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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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The PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir Arthur Morgan) took the chair at half-past 3 o'clock.

NEW MEMBER SWORN.

HON. A. H. PARNELL.

The Hon. ARTHUR HORATIO PARNELL, having been introduced to the President by the Secretary for Public Instruction, took the oath, signed the roll, and took his seat as a member of the Legislative Council.

**PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN
REPLY.**

The PRESIDENT informed the Council that he had, that day, presented to His Excellency the Governor the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as agreed to by the Council on the 11th instant; and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

“MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE MEMBERS
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

“I receive with great pleasure your renewed expressions of continued loyalty and attachment towards the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

“I feel assured that the measures and matters to be brought before you will receive the benefit of your serious consideration and ripe experience, and I trust that your deliberations may be further instrumental in promoting the good government and welfare of this State.”

**CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT
BILL.****FIRST READING.**

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

The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (Hon. A. H. Barlow): I understand it is agreeable to hon. gentlemen opposite that the second reading of this Bill should be merely moved to-morrow, and the debate be then adjourned until next week. I therefore move that the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the day for to-morrow. Nothing more will be done.

Question put and passed.

NEW RAILWAYS.

The PRESIDENT announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly intimating that they had agreed to the following resolutions:—

CABOOLTURE TO WOODFORD RAILWAY.

1. That the House approves of the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed Caboolture to Woodford Railway, North Coast line, in length 17 miles 60 chains, as laid upon the table of the House on Friday, the thirteenth day of March instant.

2. That the plan, section, and book of reference be forwarded to the Legislative Council for their approval, by message in the usual form.

BOYNE VALLEY BRANCH RAILWAY.

1. That the House approves of the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed Boyne Valley Branch Railway, North Coast line, in length 51 miles 73 chains, as laid upon the table of the House on Friday, the thirteenth day of March instant.

2. That the plan, section, and book of reference be forwarded to the Legislative Council for their approval, by message in the usual form.

NEW ZEALAND GULLY TO YEPPON RAILWAY.

1. That the House approves of the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed New Zealand Gully to Yeppon, Emu Park Railway line, in length 20 miles 12 chains, as laid upon the table of the House on Friday, the thirteenth day of March instant.

2. That the plan, section, and book of reference be forwarded to the Legislative Council for their approval, by message in the usual form.

ATHERTON RAILWAY EXTENSION.

1. That the House approves of the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed extension of the Atherton Railway, Cairns line, in length 31 miles 14 chains, as laid upon the table of the House on Friday, the thirteenth day of March instant.

2. That the plan, section, and book of reference be forwarded to the Legislative Council for their approval, by message in the usual form.

KANNANGUR TO BLACKBUTT RAILWAY.

1. That the House approves of the plan, section, and book of reference of the proposed extension from Kannangur to Blackbutt, Brisbane Valley Branch Railway, in length 28 miles 29 chains, as laid upon the table of the House on Friday, the thirteenth day of March instant.

2. That the plan, section, and book of reference be forwarded to the Legislative Council for their approval, by message in the usual form.

The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION: It will be in your recollection that, in deference to the wish of the Hon. Mr. Brown, I did not move the suspension of so much of Standing Order No. 76 as requires these plans to lie on the table for two sitting days. In order that they may get to Committee at the close of to-morrow's sitting I propose to move to-morrow that so much of that Standing Order be suspended as will enable them to be referred to a Select Committee to-morrow. The effect of that will be that they will lie on the table for two whole days—the whole of this day and the whole of to-morrow. Contingent upon that, motions will be moved to-morrow, referring them to Select Committees.

PAPERS.

The following papers, laid on the table, were ordered to be printed:—

- (1) Regulations under the Government Savings Bank Act of 1864.
- (2) Regulations under the Explosives Act of 1906.
- (3) Report on the Marine Department for 1906-7.
- (4) Report on the Government Printing Office for 1906-7.
- (5) Report from the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers for 1906-7.

RICHMOND TO CLONCURRY RAILWAY.

HON. J. T. ANNEAR moved—

That there be laid on the table of the Council a return showing,—

1. The length of the railway line from Richmond to Cloncurry.

2. The total cost of construction up to date, to include rails and fastenings.

3. The probable date of its completion.

Question put and passed.

The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION: I have here the information asked for. The total cost up to date, inclusive of land, permanent way material, and telegraph lines, is £335,258. The length is 174 miles. As to the third question, the Commissioner for Railways says, "I would rather delay this question until after the wet season."

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