Legislative Issembly,

Friday, 19th February, 1892.

Public Health Act Amendment Bill: third reading— Protection of Women and Girls Bill: consideration of Committee's Report—General Traffic Manager: term of engagement—Game Bill: Conference ru Legislative Council's Amendments—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Read a third time, and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS BILL.

On the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Committee's report,—

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt) moved further verbal amendments, to substitute "twelve" for "fourteen," as the age of consent in clause 4. He said the age had been so altered in other clauses, and, in order to make the bill consistent, it was necessary to make the same amendment throughout this clause.

Amendments agreed to. Bill reported.

GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER: TERM OF ENGAGEMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAIL-WAYS (Hon. H. W. Venn) said he wished to correct a statement he had made in the House last night as to the term of the engagement of the General Traffic Manager. He then stated that the term, he thought, was three years. On looking at the agreement this morning, he found that the engagement was for five years, and not three.

GAME BILL.

CONFERENCE WITH REFERENCE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S AMENDMENTS.

THE SPEAKER announced to the House that he would leave the chair for a short time in consequence of the conference to be held between the committees of the two Houses respecting certain

amendments proposed in the Game Bill. (Vide p. 423, ante.)

When the House resumed,—

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt) read to the House the following report:

Amendment No. 1:

The Conference recommend that the amendment of the Assembly to the Council's amendment in Clause 1 be accepted.

Amendment No. 3:

The Conference recommend the adoption of the Assembly's amendment of the Council's amendment in Clause 5, and as consequential amendments—

- (a) That the words "Second Schedule" in the interpretation of "Native Game," in Clause 2, be struck out, and "First Schedule" inserted in lieu thereof.
- (b) That the two Schedules be transposed.

Amendment No. 6:

The Conference, with the exception of the Hon. J. W. Hackett, recommend the acceptance of the Assembly's amendment to the Council's amendment in clause 9.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt) moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned, at 4 p.m., until Tuesday, 23rd February.