

opinion so emphatically given, we have no reason to suppose that it does not exist to-day. The railway to Yilgarn will, I think, be a justifiable work as soon as provision is made for a water supply there. It would be premature, in my opinion, to build a railway to any place where there exists no water supply. For my own part I would favor a large expenditure for a water supply being incurred, and I shall be prepared to support this item in the Loan Bill. The railway to Mullewa will be shown to be a fairly profitable work. Hon. members, in considering this proposal, must not forget that we have splendid prospects of a goldfield within fifty or sixty miles of what will be its terminus; besides which there will be a considerable traffic from the wool one way, and return stores the other. As to the Harbor Works, I can speak feelingly on those required at Carnarvon. At the present time there is an enormous jetty there, but unfortunately nothing larger than a dingy can get up to it. I hope, therefore, that the proposal to purchase a large steam dredge will be carried through, not only for the benefit of Carnarvon, but also for the improvement of Geraldton, and other important ports. As regards the lighthouse at the Leeuwin, I consider we are not in a position to undertake it. There is not a sufficiently large number of shipwrecks there, or loss of life, to warrant the expenditure. The telegraph line from Flint Cliff to Freshwater Camp is certain, I think, to prove a remunerative work. There is now a large population at Sharks Bay, and telegraph communication is much required. I will not refer further to the works proposed, except to say that not one half of them will prove remunerative, either directly or indirectly. It seems to me that they have only been put forward in this way to see what support would be enlisted to what I consider an ill-prepared and ill-considered loan policy.

THE HON. W. D. MOORE: I think, sir, if hon. members give their opinions now on some of the works which are brought forward in the Speech it will enable the Government to better judge what they are doing, and perhaps it may lead to some of the works, which are not now considered desirable, not being

brought forward. I do not think we are in a position to undertake all the works mentioned at the present time, nor are we in a position to borrow this very large amount of money. They are no doubt very legitimate undertakings, but surely we must not commence too much at once. With regard to the railway to Bunbury I think we should pause a long time before we think of it, for it is not a work that is likely to pay expenses for many years to come. I have been over the country and know it well. Also with regard to the line to Yilgarn, I think we should better satisfy ourselves as to the capabilities of the mines, before committing ourselves to it. The Railway to Mullewa must, I think, eventually be undertaken, as it will be the outlet for a large pastoral district, and will prove to be a line that is fairly remunerative. As to the Harbor works at Fremantle, everyone who is connected with the commerce of the colony must know the difficulties there are in carrying it on, and unless some better accommodation is provided at our chief port business will be very much impeded. We do not know what the Harbor improvements at other places are to consist of, and therefore it is premature to say anything about them. As to the telegraph extensions from Flint Cliff to Freshwater Camp, in Sharks Bay, and from Beverley to Broomchill, they are not very costly works, and are such as will pay the interest on the outlay. There are now a large number of people at Sharks Bay, and the necessity for telegraphic communication is very frequent. I think the most pressing work for the Government to undertake is to supply water on the Goldfields. As to the lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin, I always understood it was a work all the Colonies would join in, and as we shall get the least benefit from it I do not think we should undertake it unless they supply their proportion of the funds. Additional rolling stock must be provided for the Eastern Railway to enable the ordinary traffic to be carried on. I have only made these few remarks now in order that the Government may know what are the opinions of each hon. member, so that, if they find a majority against any of these works, they may not be led to bring them forward.