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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1898.

The House met at half-past 3 o'clock.

### ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL: I have to report to the House that the President is not able to be in his place this afternoon. The Chairman of Committees will, in the ordinary course, take the chair as Presiding Chairman.

The Hon. F. T. BRETNALL thereupon took the chair.

### DEATH OF A MEMBER.

HON. JAMES TYSON.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN: I have to announce the death of the Hon. James Tyson, one of the members of this honourable House.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL: With reference to the announcement that has just been made, I think I express the feelings of every hon. member when I say we all deeply regret the loss the colony has sustained in the death of our fellow-member, Mr. Tyson. Although he has not been a very regular attendant in the House, still we were always very glad to see him when he did come. We knew that he was doing good work in his own sphere of life, and we admired him for his consistency and for the way in which he carried out the duties of an Australian colonist. Probably there are other members of the House who knew Mr. Tyson much better than I did, who may desire to say a few words on this occasion; but, as far as I am concerned, I feel that the colony has sustained a great loss in his death.

The Hon. A. C. GREGORY: I fully agree with what has fallen from the Postmaster-General; I think the colony has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Tyson. We all know that he was one of those energetic individuals who attended first of all to his own business, and that his work in that direction tended greatly to the development of the colony and to the advancement of its public interests. Although he did not take that position in the State which he might have done, still his practical operations were such as always tended to

the good of the State. Those who knew anything of Mr. Tyson must be aware that he was a man, not only of strong character, but of wide knowledge and high culture—much more so, indeed, than an ordinary observer might expect. As a member of this House, he was perhaps not so frequent in his attendance as some others may have been; but his own gigantic business kept him so constantly travelling all over Australia that it was almost impossible that he could spare much time for personal attendance here. Yet when he did attend he performed his duties conscientiously, and expressed his opinions on matters in which he took an interest in a clear and convincing manner. We must all feel that the death of our late member is a loss both to this House and to the colony.

### VICTORIA BRIDGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA ADOPTING BILL.

FIRST READING.

These Bills, received from the Assembly, were read a first time, and their second reading made Orders of the Day for Thursday next.

### SLAUGHTERING BILL.—MARSUPIAL PROOF FENCING BILL—BRANDS BILL.

FIRST READING.

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

### ADJOURNMENT.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL: As the formal business of the day is concluded, I move that the House do now adjourn, out of respect to the memory of the late Hon. James Tyson.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

Question put and passed.

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