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STATISTICAL RETURNS BILL.
COMMITTEE.

On this Order of the Day being called,
The Hon. W. H. WILSON said: This is a Bill introduced by the Hon. Mr. Thynne, and as the Hon. Mr. Buzacott has given notice of some important amendments, I prefer that they should be dealt with by the hon. gentleman in charge of the Bill. I therefore move that the order be postponed till Tuesday next.

The Hon. C. H. BUZACOTT: I would point out to the hon. gentleman that I expect to be absent from the House next week, and that if the Bill is brought on on Tuesday I shall not have an opportunity of moving the amendments of which I have given notice.

The Hon. W. H. WILSON: I do not wish to place the hon. gentleman in that position. If he is to be absent next week, the order can be further postponed to suit his convenience. Up to to-day I had no information as to the amendments the hon. gentleman intended to move.

Question put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Hon. W. H. WILSON: I move that the House do now adjourn.

The Hon. C. H. BUZACOTT: Before the motion is put I wish to say, with regard to my notice which has been ruled out of order, that, although I received an intimation that it was informal, I did not amend it, because, on consideration, I had determined to abandon it. Since I tabled the motion I found that the Premier has received an appeal from the Premiers of the other colonies to provide some representation of the colony at the Federation Convention. It would therefore be improper for me, as an unofficial member of the House, to proceed any further with it. My desire was to get a joint committee appointed which should approach the Government in some way so as to secure representation at the Convention. There is another reason, and that, I may briefly say, is that the important banking legislation initiated last Thursday evening would render it very improper for me to complicate the situation by asking the House to discuss the question of federation just now.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes to 4 o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN took the chair at half-past 3 o'clock.

QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK,
LIMITED, GUARANTEE BILL.

ASSENT.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced the receipt of a message from the Governor intimating that the Royal assent had been given to this Bill.

QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK,
LIMITED.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE.

The Hon. C. H. BUZACOTT asked, without notice—

Is it the intention of the representative of the Government to invite this House to express an opinion upon the report of the committee appointed to ascertain the position of the affairs of the Queensland National Bank, Limited, such report having been laid on the table of the House on the 12th November instant?

The Hon. W. H. WILSON replied—

Legislation on the subject will shortly be before the House, when opportunity for discussion will arise.

FEDERATION CONVENTION.

INFORMAL NOTICE.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN: Hon. gentlemen will observe that the first item on the business-paper is a notice of motion by the Hon. Mr. Buzacott. It is informal, and cannot be called.