

part of each to do that which he considered was best for the country at large.

Mr. PIESSE said it gave him great pleasure to offer his congratulations to the Ministry on the policy they had placed before the country. It had been expected by country people that the first Ministry under Responsible Government would be prepared with a bold and vigorous policy; and he thought no. one could complain on that score as to the policy of the present Ministry. But there were one or two things which he should have liked to have seen included, and especially the question of roads. Roads, in his opinion, were second only in importance to railways, and what he should like to see introduced into the schedule of the Loan Bill would be some provision made for country roads. He need hardly point out that without roads, in country districts, they could not feed the railways; and if the railways were not provided with freight, they could not expect them to become reproductive. Of course, the various items of the Loan Bill would come on for further discussion on another occasion, and he thought that would be the best time for expressing one's opinion respecting them, and at that late hour he was sure the House would not expect any criticism of them from him. He might say that he was not altogether in accord with the details of the Ministerial policy, but, on the whole, he thought it was a very good one; and if facts were brought forward to support the undertaking of these works, he should have great pleasure in supporting them.

Question put—That the Address-in-Reply be adopted.

Agreed to.

The House adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Friday, 23rd January, 1891.

Protection to Parliamentary Printers Bill: first reading
—Presentation of the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency the Governor—Adjournment.

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

PRAYERS.

PROTECTION TO PARLIAMENTARY PRINTERS BILL.

Read a first time.

PRESENTATION OF THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

At 3 o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker, accompanied by members, proceeded to Government House to present the Address-in-Reply, and having returned,

MR. SPEAKER reported that he had waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to upon the 22nd instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF
"THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

"I thank you for your courteous
"Address in reply to my opening Speech,
"and am confident that the affairs of
"the Colony will receive at your hands
"the most earnest and careful consideration."

"W. C. F. ROBINSON.

"Perth, 23rd January, 1891."

The House adjourned at 3:15 p.m.