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Andrew Dempster

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Principal Honours	
Birth	Date: 21 February 1843
	Place: Buckland, Northam, Western Australia
Arrival in WA	
Parents	James McLean, sea captain, and Ann Ellen Pratt
	Brother of Charles Edward Dempster, farmer and politician
Marriage and Family	Married (1) 28 August 1867, Northam to Mary Emily Marsden (born 11 January
	1840), daughter of William and Mary Catherine, stepdaughter of Reverend
	Charles Clay, and a descendant of Reverend Samuel Marsden
	Children: six sons and four daughters
	Widowed 12 October 1888
	Married (2) 12 January 1891, St Johns Church, Northam to Sarah Roe (nee
	Clarkson) (born 15 September 1846-died 1912), widow, daughter of Michael
	and Jane Drummond
	No children

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Death Date: 6 March 1909

Place: Muresk, Western Australia

Cemetery: Northam Cemetery, Western Australia

Cause of Death:

Religion Church of England

Education	Lowe's School, Fremantle and Reverend Dacres Williams' School, Guildford
Occupation	Farmer
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Employment History	1864 went overland with stock from Northam to Esperance, obtained further pastoral rights, also exploring for water Dundas Hills, 1866 in Fraser Range 1870–1871 exploration and well-sinking in Fraser Range, 1874 obtained lease and grant of 4,500 acres 1871 acquired cutter Gypsy, transported wool to Adelaide, stores and stock from Fremantle, sheep to Esperance islands, seal hunting 1875 to Toodyay, 1878 returned to Esperance, constructed police station, then moved to Down Farm (now Muresk) near Northam
House	MLC
Least Community	
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Date Elected	6 May 1903
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Year Retired/Resigned	1904
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Electorate	East
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Parliamentary Service	MLC East Province 6 May 1903 (by-election)–May 1904
	Contested Albany 1871 (by-election), Plantagenet 6 December 1890, East
	Province 30 May 1904
Private Member's Bills	
Background/Membership	With brothers first European settlers in Esperance district Took part in numerous exploratory expeditions, 1860 east of Northam, 1861 with Charles Harper and BD Clarkson to Georgina Range

1863 chartered Emelia for south coast exploration, with brother Charles Edward opened up stock route between Esperance and Perth, leased 100,000 acres at Esperance

1874 with brothers obtained three adjacent blocks of 10,000 acres each plus 1,000 acre grant

Also 1873 with brothers purchased Drummond steam mill and farm in Toodyay Valley and owned Billabong station in north-west

1872 inherited property in Rockingham, Toodyay and Northam districts from Charles Pratt (grandfather)

1888 Justice of the Peace

1890 inherited property and livestock from father, 1907 Dempster brothers partnership dissolved

Foundation member Northam Race Club, Clerk of Course, member Western Australian Turf Club

Qualifications

References D Black and G Bolton, eds, Biographical Register of Members of the Parliament of Western Australia: volume one 1870-1930, Parliamentary History Project, Perth, WA, 2010, p. 62-63.

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