

Many of the settlers, however, have called meetings of their creditors, with the idea of some settlement being arranged whereby they may be allowed to remain upon and work their farms. If all avenues of revenue are to be closed to them, we might as well extend them a welcome to the city.

Question put and passed; the Address-in-Reply adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE PREMIER (Hon. P. Collier—Boulder) [5.1]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 5.2 p.m.

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The **DEPUTY PRESIDENT** took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY, PRESENTATION.

The **DEPUTY PRESIDENT**: I desire to inform hon. members that in accordance with their resolution I presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address-in-reply passed by this House, and received from him the following acknowledgment:—

Mr. President and hon. members of the Legislative Council, I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty the King, and for your Address-in-reply to the Speech with which I opened Parliament. (Sgd.) R. F. McMillan, Lieutenant Governor.

QUESTION—WATER SUPPLY, PINGELLY.

Hon. H. STEWART asked the Chief Secretary: 1, What is the total cost of the Pingelly water supply—(a) capital, (b) maintenance? 2, What contributions for interest, sinking fund, etc., have been received?

The **CHIEF SECRETARY** replied: 1, (a) Capital expenditure at 30th June, 1928, £11,008; capital expenditure to 28th February, 1928, £11,015; (b) total cost of maintenance from the inception of undertakings to 30th June, 1928—£11,283. 2, The total accrued income from the inception to 30th June, 1928, amounted to £15,204; this has been applied as follows:—

To meet maintenance expenditure	£11,263
Contribution towards interest ..	3,689
Contribution towards sinking fund	232
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	£15,204

The interest and sinking fund unpaid amount to respectively £2,663 and £1,471. This represents the total deficiency at the 30th June, 1928, of £4,134.

LAPSED BILLS.

Assembly's Message.

Message from the Assembly received and read requesting the Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Standing Order 41), to resume the consideration of the Hospital Fund Bill and the Hospital Fund (Contributions) Bill in the stages which they had reached last session:—

The **HONORARY MINISTER**: I move—

That the Assembly's message be taken into consideration after Notice of Motion No. 1.

Hon. A. LOVEKIN: I have just seen the typescript of the amendments which the Honorary Minister has tabled in connection with the Hospital Fund Bill, and I certainly do not think these amendments will be satisfactory to me. I therefore wish to ask the Honorary Minister whether, to help us, he will get drafted for us by to-morrow another amendment, which of course would not bind the Government but would be helpful to hon. members, and which would provide in the first place that all subsidies under the Hospital Fund Bill must go to

the public institutions—that is, be under the control of the Minister for Health—and in the second place that the public institutions must provide for the sick, and that if they become congested and have not room for sick people, they themselves must take steps to provide for such overflow in private or other institutions, and that the public institutions must pay whatever subsidy may be necessary for the care of the sick. I wish to ask the Honorary Minister whether he will oblige us by getting an amendment drafted on those lines. Of course it would not commit him, but it would help hon. members who do not quite agree with the amendments he has submitted.

The HONORARY MINISTER: The amendment mentioned by Mr. Lovekin represents the idea of the Government at the present time. If the Government's amendment does not meet with the wishes of Mr. Lovekin or any other hon. member, those members are quite at liberty to submit an amendment which does meet with their approval. I do not know that I should be called upon to frame an amendment for the hon. member. I assure him that he will be given every opportunity to submit any amendment he desires to move in connection with the matter.

Hon. A. Lovekin: I thought it was the desire of Ministers to help members.

Question put and passed.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION.

The HONORARY MINISTER: I move—

That in the event of a message being received from the Legislative Assembly relating to the Hospital Fund Bill, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the Council to deal with such message forthwith.

Hon. Sir EDWARD WITTENOOM: Are we qualified to deal with that Bill at such short notice?

Hon. F. H. Gray: You have had good long notice, I think.

Hon. Sir EDWARD WITTENOOM: To me the amendments are very serious, and require time for consideration. In the circumstances I hope the Chief Secretary, with his usual courtesy, will not insist upon going on with this at once.

The Honorary Minister: This motion deals with a message from another place,

not with the amendments on the Notice Paper.

Question put and passed.

BILL—HOSPITAL FUND.

Restored to Notice Paper.

The HONORARY MINISTER: I move—

That the Hospital Fund Bill be restored to the Notice Paper, and that the Committee progress on the Bill be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting of the House.

Question put and passed.

BILL—HOSPITAL FUND (CONTRIBUTIONS).

Restored to Notice Paper.

The HONORARY MINISTER: I move—

That the Hospital Fund (Contributions) Bill be restored to the Notice Paper, and that the second reading thereof be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting of the House.

Question put and passed.

Assembly's Message.

A Message having been received from the Assembly requesting the Council to resume consideration of the Hospital Fund Bill and the Hospital Fund (Contributions) Bill, the Message was now considered.

The HONORARY MINISTER: I move —

That the Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly in reply to Message No. 1 that it agrees to resume the consideration of a Bill for an Act to Establish a Hospital Fund and for the Administration thereof, and also of a Bill for an Act to Impose and Fix the Rate of Contributions to the Hospital Fund, under the provisions of the Standing Orders of the two Houses relating to lapsed Bills.

Question put and passed.

BILL—WORKERS' HOMES ACT AMENDMENT.

Second Reading.

THE HONORARY MINISTER (Hon. W. H. Kitson—West) [4.48] in moving the second reading said: The object of the Bill is to rectify a slight error which occurred during the passage of the Bill of last session. It is to transpose the words "or

for the purpose of enlarging a dwelling house of which he is the owner" from paragraph (4) to paragraph (3), so that the paragraphs may be in accordance with subparagraphs (i) and (ii.) of paragraph (b) of Section 9 of the Commonwealth Housing Act 1927 as amended by the Act No. 10 of 1928. If members will peruse the circulated copies of the amendment passed last session, they will see that this amendment now before them is a very small one, but is necessary in order to bring our legislation into line with the Commonwealth housing scheme. I move—

That the Bill now be read a second time.

On motion by Hon. A. Lovekin, debate adjourned.

House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTION—LAND CLASSIFICATION, SOUTH-WEST.

Mr. RICHARDSON (for Mr. J. H. Smith) asked the Minister for Agriculture: 1, Is it a fact that a large area of land, approximately 1,000,000 acres, is being dedicated to forestry in the South-West? 2, If so, has the Minister received any classification from his land surveyors? 3, If not, will he have a classification made

by land surveyors before handing over the area to the Forest Department?

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE 1, Yes. 2, Yes. 3, Answered by No. 2.

QUESTION—AGRICULTURE, ASSISTANCE TO SETTLERS.

Mr. THOMSON asked the Minister for Agriculture: In view of the serious position of many settlers in the new areas, will he indicate what steps have been taken to provide the necessary seed, super., and financial assistance to tide them over until next harvest?

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE replied: The Trustees of the Agricultural Bank have been authorised to approve of such as they consider necessary to meet the situation. Each application will be dealt with on its merits. All applications received to date for super. have been dealt with by the Trustees.

QUESTION—WHITE CITY.

Mr. FERGUSON asked the Premier: 1, What rent is received by the Government from the users of White City? 2, What amount has been received during the past two years? 3, Are any figures available to indicate the extent to which charitable institutions and other deserving objects have benefited as a result of the operations at White City? 4, If so, will the Premier supply the information to the House?

The PREMIER replied: 1, Nil. 2, Answered by No. 1. 3, This information should be secured from the institutions concerned; its compilation is not a Government responsibility. 4, Answered by No. 3.

QUESTION—VERMIN BONUS.

Mr. FERGUSON asked the Minister for Agriculture: 1, Is it the policy of the Department of Agriculture to prevent local vermin boards from supplementing the bonus of £2, paid by the Central Board, for dingo scalps beyond the amount of 10s. per scalp? 2, If so, is it considered by the Department that such a policy is in the best interests of dingo extermination?

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE replied: 1, No. 2, Answered by No. 1.