

garrison in the event of any scare occurring, such as happened a few years ago. I do not think the expenses will be large, and although we cannot say at present what the sum is likely to be, Parliament will have full control of it. The proposed regulations and scale of payments will be laid on the table of the House before a vote is asked for. It is necessary to have this Bill in order that the men who are about to arrive from South Australia to garrison the forts at Albany shall come under this Act, and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commandant of Western Australia.

MR. R. F. SHOLL: It is to be regretted that a Bill like this should be brought down at the end of the session, and it would serve the Government right if some one moved that the Bill be read this day six months. To expect members to deal with a Bill of this description after twelve o'clock at night is unreasonable.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest): The main object the Government have in view is altogether in the interests of the colony: in order that the Federal force that is coming to this colony shall not be under some other jurisdiction while here, but shall be under the control of this colony. That is the only object we have in desiring to pass the Bill at this moment.

MR. DEHAMEL: I can find only one mistake in this Bill, and that is a clerical error in clause 27, where a word that is necessary to the sense has been left out.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Bill passed through committee without amendment; and, the Standing Orders having been suspended, it was read a third time, and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 12-20, midnight.

Legislative Council,

Thursday, 12th January, 1893.

Lunatic Asylum: Report for 1891—Gateways at Railway Crossings—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. G. Shenton) took the chair at 8 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

LUNATIC ASYLUM—REPORT FOR 1891.

THE HON. R. W. HARDEY asked whether any Official Report had been made on the Lunatic Asylum for the year 1891; and, if so, whether it is the intention of the Government to lay such Report before Parliament?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): Yes, a report for 1891 was made, and I now lay it on the table. I may add that through some inadvertence the report had not been printed. It will now, however, be placed in the hands of the Government Printer, and be bound up with the Votes and Proceedings.

GATEWAYS AT RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

THE HON. R. W. HARDEY moved: "That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all permanent gateways crossing over railways shall not be less than eleven feet in width; and shall always be provided with swing gates instead of slip rails." He said: This matter has been brought to my notice by the Government fencing on the Eastern railway, and leaving openings of only 10ft. wide, and to my mind that is not a sufficient width. The timber whims which go over these crossings are 9ft. in width, and this leaves only a space of 6in. on either side. If they were 11ft. wide there would be 1ft. on either side. I do not know whether the Government has power to fence across a surveyed road, as they have done, with a permanent wire fence. Another matter that wants attention is that there should be swing gates instead of slip rails, which, at one particular crossing I refer to, are very heavy. Every time a person goes there with a horse and cart he has to pull them down and put them up again. The Government have plenty of gates which have been taken down between Perth and Fremantle, and these could easily be used for

such crossing as that to which I refer. I hope hon. members will support the motion, which, I can assure them, is absolutely necessary.

THE HON. J. G. H. AMHERST: I have much pleasure in seconding this motion, and in doing so I may say that I hope the Government will take into consideration the difficulties we labor under in the Greenmount district, to which the hon. member refers. I know one place which I have to go through at least six times a day, and I have to take down heavy slip rails. When the deviation is made, these roads will be more used, and we should, therefore, deal with the matter at once. As to the fencing across declared roads, I know any private person who wishes to do this has to apply to the Roads Board of the district; but I do not know whether the Commissioner of Railways has power, under the Railway Act, to fence across these roads without obtaining such permission.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): I am sorry that I am not in a position to make any promise on this subject, for I have not been able to confer with my colleague the Commissioner of Railways; but I may say that I fully agree with the remarks of the two hon. gentlemen who have just spoken. I think that when the Railway Department fence across a road they should put up proper gates for the accommodation of the public, and I do not think it should be expected that teamsters and others should be compelled to pull down two sets of rails. I hope the Commissioner of Railways will fall in with the views of hon. members. I can assure them that I shall press the matter upon him all I can.

Question—put and passed.

The sitting of the Council was suspended until 9 o'clock.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 9 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Friday, 13th January, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Thursday, 12th January, 1893.

Erection of another Mill within the Perth Water Supply Area—Estimates, 1893; further considered in committee—Appropriation Bill, 1893: first reading—Midland Railway Loan Bill: first reading; second reading; in committee; third reading—Vacancy in the representation of East Kimberley—Loan Estimates, 1893—Bonus for early completion of Yilgarn Railway—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 4 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

ERECTION OF ANOTHER MILL WITHIN THE PERTH WATER SUPPLY AREA.

MR. TRAYLEN: I beg to ask the Premier the question standing in my name,—Whether he is aware that the Canning Jarrah Timber Company is about to erect another Mill on Munday's Brook, in the Perth Water Supply Area; and whether the Government will take steps to prevent such further contamination of the water supplied to the inhabitants of Perth?

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest): I am not aware that another mill is about to be erected, and, even if I was aware, I do not see what steps the Government could take to prevent it, without some legislation on the subject. The Government is not so powerful as to be able to interfere with people dealing with their fee simple land. Of course the Government are very desirous that the water supplied to the people of Perth should not be contaminated; but the matter is entirely in the hands of the City Council, and I think they should take some steps to protect the lives and the health of the citizens. The Government have always been anxious to assist the Municipality in this matter, but I do not think the City Council can throw all the onus upon the Government in a matter which is certainly the Council's own business.

ESTIMATES, 1893.

The Estimates of Expenditure for the half-year ending 30th June, 1893, were further considered in committee.

Works and Buildings, £71,482:

MR. SIMPSON said he would like some reason given for increasing the salary of the Under Secretary for Railways and Works from £400 to £450.