

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 20th day of August, 1880.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. CHAMBERLIN to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable, in the interests of the future welfare of the colony, that the Government should declare its policy either as Free-trade or Protectionist.
2. The Honourable Captain FRASER to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "The Portobello Road Board Enabling Act, 1880."
3. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That in cases where, in the course of debate, any honourable member may have made use of personalities or language in reference to other honourable members or other persons, which they subsequently see reason to regret, it is perfectly legitimate and desirable that such expressions should be eliminated from the report in *Hansard*, provided that the entire record is expunged by mutual consent, and that such expunging is made through the Honourable the Speaker, and not otherwise; but no such elimination should take place at the sole discretion of the *Hansard* Reporter, or the Chief of that department.
4. The Honourable Colonel BRETT to move, That whenever any member of the Legislative Council, who shall have attended the Council during any part of a session, shall absent himself during the said session for more than one week at a time, without express leave of absence from the Council, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Council to call the attention of the Honourable the Speaker to the absence of any such member; and any member so absenting himself without leave may be dealt with by the Council in terms of Standing Orders Nos. 96 and 327.
5. The Honourable Sir F. DILLON BELL to move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Robinson for the remainder of the session, on urgent private affairs.
6. The Honourable Mr. MILLER to move, That this Council will presently resolve itself into Committee upon the Ashburton County Council Waterworks Bill.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Sir F. DILLON BELL to move the following amendment,—
To omit all the words after the word "That" in the first line with a view to insert the following words in lieu thereof:—

- "It is inexpedient to allow the establishment of a precedent that the county fund of a county should be involved in liability for any public work undertaken not for the benefit of the county, but only for part thereof, without the assent of the ratepayers of the whole county."
7. The Honourable Mr. WILSON to move, That the *Hansard* Reporter be directed to furnish to the Council his original report of the debate that took place in this Council on the 4th day of June last, relative to the conversion of loans.
 8. The Honourable Dr. POLLEN to move, That the Returns (two) giving the number of electors on the roll of each electoral district in the colony for the year 1879, the whole number of persons in the colony then qualified to vote as holders of miner's rights and business licenses, and the number of electors registered up to the 30th May, 1880, upon the roll for each electoral district of the colony, under the provisions of "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1879," and "The Registration of Electors Act, 1880," be ordered to be printed.

9. The Honourable Colonel BRETT to move, That Standing Order No. 20 on private Bills be suspended, in order to allow the Malvern Water-race Transfer Bill to proceed through its various stages.
10. The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER to move, That this Council will, at its rising this day, adjourn until half-past two of the clock on Monday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Nelson Gas and Waterworks Sale Act 1877 Amendment Bill—second reading.
2. Oamaru Harbour Board Bill—second reading.
3. Taranaki Iron Smelting Works Land Act 1874 Amendment Bill—second reading.
4. Election Petitions Bill—consideration of further reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council.

Reasons.

(1.) The public interests at stake are too great to justify the objection on the ground of expense.

(2.) Previous experience does not justify the supposition that more than two petitions will be sent for trial in any one year, except as an extraordinary occurrence.

(3.) It does not follow that when there are two petitions they should be heard simultaneously.

(4.) If the case is so uncertain that two Judges disagree, it is right that the election should not be upset.

5. Counties Act Amendment Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when the Council is in Committee upon the Counties Act Amendment Bill, to move the addition of the following new clauses:—

(a.) Section one hundred and forty-three of the Counties Act is hereby amended by striking out from the fourth subsection the words “at the foot of each voting paper,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “and legibly signed by the voter.”

(b.) Section one hundred and forty-four of the Counties Act is hereby repealed.

(c.) Any ratepayer entitled to vote shall have only one vote, but may and can vote by proxy; and every proxy must produce to the Returning Officer his power of attorney in that behalf or a written authority to vote for his principal, duly signed or marked by such principal, and the principal's signature or mark duly witnessed by a Justice of the Peace, and such authority shall state how the principal wishes his proxy to vote; and such proxy shall erase the voting-paper in accordance with his principal's instructions and in the presence of the Returning Officer, who shall take and deposit such authority with the voting papers, but if the proxy's authority be deficient in any of the above particulars the Returning Officer shall refuse to accept his vote as such proxy.

(d.) If the number of votes consenting to the proposal aforesaid be an absolute majority of the whole ratepayers, and representing more than one-half of the value of the rateable property of such district, the proposal shall be deemed consented to, and the Council shall proceed with the proposed scheme accordingly; but if there is no such majority of votes in favour thereof, the proposed scheme shall be deemed rejected, and the Council shall not begin or undertake any such water-supply scheme.

6. High School Reserves Bill—to be committed.
7. Canterbury Rivers Act 1870 Amendment Bill—to be committed.
8. New Zealand University Reserves Bill—to be committed.
9. Disqualification Committee (No. 2)—consideration of Report.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WILSON, when the Order of the Day is read, to move, That the Report of the Disqualification Committee (No. 2) be affirmed;

but that this Council is of opinion that Mr. Taiaroa, at the time of being summoned to this Council, was quite unaware of his disqualification for the office.

10. Mining Companies Act 1872 Amendment Bill—second reading.
11. Auckland College and Grammar School Bill—to be committed.
12. Wanganui Harbour Board and River Conservators Board Grant Bill—to be committed.
13. Fire Prevention and the Fire Brigades Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the third time; and the amendment of the Honourable Mr. G. R. JOHNSON, to omit the word “now,” with a view to add the words “this day six months.”
14. Christchurch District Drainage Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Tuesday, the 24th day of August, 1880.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Whether in all cases where the capitation fee has been paid upon children outside the school age attending public schools, the special leave of the Committee was obtained before such children were allowed to attend the schools?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WILSON to move, That a Return be made to this Council of all Justices of the Peace who have become bankrupt or insolvent within a period of two years, up to the 1st August instant.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

THURSDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1880.

PAPERS.

140. County Councils: Return of Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1880. (In pursuance of section 13 of “The Public Works Act, 1876.”)
141. Road Boards: Return of Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1880. (In pursuance of section 13 of “The Public Works Act, 1876.”)

REPORTS.

69. Of the Local Bills Committee (B) upon the Nelson Gas and Waterworks Sale Act 1877 Amendment Bill. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)
70. Of the Local Bills Committee (A) upon the Oamaru Harbour Board Bill. (Hon. Mr. Hart.)
71. Of the Local Bills Committee (A) upon the Taranaki Iron Smelting Works Lands Act 1874 Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. Hart.)
72. Of the Reporting Debates Committee (Interim Report). (Hon. Captain Baillie.)
73. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petition of P. G. Mutu and others. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Friday, the 20th day of August, 1880.

Local Bills Committee (A), at 10.30 a.m., in No. 1 Committee room.

Bill for consideration,—

Otago Harbour Board Empowering Bill.

Local Bills Committee (C), at 10.30 a.m., in No. 2 Committee room.

Bill for consideration,—

Municipal Corporations Acts Amendment Bill.

Ashburton County Council Waterworks Bill Committee, at 12 noon, in No. 5 Committee room.