

Other items in the schedule (not mentioned separately in the discussion) also agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, put and passed.

Preamble and title—agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 9-53, p.m., until next day.

Legislative Council.

Wednesday, 30th September, 1896.

Perth Water Supply: use of water for street purposes—Leave of absence to member—Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill: second reading; adjourned debate—Western Australian Bank Incorporation Bill: second reading; in committee—Transfer of Land Act, 1893, Amendment Bill: Legislative Assembly's amendments—Supply Bill (No. 2): first reading—Metropolitan Waterworks Bill: first reading—Exportation of guano: prohibition of; message from the Legislative Assembly—Agricultural Lands Purchase Bill: Legislative Council's suggestions—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 4-30 o'clock, p.m.

PERTH WATER SUPPLY—USE OF WATER FOR STREET PURPOSES.

THE HON. F. T. CROWDER: I have to move, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once notify the Perth City Council that after the 10th of October, and until further notice, they must cease using water from the mains for street-watering purposes." In moving this motion, I ask hon. members not only to vote for it unanimously, but to speak as to the serious position the inhabitants of Perth are in in regard to water supply. I am afraid that the Government do not grasp the position. Most of us are aware that, during last summer, there was not a sufficient supply of water flowing through the mains for

domestic purposes. It was not that there was an insufficiency of water at the reservoir, because there was ample to last for three years, even if no rain fell. The trouble arose through the main pipe leading from the reservoir being too small, and, although it was open day and night, sufficient water could not pass to supply the inhabitants of Perth. Since then, the population has increased by leaps and bounds, and pipes have been laid through dozens of streets, but yet the facilities for bringing in the water have not been increased. It is true that the Government have lately purchased the interests of the Waterworks Company, but whatever is done by the Board which will be appointed, it will be impossible to get a fresh main laid before the end of the summer, even allowing that the pipes are cabled for at once. Last year, notwithstanding that there was little water running through the taps, the citizens had the pleasure of seeing half-a-dozen water-carts at a time drawn up opposite their residences and the water being taken for use on the streets. Before the summer has started we find barely any water running through the mains, and there is the outlook of a serious water famine. In asking the Council to support my motion, I may point out that it will throw no hardships on the Municipal Council. Before the water from the mains was used for the streets it was obtained by means of water-lifts in various parts of the city. These lifts are still available and can be placed in working order in the course of a few days. Even the non-use of water for the streets will not enable all the inhabitants to be supplied, but still it must make some improvement. I beg to move that the motion be agreed to.

Question put and passed.

Motion agreed to.

Ordered that the resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly and their concurrence desired.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. E. H. Wittenoom): I move—"That leave of absence be granted to the Hon. S. J. Haynes for one fortnight, on account of urgent private business."

Question put and passed.

BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING—ADJOURNED

DEBATE.

THE HON. S. H. PARKER: I regret to say that I have not yet had time to look into this Bill, but as amendments will be made in committee, I shall offer no objection to the second reading.

THE HON. F. M. STONE: I move that the debate be adjourned to this day week.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. E. H. Wittenoom): I would point out that we are getting towards the end of the session, and it is desirable that we should get on with the work. I move, as an amendment, that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Amendment put and passed.

Debate adjourned accordingly.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BANK INCORPORATION BILL.

SECOND READING.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. E. H. Wittenoom): Very few words will suffice to introduce this Bill. Hon. members are aware that there is an institution known as the Western Australian Bank, an institution to which, I believe, the colony owes a great deal of its prosperity. Some 21 years ago an Act was passed to enable this institution to carry on its business, and the term provided by it will expire in a few months. It is therefore proposed to pass this Bill to enable the corporation concerned to carry on its business for some considerable time in the future. The Bill contains the ordinary provisions to enable the bank to carry on its business, and the usual safeguards are provided. I now move that the Bill be read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Bill was then considered in committee, agreed to without amendment, reported, and the report adopted.

TRANSFER OF LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY'S AMENDMENTS.

THE HON. F. M. STONE: I move, "That the amendments as contained in

"Message 31 (*vide* p. 776, *ante*), made by "the Legislative Assembly to this Bill "be agreed to."

Question put and passed.

Amendments agreed to.

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2).

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly and was read a first time.

METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS BILL.

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly and was read a first time.

EXPORTATION OF GUANO—
PROHIBITION OF.MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY.

"Message No. 34.

"*Mr. President,*

"The Legislative Assembly acquaints "the Legislative Council, in reply to the "Legislative Council's Message No. 24, "that it has agreed to the Resolution "contained therein, subject to the following amendment, viz., to add, after the "word 'Colony,' the words 'without the "consent of Parliament;'" in which amendment the Legislative Assembly desires "the concurrence of the Legislative "Council.

"JAS. G. LEE STEERE,

"Speaker.

"Legislative Assembly Chamber, Perth, "29th September, 1896.

"*Resolution passed by the Legislative "Council.*

"That in the interest of land settlement "and agriculture generally, this Council "is of opinion that no further leases or "concessions be granted to any company "or individual, with the idea of exporting "guano from any islands within the "jurisdiction of the Colony."

AGRICULTURAL LANDS PURCHASE
BILL.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S SUGGESTIONS.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Sheuton) reported the receipt of the

following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

"Message No. 33.

"Mr. President,

"The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council, in reply to the Legislative Council's Message No. 23, that no reasons were given for disagreeing to the Legislative Council's suggestion No. 2 with regard to the Agricultural Lands Purchase Bill, because there is no Standing Order requiring such reasons to be given.

"JAS. G. LEE STEERE,
"Speaker.

"29th September, 1896."

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 5.25 o'clock, p.m., adjourned to Thursday, 1st October, at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Wednesday, 30th September, 1896.

Width of Tires Act Amendment Bill: first reading—
Motion: Harbour Improvements at the Gascoyne—
Supply (Revenue and Loans) Bill: Message, and
Suspension of Standing Orders: Bill passed through
all stages—Metropolitan Waterworks Bill: third
reading—Judges' Pensions Bill (No. 2): second
reading: in committee—Registration of Firms Bill:
second reading: in committee—Waterworks Bill:
second reading: in committee—Annual Estimates:
further considered in committee: Railways and
Works, general Statement—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

WIDTH OF TIRES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Introduced by MR. HARPER, and read a first time.

MOTION—HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GASCOYNE.

MR. R. F. SHOLL, in accordance with notice, moved—"That all reports and documents in the possession of the Government, relating to the proposed harbour improvements at the Gascoyne, be laid upon the table of the House." He said it would be in the recollection of some hon. members that, in the Estimates for the previous year, a sum of money was voted to provide shipping facilities for the port of Carnarvon, or for harbour accommodation in the vicinity; but, as far as he could gather, practically nothing had been done up to the present. This instance of money being voted but not expended was not peculiar, in the case of this constituency. He had noticed that in other parts of the colony, and especially in the Southern parts, when money was voted for public works, it was expended and the works were hurried on; but in the case of the Gascoyne district, unfortunately, when money was voted for public works, something was always found to stop its expenditure. His object in moving this motion was to obtain all information in the shape of reports or other documents that could be produced bearing on the matter, so as to show what had been done, if anything.

Question put and passed.

SUPPLY (REVENUE AND LOANS) BILL.

MESSAGE, AND SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

In accordance with a Message from His Excellency the Governor, recommending an appropriation to be made for the purpose of a Bill intituled "An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and from moneys to credit of Loan Accounts, the sum of £350,000 for the service of the year ending 30th June, 1897," the PREMIER moved, and it was agreed, that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to permit of the passing of a Supply Bill through all stages.

Resolutions in Committee of Supply and of Ways and Means having been passed, a Supply Bill in accordance therewith was brought in, providing for the expenditure of £250,000 out of Consolidated Revenue and £100,000 out of Loan funds.