

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 30th day of July, 1874.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on the Real Estate Descent Bill be extended to Tuesday, 4th August.
2. The Honourable Mr. ACLAND to move, That there be laid upon the Table a copy of a Petition from certain Landowners in the Ashburton District, relating to an embankment raised in connection with the Railway Works in progress at the River Ashburton; and that copies of any Correspondence or official Reports in connection therewith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Civil Service Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
2. Conveyancing Ordinance Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. HART, in Committee on the Conveyancing Ordinance Amendment Bill, to move the following new clauses:—

(a.) And whereas by the same Ordinance it is enacted that every deed made by any married woman by virtue of that Ordinance shall be acknowledged by her in the same manner as a deed by which she might dispose of land is required by law to be acknowledged:

Be it enacted that every deed acknowledged by a married woman before a Judge or Commissioner for taking acknowledgments of married women, and certified by indorsement or writing thereon by such Judge or Commissioner to have been so acknowledged, and that the woman had been examined as to her knowledge of the contents of such deed, had consented thereto, and that she was of full age and understanding, shall be valid and effectual to pass her interest in the property thereby affected without any further certificate or affidavit.

Every Resident Magistrate shall by virtue of his office be a perpetual Commissioner for taking acknowledgments of married women, without any other appointment.

(b.) Every deed heretofore executed by a married woman affecting lands in New Zealand, having thereon a certificate endorsed under the hand of a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand that the execution of such deed had been acknowledged by such married woman before him, shall be deemed to have been duly executed.

3. Returning Officers Bill—second reading.
4. Wellington Hospital Loan Bill—second reading.

Friday, the 31st day of July, 1874.

1. The Honourable Mr. MENZIES to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether the Government intends to plank the Railway Bridge over the Mataura at Gore, so as to make it available for foot passengers?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. The Council to be called over.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
3. Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill—second reading.
4. Wellington Burial-Ground Bill—second reading.
5. Electric Telegraph Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
6. Government Insurance and Annuities Bill—second reading.