

**MASTERS AND APPRENTICES BILL.****Third Reading.**

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time.

The Council adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,**

*Wednesday, 23rd July, 1873.*

*Lower Canning Bridge: in committee—Leasing of Poison Lands: select committee—Tariffs—Increase of Members in Legislative Council Bill: in committee.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

**PRAYERS.****LOWER CANNING BRIDGE.****In Committee.**

Mr. PEARSE moved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates the sum of £100 to enable the Fremantle Road Board to complete the construction of the Lower Canning Bridge.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

**LEASING OF POISON LANDS.****Select Committee.**

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, moved that a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner in which certain poison lands have been leased, with power to call for papers and persons, and the committee to consist of the Surveyor General (Hon. M. Fraser), Mr. Steere, the Attorney General (Hon. H. H. Hocking), Mr. Marmion, and the Mover.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) and the SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) provided the House with an explanation of the position, upon which,

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

**TARIFFS.**

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, and with leave, moved that the motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor,

praying him to introduce a Bill to amend the existing Tariff Act, was carried in consequence of an hon. member misunderstanding the question, and is not in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the Council, who are of opinion that no alteration should be made in the present tariff, otherwise than by admitting wheat duty free; and further that an humble Address should be presented to His Excellency, conveying this expression of opinion.

Mr. STEERE seconded the motion.

Mr. MARMION intimated that he had no intention of pressing the motion which he had introduced, and which the House had affirmed by a majority of one, inasmuch as he had received a note from an hon. member stating that he had inadvertently voted in favor of the motion when his intention was to oppose it.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said he could not agree to the motion before the House, which affirmed that a majority of the Council were of opinion that, with the exception of placing wheat on the free list, no alteration was desirable in the existing Tariff Act. On the contrary, he believed there was a very strong opinion in the House in favor of a further and more liberal revision of the present tariff. If the hon. member would consent to withdraw his motion, he would pledge himself on the part of the Government that no action would be taken in the resolution affirmed by the House in regard of the Tariff Act.

Mr. LOGUE declined to withdraw his motion.

Question put, "That the motion be agreed to," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes .....	7
Noes .....	7

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Carey	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Padbury	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Hissell	The Hon. H. H. Hocking
Mr. Steere	Sir Thomas Campbell.
Mr. Dempster	Cockburn
Mr. Russell	Mr. Minger
Mr. Logue (Teller.)	Mr. Pearse
	Mr. Marmion (Teller.)

The voting being equal, the SPEAKER gave his casting vote with the Ayes, stating that his reason for so doing was that he considered it very undesirable to be altering the tariff frequently.

This intimation was greeted with loud cheers on the part of the "Ayes."

Question thus passed.

# INCREASE OF MEMBERS IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BILL.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

New clause—

Mr. STEERE moved that the following words stand as a new clause:—

Any person who shall be a candidate for election as a Member of the Legislative Council of Western Australia shall by himself or by his Agent give notice in writing of his intention thereof to the Returning Officer of the district for which he is a candidate at least ten days before the day of election in such district; and the said Returning Officer shall give notice of the intention of such person to become such candidate by affixing a notice to that effect on the Court House door of his district and keeping the same there affixed until the day of election. Provided however that if an election is held during the time that the Legislative Council shall be in Session a Candidate shall be required to give five days' notice only in the manner before provided.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved as an amendment:—

That all the words after the word "election," in the 7th line, be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—"Provided however that if a day shall be hereafter appointed for holding any election within fourteen days of any day fixed by Proclamation for holding any Session of the Legislative Council or during the time that the said Council shall be in Session it shall not be incumbent upon any candidate to give more than five days' notice in the manner hereinbefore provided."

Amendment agreed to.

New clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the word "enlargement" be struck out and the words "Act Amendment" inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Schedule 2—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that all words after the word "North" in the fifth line be struck out and the words "by the 27th deg. of South latitude" inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules 3 and 4 agreed to.

Preamble—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved to insert after the word "Council" the words "and to make further provision with respect to candidates at elections of members to serve in the said Council."

Amendment agreed to.

Preamble, as amended, agreed to.

Title—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved to add the words "and further to regulate elections."

Amendment agreed to.

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

The Council adjourned at 7.20 p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 24th July, 1873.

Tariffs: Address to His Excellency the Governor: personal explanation—Law and Parliamentary Library Bill: second reading: in committee—Shipping and Pilotage Consolidation Ordinance Amendment Bill: second reading: in committee: Religious Bodies (Church of England) Bill: third reading—Trespass Act Amendment Bill: motion for second reading.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.  
PRAYERS.

## TARIFFS.

Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) informed the House that His Excellency could hardly look upon the vote of the Council, on the previous day, as an expression of the opinion of the majority of hon. members, one member being absent whose vote it was well known would have caused the majority to have been in opposition to the hon. member for Geraldton. His Excellency further desired to point out that the reason assigned by his Honor the Speaker for giving his casting vote with the "Ayes"—the desirability of continually altering the Tariff Act—was inconsistent with the fact that the very effect of his honor's vote would be to necessitate a revision of the tariff. Under the circumstances it