

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 18th day of August, 1880.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. NURSE to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, If he will inform the Council what course the Government intend to follow with reference to the settlers on deferred-payment lands in Southland; and if they have considered the Petition of John Alison and others?

NOTICES 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.
2. The Honourable Mr. MANTELL to move, That it is expedient that this Council should be informed what steps (if any) the Government has taken towards the closing of the cemeteries in the City of Wellington.
3. The Honourable Captain FRASER to move, That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing (1) The names of Wardens and Resident Magistrates employed on the Otago Gold Fields; (2) the number of cases (both civil, criminal, and Warden's) adjudicated upon by each of such officers for twelve months preceding the 30th June, 1880; (3) the salary paid to each of such officers for the same period; (4) the amount of expenses (including all allowances for absence from home, travelling expenses, horse-hire, rent, &c.) paid to each of such officers for the same period; (5) the number of officers under the control of such Wardens respectively, and the total amount of salaries and expenses, &c., as aforesaid paid to such officers.
4. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That in future no Private Bill received from the House of Representatives shall be put down on the Order Paper for second reading, unless either the Standing Orders have been complied with or the Council shall have suspended the same upon motion made.
5. The Honourable Mr. MILLER to move, That the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills Nos. 21 and 30 be suspended, in order that the Ashburton County Council Waterworks Bill may be passed through its various stages.
6. 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.
7. Interrupted debate upon the Question, That the Report of the Director of the Geological Survey on the site of the Sea Cliff Asylum, referred to in the Annual Report on the Lunatic Asylums of New Zealand, H.-6, 1880, p. 6, be laid upon the Table.
8. The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE to move, That there be laid upon the Table a Return of the land scrip issued and applied on the West Coast of the North Island.
9. 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.

10. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That Standing Orders Nos. 21 and 30 on Private Bills be suspended, in order that the Ashburton County Council Waterworks Bill may proceed through its various stages.
11. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE 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.
12. The Honourable Mr. BONAR to move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Bonar for fourteen days from Tuesday, 17th instant, on urgent private affairs.
13. The Honourable Sir F. DILLON BELL to move, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider the question how far the incorporation of public Taxing and Rating Acts into private Bills is consistent with the ordinary procedure in private Bill legislation, and whether any alteration in the Standing Orders on Private Bills is required in reference thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Auckland College and Grammar School Bill—second reading.
2. Wanganui Harbour Board and River Conservators Board Grant Bill—second reading.
3. Rabbit Nuisance Bill—consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives.
4. Joint Stock Companies Act 1860 Amendment Bill—to be committed.
5. 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.”
6. Christchurch District Drainage Act Amendment Bill—to be committed.
7. Execution against Real Estate Bill—to be committed.
8. Dentists Bill—to be committed.

Thursday, the 19th day of August, 1880.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Sir F. DILLON BELL to move, That Standing Orders Nos. 87 and 96 be repealed; and, contingent on such repeal being passed, that it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider what alterations are required in Standing Orders Nos. 86, 88, and 89.
2. The Honourable Mr. PEACOCK to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, any balances of cash in the hands of the various Boards of Education at the end of a financial year constitute a portion of the Consolidated Fund of the colony, and ought to be paid by the said Boards into the Colonial Treasury.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Disqualification Committee (No. 2)—consideration of Report.
2. Mining Companies Act 1872 Amendment Bill—second reading.
3. Jackson's Bay Settlement Bill—second reading.
4. New Zealand University Reserves Bill—second reading.
5. High School Reserves Bill—second reading.
6. Canterbury Rivers Act 1870 Amendment Bill—second reading.
7. Municipal Corporations Acts Amendment Bill—second reading.
8. 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.

Friday, the 20th day of August, 1880.

NOTICE 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.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

TUESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1880.

PAPERS.

137. Land Sold for Cash or Money Scrip, and held under Depasturing and other Leases, Return of, for the Year ended 31st December, 1879. C.—1. (By command.)
138. San Francisco Mail Service, Further Papers relative to. F.—2A. (By command.)
139. Public Works Statement. (With the leave of the Council, by Hon. Mr. Whitaker.)

REPORTS.

61. Of the Local Bills Committee (B) upon the Auckland College and Grammar School Bill. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)
62. Of the Local Bills Committee (C) upon the Wanganui Harbour Board and River Conservators Board Grant Bill. (Hon. Mr. Waterhouse.)
63. Of the Standing Orders Committee, Interim Report. (Hon. Captain Baillie.)
64. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petition of Thomas Bray. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)
65. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petition of George Robertson. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)
66. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petition of 33 Foreign and Local Insurance Agents. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)
67. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petition of Robert Laird. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)
68. Of the Disqualification Committee (No. 2). (Hon. Mr. Wilson.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Wednesday, the 18th 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.

For Thursday, the 19th day of August, 1880.

Legislative Council Officers Committee, at 11 a.m., in No. 5 Committee room.