

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

## ORDER PAPER.

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of August, 1891.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WILSON to move, That the second reading of the Law Practitioners Bill be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
2. The Honourable Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That the Select Committee on Native Affairs have power to sit and confer with any similar Committee appointed by the House of Representatives on the subject of any Bill that may be introduced in either House with regard to Native lands, and to bring up a joint or separate Report.
3. The Honourable Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That the Friendly Societies Bill be ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Lunatics Act Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)
2. Factories Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)

#### *Contingent Notice of Motion.*

The Honourable Mr. STEWART, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

In section 51, line 24, to strike out all the words after the word “week,” and to insert the following words: “No person shall employ in a woollen mill any female for more than forty-eight hours in any week. No person shall employ in any other factory or warehouse any female between the hours of six in the afternoon and eight in the morning, or for more than eight hours in any one day.”

To add the following new clauses:—

Nothing in this Act shall prevent the employment of any boy in the publishing or delivering of newspapers at any hour of the day.

If any occupier shall be dissatisfied with the decision or direction of an Inspector under this Act, such occupier may, within fourteen days, appeal to the Board by a notice in writing, setting forth the grounds of such dissatisfaction; and such Board, after giving notice in writing to the Inspector, shall hear and determine such appeal; and such Board may confirm, reverse, or modify the decision or direction appealed against, and may make such other order as may be just and reasonable.

To add the following new subsection after subsection (3) of section 72:

(4.) Any exception, exemption, proviso, excuse, or qualification, whether it does or does not accompany the description of the offence in this Act, may be proved by the defendant, but need not be specified or negatived in the information; and if so specified or negatived, no proof in relation to the matter so specified or negatived shall be required on the part of the informant.]

3. Shop Hours Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)
4. McCabe Land Grant Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)

5. Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act 1886 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)
6. Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)
7. River Boards Acts Amendment Bill—to be recommitted to consider the following new clause:—

A. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, or in any Act thereby repealed, any River Board may agree with any person who, or corporate body which, has lent money to such Board under the said Act or any Act thereby repealed, for an extension of the time or alteration in the terms or mode of payment originally agreed on; and any such agreement heretofore made or purporting to have been made is hereby validated.

8. Auctioneers Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to amendments of the Legislative Council:—

REASONS.

Section 9: The amendments made in this section would (1) limit the fees almost exclusively to the boroughs, whilst the other local authorities having the maintenance of roads over which stock and goods are brought to the auction-rooms and sale-yards would not receive anything like a fair amount wherewith to defray cost of maintenance of the said roads; (2) auctioneers in many cases transact business in the country districts equally with the towns; (3) that under section 14 of "The Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875," the revenue derived from auctioneers' licenses was payable to the municipality or road district in which the auctioneer had his usual residence; (4) that under the law now in force—"The Financial Arrangements Act, 1876," subsection (2) of section 23—it is enacted that auctioneers' fees are payable to the county or borough in which the said auctioneer has his usual place of business, or, if no such place, then to where he has his usual place of residence. That the fees, by the amendment now made, being made payable solely to the fund of the borough or district wherein the licensee has his principal or sole place of business, deprives local authorities from receiving the fees which, under the existing law, they now receive; the words "principal or sole place of business" being more restrictive than the term used in the Financial Arrangements Act, namely, "usual place of business."

Section 18: The new clause 18 enacts that, whether the auctioneer has received the proceeds of sale or not, he must, within seven days after receiving written notice so to do, pay over the balance of proceeds. In case of sales of real properties this would be harassing, the rule being that a deposit of twenty-five per cent. of the purchase-money is paid and one month given to complete title. The amendment would otherwise be restrictive and oppressive in its operation.

9. Land- and Income-assessment Bill—adjourned debate upon the second reading. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)
10. Public Revenues Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)

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Thursday, the 27th Day of August, 1891.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Palmerston North Hospital District Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Stewart.)
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Friday, the 28th Day of August, 1891.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Customs and Excise Duties Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Buckley.)
2. Stratford County Districts Adjustment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Shrimski.)
3. Book Purchasers Protection Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir G. S. Whitmore, K.C.M.G.)