

Legislative Council,

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

ASSENT TO BILL.

Message from the Lieut.-Governor received and read notifying assent to the Financial Emergency Bill.

OBITUARY—HON. E. H. HARRIS, M.L.C.

Letter in Reply.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have received the following letter addressed to the Deputy President and members of the Legislative Council:—

Mr. T. B. Harris and the Misses Ethelwyn and Adela Harris desire to convey to you their deepest gratitude for your expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement and for the beautiful floral tributes.

QUESTION—ROEBOURNE JETTY.

Hon. SIR EDWARD WITTENOOM (without notice) asked the Chief Secretary: Is it the intention of the Government to do anything in the direction of providing a jetty at Roebourne which has been without jetty accommodation for nine years?

The CHIEF SECRETARY: I am not in a position at the present moment to answer the hon. member's question, but if he gives notice of it I shall let him have a reply at a later date. I have no information on the subject, otherwise I would be only too pleased to give it.

QUESTION—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Provision of Polling Booths.

Hon. V. HAMERSLEY (without notice) asked the Chief Secretary: In connection with the approaching Legislative Council

elections many of the polling centres commonly used at Legislative Assembly or Federal elections are cut out, and unless publicity of the polling centres is given in newspapers circulating in the various districts, many electors will go to their usual place of polling and find no polling officer to record their votes. Will the Government issue instructions that due publicity is given, through the local newspapers circulating in each centre where an election is being held?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: I will bring the matter before the notice of the Government to-morrow.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [5.35]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday, 16th May.

The elections for the Legislative Council will take place on the 12th inst. There are seven sitting members seeking re-election and other members are assisting them. It will be very inconvenient for both the members and those helping them to take part in the proceedings in this Chamber within the next fortnight. I have consulted many hon. members and all are of the opinion that we should adjourn until after the elections. I had intended adjourning to the 15th inst., but I have had reason for altering the date to Wednesday the 16th. I feel sure that that fact will not affect the judgment of members as expressed to me.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 5.37 p.m.