**SUTHERLAND’S ACT REPEAL BILL 1872**

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Second reading

**The TREASURER (Hon. J. H. Barrow)** was quite prepared to go into facts and figures if the House thought it necessary, but he did not think there was any necessity for taking up much time. A Bill was passed some years ago providing that certain sums should be set apart for immigration, but they were not used for that purpose. The money had been “absorbed” and they had to pass validating Acts for these sums. They had come to the conclusion it was better to abolish the Act he had spoken of and adjust the accounts properly. Under the present system the accounts were greatly complicated, showing on the one hand great indebtedness, and on the other enormous assets; but it was merely a hocus pocus of bookkeeping, without any substantiality in it at all. They intended to repeal the Bill and adjust the accounts to 30th December last. He could go into facts and figures if the House wished it. (Cries of “No.”) He accepted the desire of the House, and merely moved the second reading.

Carried.