

useful measures set forth in paragraph 6 of the Speech. Provision is made for a further extension of the Fremantle harbor works. The colony is, I know, bound to the scheme, although I have been of opinion that we cannot afford it. An evidence that the former estimates were not correct is shown by the fact that it is now proposed to extend the mole one thousand feet further. As regards the railways, I shall be prepared to support those lines which show a probability of being reproductive within a reasonable period. The survey of the coast and the construction of lighthouses will, I think, meet with the approval of hon. members. I would point out, however, that if we include the water scheme we shall involve ourselves in a further loan of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  millions of money. We owe at present  $4\frac{1}{2}$  millions, and with a population of only about 130,000 souls I do not think the colony is in a position to raise further money to the extent suggested. Apart from this, there is the labor difficulty. At the present time many works cannot be carried on for the want of the necessary labor.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. E. H. Wittenoom): More people will come here.

THE HON. S. J. HAYNES: However, I shall support all the reasonable measures that I can, and if the Government are going to incur this expenditure I trust no mistake will be made. At the same time, I reiterate that the proposals are too great for our present population and our present position.

THE HON. F. D. CROWDER moved that the debate be adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Question put and passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 5.30 o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, July 14th, at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

## Legislative Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 1896.

*Sessional Orders; Business days and hours — Precedence of Government Business—Sessional Committees—Message recommending appropriations of Revenue re Bills (2)—Address-in-Reply; adjournment of the debate—Next Sitting of the House—Adjournment.*

The Speaker took the chair at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

#### PRAYERS.

#### SESSIONAL ORDERS—BUSINESS DAYS AND HOURS

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest), in accordance with notice, moved—"That the House, unless otherwise ordered, shall meet for the despatch of business on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, at 4.30 p.m., and shall sit until 6.30 p.m., if necessary; and, if requisite, from 7.30 p.m. onwards. He said this was the rule adopted last year, and it had worked very well. Some hon. members might consider the time very short for the work which had to be done, and he did not know whether those hon. members wished to have sittings on four days per week instead of three. So far as the Government were concerned, either plan would suit.

Motion put and passed.

#### PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir John Forrest), in accordance with notice, moved—"That, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Government business shall take precedence of all motions and orders of the day."

Agreed to.

#### SESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) in accordance with notice, moved—"That the Standing Orders Committee for the present session shall consist of the following members, viz., Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burt, and the Chairman of Com-

mittees; with leave to sit during any adjournment, and with authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council."

Agreed to.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest), in accordance with notice, moved—"That the Library Committee for the present session shall consist of the following members, viz., Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burt, and Mr. Harper; with leave to sit during any adjournment, and during the recess, and with authority to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council."

Agreed to.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir John Forrest), in accordance with notice, moved—"That the Printing Committee for the present session shall consist of the following members, viz., Mr. Speaker, Mr. Piesse, and the Chairman of Committees; to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the printing executed by order of the House, and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for printing returns and papers presented in pursuance of motions made by members, and all papers laid upon the table, whether in answer to addresses or otherwise."

Agreed to.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir John Forrest), in accordance with notice, moved—"That the Refreshment Rooms Committee for the present session shall consist of the following members, viz., Mr. Speaker, Mr. B. C. Wood, Mr. R. F. Sholl, and Mr. Monger; with leave to sit during any adjournment and during the recess."

Agreed to.

#### MESSAGE RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE *ER* BILLS (2).

The following message from his Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Premier to Mr. Speaker, and read to the House:—

GERARD SMITH,  
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 67 of "The Constitution Act 1889," the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an appropriation be made out of the Consolidated

Revenue Fund, for the purpose of the following Bills, intituled:—

- (1.) An Act to amend the Agricultural Bank Act 1894.
- (2.) An Act to make provision for the purchase of Lands suitable for immediate Settlement, and for facilitating the better settlement of the People on the land.

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Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing message be made an order of the day for the next sittings of the House.

#### ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.

##### ADJOURNMENT OF THE DEBATE.

MR. ILLINGWORTH (in accordance with the understanding made on the previous day) moved, formally, that the debate on the Address-in-Reply be adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Agreed to.

##### NEXT SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) moved—"That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next."

Agreed to.

##### ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 4.45 o'clock p.m. until the next Tuesday.