

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

was not His Excellency's intention to take any steps in regard of altering the Tariff Act during the present session, except at the wish of the House, when a Bill in accordance with the resolution of the hon. member for Fremantle, affirmed by the House on Friday last, would be introduced.

Personal Explanation.

Mr. MONGER intimated that he had voted, on the previous day, under a misapprehension, with the "Noes," when his intention was to vote with the "Ayes."

The SPEAKER requested the Colonial Secretary to communicate Mr. Monger's explanation to His Excellency.

LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY BILL.

Second Reading.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

In Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. STEERE moved to strike out all words after the word "same" in the sixth line.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved to strike out the words "and Master in Bankruptcy" in the third line.

Amendment agreed to.

The Bill was further amended by the ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) by inserting the words "or sums" after the word "sum" in the eighth line and by inserting the words "in the aggregate" after the word "exceeding" in the same line.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

SHIPPING AND PILOTAGE CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

Second Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

In Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

New clause—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the following words stand as a new clause:—

It shall be lawful for the Harbor Master of any Port or Harbor to order the master of any ship or vessel within such Harbor to shift the berth of such ship or vessel to any part of such Port or Harbor other than where such ship or vessel may be lying at the time of the making of such order; the master of any ship or vessel who shall neglect or refuse on receiving any such order to comply therewith with all convenient speed shall forfeit and pay such fine or penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds as may be determined in a summary manner by any two Justices.

New clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved to strike out the words "alone or with others" in the sixth line, and insert the words "accompanied by such persons as may be appointed for that purpose by the Governor"; to insert after the word "master" in the 12th line the words "and the persons accompanying him as aforesaid or the majority of them"; and after the word "harbor" in the 15th line to strike out the word "he" and insert the words "the said Harbor Master" in lieu.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved to strike out the word "thirty" at the end of the clause and insert the word "fifty" in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. MARMION moved to insert after the word "Master" in the first line the words "As being of an unsafe or dangerous nature."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved to strike out subclauses 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8.

Amendment agreed to.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved in subclause 9, to leave out all the rest of the clause after the word "Master," in the seventh line, and to insert the following in lieu thereof:—"in any port or district then such words shall include the Resident Magistrate or Police Magistrate for such port or district and in case of the absence of such Resident or Police Magistrate any two Justices of the Peace of the Colony."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

RELIGIOUS BODIES (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) 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 and passed.

TRESPASS ACT, 1872, AMENDMENT BILL.

Motion for Second Reading.

Mr. CAREY moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. STEERE moved, as an amendment, that the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Debate ensued.

Mr. CAREY moved that the debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 2.10 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 25th July, 1873.

Subdivision of Road Districts Bill: reprinting—Paper Tabled—Estimates: in committee—Railway from Fremantle to Guildford—Cart Licensing Bill: recommittal—Increase of Members in Legislative Council Bill: third reading—Law and Parliamentary Library Bill: third reading—Trespass Act Amendment Bill: motion for second reading.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

SUBDIVISION OF ROAD DISTRICTS BILL.

Reprinting.

Mr. STEERE, with leave, without notice, moved that the Bill be reprinted and the further consideration of the Bill in Committee be made an order of the day for Monday, 28th July.

Question put and passed.

PAPER TABLED.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid on the table a copy of the Imperial Act 36 Vic., Chap. 22, "An Act to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Australian Colonies."

ESTIMATES.

In Committee.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee): Mr. Chairman, during former sessions of the Council it has been my practice, at an earlier stage of the session, to make a financial statement with regard to financial and other matters connected with the colony, in order that hon. members might have an opportunity of hearing the opinion and intention of the Government in regard to such measures as it was proposed to introduce for the consideration of the Council during the session, so as to put the House *au fait* as to the course which the Government intended to adopt, and to enable hon. members subsequently to consider the various measures with some knowledge of the course entertained with regard to them by the Government. But during the present session, for various reasons—partly, my return to the colony only a few days before the assembling of the Council, and, consequently, my inability to render myself thoroughly acquainted with the several measures to be brought forward by the Government during the session,—this course has been deviated from, and it has been deemed advisable to submit for the affirmation of the House, one by one, the several items of extra expenditure in connection with the Public Service that it has been thought desirable to incur; and we have already discussed and decided such questions as a railway for the northern district, the pursuance of sericulture as an industry, gold prospecting and the importation of machinery for boring and for quartz crushing; we have also decided on measures for the development and protection of our pearl shell fishery, and other measures connected with the regulation of the