

the whole country, and nothing but the country. Under God's blessing may that country speedily become a monument of wisdom, of liberty, and progress, one which a federated Australia may gaze upon with admiration and respect. Sir, before formally moving the Address in Reply, I crave permission to refer to the objection that has been raised to my reading my speech. I crave pardon for having unwittingly transgressed the rules of the House, but I may say that I did so in entire ignorance that it was a breach of Parliamentary procedure. I may say that my hon. friend the Premier, when he yesterday entrusted me with the privilege of moving the Address in Reply, informed me that there would be no objection to my making notes of what I intended to say, and I was not aware that there was any limit to the extent or fulness of those notes. Hence my transgression. Having said this, sir, I now formally move that an address be presented in reply to His Excellency's Speech, as follows:—

"To His Excellency Sir William Cleaver  
 "Francis Robinson, Knight Grand  
 "Cross of the Most Distinguished  
 "Order of St. Michael and St. George,  
 "Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
 "in and over the Colony of Western  
 "Australia, and its Dependencies, &c.,  
 "&c., &c.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to assure Your Excellency of our continued loyalty and affection to our Most Gracious Sovereign.

"We thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to deliver to us.

"The various matters to which Your Excellency has referred, and all other matters that may be brought before us, shall receive our most careful consideration and attention, and it shall be our earnest endeavor to so deal with them that our labors may tend to the advancement and welfare of the Colony."

MR. SYMON said the honor had fallen upon him of seconding the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, on this the first meeting of Parliament

under Responsible Government. He felt the greater pleasure in doing this because, judging by the policy which the first Ministry under that form of government had put forward, he was convinced that we had at the head of affairs men who would be able to pilot the ship of State safely through the many shoals and broken waters which he was convinced they would have to contend with during their administration. It was not his intention, after the exhaustive speech of the hon. member for Northam in moving the Address, to deal at the present time with His Excellency's Speech *in extenso*; he would reserve, until a future occasion, any observations he might have to offer on the various matters dealt with in the speech. It was a matter of extreme gratification to him—and he was sure to all hon. members—that the Government had decided upon a bold, and, at the same time, a prudent financial policy with regard to public works. They had brought, or intended to bring forward, a Loan Bill to authorise the raising of a sum of £1,336,000, and this amount was to be expended upon public works, which, he thought, would be money well spent in this colony. The loan might seem very large to many; but he thought that if they went carefully through paragraph 8 of the Governor's Speech, they would find there mentioned many works of great importance to the colony—works which he considered would be the making of this great country. They had heard from the mover of the Address of the great resources of the colony, and he (Mr. Symon) was convinced those resources existed. Among the many public works likely to be undertaken by the Government were Harbor Works at Fremantle and harbor improvements at the various ports of the colony,—which he considered absolutely necessary. They also intended to spend some money on a lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin, and additional money upon rolling-stock for the Eastern Railway. He thought hon. members would agree with him they were very much in want of these things being carried out. The Ministry had a policy which meant the expenditure of a large sum of money, and he thought that the majority of the works put forward by them would have the support of the hon. members of that House. It was not

his intention, as he had already said, to dilate at any great length upon His Excellency's Speech upon this occasion, but he should like to refer to the very substantial balance of £45,000 with which the year closed, and which he thought was a matter for congratulation. He was sincerely glad, for the sake of the colony, that they had—and he trusted they would have for a long period—such an able and distinguished Governor as Sir William Robinson, to assist and advise the Government in their arduous duties. And he would impress upon hon. members, at this important juncture, the strong necessity of their pulling together—one and all—for one purpose, namely, the common welfare of the colony. He had much pleasure in seconding the Address in Reply.

Mr. PARKER said he rose to move that the debate upon the Address in Reply be adjourned to the next sitting of the House. He did not at the present time intend to say anything with regard to the speech which His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to deliver in the Legislative Council, but, if permitted, he should like to say he gladly took this opportunity of congratulating the Premier upon being called to occupy the position he did in the first Ministry appointed under Responsible Government in this colony. He also had great pleasure in congratulating those whom the Premier had been pleased to associate with him as his colleagues in the first Ministry. He felt he expressed the views of all members in the House when he said they all felt sure those hon. gentlemen—although some members might disagree with their policy as expressed in this speech—would all fulfil the duties of their respective positions, while in office, honestly, and to the best of their ability.

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

## Legislative Assembly,

Wednesday, 21st January, 1891.

Presentation of Address to Her Majesty the Queen—  
Vote of thanks to Australian colonies for their assistance in connection with granting Responsible Government to this colony—Vote of thanks to Delegates—Sessional Orders: Business Days—Sessional Committees—Congratulatory Message from Federal Council—W.A. Turf Club Bill—Address-in-Reply: adjourned debate—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 7.30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

### PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

THE PREMIER (Hon. J. Forrest):  
Sir, I beg to move that the address standing in my name be adopted by the House, and that it be forwarded by the Speaker to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen:—

"May it please Your Majesty,

"We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, at this our first meeting under Responsible Government, humbly approach Your Majesty with feelings of the deepest loyalty and affection.

"We desire to assure Your Majesty of our devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person, and to express to you our high appreciation of the privileges and advantages conferred upon us by our new Constitution.

"We pray that Your Majesty may long continue to occupy the Throne of your ancestors, and that your subjects in this portion of your Dominions may ever honor and cherish the great privileges they have now had conferred upon them, and ever remain Your Majesty's true and faithful subjects."

Address agreed to, *nem con.*

### VOICE OF THANKS TO AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

THE PREMIER (Hon. J. Forrest):  
I beg to move that the address standing in my name, conveying the thanks of this House to the other colonies for their assistance in obtaining for Western Australia her present Constitution, be adopted by this House. I am sure that all hon. members will agree with the senti-