The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 25th Day of August, 1898.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. Stratford Electric Lighting Bill--third reading. (Hon. Mr. T. Kelly.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Municipal Franchise Reform Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Rigg, in Committee, to move the following amendment:— That clause 2 be amended by inserting after the words "Residential occupant means," in line 20, the words "any lodger or."

2. Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

3. Inebriates Institutions Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

4. Animals Protection Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Ricc, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

A. The holder of a license shall be entitled during the season, as defined by section three of the Act, at any time during daylight, to enter on any private or other land for the purpose of killing and taking game or native game, and shall be liable only for any actual damage which may be occasioned by such entry.

Hon. Mr. Bolt to move, That, on the Bill being reported from the Committee of the Whole, the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering

clause 10.

5. Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. T. Kelly, in Committee, to move the following amendments:— Section 2, line 4 of page: To strike out the words "ninety-eight," and

insert "ninety-nine."

Section 5, subsection (1), line 37: To insert the words "one thousand nine hundred "in place of the words "one thousand nine hundred and one." Subsection (2), lines 40-41: To insert "one thousand nine hundred and one" in place of "one thousand nine hundred and two." Subsection (3), line 46: To insert "one thousand nine hundred" in place of "one thousand nine hundred and one."

Section 7, subsection (1), lines 28-29: To insert "one thousand nine hundred" in place of "one thousand nine hundred and one." Subsection (2), lines 38-39: To insert "one thousand nine hundred and one" instead

of one thousand nine hundred and two."

Section 10, subsection (2): To strike out all the words after the word

"Bank," in the 3rd line.

Section 12: To strike out all the words after the word "be," in the 30th line, and insert the words "the sum of two thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds per annum to be divided amongst them as the Board shall by resolution direct."

Hon. Mr. Jones, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

That subsection (a) be omitted. That the words in subsection (b), "If he declines to accept such offer he," be omitted. That the words "The person who occupied the position of President" be inserted before "may," in subsection (b). That the following words be added to subsection (d): "And every defence that would have been open to Her Majesty, if she could have been sued, shall be open to the Bank; and, in addition, the Bank shall not be estopped from setting up any charges of misconduct that might have been an answer to an action for wrongful dismissal, on the ground that the dismissal was not consequent on such misconduct."

6. Separate Institutions Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

7. Shearers' Accommodation Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

8. Legislative Council Reform Bill — second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Dr. Grace, on the second reading of the Legislative Council Reform Bill, to move, That any radical alteration in the constitution of this Council should proceed on the principle of popular election by large electorates.

Friday, the 26th Day of August, 1898.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Wellington Harbour Board and Corporation Empowering Bill — third reading. (Hon. Dr. Grace.)

2. Divorce Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. MacGregor.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. MacGregor, in Committee, to move the following new clause:-Sections seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-six, and thirty of "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," are hereby repealed.

3. First Offenders' Probation Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. Mr. McCullough.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Bowen, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—
In clause 2, lines 6-7: To strike out the words "shall be at liberty to state or," and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "May in its discretion." In line 8: To strike out the words "upon oath," and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "In open Court."

Wednesday, the 31st Day of August, 1898.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Water-supply Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)

2. University of Otago Leases and Securities Bill—to be committed. (Hon.

3. Bankruptcy Act 1892 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. A. L.

Smith.)