

**Mr. WILTON** (Broadmeadows).—In joining the honorable members who have spoken, I should like to say that I regret most deeply the circumstances which brought about the by-election which resulted in my entrance to this House. Although politically opposed to the late Harold Kane, I am happy and proud to say that our association was always harmonious in every respect. Since I have become the elected representative of the people of Broadmeadows, I am also happy to say that I know the late Harold Kane enjoyed the respect and admiration of the electors of Broadmeadows. They include people from all walks of life and of all political opinions. I shall be very glad if in her loss Mrs. Kane can derive some comfort from this thought.

**The SPEAKER** (Sir William McDonald).—Before formally putting the motion to the House, I desire to associate myself with the remarks of the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Country party and the honorable members for Broadmeadows, Yarraville and Essendon. We in this House have lost a colleague for whom we had the greatest respect. Mrs. Kane and her family have lost a husband and father, and great as is our loss we appreciate how much greater is theirs. It is my privilege on behalf of all honorable members of the House to convey to Mrs. Kane and her family our very deepest sympathy in their tremendous loss and to express the hope, with the honorable member for Broadmeadows, that appreciation of his service to the public will provide some measure of alleviation of the sorrow that they feel at this time.

The motion was agreed to in silence, honorable members signifying their unanimous agreement by standing in their places.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

**Mr. BOLTE** (Premier and Treasurer).—I move—

That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Harold Edward Kane, Esquire, the House do now adjourn until a quarter to Eight o'clock this day.

The motion was agreed to.

*The House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.*

**The SPEAKER** (Sir William McDonald) took the chair at 7.54 p.m.

#### THE MINISTRY.

**Mr. RYLAH** (Chief Secretary) (*By leave*).—Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Premier I wish to advise you and this House that the honorable member for Mentone, Mr. Meagher, has resigned his portfolio as Minister of Immigration and, following the resignation of Sir Arthur Warner from the portfolio of Minister of Transport on the grounds of ill health, has been appointed Minister of Transport. I also wish to advise that the Hon. Rupert Hamer, a member of the Legislative Council, has been appointed Minister of Immigration, and will be acting as assistant to the Chief Secretary.

#### TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr. Rafferty) laid on the table the warrant of Mr. Speaker nominating Mr. Barclay, Mr. Brose, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Floyd, Mr. J. D. Macdonald, Mr. L. S. Reid, Mr. Snider, Mr. Stirling, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Tanner, and Mr. Campbell Turnbull as Temporary Chairmen of Committees.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION COMMITTEE.

##### SEVENTH PROGRESS REPORT.

**Mr. GALVIN** (Bendigo) presented the seventh progress report of the Distribution of Population Committee, together with minutes of evidence.

It was ordered that they be laid on the table, and that the report be printed.

#### MARINE STORES AND OLD METALS (CORPORATIONS) BILL.

**Mr. RYLAH** (Chief Secretary).—In accordance with the usual practice and in order to preserve the privileges of this House, I move for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the licensing of bodies corporate under Part III. of the Marine Stores and Old Metals