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(Teller)

Question thus negatived, the Bill defeated.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew): I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 3rd November.

Question passed.

House adjourned at 12.57 a.m.

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

QUESTION—DISTRESS IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.

Mr. LANDER (without notice) asked the Premier: Can the Government see their way at once to grant assistance in cases of practical starvation now existing among the farming community? There are instances where the wives and families of farmers are absolutely in a state of destitution, and immediate assistance is required. I may add that on the platform of Merredin railway

station last night I heard pitiful stories of want.

The PREMIER replied: I am sure the hon. member will appreciate the fact that it is not possible for the Government to give a general reply to a question of that kind. All I can say at the moment is that the Government will, of course, have to find ways and means of feeding the people, and that we are endeavouring to do so. If specific cases of destitution are brought under our notice, we will undoubtedly furnish the necessary supplies.

Sitting suspended from 4.35 to 7.30 p.m.

BILL—EAST PERTH RAILWAY SIDING.

Returned from the Legislative Council without amendment.

BILL—POSTPONEMENT OF DEBTS.

Council's Message.

Message received from the Legislative Council notifying that it had agreed to the further amendment made by the Assembly, in accordance with the report of the Managers of the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT—STATE OF BUSINESS.

The PREMIER (Hon. J. Scaddan, Brown Hill-Ivanhoe) [7.45]: I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

In view of the fact that we are not likely to-night to receive a message from the Legislative Council, I do not think it is desirable to keep members waiting here. We shall meet to-morrow at the ordinary hour, 4.30 p.m., but no business will be transacted except to receive Messages, if any, from the Legislative Council. I hope then to close the session.

Question passed.

House adjourned at 7.43 p.m.