

your rulings, and I do not desire it to be understood that I will be found wanting at any time in assisting you to carry out your duties. I am very grateful for the statement you have made.

House adjourned at 11-55 p.m.

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Tuesday, 30th August, 1910.

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

OBITUARY—HON. G. THROSSELL.

The PREMIER (Sir Newton J. Moore): It was only a few weeks ago that from my place in the House I moved that a message of condolence be forwarded to the relatives of a late member of the House and an ex-Minister. To-day it is my sad duty to ask hon. members to similarly extend to the relatives of one who, for many years, was a prominent member of this branch of the Legislature and who was also an ex-Premier, an expression of regret and sympathy on the death of the head of their family, the Hon. George Throssell, C.M.G. Mr. Throssell, who has been for so many years a leading figure in the public life of this State was born in Fermoy, Ireland. He arrived in the State some 62 years ago, at the age of eight years. He established himself in the town of Northam at the early age of 21 years, and immediately took an active part in all public matters in connection with the advancement of that district. At that time educational facilities were practically non-existent, and the first public work Mr. Throssell undertook was the establishment of a public library. Soon afterwards he became the prime mover

in securing a State school for the district, and later on he took an active part in having Northam declared a municipality. He became its first mayor, and for nine years occupied the chief magisterial position in that important municipality. On the introduction of Responsible Government in 1890, he was returned unopposed as member for the district, and represented that constituency until 1904, when he retired owing to ill-health. He was Minister for Lands from 1897 to 1901. During that period he initiated a progressive land development policy, and has left on our statute-book evidence of his work in that direction. On the retirement of Sir John Forrest he became Premier and Treasurer for a short time. His health having improved in 1907 he secured a seat in the Legislative Council, of which Chamber he was a member up to the time of his death. To-morrow it will be our sad privilege to pay the last honours to one whose name will ever be remembered as having been associated with Western Australia during some of the most momentous periods of its history, and whose services, distinguished as they were by patriotism and loyalty, will live long in the memory of his fellow citizens. I beg to move—

That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the public services rendered to the State by the Hon. George Throssell, and to express its deepest sympathy with his family in the irreparable loss which they have sustained by his decease. That Mr. Speaker be requested to forward the foregoing resolution to the relatives of the deceased gentleman.

Mr. SCADDAN (Ivanhoe): On behalf of the members on this side of the House I desire to second the motion. I desire, also, that our regret, too, may be extended to the relatives of the Hon. George Throssell in the great loss they have sustained. I may briefly say that although members on this side of the House have frequently held political views in opposition to those of the late Mr. Throssell, still we have always recognised that he was genuine and earnest in his views and that his one object in political life was

the general advancement of the State. We regret very much that the State has lost another of its pioneers. On behalf of the members on this side of the House I desire, with great regret, to second the motion.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. J. Mitchell): I, too, would like to say a word in respect to this motion. I agree with the remarks made by the Premier. Probably I knew the late Hon. George Throssell more intimately than anyone else in the House, and for the last 20 years I have been closely associated with him in Northam. Northam, it might be said, largely owes its existence to Mr. Throssell. He did very much to develop the town in which he lived, and he did much as a private citizen to help forward the district at large. There are many people who will long remember him as the man who gave them their start in life. It has been truly said by Emerson—

If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better basket than his neighbour, though he build his house in the wood, the world will make a beaten path to his door.

I think I may say that Mr. Throssell's relatives will have the satisfaction of knowing that a well-beaten path was made to his door.

Question passed; members standing.

The PREMIER: With the object of giving members an opportunity of paying the last sad tribute of respect to our departed Parliamentary colleague, I beg to move—

That, the House at its rising adjourn to Thursday next at 4.30 p.m.

A special train will leave Perth at 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning to allow hon. members an opportunity of attending the funeral. It will return from Northam at six o'clock in the evening, arriving at nine o'clock.

Mr. SCADDAN: I second the motion. Question passed.

House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

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ADDRESS-IN-REPLY—PRESENTATION.

Mr. SPEAKER reported that he had received the following reply from His Excellency the Governor:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.—

I thank you for your Address-in-Reply to the Speech with which I opened Parliament, and for your assurance of continued loyalty and devotion to the Person and Throne of our Most Gracious Sovereign King George the Fifth.

I am confident that the careful consideration you will give to all matters that may be submitted to you will result in the permanent advancement and prosperity of Western Australia.

G. Strickland.

Governor.

26th August, 1910.

PRIVILEGE—SUMMONSES SERVED ON MEMBERS.

Report of Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER: As chairman I present the report of the Standing Orders Committee on the breach of privilege committed by the service of summonses on members of Parliament within the precincts of the House. It is as follows:—

The committee after examining and taking the evidence of the constables