

present Bill, the provisions of which could only be availed of by the public under professional advice. The object of the Bill was to enable the Supreme Court to authorise a tenant for life to make a sale, or grant a lease for twenty-one years at a rack rent.

Bill read a second time, and passed through committee without discussion or amendment.

The House adjourned at 9 o'clock, p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Wednesday, 8th August, 1877.*

Vesting certain powers in Officers of Customs Bill: first reading—Elementary Education Act, 1871, Amendment Bill, 1877: first reading—Paper—Third Readings—Scab in Sheep Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1877: second reading; in committee.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 7 p.m.

PRAYERS.

### VESTING CERTAIN POWERS IN OFFICERS OF CUSTOMS BILL.

This Bill was brought in and read a first time.

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT, 1871, AMENDMENT BILL, 1877.

Read a first time.

#### PAPER.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) laid on the Table a Report from the Inspector of Schools having reference to the working of the Education Act.

#### THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872, Amendment Bill, 1877; Sale and Leasing of Settled Estates Bill.

### SCAB IN SHEEP ORDINANCE, 1866, AMENDMENT BILL, 1877.

MR. STEERE moved the second reading of this Bill, without comment.

Motion agreed to, and the Bill committed, and reported to the House, without discussion.

The House adjourned at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Thursday, 9th August, 1877.*

Abscinding Debtors' Act, Repeal Bill: first reading—Estimates: in committee.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

### ABSCINDING DEBTORS' ACT REPEAL BILL.

MR. BURT, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act intituled "An Act to facilitate the arrest of Abscinding Debtors."

Leave given; bill brought in, and read first time.

#### ESTIMATES.

The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Estimates in committee of the whole Council being read,

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

MR. BROWN moved, as an amendment, "That this House will resolve itself into the said committee when the Government are prepared to authorise the commencement of the Railway to connect the Eastern Districts with the port of Fremantle." The hon. member said the House was aware that pressure had been brought to bear upon the