

**Record of the
Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament**

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**Legislative Council
28th August 1860**
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CAPTAIN O'CONNELL, as President, vice Sir Charles Nicholson, took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

The usual commissions of appointment by his Excellency the Governor, and power to swear in members having been read by the clerk of the house, the President opened the proceedings with the usual form of prayer.

The PRESIDENT then said :—I cannot assume the chair of this house without endeavouring to give expression to my high sense of the honor which has been conferred upon me, and to my anxious desire that I may be enabled to fulfil earnestly and faithfully the duties of the distinguished position which, as your President, I now occupy. (Hear, hear.) I feel that coming as I do after a gentleman of such remarkable mental attainments as my honorable predecessor—a gentleman who, with a highly cultivated mind possessed a long and intimate acquaintance with the laws and forms of Parliament, I must at first appear before you under circumstances very disadvantageous to myself, but I trust to your kindness and forbearance in my first efforts to learn the duties of my post, and I beg to assure you no exertion on my part shall be spared to overcome the want of familiarity with the details of those duties which necessarily in the commencement must beset me. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. FULLERTON, on behalf of the Council, congratulated the gallant Captain on the distinguished position to which his Excellency had been pleased to elevate him. The gentlemanlike and efficient manner in which the hon. and gallant member had all along discharged his duties in that house as the representative of the government in the management of the public business proved that he was eminently qualified for the high position which he now occupied. In fact, he (Dr. Fullerton) did not think it was possible to have made a better choice. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN of COMMITTEES and Mr. BALFOUR also congratulated the hon. and gallant member on his elevation to the chair of the house.

The PRESIDENT acknowledged the compliment, and said it would always be his study not only to be the mouthpiece but the guardian of the rights and privileges of the house. (Hear, hear.)

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly returning the Grammar Schools Bill, and intimating its disagreement with certain amendments proposed by the Legislative Council, and agreement with others.

On the motion of Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, the message was ordered to be printed and taken into consideration the next day.

LIEN ON WOOL BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly returning the Lien on Wool Bill, and intimating agreement with certain amendments proposed by the Legislative Council and dissent from others.

On the motion of Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, the message was ordered to be printed and

taken into consideration on Thursday next.

GUNPOWDER AND WARLIKE STORES BILL.

Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON said that, pending the appointment of a leader of government business in the house, he had undertaken for the present the slight responsibility of conducting it. In moving the second reading of this bill, he particularly alluded to the calamitous state of affairs in New Zealand, and argued therefrom the necessity of adopting some measure for restricting the indiscriminate exportation of gunpowder and warlike stores to that colony.

The motion having been passed, the bill was read a second time, and the committal fixed as an order for the following day.

ELECTORAL LISTS COLLECTION ABOLITION BILL.

On the motion of Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, the house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering this bill in detail.

The several clauses were passed without alteration, and the house having resumed, the report was adopted, and the third reading was fixed as an order for the following day.

PRIMARY EDUCATION BILL.

On the motion of Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, the house went into committee for the purpose of considering the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this bill.

The amendments, which were chiefly of a verbal character, were after some slight conversation, agreed to.

The house then resumed, and the bill was retransmitted by message to the Legislative Assembly.

UNOCCUPIED CROWN LANDS OCCUPATION BILL.

On the motion of Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, the report on this bill was adopted, and the third reading fixed for the next day.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

On the motion of Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, this bill was read a third time and passed, and ordered to be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

TENDERS REGULATION BILL.

On the motion of Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, the report of the whole house was agreed to, and the third reading fixed as an order for the following day.

The house adjourned at twenty minutes to six until half-past four o'clock the next day.