

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1885.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. Congregational Union Incorporation Bill—third reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. ACLAND to move, That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing the cost of each of the railways or sections of railways under the control of Government throughout the colony, and the receipts and expenditure on each during each of the last three years; and also showing the rate of interest on the expenditure, after deducting the working expenses, during each of the said last three years.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Bank of Issue Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time. (Hon. Mr. Bathgate.)
2. School Committees Election Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Barnicoat.)
3. Impounding Act 1884 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)
4. Land Transfer Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
5. Evidence Further Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker.)
6. Seamen Representation Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Bonar.)

Thursday, the 30th day of July, 1885.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Colonel BRETT to move, (1.) That this Council is of opinion that, in order to satisfy the public mind, restore confidence in the administration of the Christchurch Hospital, and do justice to those responsible for its management, it is expedient that an exhaustive inquiry should be made by Government into the alleged irregularities referred to in the Legislative Council Paper No. 74. (2.) That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to appoint a Royal Commission, consisting of men entirely free from all provincial proclivities, to inquire into the allegations contained in the Legislative Council Paper No. 74.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Administration Act 1879 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, when in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Section 1. Strike out second paragraph.

Strike out sections 2, 3, and 4.

To add the following new clauses, to follow clause 1:—

A. "Property" and "separate property" include both real and personal estate and choses in action;

"Children" include their legal representatives.

B. The law now in force in this colony providing for the distribution of the estates of persons dying intestate is modified as follows, namely,—

- (a.) The property of a man dying intestate, leaving a wife but no children him surviving, shall at his death be allotted to his wife absolutely.
- (b.) The separate property of a woman dying intestate, leaving a husband but no children her surviving, shall at her death be allotted to her husband absolutely.
- (c.) The separate property of a woman dying intestate, leaving a husband and children her surviving, shall be allotted in a similar manner as the property of her husband would be allotted had he died leaving a wife and children him surviving.

Schedule to be omitted.

2. Presbyterian Church Property Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Bonar.)

Friday, the 31st day of July, 1885.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. SHRIMSKI to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "The Borough of Oamaru Extension Act, 1885."
2. The Honourable Captain MORRIS to move, That the Rating Act 1882 Amendment Bill be read the second time on Wednesday, 5th August.

Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 1885.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Distress Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Shephard.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

TUESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1885.

PETITIONS.

55. Of 55 Inhabitants of Waipawa, for an amendment of the Licensing Act, so as to prohibit the employment of women in the bars of publichouses. (Hon. Mr. Wilson.)

56. Of 24 Resident Deferred-payment Selectors and Farmers, for amendment of the Land Laws. (Hon. Mr. Holmes.)

PAPERS.

92. Goldfields throughout the Colony, Lectures on the. C.—2A. (By command.)

93. Goldfields throughout the Colony, further Correspondence relating to Lectures on the. C.—2B. (By command.)

94. Mines, Control and Inspection of. C.—4. (By command.)

95. Native Meetings, Notes of. G.—1. (By command.)

96. Trustees and Executors Companies in the Cape Colony, Papers respecting. H.—3. (By command.)

97. Salmon Ova, Report on the Importation of. H.—17. (By command.)

98. New Zealand Institute, Proceedings of the Year 1884. (By command.)

99. Colonial Museum and Laboratory: Nineteenth Annual Report, and the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Colonial Botanic Garden. (By command.)

100. Wellington Patent-Slip Company, Copy of an Agreement made on 11th May, 1871. (By leave.)

101. Goldfields of New Zealand, Report on the. C.—2. (By leave.)

REPORTS.

25. Of the Committee upon the Congregational Union Incorporation Bill. (Hon. Captain Baillie.)