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of business on Thursday in each week at half-past 3 o'clock p.m., in addition to the days already appointed for meeting—

said that, when he gave notice of the motion, he anticipated that the House would not be able to get through all the business on that day, but that it would be necessary to sit to-morrow for that purpose. Hon. gentlemen were aware that the Legislative Assembly were engaged in an important discussion, which was likely to extend over a long period, and that they were not likely to get any business up from the other Chamber for several weeks at all events. Under those circumstances it would be unnecessary for hon. members to attend the House in the meantime. If they adjourned for a week or two it would be desirable to have three sitting days per week when they resumed their labours. Therefore, without any present necessity for an additional sitting day, he begged to move the motion standing in his name.

Question put and passed.

OATHS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. P. MACPHERSON said that, with the consent of the House, and treating it as an unopposed motion, he begged to move that the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Oaths Act Amendment Bill stand an Order of the Day for the next sitting day. He might explain that, by an inadvertence on the previous evening, he omitted to move that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for that afternoon.

Question put and passed.

BENEVOLENT ASYLUM, DUNWICH.

The Hon. W. H. WALSH moved, without notice, that the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Benevolent Asylum at Dunwich have leave to report its opinions, proceedings, or minutes of evidence from time to time.

Question put and passed.

NATIVE BIRDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL—THIRD READING.

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. BOX, the Bill was read a third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Legislative Assembly by message in the usual form.

INSANITY BILL—THIRD READING.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, this Bill was read a third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Legislative Assembly by message in the usual form.

GRANTS AND LEASES TO DECEASED PERSONS BILL—THIRD READING.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, the Bill was read a third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Legislative Assembly by message in the usual form.

PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE MARKS BILL—THIRD READING.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, the Bill was read a third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Legislative Assembly by message in the usual form.

SALE AND USE OF POISONS BILL—SECOND READING.

On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the motion for the second reading being read—

The Hon. P. MACPHERSON moved that the resumption of the debate stand an Order of the Day for the next sitting day. He did so in order to enable hon. members to peruse the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, 27 August, 1884.

Additional Sitting Day.—Oaths Act Amendment Bill.—Benevolent Asylum, Dunwich.—Native Birds Protection Bill—third reading.—Insanity Bill—third reading.—Grants and Leases to Deceased Persons Bill—third reading.—Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Bill—third reading.—Sale and Use of Poisons Bill—second reading.—Adjournment.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at 4 o'clock.

ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Hon. C. S. Mein), in moving—

That, during the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet for the despatch

report of the Select Committee on the Pharmacy Bill, because after they had perused that report they would possibly be in a better position to deal with the measure now before the House.

Question put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said they had disposed of all the business on the paper, and all the business before the House, with the exception of the matter just adjourned, and the Pharmacy Bill. He believed the gentlemen in charge of those measures were not particularly anxious to see them become law for the next two or three weeks, and as the House was not likely to originate any business of their own, or to get any business from the Legislative Assembly for two weeks at the earliest, he thought it desirable that they should adjourn for a week or two, at all events. He moved that the House do now adjourn; and he hoped some hon. member would move an amendment which would suit the convenience of most hon. gentlemen as to the period over which the adjournment should extend.

The HON. G. KING moved, as an amendment, the addition of the words "till Tuesday, 16th September."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The HON. A. C. GREGORY moved, as a further amendment, that the words "till Tuesday, 23rd September," be added to the motion.

The HON. W. H. WALSH: Make it the end of the year!

The HON. A. C. GREGORY said they should not want to meet for three weeks, and, though it was unimportant to himself, there were several hon. members who wished to get away from town for a time. If the Postmaster-General saw any objection to his amendment he was not anxious to press it, but he did not think the adjournment would inconvenience the Government with regard to any business anticipated by them. He should like to hear the opinion of the hon. gentleman.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said that, so far as Government business was concerned, he did not think either the country or the Government would be inconvenienced by an adjournment of three weeks. Sufficient Supply had been granted to carry on till the end of September, and there was no business before the Legislative Assembly likely to come up to that House before the expiration of three weeks. All the Government business there was could stand over, and he did not know of any private business likely to arise. He was entirely in the hands of the House.

The HON. G. KING said that, with the consent of the House, he would withdraw his amendment.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the words "till Tuesday, 23rd September," be added—put.

The HON. W. H. WALSH said he was struck with some degree of amazement, though he was not surprised at the amendment. He thought it just as well to warn hon. members that by such proceedings they were driving another nail into the coffin of that portion of the Legislature. They were gradually showing that there was hardly anything to do in that Chamber in connection with the government of the country. He was not going to oppose the motion, but he thought that faculty of adjourning showed that it was in proportion to the loss of the faculty of administrative desires. It appeared, however, to be the general wish that they should adjourn for

a time. The Postmaster-General knew that there was very little business to come from another place, and he could, on that account, consent to such a prolonged adjournment—an adjournment unparalleled, he thought, even in the history of that Chamber.

Amendment agreed to; and motion, as amended, put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes past 4 o'clock.