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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 27 July, 1875.

Supply.

SUPPLY.

The COLONIAL TREASURER moved—

That the Speaker do now leave the chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. PALMER said he had no wish to oppose the motion, but he desired to obtain information from the Government with reference to the third Order of the Day, the Western

Railway Bill. He should very much like to know, and he was sure other members were also anxious to know when the Government intended to go on with that Bill. He believed serious loss was ensuing to the colony in consequence of the works on that railway line not having been commenced; and, on a previous occasion, he put a notice on the paper to show that honorable members on that side of the House were thoroughly in earnest in going on with that work; and he had hoped it would have been commenced before now; or that, at any rate, that some further steps would have been taken in connection with the Bill. He had been informed, and he had every reason to believe his information was correct, that navvies were going south in scores, to the railway works in New South Wales. It was, therefore, a matter of great consequence to get the Bill through, so that the work might be commenced, and that they should secure the labor which it had cost so much to bring to the colony. He had no intention of opposing the Government going on with Supply; he had always said he never would do so, and he had no intention of doing so now, but he would like to know when that Bill would be proceeded with.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said the business paper had been arranged so as to bring on matters of the most pressing importance as soon as possible. The honorable member knew that the civil servants must be paid their salaries; and, he thought, the honorable member's information with regard to the railway workmen was a mistake; they were not, to any appreciable extent, leaving the colony. The honorable member would also observe that the Western Railway Bill was No. 3 on the paper, and it was, therefore, not lost sight of, and, should circumstances permit, the Legislative Council's amendments would be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Question put and passed