

*The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.*

# ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 24th Day of June, 1896.

### QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. STEVENS to ask the Government, If, in view of the fact that a statement has been published in London to the effect that the Government of New Zealand have confiscated the railway property of the Midland Railway Company, they will inform the Council, as soon as possible, of the actual position of the colony in regard to the company?

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Sir G. S. WHITMORE, K.C.M.G., to move, That there be laid on the table copies of all correspondence or papers bearing on the subject of the transfer of the control of the government of Norfolk Island to New Zealand.
2. Hon. Mr. FELDWICK to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "The Municipal Corporations Act 1886 Amendment Act, 1896."
3. Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER to move, That a Select Committee, consisting of eight members, be appointed to examine into and report upon the following matters: (1.) The position of the Bank of New Zealand, the Bank of New Zealand Estates Company (Limited), the Auckland Agricultural Company (Limited), and the Colonial Bank of New Zealand both prior and subsequent to the banking legislation of 1894 and 1895, with special reference to all the circumstances leading up to that legislation, the fullness and accuracy of the information then disclosed by the directors and officers of those institutions, and the capacity and fitness of those directors and officers. (2.) All such other matters as the Committee deem necessary or expedient in the premises. The Committee to have power to call for persons, and papers and to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the House of Representatives: the Committee to report within twenty-one days, and to consist of the Hon. Mr. Arkwright, the Hon. Mr. Bowen, the Hon. Mr. Jennings, the Hon. Mr. Kelly, the Hon. Mr. Montgomery, the Hon. Mr. Ormond, the Hon. Mr. Stevens, and the Mover.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Police Offences Act 1884 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Shrimski.)
2. Divorce Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Bolt.)
3. Adulteration Prevention Acts Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

### *Contingent Notice of Motion.*

The Hon. Mr. KELLY, in Committee, in section 2, to move the addition of the following new subsection:—

- (c.) Any condensed milk in closed tins, bottles, or packages, unless such tin, bottle, or package bears a label or other notification setting forth in clear and distinct letters or figures an analysis of such condensed milk, showing the percentage of water, proteids, butter-fat, lactose, ash, and cane-sugar (if any) contained in such condensed milk.