

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Monday, 14th August, 1871.

Public Works: select committee report—Appropriation Bill: second reading and committee—23rd Victoria, No. 11.
 Repeal Bill: second reading and committee—Land Regulations: select committee report: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.
 PRAYERS.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Select Committee Report.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) brought up the following report of the select committee on public works:—

Your Committee has carefully considered the various propositions embodied in the Memorandum of the Colonial Secretary, which was before them, and has to report as follows:—

That in regard to the subsidizing a Steamer to run between Albany and Champion Bay, monthly, the Government should be authorized to do so for one year, at a sum not to exceed Two thousand pounds; but should there be difficulty in successfully working that portion of the service which is between Geographe Bay and Albany, this sum is to be reduced to Fifteen hundred pounds.

The question of a Railway, to be mainly constructed by convict labor, to Jervoise Bay in Cockburn Sound, six miles south of the town of Fremantle, was discussed, after your Committee had visited the locality and taken evidence of witnesses at Fremantle. The evidence was conflicting, but the weight of it went to show that Mangles Bay, in Cockburn Sound, was the best port in the neighborhood of the town of Fremantle, and preferable to Jervoise Bay, as there was an uncertainty about the effect of the south-west swell in Jervoise Bay during heavy weather from that quarter.

Messrs. Steere, Drummond, and Fraser were in favor of carrying the Railway on to Mangles Bay, where a jetty is about to be built by the Rockingham Timber Company, but not to build any jetty at present; to this Messrs. Leake, Newman, Shenton, and Gull were opposed.

Any extension of the present Jetty in South Bay, Fremantle, was considered undesirable, as the height and capacity of it are insufficient properly to allow this.

Several lines having been at different times recommended us, adapted for a Tramway or Railway to the Eastern Districts, it was thought by your Committee best that the route generally to be followed should be determined, and it was agreed that it would be advisable to appoint a Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, Mr. Drummond, and Mr. Gull, with power to add to their number, to go over the line advocated by Mr. Drummond, and other lines it may be desirable to visit, in order to decide whether any or either are practicable at a moderate cost. The expense of Survey not to exceed One thousand pounds.

The majority of your Committee was of opinion that Marine Surveys of the Coast should be paid for out of current revenue rather than out of a loan.

It was agreed to be desirable that Moorings should be laid down in Geographe Bay, Gage's Roads, and at the Irwin, at a total cost not to exceed One thousand pounds.

As there appears good reason to believe that the Navigation of the River Swan between Fremantle and Guildford may be materially improved by the proper and judicious working of the Steam Dredge belonging to Government, your Committee is of opinion that provision should be made for doing so during a period of two years.

The desirability of constructing and making additions to the Jetties at Albany, Bunbury, and Busselton is apparent, as also a similar addition necessary at Champion Bay.

A majority of your Committee was of opinion that the proposed New Gaol at Albany should be a charge against current revenue, rather than against sums to be raised on a loan.

That Lighthouses at Champion Bay and at the Irwin are necessary is evident to your Committee.

If no suitable accommodation can be found for the Telegraph Stations and Post Offices in the different country towns, by renting or otherwise, your Committee does not dissent to their construction as proposed.

As the Sea-wall at Mandurah is understood to be probably of great advantage

to the place, and likely to improve navigation and conserve the fore-shore, your Committee agreed to its construction.

Some of the members of your Committee were desirous of discussing the merits of other schemes, but these being outside the intention of the instructions given to your Committee, this was overruled, as it was understood to be competent in any member to bring such before the notice of the Council independently.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Chairman.

The report was received.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Second Reading and Committee.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott), for the Colonial Secretary, moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time, and passed through Committee, without discussion.

23rd VICTORIA, No. 11, REPEAL BILL.

Second Reading and Committee.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time, and passed through Committee, without discussion.

LAND REGULATIONS.

Select Committee Report: In Committee.

Resumed debate.

After some further discussion on the Land Regulations, they were adopted, as amended.

The Council adjourned at 8 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 15th August, 1871.

Registration of Brands Bill: first reading—23rd Victoria, No. 11, Repeal Bill: third reading—Adjournment.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.
PRAYERS.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL.

First Reading.

Mr. BROWN, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the registration of brands for sheep.

The Bill was read a first time.

23rd. VICTORIA, No. 11, REPEAL BILL.

Third Reading.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) moved that in respect to the memory of Major Crampton, an officer who held the position of Commandant of the Troops in this colony, and was also a member of the Executive Council, the House do now adjourn till tomorrow, at six o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 16th August, 1871.

Official Information—Scab-in-Sheep Amendment Bill: leave to introduce: Speaker's ruling—Public Works: select committee report: in committee—Appropriation Bill: third reading—Registration of Brands Bill: second reading: in committee: Standing Orders suspension: third reading.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

Mr. STEERE, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary whether the Government officials had received instructions that they were not to give information to members of the Legislative Council without the permission of the Colonial Secretary. The reason that he asked the question was that, some months ago, being informed by