

and the outs, and is demanding strong and able administration; therefore I say we should give to the present Ministry time to do that which the people expect of them and what the country wants.

On motion by Mr. CONNOR, debate adjourned till the next sitting.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 10:22 o'clock, until the next Tuesday afternoon.

Legislative Council, Tuesday, 29th July, 1902.

Address-in-reply, Presentation—Papers presented—Question: Midland Railway, to enforce recommendations—Question: Experimental Farm, Cold Harbour Estate—Pharmacy and Poisons Act Amendment Bill, first reading—Return ordered: Northam-Goomalling Railway, particulars—Leave of Absence—Convict Prison Site Trust Bill, first reading—Transfer of Land Amendment Bill, first reading—Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill, first reading—Public Service Act Amendment Bill, first reading—Adjournment.

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

PRAYERS.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY—PRESENTATION.

At 25 minutes to 5 o'clock the PRESIDENT, accompanied by honourable members, proceeded to Government House to present the Address-in-reply to the opening Speech of His Excellency; and having returned, the PRESIDENT reported that

HIS EXCELLENCY had been pleased to reply as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

I thank you for your Address in reply to my opening Speech, and for the assurance of your desire to deal with all questions that may come before you in such a manner as to promote the advancement and welfare of this portion of His Majesty's dominion.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the MINISTER FOR LANDS: Reports (annual) of Rabbit Department, Lands and Surveys Department, Stock Department; also Railway Rates for merchandise, live stock, passengers and parcels, wharfage and berthage dues; Permission to construct Timber Tramways; Report of Conference of Statisticians, Hobart; Blue Book, 1901; Statistical Register, 1900.

Order: To lie on the table.

QUESTION—MIDLAND RAILWAY, TO ENFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

HON. G. RANDELL. (for Hon. J. M. Drew) asked the Minister for Lands: 1. If the Government has taken any steps to enforce the whole of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on the Midland Railway Company which were approved of by both Houses of Parliament? 2. If not, why not?

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS replied: The recommendations are receiving the attention of the Government and are being dealt with at the present time.

QUESTION—EXPERIMENTAL FARM, COLD HARBOUR ESTATE.

HON. W. T. LOTON (for Hon. R. G. Burges) asked the Minister for Lands: If the Government intend to reserve a portion of the Cold Harbour Estate for an experimental farm, namely, that portion on the banks of the River Avon?

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS replied: Probably not. To establish experimental farms upon estates purchased under the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act would place too great a burden upon the purchasers of estate as to price.

PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Introduced by Hon. M. L. MOSS, and read a first time.

RETURN—NORTHAM-GOOMALLING RAILWAY, PARTICULARS.

HON. M. L. MOSS (West) moved:

That a return be laid on the table of the House, showing—(a.) The total cost of the Northam-Goomalling Railway, including engineers' and supervisors' salaries. (b.) The cost of formation of the line. (c.) The cost of rails and fastenings used in the work. (d.) The cost

of other items making up the total expenditure of the line. (e.) The length of the line. (f.) The date the line was commenced, and the date the line was finished and declared by the Commissioner of Railways fit for traffic, as prescribed by "The Railways Act, 1878."

He said this motion was in a sense preliminary to, and designed to elicit information for the framing of, a motion to be tabled later, having reference to the advisability or otherwise of continuing the policy of constructing public works under the system of departmental day-labour. That system, there was reason to fear, resulted in heavy loss to the State. Presumably the Minister would offer no objection to the passing of the motion.

Question put and passed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motions by HON. G. RANDELL, leave of absence for one fortnight was granted to the Hon. C. A. Piesse (South-East), on the ground of sickness, and for one month to the Hon. J. W. Hackett (South-West), on the ground of urgent private business.

On motion by HON. M. L. MOSS, leave of absence for one fortnight was granted to the Hon. J. E. Richardson (North), on the ground of urgent private business.

FREMANTLE PRISON SITE BILL.

Introduced by the MINISTER FOR LANDS, and read a first time.

TRANSFER OF LAND AMENDMENT BILL.

Introduced by the MINISTER FOR LANDS, and read a first time.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Introduced by the MINISTER FOR LANDS, and read a first time.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Introduced by the MINISTER FOR LANDS, and read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS moved: "That the House, at its rising, do adjourn to this day fortnight."

HON. M. L. MOSS suggested three weeks, and stated reasons.

THE PRESIDENT explained that, as the printed Bills would be forwarded to members early, there would be plenty of business for the House on re-assembling.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned until Tuesday, 12th August.

Legislative Assembly.

Tuesday, 29th July, 1902.

Papers presented—Question: Midland Company Immigrants, Breach of Agreement—Question: Menzies-Leonora Railway Freight, etc.—Question: Imported goods, Tonnage—Question: Railway Goods, Charges Eastward—Question: Geraldton Jetty, Particulars—Question: Harbours Expenditure—Question: Fremantle Harbour, Stability of Quay—Question: Railway Station at Fremantle, Alterations—Question: Rails and Sleepers, Cue-Nannina—Question: Dredger at Albany, Damage—Question: Stores Account, percentage addition—Question: Land Settlement, Norseman-Esperance—Question: Midland Company Lands Surveys—Railway Rates: Personal Explanation—Address-in-Reply, fifth day, division—Adjournment.

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

PRAYERS.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the COLONIAL SECRETARY: 1, Report of Conference of Statisticians held in Hobart, 1902. 2, Blue Book for 1901. 3, Statistical Register for 1900.

By the PREMIER: List of permissions granted to construct timber railways. Annual reports of Under Secretary for Lands, Surveyor General, Stock Department, Rabbit Department. Report, with appendices and evidence, of Royal Commission on Coolgardie Water Scheme, with copies of two interim reports.

By the MINISTER FOR WORKS AND RAILWAYS: Certified copy of agreement between the Hon. Walter Kingsmill and W. J. George; also copy of the Railway Rate Book.

Order: To lie on the table.