

enable the extensive coal deposits in that locality to be vigorously worked.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

4. I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the Public Service, which includes a large expenditure for Public Works usually constructed by loan moneys. The financial condition of the colony is thoroughly satisfactory. The Revenue continues to increase, and the prospects for the future are bright and promising.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

3. The goldfields of the colony continue to command great attention. Foreign capital is being largely invested in them, and an immense development may be reasonably anticipated. The railway to Coolgardie will soon be open for traffic, and its extension to Kalgoorlie, which you have approved, has already become a pressing necessity.

6. The agricultural and pastoral interest have been stimulated by a good season, as well as by the prospect of better prices.

7. I now prorogue this Parliament till Tuesday, the 21st day of April.

The session then closed.

Legislative Assembly.

Saturday, 12th October, 1895.

Alleged Delay in forwarding Bills to Legislative Council—Prorogation and Assent to Bills.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 12.30 o'clock, noon.

PRAYERS.

ALLEGED DELAY IN FORWARDING BILLS TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest): Mr. Speaker—Sir,—I should like to refer to a statement that has been made in the Legislative Council to the effect that this House has desired to hurry them in completing the public business. I altogether repudiate

the idea that we in this House desire to hurry the other branch of the Legislature through their work. As soon as Bills are passed in this House, they are sent to the Legislative Council, and it is for hon. members in that House to deal with them as they consider best; and, whatever time they may take in doing so, I do not know that we in this House have any right, or have in any way attempted, to interfere with them. An idea seems to have gone forth, and has been expressed by some members in the Legislative Council, that the Government are to blame, or this House is 'in some way blameable, for hurrying the members of the other House through their work. On the contrary, it seems to me that those hon. members have the matter in their own hands, and can take as long as they like in dealing with Bills that are sent up from this House. Having made these remarks, I need not say more on that point; but I would like to make an observation in regard to what was said last evening, in this House, by my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition, which was to the effect that, notwithstanding any differences that may have arisen during the session, we part good friends. I am sure I am speaking not only for myself and other members of the Government, but for other members of the House, when I say we are too much men of the world to carry outside of this Chamber any observations that may have annoyed us during a debate; and, if we feel annoyed for a few hours even, certainly the annoyance will not continue for long after the debate is over. I can assure the hon. member, and other hon. members on that side, that anything of an unpleasant nature which may have been said during the session, by them or by us, we have already put aside and forgotten, and we shall part now the best of friends. If, in the next coming session, we happen to have some little troubles and some personal sparring occasionally, as I dare say we may, I can assure hon. members that such incidents, as far as we are concerned, will not interfere with our personal friendship.

PROROGATION.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:—"His Excellency the Administrator desires the immediate attendance of members of the Legislative Assembly, in the Chamber of the Legislative Council."

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with members of the House, went to attend His Excellency the Administrator, when His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills :—

26. "An Act to supply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and from Money to Credit of Loan Accounts to the Services of the Year ending the last day of June, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament."

27. "An Act to amend the Education Acts, 1871-1894, and to provide for the payment of Compensation to the Managers of Assisted Schools on the cessation of the Grant-in-Aid from Public Funds."

28. "An Act to extend the provisions of the Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the conveyance and transfer of Real and Personal Property vested in Trustees and Mortgages."

29. "An Act to amend 'The Building Act, 1884.'"

30. "An Act for the Management of Parks and Reserves vested in the Crown."

31. "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections."

32. "An Act to authorise the Construction of a railway from Donnybrook to Bridgetown."

33. "An Act to authorise the Construction of a Railway from the South-Western Railway to the Collie Coalfields."

34. "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Diseases in Stock."

35. "An Act to further amend 'The Public Health Act, 1886,' and to extend the powers of Local Boards of Health and for other purposes."

36. "An Act to provide for the better Prevention of Fires caused by Sparks and Cinders from Locomotive Engines, and to facilitate the recovery of damages in such cases."

37. "An Act to provide for the regulation and the inspection of Mines and Collieries."

38. "An Act to regulate the Importation, Carriage, Storage, Manufacture and Sale of Explosives."

39. "An Act to regulate the Width of Tires to be used on Certain Vehicles, and for other purposes."

40. "An Act to make better provision for the Regulation of Gold Mining and Management of the Goldfields of the colony,"

41. An Act for codifying the Law relating to the Sale of Goods."

"An Act to empower the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in Western Australia, and his successors in office, to lease, and raise money by way of mortgage on, Church lands and to sell certain of such lands in certain cases."

"An Act to adapt and assimilate the existing Trusts of Wesleyan Methodist Church Properties to the present Constitution of such Church in Western Australia, and for other collateral purposes."

His Excellency then delivered the Speech proroguing Parliament (*vide* pages 1352 and 1353, *ante*).

The session then closed.