The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 8th Day of October, 1900.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. Rigg to move, That the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee be instructed to take into consideration the advisableness of issuing a daily *Hansard* next session, and to report thereon to the Council.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- 1. Hospitals and Charitable Aid Boards Bill—consideration of amendments of House of Representatives.
- 2. Sale of Poisons Amendment Bill—consideration of amendments of House of Representatives.
- 3. Imprisonment for Debt Limitation Bill—adjourned debate upon the consideration of the Report of the Conference.

Amend clauses 3 and 4 to read as follows:—

3. Except in the cases which by section three of the principal Act are declared to be excepted from the operation of that section, and except also in cases where the debt has been incurred by fraud, or where it is proved or by the debtor admitted that he has money of his own which he has refused to pay to the judgment creditor, no order of committal to prison for default in payment of a judgment debt, or of any instalment thereof, shall hereafter be made under the principal Act against a judgment debtor:

Provided that no such order of committal shall be made where the judgment creditor is a person, firm, or company whose business is that of collecting or recovering debts, unless the Court is satisfied that the judgment debt was incurred to the judgment creditor directly, and was not acquired by assignment from the original

creditor.

- 4. The provisions of the last preceding section hereof shall not apply to any debts contracted previous to the passing of this Act, except in the case mentioned in the proviso to such last preceding section.
- 4. Trading Stamps Abolition and Discount Stamps Issue Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

5. Municipal Corporations Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Rigg, on the third reading, to move, That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of inserting the following new clause:—

330a. The Council may at any time serve upon the directors of any gas company a notice in the prescribed form of its intention to acquire the gasworks of such company, and thereupon the directors shall take all proceedings necessary to ascertain the amount to be paid as compensation in respect of such acquisition, in accordance with the provisions of "The Arbitration Act, 1890."

6. Land and Income Assessment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

7. Pacific Cable Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

8. Electoral Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

9. Cycle Boards Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

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

To amend section 3:—

The Governor may by Order in Council constitute cycle districts for the purpose of this Act, and such districts shall consist of not more than two counties and a contiguous borough. The name of such district respectively shall be the name of one of such counties or borough as the Governor as aforesaid may select.

Section 4: At the end of the second line to add the words "at least one-half of the cyclists."

Section 9: In the third and fourth lines strike out "have paid their tax and registration-fees," and insert in lieu thereof "are liable to be taxed under this Act." In the 52nd line, to strike out "having paid the amount of tax or registration-fee due by him (and if demanded by the Returning Officer) the possession of the Board's receipt for the amount of tax or registration-fee so paid by him," and insert in lieu thereof the words "being liable to be taxed as the owner of a cycle."

Section 34, proviso—

Provided, however, that no local authority shall have power conferred on it under this section to deprive any person of the right to use any public road which he now has by law, or deprive any owner or occupier of land of right of frontage on any public road or street or access thereto.

Section 39: To strike out the first, fourth, and fifth subsections.

Section 41: Strike out the words "and used exclusively for cycle traffic."

Schedules: Strike out First Schedule.

10. Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Smith, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

The surplus from "thirds" used or hypothecated for the repayment of any loan shall be available for the discharge of instalments, and no special rate shall be collected until such surplus is exhausted.