The proposal of the Government to acquire another site for the Governor's residence has created considerable interest. Last week, Mr. Boles, in the House of Assembly, advocated strongly that the Government should do nothing finally in the matter before Parliament had had an opportunity of discussing it. In speaking to a motion, to that effect, Mr. Lucas caused quite a stir by his remarks made in regard to several property deals the Government carried through. The debate was resumed in the Council on Wednesday afternoon.

The Chief Secretary referred to the statement of Mr. Lucas, when previously speaking to the motion, and said that he had suggested that in purchasing Dr. Hynes's sanatorium in Flinders-street over the head of the Liberal Union, the Government had abused the taxpayers' money to defeat the aims of an opposing political organisation. Mr. Lucas had referred to that suggestion with a term which was described as unparliamentary. Personally, he did not think he could have correctly designated the suggestion, either, and if the member wished to repeat his words, he stuck to facts that could not be controverted.

Mr. Lucas—They will be given proper publicity.

The Chief Secretary said there was not an atom of truth in Mr. Lucas's suggestion, and if Mr. Lucas thought he would be permitted to use unparliamentary language against him, he was mistaken. Mr. Styles—He will not come again after that.

The Chief Secretary said the Government would not stoop to such a petty and unpalatable action as Mr. Lucas had suggested. The Government had purchased the sanatorium and was at the command of Mr. Lucas—Was it a matter of great urgency.

The Chief Secretary—It was. The Federal authorities were anxious to get into the matter.

The Minister of Agriculture—He is the ultimate authority in that chamber.

Mr. Lucas—It was unfortunate—it came at the time it did.

Mr. Styles—Get your facts before you speak next time.

Mr. Lucas—I quoted facts.

The Minister of Agriculture—No, you didn't.

Mr. Lucas—May I ask you, Mr. President, to ask the Minister of Agriculture to take the Chief Secretary over with his speech.

The Minister of Agriculture—Accept the position of President yourself.

The Prime Minister—Order.

The Chief Secretary said provision was made on the Estimates for the expenditure of £30,000 for the purchase of a site for the new Government House. It had been reported somewhere that a site had now occurred over Government House, sooner or later he would be used for other purposes, for educational buildings. The area occupied by the site was so small that nature, even with the removal of some of its natural beauty, was not nearly sufficient for future educational needs. The Chief Secretary said the site would be used by the Education Department. The report of the Commissioner of Public Works is an ideal spot for Government House.

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