

He did not know who was responsible for looking after this matter, but it seemed to him that the receipts ought to be more than they were, or the expenditure ought to be correspondingly less.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. H. W. Venn) said the Government intended bringing in a Bill to regulate this question of the Fremantle water service. The extra expenditure had been caused mainly by the cost of a high pressure engine and the erection of new pumps. At present, undoubtedly, these works were not returning what they ought to do. The Government were placed to no end of expenditure in connection with them, and the profits were in no way commensurate with the outlay. They had no power at present to levy a rate, but it was intended, he believed, to bring in a Bill dealing with the subject, and placing the Government in a better position; and he hoped that next year he should be able to give a better account of this service. He had hoped that the municipality would have taken it over, and paid for it.

Item passed.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble and title:

Agreed to.

Bill reported.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at seven minutes past 10 o'clock p.m.

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## Legislative Council,

*Tuesday, 1st August, 1893.*

New Member—Scab in the Swan District—Assent to Bills—Destructive Birds and Animals Bill: third reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

#### NEW MEMBER.

The Hon. JOHN F. T. HASSELL, having been introduced, took and subscribed

the oath of allegiance as required by the twenty-second section of "The Constitution Act, 1889."

#### SCAB IN THE SWAN DISTRICT.

THE HON. J. MORRISON: I beg to ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, without notice, if it be true that scab has broken out in the Swan district, and if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to eradicate it?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): I have no objection to answering the hon. member without notice. I regret to say that it is quite true that scab has broken out in the Swan district. It was reported on Saturday at the Colonial Secretary's Office by Messrs. Dempster Brothers, that they believed scab to be existing in a flock of theirs, which was depasturing about eighteen miles from Guildford. I believe the stock is located at a farm known as Warren's, which is situate about eight miles from the Upper Swan bridge. In consequence of the report, the services of Mr. Mortimer New were engaged, and he proceeded to inspect the flock, and reported that scab did exist. The Government then appointed Mr. New an assistant inspector of stock, with instructions to place the sheep in quarantine. For the information of the hon. member I may, perhaps, read the instructions I gave to Mr. New. They were as follows:—"I shall be glad if you will at once place Mr. C. E. Dempster's infected sheep in strict quarantine, and then proceed to track up and examine all sheep which have been in contact with the infected sheep during the last six months. I understand that Mr. Dempster's sheep travelled up from Rockingham recently, through Fremantle, Perth, and Guildford, and probably some of the butchers' and other flocks now depasturing on the lands they passed over have become infected. It will be necessary, therefore, it seems to me, to examine all sheep in the vicinity and the route of Mr. Dempster's sheep. I am also informed that Mr. Andrew Dempster recently travelled sheep from Rockingham to his place near Spencer's Brook, and these probably are also infected. I think it highly important that all Mr. Andrew Dempster's sheep and runs should be inspected without delay, as a spread of scab in the Avon district would be most

disastrous, and perhaps it would be well to make this inspection as soon as Mr. C. E. Dempster's flock is properly quarantined. With these general instructions I leave you to act as you may think advisable. Mr. Craig, the Chief Inspector, will be here next week, when all necessary arrangements as to dipping can be made." I do not pretend to be an expert in the matter of infected sheep, but I have no doubt that in Mr. New we have a gentleman who thoroughly understands the subject, and he will, I feel sure, take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of the disease. The Chief Inspector will be in Perth next week, and, under his directions, it is to be hoped that the scab will be soon eradicated, and that we shall not hear anything more of it in the southern portion of the colony. I might also add that in consequence of the reports that have come to me in regard to the dip at the Irwin, I have telegraphed to Mr. Craig, the Chief Inspector, telling him to make strict inquiry as to the manner in which the sheep have been dipped there. This dip was established for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Scab Act, which makes it compulsory that sheep travelling from the North to the South should be dipped. It is reported that the solution has not been kept up to the proper heat, and that the dipping has been done carelessly. I have no doubt that Mr. Craig will make a thorough inquiry, and if it seemed to him that any of the servants have been guilty of negligence he has authority to dismiss them and appoint others more trustworthy in their place. I can assure hon. members that this outbreak has caused considerable annoyance to the Government, who are sorry to think that the scab should have broken out in a district which has been clear for such a number of years, and that annoyance will be intensified if it should appear that the outbreak has been caused through laxity or negligence in the dipping at the Irwin.

#### ASSENT TO BILLS.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) announced the receipt of a Message from the Governor notifying that he had assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:—

1. *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One*

*hundred thousand pounds to the Service of the year ending 30th June, 1894."*

2. *"An Act to provide for the raising of a sum not exceeding Five hundred thousand pounds by the issue of Treasury Bills, and for other purposes."*

#### DESTRUCTIVE BIRDS AND ANIMALS BILL.

This Bill was read a third time and passed, and was ordered to be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 2:50 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 8th August, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

### Legislative Assembly, Wednesday, 2nd August, 1893.

Excess Bill: third reading—Petition of Mr. Majir Logue—Interruption of Member while Speaking—Return showing Sandalwood Licenses issued in York and Toodyay Districts—Homesteads Bill: second reading—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 4:30 p.m.

#### PRAYERS.

#### EXCESS BILL, 1892.

#### THIRD READING.

Bill read a third time, and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

#### PETITION OF MR. MAJIR LOGUE.

MR. SIMPSON moved "That the petition of Mr. Majir Logue, praying that measures should be taken to cause the Commissioner of Crown Lands to appoint a day for arbitration, in connection with the purchase of a block of land within Lease No.  $\frac{6}{352}$  by the Midland Railway