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

QUESTION—MINERS' PHTHISIS.

Hon. H. SEDDON (for Hon. C. G. Elliott) asked the Chief Secretary: What has been the yearly percentage of men found, on examination, to be suffering from (a) silicosis, early, (b) silicosis, advanced, (c) silicosis, plus tuberculosis, and (d) tuberculosis, since the inception of the Miners' Phthisis Act to the 30th December, 1933?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: (a) Silicosis, early—1925-26, 11.4 per cent.; 1927, 10.2 per cent.; 1928, 10.4 per cent.; 1929, 12.6 per cent.; 1930, 11.3 per cent.; 1931, 11.5 per cent.; 1932, 8.7 per cent.; 1933, 11.2 per cent. (b) Silicosis, advanced—1925-26, 4.5 per cent.; 1927, 2.5 per cent.; 1928, 2.8 per cent.; 1929, 3.6 per cent.; 1930, 2.0 per cent.; 1931, 1.8 per cent.; 1932, 1.2 per cent.; 1933, 1.8 per cent. (c) Silicosis, plus tuberculosis—1925-26, 3.3 per cent.; 1927, 3.4 per cent.; 1928, 1.2 per cent.; 1929, 1.6 per cent.; 1930, 3.3 per cent.; 1931, 1.9 per cent.; 1932, .4 per cent.; 1933, .4 per cent. (d) Tuberculosis—1925-26, .3 per cent.; 1927, .3 per cent.; 1928, .1 per cent.; 1929, .3 per cent.; 1930, 1.5 per cent.; 1931, .8 per cent.; 1932, .2 per cent.; 1933, .1 per cent.

ROYAL PREROGATIVE OF PARDON SELECT COMMITTEE.

Extension of Time.

On motion by Hon. H. Seddon, the time for bringing up the report of the select committee was extended to the 24th October.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [4.40]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 16th October.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.41 p.m.

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

QUESTION—RAILWAY PROJECT.

Maddington Subway.

Mr. SAMPSON asked the Minister for Railways: 1, Is he able to advise what will be the approximate cost of a railway subway at Maddington? 2, In view of the extreme danger encountered by users of the Albany road at the point where the railway junctions with the road, and the number of accidents that have occurred there, is it intended to provide a subway?

The MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS replied: 1, A subway at this crossing is almost impracticable. A concrete overhead bridge would cost approximately £26,000. 2, No.

PAPERS—MEEKATHARRA- HORSESHOE RAILWAY.

MR. LAMBERT (Yilgarn-Coolgardie) [4.33]: I move—

That all papers relating to the building of the railway from Meekatharra to Horseshoe, known as the Manganese Railway, be laid on the Table of the House.