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rests. (Hon. J. Pearce—"No.") So he was informed, though those who were more intimately acquainted with the trade might be able to correct him on that point. It was said that the selector night borrow money and then run away with it; but be thought it was rather a sign of bona fides on the part of the selector to borrow. The selector could not get more than a half or two-thirds of the value of his interest from the mortgages, and his own interest in the selection would be sufficient to tie him to the place. It was said that selectors could already borrow unough their personal security. own interest in the selection would be sumeters to the him to the place. It was said that selectors could already borrow upon their personal security, but they could only do so on ruinously heavy terms, and in some cases not at all. He had the authority of a large miller for saying that a man recently applied for a lean of £100 to pay off his obligations to his storekeeper, and stated that if he could not get the money he must go into the Insolvent Court, as he could raise nothing on his selection; and the raply given was that nothing could be done for him, and that he was not the first but the hurdredth person who had applied under similar circumstances. That man had either since gone or would soon go into the Insolvent Court. In Victoria they had seen that Mr. Longmore, who had a great antipathy to the Banks, had tried to put a stop to all mortgages; but there was such a how! raised that the Bill had to be repealed in a very short time. With regard to the money that would be lent under the present Bill, some people thought that money-lenders would repealed in a very short time. With regard to the money that would be lent under the present Bill, some people thought that money-lenders would not see their way to make advances on account of the nature of the security not being sufficiently safe; but money was every day lent on ships, which were a much more risky class of security. Reen should it prove the case that money-lenders were shy of making advances, that could searcely be brought forward as an allegation against the Bill, because if no money was lent any rate no harm would be done. Again, it was said that the people had not asked for the Bill, but those who were most interested were not the class of people who were likely to get up public meetings in Adelaide, or elsewhere, to ventilate their grievances. It was also argued that the Select Committee did not report in favour of the Bill, but as the Bill was not drawn when the Committee sat and the witnesses had not seen it, they could not be expected to express an intelligent opinion upon what was not in existence. Of the witnesses called, the Surveyor-General and Mr. Bonney objected to selections being permitted to mortgage, but he thought the latter had materially altered his opinion since he had seen the Bill. A great many of the witnesses were in favour of permitting mortgages of selections, though some thought, the money should be advanced by the Government, probably because they would then be able to obtain the money at a cheaper rate. He did not, however, himself think the Government should be the mortgage. If they were to introduce that principle they might as well let the Government make advances to merchants or pastoral lessees. (Hear, hear.) advances to merchants or pastoral lessees. (Hear,

On the motion of the Hon, W. SANDOVER, the debate was adjourned till Tuesday next.

## BRANDS BILL.

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Second reading.
The CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. W. Morgan), in moving the second reading, said that the Bill was the result of a compromise between very conflicting views as to what brands should be used and how their use should be regulated and enforced. He did not think it would be necessary to go into the history of the Bill in detail, but he might state that the hon. member for Ruccunter Bay brought a Bill into the House of Assembly to repeal the Brands Bill, and it was referred to a Select Committee, who reported in favour of amending rather than repealing the Act. The objection to the old Bill was that persons owning old brands were not permitted to use them, and that the clauses relating to waybills were too stringent. These points had been remedied by the present Bill.

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The Hon, J. CROZIER hoped the debate would be proceeded with, as they were already tolerably conversant with the main features of the Bill.

The Hon, P. SANTO would support the second reading, but he had but little doubt that next session they would be called upon to repeal or amend the Bill.

The Hon. J. CROZIER would support the Bill, and hat no intention of proposing any amendments. He would point out, however, that they had got on for a long time very well without a Brands Bill at all—(Hear, hear)—and he believed the present Bill was merely brought forward because they had a Brands Act in New South Wales and Queensland, where, however, the circumstances were wholly different to those which obtained in this colony in regard to the number and class of eattle and stuck reared.

The Hon. H. SCOTT would support the Bill, and did not propose to effer any suggestions for its amendment.

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In Committee,
Clause I. Short title,
The Hon, R. C. BAKER moved that the Committee report progress, and ask leave to sit again on

Tuesday.
The CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. W. Morgan)
thought that it would be better to proceed with
the Bill, as the majority of hon. members appeared
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Withdrawn.
Clausee 2, 3, and 4. Passed.
Clausee 5. Interpretation clause.
The Hon. H. SCOTT moved to insert in line 19
the word "or" before "numeral," and to strike
out the words "sign, mark, or character."
The CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. W. Morgan)
said that the amendment proposed by the Hon. H.
Scott would do away with one of the leading
features of the Bill—that persons should be allowed
to retain their old brands.
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The Hon. T. HOGARTH was opposed to the amendment on the same ground that persons ought to be permitted to retain the old brands by which their stock had always been known.

The Hon. J. CROZIER considered that a sign or character was quite as good a brand as letters or numerals, and should therefore oppose the amend-

numerals, and should therefore oppose the amendment.

The Hon, H. SCOTT said it was almost impossible to avoid the risk of brands being altered, if they allowed the use of all signs or characters here-tofore employed. He would not so much object to it if they could insert a provision that a special fee, say of £100, should be paid for the use of such special brands.

Negatived.
Clause 10. Description of brands to be used.

The Hon, H. SCOTT moved to add to the end of this clause the words:—"On payment of a special fee of £100, provided that no person has made application for a similar brand, or for a brand that in the opinion of the Registrar closely resembles such brand, or which might be easily altered so as to resemble such brand."

The CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. W. Morgan) did not think the amendment would be easily workable, because it would be difficult to define what brands were nearly alike, or specially liable to be imitated.

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Negatived.
Clauses 11, 12, and 13. Passed.
Clauses 14. Order of existing brands on cattle.

The Hon. J. PEARCE said that the clause provided that the brands should be affixed in a particular order and in particular places. The clause was very exacting in its requirements, and in accordance with the wish of some farmers who had made representations to him on the subject he should move that it be struck out, unless good cause could be shown for its retention.

The CHIKE SECRETARY (Hon. W. Morgan)

cause could be shown for its retention.

The CHIEF SECRETARY (Hop. W. Morgan) said the object of the clause was to enable cattle to be traced from one place to another. He hoped the clause would be retained.

The Hop. H. SCOTT said that subdivision C provided that "every second or subsequent brand shall, where there is space sufficient for that purpose, be impressed or made on the same position as, and at a distance of not less than two inches nor more than three inches from, and directly underneath the brand." He moved to insert the word "may" instead of the word "shall."

The Hop. J. PEARCIE would be satisfied if it were made permissive in the way suggested by the last speaker.

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The CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. W. Morgan) and that the word "may" would alter the whole said that the clause, which was intended strictly to 2 x

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regulate the order in which the branes such as placed.

The Hon, J. PEARCE suggested that the insertion of the words "as nearly as possible" would meet the case, and would make the clause a little more indefinite (laughter)—or at least not so oppressive in its character.

The Hon. P. 8A NTO said it was the first time that he had heard an bon, member deliberately seek to make the wording of a clause in an Act more indefinite than it was already. (Laughter.)

Negatived.

Carried.

Carried.

The remaining clauses of the Bill, together with the preamble and title, having been passed, the Council resumed, the committee reported, the report was adopted, and the third reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This Bill was received back from the House of Assembly with a message that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by the Council.

MARINE BOARD ACT AMENDMENT BILL. This Bill was received from the House of Assumbly, and on the motion of the Chief Secretary read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE ACT AMENDMENT BILL,

AMENDMENT BILL.

Second reading.

The CRIEF SECRETARY in moving the second reading said that the object of the Bill was to enable the University to be represented on the Institute Board. This was thought necessary to prevent two public bodies clashing to regard to the details connected with examinations and other matters. The Bill was the result of conferences between the Institute Board and the University authorities on the subject. The Institute Act provided for seven Governors only, of whom three were nominated by the Governor, two elected by subscribers, one by the Society of Arts, and one by the Philosophical Society. He did not think that the Bill would meet with any opposition.

Carried.

In Committee,

The Council preamble, and title were passed without amendment.

The Council resumed, the Committee reported, the reports was adopted, and the third reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of the OBIEF SECRETARY, the Council adjourned at 4.27 p.m., till Tuesday next at 2 o'eloek.

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9.

The SPHAKER took the Chair at 2 o'clock,

#### PETITION.

The TREASURER (Hon. C. Mann) presented a petition from thirty-six persons resident in the District Council of Stabley, praying the House not to agree to the recommendation of the Select Committee on the Electoral Districts Bill to include the district in the Electoral District of the Burra

Received and read.

# KADINA AND WALLAROO BAILWAY

This Bill was returned from the Legislative Council with an amendment to alter the fille. On the motion of the TREASURER (Ron. C. Mann) the House went into Committee to consider the amendment, which was agreed to; and the House having resumed the report was adopted.

#### · PAPERS.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. T. Playford) laid on the tableProposed By-laws of the Adelaido Corporations of Return of lands proposed to be offered out twenty-one years' lease. To be printed.

DAMMING THE RIVER TORRENS.

Mr. COGLIN asked the Treasurer—"Will the Ministry subsidize a sum subscribed by citizens and others for the purpose of the construction of a dam in the River Torrens."

The TREASUREE (Hon. C. Mann) replied:—"It is not the present intention of the Government to subsidize any amount raised by citizens for the purpose of the construction of a dam in the River Torrens."

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. BOWER moved—"That a fortnight's leave of absence be granted; to the hon, member for Port Adelaide (Mr. Quin); on the ground of ill-health," Carried,

EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

King) moved—
"That he have leave to introduce 'a Bill for an Act to further amend the Education Act."
1875."

He said that by the Education Act of 1875 1168. Council (now the Minister) had power to taxo land under the compulsory clauses, but the day not having been fixed during which this power, could be exercised, it had been ruled by the Supreme Court that it must come under the Crown Laudes Consolidation Act, which limited they time to three years. The object of this Bill was to extend the time in which land required could be acquired under the compulsory powers of the Act, of Carried.

The Bill was introduced and read a first time, the second reading being made an Order of the Day for next day.

## ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS

"That the Speaker do now leave the chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Electoral Hill No. 2" and the House resolve itself into a Commistre of the whole for the consideration of the Electoral; Bill, No. 2."
He said it would perhaps be most convenient to take the discussion on the general question before, the Speaker left the chair. From the Noticety paper it would be seen that Mr. Parsons intended to move a motion which, if carried, would alter the whole principle of the Bill. Therefore it would be better to take the discussion before going into Committee. The Bill was referred to a Select Committee, and hon, members would find the report and evidence on their files—Red number, 104. It would be seen that the Committee, approved the principle of the Bill, namely, that the colony should be divided into twenty-fire districts, each having two members, in preference to a lesser number of districts and an irregular number of members, some districts returning three, some two, and one district only one member. The alterations proposed would be found in the draft raport, but it would be more convenient to refer to them not in the technical language there comployed, but rather to show the alterations made on the plan originally submitted. There, was refer to them not in the technical language there employed, but rather to show the alterations made on the plan originally, submitted. There, was some tracing paper in front of the map hanging up on the wall of the House, and showing the alterations the Select Committee suggested. The two districts in the South-East had not beet altered. The proposed Encounter Bay District the Committee recommended should be attered by making the division-line run along the main road, known as Chauncey's line, from Wellington-right through to Mount Barker, adding that attip to the District of Onkaparings. The town of Mount Barker would thus be thrown into the Onkaparings District, and the boundary of the district which they proposed to alter to knowner Bay slightly altered and decreased to a certain. district which they proposed to alter to knoounter Bay slightly altered and decreased to a certain extent. The proposed District of Nonrhunga had not been altered. The District of Onkaparinga had been further altered by the addition of the whole, district of the District Council of Basis Terresus. At present only part of that district was it. Onkaparinga; the Committee proposed it should now all be in. The East. Torrens District had been increased again by making the boundary between it and the Sturt the road running from

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