

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 30th day of July, 1885.

NOTICES 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 in no way interested in the Canterbury District, to inquire into the allegations contained in the Legislative Council Paper No. 74.
2. The Honourable Mr. CHAMBERLIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing Government expenditure at Drury, from the commencement of the railway works to the 31st March, 1885, specifying the cost of the railway-station and stationmaster's house, the goods-shed and its removal, water-tanks, and pumping-engines, and the cost incurred in providing the various sidings, and all other expenditure in connection with the Drury Station, including the cost of post and telegraph offices there.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Public Works Act 1882 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
2. Land Transfer Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
3. 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.