

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 10th day of September, 1885.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. BATHGATE to move, That the Report of the Committee on Advances on Freehold Lands be printed.
2. Interrupted debate upon the Question, That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the £500 exemption in the Property Assessment Bill should be abolished.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Gold Mining Districts Act 1873 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. RICHMOND, in Committee, to move that the following new clause be substituted for clause 2 in the Bill:—

The Governor may, by Order in Council, from time to time, declare that any of the provisions of the said Act, and this Act, shall apply to mining for silver and any other metals or minerals, as well as to gold-mining, and may also define the districts wherein any such Order in Council shall take effect. The Governor may also alter, amend, or revoke any such Order in Council, in whole or in part.

2. Public Revenues Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
3. Public Works Act Amendment (No. 2) Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
4. Property Assessment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
5. Counties Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Shephard.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. SHEPHARD, in Committee, to move,—

Clause 1. Add the following paragraph:—

This Act shall come into operation on the *first* day of November next after the passing thereof, except sections *two* and *three*, which shall come into operation on such passing.

Clause 17. To omit the first subsection and to substitute the following:—

- (1.) In payment, in the first instance, of the general debts and liabilities of the county, as a whole, which are not included in the special appropriations hereinafter mentioned, and of the general expenses incident to the administration of the said Act, and the several Acts amending the same.

In subsection (4). To insert after “shall” the following words: “subject to the provisions of the next following section.”

After clause 18 to insert the following:—

18A. With respect to all county roads the following provisions shall have effect:—

- (1.) Every County Council shall, subject to the provisions hereof, have full power to form, construct, improve, repair, and maintain all such county roads and all bridges and ferries therein.

- (2.) The Governor may from time to time order any county road, bridge, or ferry to be made, maintained, or repaired, within such period as he may in any such order determine;

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and, if the County Council shall refuse or neglect so to make, maintain, or repair any such road, bridge, or ferry, it shall be lawful for the Governor to cause the same to be so made, maintained, or repaired, and the expenses thereof shall be charged against the Corporation so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, and may be deducted from any moneys payable under the said Act or any other Act of the General Assembly to such Corporation; and in default of any such deduction such expenses may be recovered as a debt due to the Crown from the Corporation.

Clause 20. To add the following paragraph:—

The power granted by this section of levying separate rates shall be in addition to the power granted by section forty-four of "The Counties Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1882," and shall not be controlled by the limit fixed by section forty-five of the last-mentioned Act, but shall be exercised subject to section forty-six of such Act.

After clause 39 to insert the following:—

Contract
defined.

39A. The word "contract," in subsection four of section sixty-two of the said Act shall mean, and be deemed to have meant, only a contract executed or made as provided in section one hundred and seventy-two of the said Act.

Clause 40, lines 20 and 21. Omit "and one hundred and eighty-three," insert "one hundred and eighty-three and one hundred and eighty-five"; line 25, omit "four"; line 26, omit "twenty-three."

6. Mortgage Debentures Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
7. Stamp Act 1882 Amendment Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor be agreed to.
8. Justices of the Peace Act 1882 Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Wilson.)

Friday, the 11th day of September, 1885.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That the following new Standing Order relating to Private Bills be agreed to:—

A Standing Committee, to consist of seven members, shall be proposed by the Government at the commencement of each session, to be called Committee D, to whom shall be referred, prior to their being read the third time, all private Bills introduced into the Council during the session, or any other Bills which, in the opinion of the Hon. the Speaker, come within the category of private Bills:—

If the Committee decide that any Bill so referred to them is not a private Bill, they shall then report such Bill to the Council, with a statement as to whether such Bill is a public or a local Bill.

If the Committee decide that any Bill referred to them is a private Bill, they shall then proceed to examine into it, and report fully thereon to the Council.

2. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That the Report of the Joint Committee on Codlin Moth be agreed to.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1885.

PAPERS.

156. Kaihu Valley Railway Guarantee, Further Papers relating to. D.—5D. (By command.)
157. Agricultural and Pastoral Associations: Reports and Balance-sheets. (In pursuance of section 12 of "The Agricultural and Societies Act, 1877.")