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**Legislative Council**

**WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 1896**

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OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT BILL—  
SAVINGS BANK ACTS AMENDMENT  
BILL.—CONSTITUTION ACT AMEND-  
MENT BILL.

FIRST READINGS.

These Bills, received by message from the Assembly, were read a first time, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for Tuesday next.

DISEASES IN STOCK BILL.

FIRST READING.

This Bill, received by message from the Assembly, was read a first time.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL: This Bill is not only one which claims a considerable amount of earnest attention, but one which I may be justified in calling a very urgent measure. That is my excuse for mentioning the matter now, and I would ask that on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week the House will take the Bill into their serious consideration in order that we may pass it through all its stages either with or without such amendments as hon. members think it desirable should be inserted. I move that the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

NO QUORUM.

The HON. A. H. WILSON: I wish to move the adjournment of the House, for the purpose of giving hon. members some information as to how the time is kept in this Chamber. Yesterday, to the great inconvenience, especially of country members, the House was counted out, and I am positive that if the clock in the Chamber had been regulated by the Post Office clock such a thing would not have occurred. Our clock was one minute fast. Had such not been the case there would have been a quorum, as three other members would have taken their seats in time. I am certain my statement is correct, because I put my watch by the Post Office clock only half an hour before, and the Hon. Mr. Hart, whom I met at the door as I left just after the adjournment, told me he had done the same thing. It is too bad that country members should be brought long distances, and sent away without doing anything, simply because of something wrong with the clock.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL: We generally take the time by the clock in the Chamber, and it is unfortunate if the fact of its being a minute faster than the Post Office clock should have the effect it seems to have had yesterday. But now that we know that our clock may sometimes be a minute fast we had better hasten our steps a little and get here a minute before the Post Office time. That is one way to avoid the misfortune of having no quorum.

The HON. B. D. MOREHEAD: The suggestion of the hon. gentleman, who, I believe, is in charge of the clocks and keeps the time for the colony, is a very good one, and if hon. members would be here five minutes before the half-hour it would be better still, for no mistake could possibly arise. This we can safely say: That the only thing fast about this House is the clock.

The HON. A. H. WILSON: Having drawn attention to the matter, I beg to withdraw the motion.

Motion withdrawn.

TRUSTEE BILL.

SECOND READING.

On this Order of the Day being called, The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said: I ask the permission of the House to withdraw this Bill from the paper. The copy that has been

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ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.

At half-past 3 o'clock,

The CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS said: I have to report that the Hon. the President, through indisposition, is still unable to attend in his place this day.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL: I move that the Hon. F. T. Brentnall do take the chair from day to day during the continued absence of the President.

Question put and passed.

The Hon. F. T. BRENTNALL took the chair as Presiding Chairman.

ANSWER TO ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN: I have to report that the Address, as agreed to by this House on the 18th ultimo, has been presented to the Governor, and that His Excellency has been pleased to make the following reply:—

"I have received with pleasure your expressions of loyalty and attachment to the Government and Person of our Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

"I beg to thank you for your congratulations and for reciprocating my hope that the progress of the colony during the term of my administration may be rapid and on a sound basis. I am sure I may rely upon the efforts of your House to assist in the government of the colony by the framing of just and wise laws."

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced the receipt of letters from the Auditor-General containing statements respecting the savings bank funds, Treasury notes, and the public debt reduction fund to the 30th ultimo.

Ordered to be printed.

JOINT COMMITTEES.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced the receipt of a message from the Assembly intimating that, in answer to the Council's message, they had appointed certain members to act on the joint committees of the two Houses.

presented to the House is incomplete. The object of the Government is to codify and bring up to date the whole of the law relating to trustees, and this Bill does not comply with the intention with which it was introduced. It will be simpler and will save time to have the Bill withdrawn than to make the necessary amendments in committee. Besides, as there are additional clauses to be introduced, those clauses should receive attention on the second reading, and not merely in committee. I move, therefore, that the Order of the Day and the Bill be discharged from the paper.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes to 4 o'clock until Tuesday next.