

to this increase in the duty on unmanufactured tobacco.

MR. RICHARDSON said it appeared to him that rather an important element, in considering this question of an increase of duty on the unmanufactured leaf, was this: how much of the raw material went to make up a pound of the manufactured article. The proposed duty would leave the local manufacturer a margin of 1s. to work upon, pound for pound; but then came the further question of whether 1lb. of the leaf tobacco did not make a great deal more than 1lb. of manufactured tobacco. If it made 2lbs., then the local manufacturer was doubly protected. On the other hand, if the leaf lost in weight when made up, the local manufacturer did not have a margin of 1s. to work upon. He thought the House was entitled to this information from some impartial authority. He should also like to know what amount of revenue the colony was likely to lose by these differential duties upon the unmanufactured and the manufactured article. He believed in fostering local industries. The fact of this company having come here and established themselves as manufacturers of tobacco, introducing labor, and spending some thousands in the erection of buildings and machinery, entitled them to some consideration; but the question was, to what extent could the colony afford to be considerate,—how much revenue could it afford to sacrifice, in order to encourage this particular industry in the case of this particular company.

MR. A. FOREEST said that perhaps the Premier, by Monday, before going into committee, would endeavor to find out from some independent source the quantity of leaf it took to make up the same weight of manufactured tobacco. He had been told by one authority that 1lb. of leaf would make 4lbs. of tobacco; but he could hardly believe that. Another authority told him the gain was only about 7 per cent.

MR. R. F. SHOLL said the revenue, no doubt, must be protected; at the same time he did not think it was the wish, either of the Government or of that House, to strangle in any way this new industry started in their midst. It had been suggested that the duty on the imported manufactured article should be

increased; he was totally opposed to that. He thought the duty on manufactured tobacco was quite heavy enough already.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at one o'clock, p.m.

Legislative Council,

Monday, 23rd February, 1891.

Federal Constitution for Australia: Message from the Legislative Assembly—Federal Convention: appointment of delegates to—Scab Bill: first reading; Suspension of Standing Orders; second reading; committee; progress—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Sir T. C. Campbell, Bart.) took the chair at 8 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

NATIONAL (FEDERAL) CONVENTION—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE PRESIDENT announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

“*Mr. President,*

“The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have this day agreed (1) to the following resolutions adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference on the 13th of February, 1890:

“(a.) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests and the present and future prosperity of the Australian Colonies will be promoted by an early union under the Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services of the Members of the Convention of 1883 in founding the Federal Council, it declares its opinion that the seven

'years which have since elapsed
'have developed the national life
'of Australia in population, in
'wealth, in the discovery of re-
'sources, and in self-governing
'capacity, to an extent which jus-
'tifies the higher act, at all times
'contemplated, of the union of
'these Colonies under one Legis-
'lative and Executive Govern-
'ment, on principles just to the
'several Colonies.

'(b.) That to the union of the Aus-
'tralian Colonies contemplated by
'the foregoing resolution, the
'remoter Australasian Colonies
'shall be entitled to admission at
'such times and on such condi-
'tions as may be hereafter agreed
'upon.

'(c.) That the Members of the Con-
'ference should take such steps as
'may be necessary to induce the
'Legislatures of their respective
'Colonies to appoint, during the
'present year, Delegates to a
'National Australasian Conven-
'tion, empowered to consider and
'report upon an adequate scheme
'for a Federal Constitution.'

"(2.) That the Constitution, as adopted
"by the Convention, together with any
"documents relating to such Constitu-
"tion, be submitted, as soon as possible,
"for the approval of the Parliament of
"this Colony.

"(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions
"be forwarded to the Legislative Council,
"with a Message desiring their concur-
"rence therein, and requesting that the
"Legislative Council will appoint two of
"their Members to represent the Colony
"at the National Australasian Conven-
"tion, to act with the five Members of this
"House who will be appointed to repre-
"sent the Colony at the said Convention.
"And present the same to the Legislative
"Council for their concurrence.—Jas. G.
"LEE STEERE, Speaker."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon.
G. Shenton): I beg to move, by leave,
without notice, the resolutions sent down
in the Message just received. I think
there will be no objection to them, as we
are all anxious that at this first Federal
Conference this colony should be repre-
sented. The number of members this
colony is entitled to send is seven, and

the Government recommend that five
members should be selected from the
Lower House and two from this House.
After we pass this resolution we can
conveniently, I think, proceed to elect
the gentlemen to represent this House.

THE HON. J. G. H. AMHERST
seconded.

Question—put and passed, and a Mes-
sage was ordered to be transmitted to
the Legislative Assembly, acquainting
them that the Council had concurred in
the resolutions.

NATIONAL (FEDERAL) CONVENTION— APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon.
G. Shenton): I may state that as the
Minister from this House, owing to the
exigencies of Government, will not be
able to attend, the Government nominate
the Hon. Mr. Hackett, leaving it to hon.
members to select the other gentleman.
I move that the Hon. J. W. Hackett be
one of the delegates.

THE HON. J. G. H. AMHERST
seconded.

Question—put and passed.

THE HON. J. G. H. AMHERST: I
move that the Hon. J. A. Wright be
appointed the second delegate.

THE HON. T. BURGESS: I have much
pleasure in seconding this motion, for I
am sure we could not have a more com-
petent gentleman than the Hon. Mr.
Wright, to discharge the duties that
will devolve upon the delegates.

THE HON. G. W. LEAKE: I propose
that we go to ballot.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G.
Shenton): If no other member is pro-
posed we can elect him without ballot.

THE HON. G. W. LEAKE: Then I
shall propose myself.

Question—That the Hon. J. W. Hackett
be elected—put and passed.

THE HON. J. W. HACKETT: I ask
the House to receive my hearty thanks
for the great honor done to me.

The Council then proceeded to ballot.
Subsequently,

THE PRESIDENT announced that 6
votes had been recorded for the Hon. J.
A. Wright, and 3 votes for the Hon. G.
W. Leake. He, therefore, declared the
Hon. J. A. Wright elected.

THE HON. J. A. WRIGHT: I have to
thank hon. members of this Council for

the honor conferred upon me. I shall have the greatest pleasure in going and doing the best I can for the honor, dignity, and welfare of Western Australia.

SCAB ACT, 1885, AMENDMENT BILL.

This bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and read a first time.

The Standing Orders were suspended.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): I now beg to move the second reading of this bill. I may state that owing to the outbreak of scab in the Victoria District, there was a meeting of pastoralists held in Perth, and certain suggestions were made to the Government with a view of eradicating it. Fortunately the hon. gentleman at the present time holding the position of Attorney General has taken a great interest in this question. He has obtained all the information he possibly could, and the result of his labors is before hon. members in this bill, which I now formally move be read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

IN COMMITTEE:

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3.—Interpretation:

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton) moved, That progress be reported and leave given to sit again the following day.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House, at 9-25 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 24th February, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Monday, 23rd February, 1891.

Reward for Discovery of Yilgarn goldfield—Road between Front Flats and Walkaway Railway Station—National Australasian (Federal) Convention—Survey of Yilgarn Railway Route—Appropriation Bill, 1891—Scab Act Amendment Bill: third reading—South-Western Railway Bill: second reading; in committee; third reading—Adjournment.

REWARD FOR DISCOVERY OF YILGARN GOLDFIELD.

MR. TRAYLEN, in accordance with notice, asked the Commissioner of Crown Lands, whether the conditions antecedent to the award of a bonus for the discovery of a Goldfield had been fulfilled in respect of Yilgarn; and, if so, what steps the Government proposed to take for distributing the award?

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS (Hon. W. E. Marmion) replied that several claimants had claimed the reward, but no definite decision had yet been arrived at.

ROAD BETWEEN FRONT FLATS AND WALKAWAY RAILWAY STATION.

MR. TRAYLEN, in accordance with notice, asked the Commissioner of Crown Lands whether, in apportioning the sum of £30,000 voted for Roads and Bridges from loan money, he would have regard to the necessity for better means of transit between the Front Flats and the Railway Station at Walkaway?

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. H. W. Venn) replied that the Government would be very glad to take the matter into consideration.

NATIONAL AUSTRALASIAN (FEDERAL) CONVENTION.

THE PREMIER (Hon. J. Forrest), in accordance with notice, moved,—

(1.) That this House concurs in the following Resolutions, adopted by the Australasian Federation Conference, on the 13th February, 1890:—

“(a.) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the best interests “and the present and future “prosperity of the Australian “Colonies will be promoted by “an early union under the “Crown; and, while fully recognising the valuable services