

*The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.*

# ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 12th Day of October, 1905.

### QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. Rigg to ask the Attorney-General, When the full explanation why a Land Transfer Title has not been issued by the Registrar in accordance with paragraph (b) of section 8 of "The Horowhenua Block Act, 1896," ordered by the Council on 12th September, 1905, will be laid on the table?

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Shops and Offices Act Amendment Bill—adjourned Debate upon the Question, That this Council do now resolve itself into Committee. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)
2. Destitute Persons Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)
3. Convicts' Forfeitures Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)

### *Contingent Notices of Motion.*

Hon. Mr. Rigg, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

To amend clause 2 by omitting the words "is hereby repealed," and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words "shall be amended as follows:—

(1.) All shops in combined districts other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) hereof shall close not later than six o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and not later than nine o'clock p.m. on the remaining working-day of the week.

(2.) All shops in separate districts other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) shall close not later than seven o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and not later than ten o'clock p.m. on the remaining working-day of the week, unless within six months after the passing of this Act, on the requisition in writing of a majority of the shopkeepers in the district, the local authority shall otherwise determine.

(3.) In separate districts and in combined districts the shops mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) shall close not later than the hours mentioned therein, as follows:—

(a.) Hairdressers' shops shall close not later than seven o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and nine o'clock p.m. on the remaining working-day of the week.

(b.) Chemists and druggists' and news-agents' shops shall close not later than eight o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and not later than ten o'clock p.m. on the remaining working-day of the week:

Provided that chemists may supply medicine and surgical appliances only at any time.

(c.) Fruit-shops, tobacconists', confectioners', and wine shops shall close each day not later than ten o'clock p.m.

(d.) Bakers' shops, refreshment-rooms, cooked-provision shops, eating-houses, fishmongers' shops, and oyster-saloons shall close each day not later than twelve o'clock midnight.

(4.) All shops may remain open on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and on the eve of Good Friday until twelve o'clock midnight. When Christmas Day or New Year's Day falls on a Sunday or a Monday, then shops may be kept open until twelve o'clock midnight on the evening of the Saturday immediately preceding.

(5.) All shops when closed to remain closed until five o'clock a.m. in the morning of each day.

(6.) The provisions of subsection *three* hereof shall apply only to shops wherein is exclusively carried on any of the businesses mentioned therein :

Provided that a fruiterer may sell vegetables, a fishmonger may sell rabbits, a chemist may sell toilet requisites, and a newsagent may sell magazines and periodicals.

Hon. Mr. GEORGE, in Committee, to move the following amendment :—

Clause 6 : In line 6, after the word "wool-brokers," to insert the words "insurance companies."

Hon. Mr. BEEHAN, in Committee, to move the following amendment :—

Clause 6 : After the words "Harbour Boards" to insert the words "wholesale warehousemen."

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD, in Committee, to move the following amendment :—

That section 23 of the principal Act be amended by striking out the word "live-stock," in the last line of the first clause.

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

Special provisions as to Sumner and New Brighton. 4. Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act it is hereby declared that the Boroughs of Sumner and New Brighton shall not form part of the combined District of Christchurch, but shall each be deemed to be a separate district.

4. Land Agents Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)

Friday, the 13th Day of October, 1905.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. LOUISSON to move, That the Electoral Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 129.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Electoral Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)

#### *Contingent Notice of Motion.*

Hon. Mr. LOUISSON, in Committee, to move the following amendment :—

Clause 129 : In the second line, after the word "candidate," to insert the words "reject therefrom all informal ballot-papers as described in section 137 of this Act and."

2. Wellington City Streets Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Macdonald.)

Thursday, the 19th Day of October, 1905.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Reeves.)