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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 26 October, 1886.

Oyster Bill — committee. — Local Government Act Amendment Bill—third reading.—Messages from the Legislative Assembly—Building Societies Bill—Laidley Creek Branch Railway—North Coast Railway Extension—Warwick to St. George Railway.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN took the chair at 4 o'clock.

OYSTER BILL.

COMMITTEE.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, the Presiding Chairman left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering clause 13.

On clause 13, as follows :—

“Every lessee and every licensee of oyster-ground shall put a mark or brand upon every bag or other package or receptacle in which the oysters of such lessee or licensee are carried, and such mark or brand shall be registered at the office of the shipping inspector of the port in which the oysters are obtained, and every bag or other package or receptacle of oysters found which is not so marked shall be forfeited, and the oysters contained therein shall be laid down on such oyster reserves as the inspector or other officer appointed by the board may point out, at the cost and expense of the lessee or licensee so offending.”

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said that when the Bill was in committee that clause was amended on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Cowlishaw, by the addition of the words “at the cost and expense of the lessee or licensee so offending” at the end of the clause. At the time that was considered a suitable amendment, and he (the Postmaster-General) concurred in it; but on considering the whole matter, it had been recollected that the forfeiture of the oysters might be a sufficient penalty, apart altogether from the fact that the board in charge of the administration of the Bill might see fit to send the forfeited oysters to some other part of the coast for cultivation. But the Government might do more than confiscate the oysters; they might cancel the license of the licensee, and thus inflict a greater punishment. The Hon. Mr. Cowlishaw, having reviewed the whole matter, agreed in the expungement of the amendment which had been made in the clause, and he (the Postmaster-General) therefore moved the omission of the words “at the cost and expense of the lessee or licensee so offending.”

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

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, the CHAIRMAN left the chair, and reported the Bill to the House with a further amendment.

The report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

BUILDING SOCIETIES BILL.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced that he had received a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding, for the concurrence of the Council, a Bill to amend the laws relating to building societies.

On the motion of the HON. W. HORATIO WILSON, the Bill was read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

LAIDLAY CREEK BRANCH RAILWAY.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding, for the approval of the Council, the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed Laidley Creek branch, commencing at Laidley station and ending on the right bank of Laidley Creek—in length, 10 miles 68 chains 17 links.

NORTH COAST RAILWAY EXTENSION.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding, for the approval of the Council, the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed extension of the North Coast Railway, section 5, from 98 miles, near Martin's Half-way House, Noosa road, to 115 miles 28 chains 72 links at end of rails at Gympie station, in length 17 miles 28 chains 72 links.

WARWICK TO ST. GEORGE RAILWAY.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding, for the approval of the Council, the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed railway from Warwick towards St. George, section 1, commencing at 168 miles 48 chains, near East Warwick station, and ending at Thane's Creek, 193 miles 70 chains 44 links, in length 25 miles 22 chains 44 links.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, the House adjourned at twenty-six minutes past 4 o'clock.