

and it is difficult and expensive to find suitable accommodation. Recently, I received a letter from the Orbost Shire Council suggesting that the Government should provide a hostel in Orbost to cater for such school children because in this district the vast distances and the terrain make the provision of bus services to secondary schools impracticable. I commend that idea to the Government.

During the recent election campaign, and since, it has been widely held that the main stumbling block to progress in the more distant parts of the State is the transport system. The situation is little short of chaotic. One cannot deny the feeling of frustration and indeed fear which good men, who are doing a job in the interests of the community, have with regard to their future in the transport industry. I trust that the Government will take some steps to rectify the great anomalies created by the present permit system. I have not met one operator who does not concede the need for reasonable charges for the use of the roads, but the present permit system is at best an extremely inefficient method of taxation. For instance, in Lakes Entrance a trader obtains his cement supplies from Sydney, almost 500 miles away, cheaper than he can obtain supplies from Traralgon, only 100 miles away. In another case a carrier who wishes to transport roofing tiles—which the railways will not handle anyway—can obtain a permit on a basis of £5 a month to transport them up to 100 miles, but if he wishes to exceed that distance, say, to carry material to the Bairnsdale district, a distance of 170 miles, he has to pay £4 17s. 6d. for every load.

In conclusion, I again express my full support for the expressions contained in the motion for the adoption of an Address-in-Reply and also state my hope that I may serve the people of Victoria, and Gippsland East in particular, with something of the distinction of my predecessor.

Mr. TREWIN (Benalla).—I join with the honorable members for Oakleigh and Geelong and other speakers who have voiced sentiments of loyalty to

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I am also glad to associate myself with the thankfulness expressed at the return to health of His Excellency the Governor. The former member for Benalla, Mr. Frederick Albert Cook, has asked me to express his thanks to his friends in this Chamber for their support throughout the many years he served as the representative of that electorate. I am happy to say that his health is good and that he is enjoying his retirement. It is with humility that I follow a man who served this Parliament for 25 years and who at all times upheld the principles which he cherished. I shall endeavour to warrant the expression of similar sentiments when it becomes my turn to retire.

For 93 years the north-east of Victoria has been the home of my family. Remarkable progress has been made in that district, and the potential remains great. Parliaments and Governments of latter years have done much to assist in the development. I express my appreciation of the work done by the Bolte Government, as well as by other Governments, in assisting in the development of primary industries, and, to a lesser extent, in the establishment of secondary industries in those districts.

Members have heard stories of the struggles of primary producers at different times, and those struggles are still going on. I mention the tobacco, wool and dairying industries and, to a smaller degree, the wheat industry. Producers of these products encounter difficult problems from time to time, and I trust that I shall be able to play a small part in seeing that they receive fair returns. Within twelve months this Parliament may be called upon to ensure that the marketing of wheat is continued in an orderly fashion, as it is to-day.

The north-east of Victoria has the greatest tourist potential of any part of the State. Week-end after week-end, approximately 1,000 cars each convey two, three, four or perhaps half a dozen occupants to Mt. Buller for participation in snow sports. Parliament

has a challenge to meet in providing the people of the State and of the rest of Australia, as well as visitors, with facilities to enable them to participate in this activity.

I regard it as a privilege to be able, as a member of Parliament, to share at this time in our history in the governing of the State. I am fully aware of the responsibilities and burdens that this duty entails, and I trust that I shall be able to assist in promoting the welfare of Victoria.

On the motion of Mr. FENNESSY (Brunswick East), the debate was adjourned until Tuesday, September 26.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. MEAGHER (Minister without Portfolio).—I move—

That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past Three o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 4.6 p.m. until Tuesday, September 26.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, September 26, 1961.

The **PRESIDENT** (**Sir Gordon McArthur**) took the chair at 5 p.m., and read the prayer.

CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. R. S. SARAH.

The **PRESIDENT** (**Sir Gordon McArthur**).—I have to announce that Mr. Roy Stanley Sarah, the Clerk of the Council, has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to be also Clerk of the Parliaments as from 12th September, 1961, in the place of Mr. Hugh Kennedy McLachlan, retired.

I think it would be proper for me, on behalf of the members of this Chamber, to congratulate Mr. Sarah upon his appointment.

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PUBLIC AND RECREATIONAL LANDS BILL.

The Hon. J. W. GALBALLY (Melbourne North Province), by leave, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to preserve for public use lands reserved dedicated or used as public parks or gardens or otherwise for the recreation of the people.

The motion was agreed to.

The Bill was brought in and read a first time.

GAME (BLACK SWANS) BILL.

The Hon. R. W. MACK (Minister of Health), by leave, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend section 35 of the Game Act 1958.

The motion was agreed to.

The Bill was brought in and read a first time.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING: ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Sir ARTHUR WARNER (Minister of Transport).—I desire to give notice that, on the next day of meeting, I shall move—

That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; that on Wednesday in each week private members' business shall take precedence of Government business; and that no new business be taken after half-past Ten o'clock.

I might add, by leave, that if any member desires an alteration of the hour of meeting on Thursdays to 11 a.m., which might be more suitable than the hour of meeting normally provided for under the sessional orders, I shall be happy to accept an amendment accordingly.