

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 18th Day of December, 1897.

QUESTION.

1. Hon. F. ARKWRIGHT to ask the Minister of Education,—(1) Whether plans have been prepared for the erection of the new library; (2) whether, before finally adopting such plans, the Government will take steps to procure alternative designs from other architects; and (3) whether the plans already prepared will be exhibited in the lobby or elsewhere, so that members may have an opportunity of seeing them before the close of the session?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. W. C. WALKER to move, That the Report of the Waste Lands Committee upon Paper No. 24, of 1897, be adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Victoria College Bill—third reading. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
2. Joseph Houston Land Grant Bill—to be committed. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
3. Cheviot Estate Disposition Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
4. Alien Immigration Restriction Bill—to be committed. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. S. E. SHRIMSKI, in Committee, to move the following new subsection to clause 19:—

- (2.) Nothing in this Act contained shall render any alien woman, being the wife of any natural-born subject of Her Majesty or of any naturalised person, liable to the poll-tax hereby imposed; and no Act in force prior to the passing of this Act shall be deemed to have rendered any such woman liable to any such tax.

5. Wages Protection Bill—to be committed. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
6. Westport—Ngakawau Railway Extension Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
7. Wellington City Empowering Bill—to be committed. (Hon. J. Rigg.)

Monday, the 20th Day of December, 1897.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Defamation Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. H. Feldwick.)