

# Legislative Council,

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1892.

Death of the Hon. J. H. Monger—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Sir T. Cockburn-Campbell, Bart.) took the chair at 3 o'clock.

## PRAYERS.

### DEATH OF THE HON. J. H. MONGER.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton) said: Mr. President,—I regret to have to inform hon. members that I have received a telegram conveying the sad news of the death of the Hon. Mr. Monger, a member of this House, and I think I shall be consulting the wishes of hon. members if I move that the House do now adjourn as a token of our esteem of the memory of that gentleman. Mr. Monger was known not only amongst the members of this House; but his name was a household word in Western Australia. He has been one of the leading settlers of this colony, and has been one who has done a great deal to advance the welfare of Western Australia, and I consider that through his death we have sustained a great loss. I may inform hon. members that the funeral will take place in Perth to-morrow afternoon, leaving Mr. Hooley's at half-past four o'clock; so that all will thus have an opportunity of paying their last respects to the deceased gentleman. I now, sir, move that the House adjourn until to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

THE HON. J. A. WRIGHT seconded the motion.

Question—put and passed.

### ADJOURNMENT.

The Council at 3-10 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 24th February, at 8 o'clock p.m.

# Legislative Assembly,

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1892.

Public Health Bill: recommitted—Customs Laws Consolidation Bill: in committee—Estimates, 1892: further considered in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 2-30 p.m.

## PRAYERS.

### PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

On the Order of the Day for the third reading of this bill,—

MR. TRAYLEN moved that the bill be recommitted, for the purpose of making certain amendments of which he had given notice. He said the object of the first amendment was to expedite the coming into operation of the Act after it became law. The reason for that was because,—so far as Perth was concerned at any rate, and other Local Boards were no doubt in the same position—the present Boards of Health during what he might call the interregnum between the expiry of the old system and the adoption of the new, did not care to take any active steps in filling vacancies and other matters, which the newly constituted boards might not confirm; and there were obvious reasons why this interregnum should be as short as possible. He therefore proposed to move that the Act, if it passed through Parliament, should come into force on the 1st of April next instead of May. The second amendment he proposed was a consequential one upon the first. He also proposed to add a new clause, and he did so for this reason: some little question might arise between the new boards and the old, with regard to the custody of the property belonging to the existing boards, and as to the liabilities incurred by the existing boards as to contracts and other matters; and, in order that there should be no room for any dispute in the future, he proposed to add a clause whereby the present boards transferred to the new boards all their liabilities in that respect.

Motion agreed to.

Bill recommitted.

Clause 2—Act to come into operation on 1st May, 1892;