

Foreword

On 23 May 1870, Governor Weld introduced a Bill into the Legislative Council of Western Australia to establish Representative Government; the Bill was passed on 1 June, and Governor Weld immediately gave his assent in Her Majesty's name. The Bill provided for a Council of 18 members, of whom 12 were to be elected, three to be nominated by the Governor, and three to be official members—the Colonial Secretary, the Surveyor General and the Attorney General. Writs were issued on 18 July 1870. There were 10 electoral districts, with Perth and Fremantle being entitled to two representatives each. The elections were held in October and November, and the new Council, the first Legislative Council under Representative Government in Western Australia, met for the first time on 5 December 1870.

For the next six years, the Legislative Council met without the services of a Hansard staff, relying instead on detailed reports of proceedings published in *The Inquirer and Commercial News*, the *Perth Gazette and W.A. Times*, and *The Herald* newspapers; and also on the official *Votes and Proceedings* of the Legislative Council.

In November 1970, at the suggestion of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society, the late Mr. James A. Cox, then Deputy Chief Hansard Reporter, agreed to undertake the task of preparing a record of parliamentary debates for the period 1870 to 1875-76.

This volume owes its existence to the labours of many people, but in particular, tribute is paid to the late Mr. James A. Cox, Chief Hansard Reporter from 1971 to 1981, who initiated the project and collated most of the original material, and to Mr. C. R. Hall, Deputy Chief Hansard Reporter, who completed the project on Mr. Cox's retirement. The invaluable assistance of the Battye Library of Western Australia is gratefully acknowledged.

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His Excellency **FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD**

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Colonial Secretary	The Hon. F. P. BARLEE
Comptroller General of Convicts	The Hon. H. WAKEFORD
Surveyor General, &c.	The Hon. M. FRASER
Attorney General	The Hon. R. J. WALCOTT
Collector of Revenue	The Hon. A. O'G. LEFROY

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SPEAKER:

Mr. LUKE SAMUEL LEAKE.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Mr JULIEN GEORGE CHARLES CARR.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS:

Colonial Secretary	The Hon. F. P. BARLEE
Attorney General	The Hon. R. J. WALCOTT
Commissioner of Crown Lands (and Surveyor General)	The Hon. M. FRASER

NOMINEE MEMBERS:

Brown, Mr. Maitland	Phillips, Mr. Samuel Pole
Marmion, Mr. William Edward	

ELECTED MEMBERS:

Bussell, Mr. John Garrett, Vasse	McKail, Mr. John, Albany
Carr, Mr. Julien George Charles, Perth	Monger, Mr. John Henry, York
Drummond, Mr. James, Toodyay	Moore, Mr. William Dalgetty, Fremantle
Gull, Mr. Thomas Courthope, Swan	Newman, Mr. Edward, Fremantle
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