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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, 27 July, 1881.

Insanity Bill—first reading.—New Member.—The Address in Reply.—Message from Legislative Assembly.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at 4 o'clock.

INSANITY BILL—FIRST READING.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting and recommending to the consideration of the House a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the insane.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Hon. B. D. Morehead), the Bill was read a first time.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL moved that the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The Hon. C. S. MEIN said that if the present Bill was anything like that which was before the House last session, it would be physically impossible for hon. members to read it through between now and to-morrow. They ought to have more time to consider it in. It had been promised for consideration for a number of years past, and he did not think it was a Bill of such immediate urgency as to necessitate its being rushed through with the rapidity proposed by the Government. He had no doubt the Postmaster-General would give the House a longer time to consider the Bill.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said the reason why he had moved the second reading of the Bill for to-morrow was, that it was the identical Bill passed by the Council last session. The Bill was thoroughly discussed on that occasion, and, after being passed here, was blocked in another place. However, if hon. gentlemen wished to study the question of insanity further, he was quite willing to postpone the second reading of the Bill until this day week, and would amend his motion accordingly.

Question, as amended, put and passed, and the second reading of the Bill made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

NEW MEMBER.

The Hon. P. MACPHERSON, introduced by the Postmaster-General and the Hon. C. S. Mein, took the oath and his seat.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as agreed to by the House on the 6th instant, was presented to His Excellency on the 7th, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

"To the Honourable the President and the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council.

"Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen,—

"I thank you for your Address, and your expression of continued loyalty and affection towards the person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign. I feel confident of your desire to further the advancement and prosperity of the Colony of Queensland.

"A. E. KENNEDY.

"Government House,
"Brisbane, 7th July, 1881."

MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The PRESIDENT read a message from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, announcing that, in answer to the message from the Legislative Council on the 6th instant, the following gentlemen had been appointed to serve on the joint committees:—Library Committee—The Speaker, Mr. McLean, and Mr. F. A. Cooper; Refreshment Rooms Committee—The Speaker, Mr. Black, and Mr. Tyrel; the Parliamentary Buildings Committee—The Speaker, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Griffith.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL gave notice that he should, to-morrow, move the suspension of as much of the Standing Orders as would allow of the passing of a Bill through all its stages in one day; and expressed a hope that hon. members would assist the Government in making a House for that purpose.

The House adjourned at a quarter past 4 o'clock.