would like to know whether it has been considered and if so, why it was not included.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: I have no knowledge of the matter. It does not come within my department.

Hon. J. F. CULLEN: I cannot expect the Minister to agree to an amendment off-hand, but I regret that the road was not included. I hope that before the next Bill of this kind is brought in, consideration will be asked and obtained for the closing of this road.

Schedule put and passed.

Title—agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment, and the report adopted.

BILL—MELVILLE TRAMWAYS.

Second Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [4.38] in moving the second reading said: The object of this Bill is to enable the Melville Park roads board to construct an electric tramway to connect with the Fremantle and East Fremantle system. The Melville roads district adjoins the East Fremantle municipality, and the tram now runs within a quarter of a mile of the Melville Park district. Both of the Fremantle municipalities have agreed to extend their tramway for that quarter of a mile, which will bring it right up to the boundary. The proposal now engaging attention is that the Melville Park roads board shall continue the tramway into their own territory to the Point Walter reserve, a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, but the Bill gives general powers of extension, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council. The Point Walter reserve is a very popular pleasure resort, and it is frequented by a great number of people during the summer season. Bieton and Palmyra, two of the wards in the Melville district, have a population of about 800 people, and these people will be served by the proposed tramway. The cost of the whole undertaking, that is, the construction from East Fremantle to Point Walter reserve, and the purchase of two cars, will be about £7,321. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient income to pay operating expenses, interest, and sinking fund, but it is just possible that there will be a loss in connection with the first year's transactions. However, it must be remembered that the Bill is purely a permissive one. It does no more than give power to the Melville Park roads board to embark upon the enterprise after they have received the sanction of their masters. Nothing can be done except by the vote of the resident-owners of the district, in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act, and also with the consent of the Governor-in-Council. I am informed it is probable that the powers conferred under Section 217 of the Roads Act will be exercised by the Melville

roads board, so that the areas benefited, namely, Bieton and Palmyra, shall be liable to provide through taxation, any deficiency, and to provide a sufficient sum, if necessary, to cover sinking fund and interest. The Bill provides that the board shall not be required to contribute to the sinking fund for two years. This is thought desirable in view of the fact that it will take some time to construct the tramway, and it is just possible that the line might not show a profit for the first year of working. A similar provision was made in the case of the Fremantle tramways, and it means of course that a larger sinking fund will have to be provided in future years. The Bill stipulates that the sum necessary for the construction of the tramways shall not be regarded as part of the amount which the board are now permitted to raise for general works in the district. It will be admitted that it would be undesirable that the money proposed to be expended on these tramways should be allowed to operate in the direction of diminishing the board's present borrowing powers. In other words, we wish them, in spite of this Bill, to be able to borrow up to seven times the amount of an average year's revenue, so that they may continue to improve their district as they have been doing for some time past. Power is given to the board to lease its tramways, but only with the consent of the Governor-in-Council. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Hon. R. J. LYNN (West) [4.44]: I have much pleasure in supporting this measure. It is the outcome of many conferences between the two municipalities, the tramways board and the Melville roads board. Estimates have been fully prepared and it is proposed by the municipalities of Fremantle and East Fremantle that the existing service shall be connected in order to suit the requirements of the Melville Park district. Personally, I have no hesitation in asserting from the figures prepared, that the tramway can from its very inception be run at a profit. Further, it will open up the Palmyra district, Bieton, and Point

Walter, and prove a most valuable asset to the two municipalities concerned. The measure is one that has the concurrence of all the public bodies in the Fremantle district, and I have much pleasure in supporting the second reading.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

In Committee:

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

BILL—BREAD ACT AMENDMENT.

Second Reading.

Hon. J. E. DODD (Honorary Minister—South) [4.46] in moving the second reading said: In the baking trade there is a holiday on the third Wednesday in each month; and the employers generally and also the operative bakers believe that that holiday is in considerable danger, by reason of the fact that there exists a large number of individual bakers who bake and deliver bread themselves. As a consequence, many of the employers now find that it is necessary to compete with these individual bakers; and, as a result, the holiday is largely falling into disuse. The master bakers, or rather some of their representatives, and representatives of the operative bakers, have combined to ask the Government to introduce a short Bill making it unlawful for any baker to sell bread, bake bread, or deliver bread, upon that holiday. That is the principal amendment which this Bill proposes to make in the Bread Act of 1903. That amendment is contained in the second clause of the Bill. Clause 3 contains another amendment. There exists an award of the Arbitration Court which prevents bread from being delivered by employees before 6 o'clock in the morning; and both parties, employers and operatives, are also anxious that no bread shall be delivered by either employees or employers before that hour of the morning. The Government have accordingly sought to embody that principle in this Bill. Those are the only two amendments we pro-

pose to make in the provisions which were enacted in 1906. The other parts of the Bill are included in the Bread Amendment Act of 1906. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

On motion by Hon. H. P. Colebatch debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

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

That the House at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday next, the 4th August.

Question passed.

House adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

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

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By Hon. W. C. Angwin (Honorary Minister): Amendments to regulations of the Fremantle Harbour Trust.

PAPER—LAND RECLASSIFICATION BOARD REPORT.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. T. H. Bath—Avon): I beg to lay on the Table of the House the report of the re-