

MR. HOPKINS: But we should do so.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: This was pointed out by the hon. member in order to be of assistance to him, that he might be prepared to answer the question when the House next met. He rather fancied the return had been placed on the table.

MR. HOPKINS: No; only one relating to the police district; not the one relating to the magisterial district.

On motion by the ATTORNEY GENERAL, progress reported and leave given to sit again.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE PREMIER: I beg to move that the House at its rising do adjourn until half-past seven on Tuesday next. It has been intimated to me by several members that the Guildford Show will be held on that day, and several members intend to go to the show. I therefore submit this motion to the House with that idea. I do not know whether any member objects. The leader of the Opposition approves.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at five minutes past 11 o'clock, until the next Tuesday evening.

Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, 29th October, 1901.

Federal Tariff Resolution, Reply from Federal Prime Minister—Papers presented: Report of J. Davies Inquiry, etc.—Notice of Motion: No Confidence; Adjournment.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 7-30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

FEDERAL TARIFF RESOLUTION— REPLY FROM FEDERAL PRIME MINISTER.

The SPEAKER announced that, in reply to the resolution relating to the

Federal Tariff, forwarded by him to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, he had received the following telegram:—

Your telegram conveying resolution of the Legislative Assembly has been received, and will be considered.

ED. BARTON,
Prime Minister.

PAPER PRESENTED.

REPORT OF INQUIRY BOARD ON CHARGES AGAINST MR. JOHN DAVIES.

THE PREMIER (Hon. G. Leake): I move for leave to lay on the table a copy of the report of the Board appointed to inquire into the charges against Mr. John Davies. I would like to explain to hon. members that this is a copy of the report; but with the report are voluminous notes of evidence, which of course I cannot place on the table at the present time, but I am having that evidence printed, and as soon as it is printed members will receive a copy.

Leave given, and copy of report laid on the table.

OTHER PAPERS.

By the COLONIAL TREASURER: 1, Annual Report of Government Storekeeper, 1900-1; 2, Annual Report of Working of Statistical Office, 1900-1; 3, Return (ordered on motion by Mr. Hastie) of Customs Duties expected on imports from Australian States.

Ordered to lie on the table.

NOTICE OF MOTION—NO CONFIDENCE.

ADJOURNMENT.

HON. F. H. PIESSE (Williams): I beg to give notice that on Thursday, 31st October, I will move:—

That the Government does not command the confidence of this House.

THE PREMIER (Hon. G. Leake): I have great pleasure in moving "That the House do now adjourn."

THE SPEAKER: To what day? Better move that the House, at its rising, do adjourn to some date.

HON. F. H. PIESSE: I have given notice for Thursday; but if the Premier wishes for a later date, I am in the hands of the hon. gentleman.

THE PREMIER: No business can be taken till this is disposed of.

THE SPEAKER: Of course, I know that.

THE PREMIER: I move that the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

THE SPEAKER: Do you wish now to move the adjournment?

THE PREMIER: I move that the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 7:42 o'clock, until the next Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Legislative Assembly,

Thursday, 31st October, 1901.

Question: Arbitration Court, Absence of a Member—Goomalling Railway Construction, Produce Rates—Question: Zoological Gardens, Inspection of Animals, how made—Question: Railway Signalling, Southern Cross—Question: Railway Truck Charges, Kurrawang Syndicate—Question: Lunatic Asylum Attendants and Public Service Act—Question: Victoria Park Tramway and Perth Causeway—Question: Rabbit Fence, Dundas—Question: Liquor Inspection, as to stringency—Question: Railway Duplication to Kalgoorlie, Speed of Trains—Question: Railway Boiler, Kalgoorlie—Revenue Received, Statement by the Treasurer—Papers presented—Food Supply, Select Committee's Report—Motion: No Confidence in the Government (first day), adjourned—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

QUESTION—ARBITRATION COURT, ABSENCE OF A MEMBER.

MR. OATS, for MR. McDONALD, asked the Attorney General:—1, Whether the Government is aware that one of the members of the Court of Arbitration has left the State for an indefinite period, and that a case was called on October 15th inst., when a number of witnesses and solicitors were in attendance, and the case could not proceed in consequence of the absence of a member of the Court. 2, Whether the Government propose to take any steps to appoint another person on the Arbitration Court in place of the

representative of the employers who has left the State. 3, Whether it will be possible for the cases now before the Court to be heard before the expiration of the time prescribed by Section 76 of the existing Act. 4, Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision in Clause 64 of the new Bill so that the Governor may remove any member of the Court who leaves the State. 5, Who will have to pay the costs of the sitting of the Court on October 15th.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL replied: 1, Yes. 2 (Sections 38, 55), No, there is no such power. The absent member will return if telegraphed for. 3 (Section 76), Yes. 4, This is before Parliament. 5, The Court will decide.

QUESTION—GOOMALLING RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION, PRODUCE RATES.

HON. G. THROSSELL asked the Commissioner of Railways: Whether, pending the completion of the Goomalling line, he will arrange for the carriage of produce at the ordinary rates over the portion now used for traffic.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS replied: Whilst sympathising with the Goomalling settlers over the long delayed completion of their line, the Government do not consider they would be justified in deviating from the special rates charged for carrying goods on a line under construction, as a precedent would be created which might be quoted as establishing a right for similar concessions on other lines, possibly involving loss to the Treasury, which Parliament might be unwilling to consent to.

QUESTION—ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, INSPECTION OF ANIMALS, HOW MADE.

MR. WALLACE asked the Premier: 1, (a.) When instructions were given to the Chief Inspector of Stock to inspect and report on the animals in the Zoological Gardens, in consequence of a question asked in this House on 3rd September last. (b.) Whether similar, or any, instructions were given to the Secretary of the Agricultural Department, Mr. L. Lindley-Cowen, and the dairy expert, Mr. A. Crawford. 2, If not, whether he is aware that the two latter gentlemen did inspect and give reports which accom-