

he would now move, That Progress be reported.

MR. SHENTON said he thought the further consideration of the question at issue should be postponed until the next sitting of the Council, or next Session. Hon. members had been twitted with advocating this particular increase in a spirit of partisanship. He thought, if hon. members would look carefully into the other proposed increases, the charge of partisanship would more justly apply to the other side.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy) said he rose simply to draw the attention of the House to what gave rise to the appointment of this commission. When the Estimates were considered in Committee last Session, there was a general expression of feeling in favor of increasing the pay of magistrates' clerks and also of the officers of the postal and telegraph department, and the commission was appointed to report on this subject. Nothing whatever was said about the head of the department—the Postmaster General; nor were the salaries of heads of departments referred to the commission in any way.

MR. CAREY said he it was who moved the resolution adopted last Session in favor of increasing the salaries of the post office officials, and the wording of the resolution was as follows: "That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates such additional sums as may be deemed advisable to increase the salaries of the officers of the postal and telegraph department." Surely that was comprehensive enough to include the Postmaster General, and every other officer connected with the department. If the Postmaster General had a seat in that House, and sat on the Treasury Benches, his salary would have been increased long ago. His services might be duly appreciated by the Executive, but that appreciation would be much better shown by agreeing to the proposed increase than by mere assertion. He must say, he felt half inclined to go with the hon. member for Toodyay and postpone the consideration of the whole question, in the face of the opposition shown by the

Treasury Benches to the expressed wish of the House.

Question—That Progress be reported—put, whereupon the Committee divided, with the following result:

Ayes	13
Noes	5
Majority for			8

AYES.

Mr. Brown
Mr. Brockman
Mr. Carey
Mr. Crowther
Mr. Glyde
Mr. Hamersley
Mr. Hardey
Mr. Harper
Mr. Marmion
Mr. Monger
Mr. Pearce
Mr. Shenton
Mr. S. H. Parker (Teller.)

NOES.

The Hon. G. W. Leake
The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Burges
Sir L. S. Leake
The Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy (Teller.)

Progress to be reported.

The Speaker then took the Chair, and the Chairman of Committees reported Progress.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes past eleven.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 9th September, 1879.

Railway Bridge at Fremantle—Arrest of Mr. John Bishop—Free Sale of Colonial Wine: adjourned debate—Consideration of Message (No. 9): Colonial Museum in London—Secret Bills of Sale Bill: further considered in committee—Branding Consolidation Ordinance: third reading—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

RAILWAY BRIDGE AT FREMANTLE.

MR. CROWTHER, with leave, without notice, drew the attention of the Colonial Secretary to the fact that the piles being used in the construction of the Railway Bridge at Fremantle were squared, instead of round. The hon. member said that experience had shown

that round timber was far more durable, and less vulnerable to the attack of marine insects than squared timber, and, in the face of this fact, he was surprised to find the Government allowing the piles for the railway bridge to be squared. If a mistake had been made, very little harm had been done yet, and he believed the error—for error it undoubtedly was—could be rectified at little or no cost. He thought the Government would do well to consult with the railway contractor on the subject, which was one of considerable importance as affecting the durability and stability of the bridge.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy) said he would be happy to bring the subject referred to by the hon. member to the notice of the Commissioner of Railways, and would report the result to the House.

ARREST OF JOHN BISHOP.

MR. CAREY, with leave, without notice, asked the Colonial Secretary if the Government had any objection to place on the Table all the correspondence that had passed relative to the arrest of John Bishop at Bunbury, including the Resident Magistrate's report on the case.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy) said he had already informed the hon. member that the Governor deemed it inexpedient to make public the correspondence between the Resident Magistrate and the Government in this matter.

FREE SALE OF COLONIAL WINE.

ADJOURNED DEBATE:

MR. CAREY said it would be in the recollection of hon. members that this matter—the free sale of colonial wine—had been before the House last Session, and he thought, from the remarks that fell on that occasion from the Attorney General—the only hon. gentleman on the Government bench who spoke on the subject—that the Government were in favor of the proposal. Since that time a memorial urging the expediency of rendering the sale of colonial wine free, under certain conditions, had been presented to the Government.

MR. MARMION moved as an amendment, "That it is inexpedient now to interfere with the existing state of the

"law as bearing upon the sale of colonial wine." He need not dilate on the subject, for he believed every hon. member had already made up his mind on the subject.

The amendment was then put, and carried, on the voices.

MESSAGE (NO. 9): COLONIAL MUSEUM IN LONDON.

IN COMMITTEE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy), in moving that the House should take into consideration His Excellency's Message relative to the formation of a Colonial Museum in London [p. 136, *ante*], referred hon. members to the papers on the subject which had already been laid on the Table. From these it would be seen that His Excellency had expressed himself favorably as regarded the proposal that this Colony should join in the proposed scheme for establishing a museum, and that he was prepared to ask the Legislature for a vote of £2000 for that purpose. It would be for the House to say whether it was prepared to vote this sum, or not; whatever decision the Council arrived at in the matter the Government would strictly adhere to. He would now move, "That an humble address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates the sum of £2000, to enable this Colony to join in the establishment of a Colonial Museum in London."

MR. S. H. PARKER (in the absence of Mr. Brown) moved the following amendment: "That, while acknowledging the advantages which this Colony might derive from the establishment of a Colonial Museum, this Council deems it undesirable at the present time to pledge the finances of the Colony to such an extent as would be requisite for the purpose."

The amendment was adopted.

SECRET BILLS OF SALE BILL.

This Bill was further considered in Committee, and several verbal amendments were made in it, without eliciting any discussion. The schedules and the preamble having been agreed to, the Bill

was reported. [*Vide* 'Votes and Proceedings,' p. 114.]

THIRD READING.

The Branding Consolidation Ordinance, 1854, Amendment Bill, 1879, was read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at ten minutes past two o'clock, p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 10th September, 1879.

Railway bridge at Fremantle—Duties of House Surgeon at Colonial Hospital—Registration system in the Registrar of Deeds' Office—Melbourne exhibition—Timber concessions to Mr. M. C. Davies—Lights on Fremantle jetty—Point of Order—Concessions to cultivators of tropical productions in the Northern Territory—Message (No. 9): consideration of—Message (No. 13): consideration of—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven p.m.

PRAYERS.

RAILWAY BRIDGE AT FREMANTLE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy) stated—in reply to the question asked by Mr. Crowther, on the 9th September, (p. 155, *ante*), relative to the use of square piles in the construction of the railway bridge at Fremantle—that the Commissioner of Railways informed him that the reason for the adoption of square in place of round timber was one which would be very difficult to explain to non-professional persons, except personally, with the aid of drawings. The Commissioner of Railways would be happy to afford any hon. member full information in the matter if he would call at his office.

DUTIES OF HOUSE SURGEON AT COLONIAL HOSPITAL.

MR. S. H. PARKER, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary whether there were any regulations and rules relative to the admission of patients into the Colonial Hospital, and defining the respective duties of the Colonial Surgeon and the Hospital House Surgeon; and, if so, to lay them on the Table of the House. Also what class or classes of patients were entitled to gratuitous medical attendance at the Hospital, and if the House Surgeon is entitled to demand fees from persons receiving medical attendance and medicines at the Hospital.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy) replied that he could lay on the Table a copy of the rules and regulations, which were at present in force, but he might inform the hon. member that they were now undergoing revision by the Government, which revision was expected to be completed in the course of a few days. With regard to the other part of the hon. member's question, all persons in the permanent service of the Government, together with their wives and families, were entitled to and received medicine and medical attendance at the Colonial Hospital. There was no regulation at present with respect to the charge of fees for attendance on, and medicines to, persons not entitled to them at the public expense.

REGISTRATION SYSTEM IN THE REGISTRAR OF DEEDS' OFFICE.

MR. S. H. PARKER, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary what steps (if any) were being taken to improve the registration system in the Registrar of Deeds' Office, for which a sum of £350 was placed on the Estimates for 1878?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. R. T. Goldsworthy), in reply, said that a new system of indexing memorials had been decided upon by the Government, and books for the purpose had been prepared at the Government Printing Office. A special clerk was employed on this duty, under the orders of the Registrar of Deeds.

MR. S. H. PARKER, in accordance with notice, thereupon moved: "That in