

Ordered—That the consideration in committee of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting of the House.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 11 p.m., until Thursday, 15th November, at 7:30 p.m.

Legislative Council,

Thursday, 15th November, 1894.

Droving Bill: Legislative Assembly's Message—Southern Cross-Coolgardie Railway Bill: second reading: committee—Mullewa-Cue Railway Bill: second reading: committee—Scab Act Amendment Bill: second reading: committee—Pharmacy and Poisons Bill: first reading—Goldfields Act Amendment Bill: first reading—Appropriation Bill: first reading—Lands Resumption Bill: first reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

DROVING BILL.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S AMENDMENTS.

IN COMMITTEE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): I beg to move, "That Amendment No. 1, made by the Council in the Droving Bill, and with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, be not insisted on." It will be remembered that we added to clause 2 the words "unless such stock be carried by railway." The Legislative Assembly do not agree with this, because they say the amendment would greatly increase the opportunities for sheep-stealing, by providing a ready means by which such sheep could be disposed of without the supervision and restrictions which the

Bill imposes in respect to other travelling sheep. I do not think it worth while, under the circumstances, to insist.

Motion put and passed.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): I now move that Amendment No. 4 be not insisted upon. We struck out, it will be remembered, from clause 6 the words "approach within 10 miles of the head station or homestead on any run or the headquarters of any person in charge of stock on any part of a run," and inserted the words "enter upon any run or before entering upon any run that shall be fenced." The Assembly say they cannot agree to this, because "as very many homesteads are far removed from the outside boundaries of their runs, this amendment would necessitate, in many instances, the sending of a messenger for 50 and even 100 miles, thus materially increasing the cost of droving and rendering such notice valueless, owing to the time necessarily intervening between the notice and the arrival of the sheep." Under the circumstances, I suggest that we should not insist on this or the other amendments.

THE HON. R. G. BURGESS: What is the use of the Bill if it is not necessary to give notice when entering a run?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): When the Bill was before the committee I said that good reasons had been given for the amendment, but still it is not without difficulties. There are some runs which would take a drover days to go over to give notice, and, therefore, I do not think it worth while for us to insist, especially as there are not many instances where the homestead is more than ten miles from the boundary of the run.

THE HON. F. M. STONE: I think we should insist on the amendment. I have spoken to several persons connected with sheep stations, and they say that if the clause is left as it is it will be unworkable, as sheep would come on to a run and get boxed before any notice was given. Then notice of the route has to be given, and what is the good of that when perhaps the sheep are thirty miles on the run.

THE HON. E. HENTY: I spoke before on this question, and I adhere to the opinion I expressed. I think it is very necessary, notwithstanding what the

Attorney General said in another place, that notice should be given before the sheep are within ten miles of the home-
stead. I think we should insist.

THE HON. F. M. STONE: I move that progress be reported.

Question put and passed.

Progress reported.

**SOUTHERN CROSS-COOLGARDIE
RAILWAY BILL.**

SECOND READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): I feel sure it requires very few words of mine to recommend this Bill to hon. members. Parliament has already passed an Act authorising the Government to raise moneys for the construction of this work, and this Bill is necessary to enable the Government to build the railway. The route of the line is given in the Schedule, but power is given to deviate to the extent of ten miles. I believe there are no heavy grades to contend with; and I hope, when we meet next year, the railway will be in an advanced stage of construction. I move the second reading of the Bill.

Question put and passed.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Bill was considered in committee and agreed to without amendment.

MULLEWA-CUE RAILWAY BILL.

SECOND READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): The remarks I have just made with reference to the Southern Cross-Coolgardie Railway Bill also apply to this Bill. I have nothing further to add to them. I move that the Bill be read a second time.

Question put and passed.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Bill was considered in committee, and agreed to without amendment.

SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): In rising to move the second reading of this Bill, I may say that the question of eradicating the disease known as scab has occupied the attention of the Legislature of Western Australia from time to time, for many

years, and the law on the subject has been becoming more and more stringent. In 1891 an Act was passed which it was imagined would be the means of eradicating the disease, but I regret to say that it has not been successful. A joint committee of both Houses sat to consider this subject, and, upon their recommendations, the Government brought in a Bill with the object of making the law more stringent with regard to the powers of inspectors, and generally for the purpose of stamping out this disease at the earliest possible moment. In connection with this matter, I believe the Chief Inspector has used his best endeavours to carry out the object of the Government; but unfortunately, in the Northern portion of the colony, there is much scrub country, where sheep which have strayed run wild, and the greatest difficulty is experienced in clearing the thickets. Great efforts have been made to clear the thickets in the past; and I believe still greater efforts will be made in the future, and thus bring about the eradication of this disease. I do not think, however, that in all cases the Inspector has received that assistance from the owners of sheep he should have done. I have no doubt hon. members have studied this Bill, the principle of which I have explained. I move the second reading of the Bill.

Question put and passed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 1 passed.

Clause 2.—Repeal, power, and duties of Inspectors:

THE HON. R. G. BURGESS: I think this clause is too sweeping. It gives the inspector power, in any part of the colony, to order an owner to muster his sheep; and if he is not satisfied with the mustering he can order 10 or 20 men to be put on, and the owner has to pay. In many cases the prevalence of scab has been due to the negligence of inspectors. The power may be necessary in an infected district, but in a clean district it may be exercised arbitrarily.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): I may point out that a similar power exists under the Act now in force.

THE HON. E. RICHARDSON: Are we to understand that an inspector can

go on to a run and take a number of men and muster (say) 30,000 sheep?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): That is the law now.

THE HON. E. RICHARDSON: Then it is very hard.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): The fact that the hon. member did not know of it shows that the law has worked no hardship. Inspectors do not muster sheep from mere whim or caprice.

Clause agreed to.

The remaining clauses were passed; and the Bill reported.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton), at 4.45 o'clock p.m., left the chair until 8 o'clock p.m.

On resuming,

PHARMACY AND POISONS BILL.

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

GOLDFIELDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

APPROPRIATION BILL.

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

LANDS RESUMPTION BILL.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 8.10 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday, 19th November, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Thursday, 15th November, 1894.

Dipping Travelling Sheep at Mingenew—Pharmacy and Poisons Bill: third reading—Goldfields Act Amendment Bill: third reading—Appropriation Bill: third reading—Lands Resumption Bill: third reading—Early Presentation of Estimates to Parliament—Insect Pests Bill: Legislative Council's Amendment—Medical Bill: in committee—Chinese Immigration Restriction Act Amendment Bill: second reading—Loan Estimates, 1894-5: Legislative Council's Amendment—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

DIPPING OF TRAVELLING SHEEP AT MINGENEW.

MR. HOOLEY, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier whether, in view of the large number of sheep which would come in from the Irwin by rail, the Government had made any provision for having sheep dipped at Mingenew; and, if not, whether they intended providing for dipping at that point.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied that the Government had the matter under consideration, and hoped to make safe and satisfactory arrangements.

PHARMACY AND POISONS BILL.

THIRD READING.

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

GOLDFIELDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

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

APPROPRIATION BILL.

THIRD READING.

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

LANDS RESUMPTION BILL.

THIRD READING.

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

EARLY PRESENTATION OF ESTIMATES TO PARLIAMENT.

MR. RANDELL, in accordance with notice, moved—"That when Parliament