

# ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1871.

1. The Honourable Mr. HOLMES to ask, Whether it is the intention of the Government during the ensuing Recess, to prepare a Bill for submission to Parliament, in furtherance of the Papers laid on the Table, with reference to Waste Lands of the Crown, whereby a uniformity of the Land Laws of the Colony will be attained?

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Major RICHMOND, C.B., to move, That the Report of the Committee on Standing Orders No. II., presented on the 3rd instant, together with the alterations and amendments made in the Standing Orders attached, be adopted.
2. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, That the second reading of the Otago Reserves Bill be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 8th instant.
3. The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE, C.M.G., to move, That it is desirable that the Government should take the earliest practicable steps for the establishment of the Colonial authority in the Navigator Islands; and that the Imperial Parliament should be applied to, through Her Majesty's Colonial Ministers, to sanction the annexation of those Islands to New Zealand.
4. The Honourable Mr. ACLAND to move, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee on Council Paper No. 97, and the Evidence taken by the said Committee, be printed.
5. The Honourable Mr. SEWELL to move, For the production of all Papers relating to the case of Whitaker and London.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Payments to Provinces Bill—third reading.
2. Native Districts Road Boards Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
3. Municipal Corporations Acts Amendment Bill—third reading.
4. Civil Service Act Amendment Bill—to be committed.
5. Taranaki Land Claimants Bill—second reading.
6. Customs Tariff Bill—second reading.
7. Wellington City Reserves Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council.

*Reasons of the House of Representative for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled the Wellington City Reserves Bill.*

BECAUSE the amendments would to a great extent defeat the objects of the Bill, and the House of Representative therefore propose the following alterations:—

In clause 3, to reinstate the words struck out, and in line 29 after the word "Act" to insert the following words "upon payment of the balance of the Balance of the purchase money."

In clause 4, to strike out the word "all" in the proposed proviso, and insert the following, "one half of the" in lieu thereof.

8. Gold Mining Districts Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council.

*Reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council in the Gold Mining Districts Bill.*

(1.) Clause 4, the proviso proposed to be added is inapplicable to other Gold Fields in as much as there are no "licensees" or Mining Inspectors and consequently the clauses referred to will have no operation. Clause 18, the amendment proposed to a great extent destroy one of the main objects of this Act, namely, to put an end to the injurious practise of jumping claims on account of trifling or technical errors or defects in the title.

(2.) Clause 64, the omission of the proposed words will leave the Warden without any power to enforce his judgment, and will enable wrong-doers to set him at defiance.

The other amendments proposed by the Legislative Council, the House of Representatives will not urge their disagreement to, if the Council insists on these amendments.

9. City of Dunedin Borrowing Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council.

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council in the City of Dunedin Borrowing Bill.*

(1.) The City of Dunedin is not incorporated under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," but under "The Otago Municipal Corporations Act, 1865," any reference to "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," will therefore lead to confusion of the law, and render the proposed Act practicably inoperative.

10. Law Practitioners Act Amendment Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council.

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Law Practitioners Act Amendment Bill.*

BECAUSE the said Bill was introduced for the purpose of giving immediate relief to a Petitioner of the House (Mr. Henry Smythies) from the disability imposed upon him by "The Law Practitioners Act, 1866," and the amendments of the Legislative Council have the effect of depriving him of that relief.

11. Crown Redress Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council.

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council in the Crown Redress Bill.*

(1.) As to the amendment in the second clause, that it is expedient, in introducing a new mode of procuring redress against the Crown, that old Claims should be included.

(2.) As to the amendment in the ninth clause, that, as the surveys of Crown Lands sold and the sale of Crown Lands are not subject to the administration of the General Government, clauses in respect of Contracts relating to Crown Lands should not be capable of being enforced under the Act, for, as in many parts of the Colony contracts for the sale of Waste Lands cannot, on account of survey or other reasons, be carried out for some time after the contract, if the purchaser is enabled to sue for a specific performance of the contract or for damages for breach, the General Government, not having the administration of the Waste Lands, ought not to be held responsible.

Thursday, the 9th day of November, 1871.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill—adjourned debate upon consideration of amendments of House of Representatives.

Monday, the 13th day of November, 1871.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Otago Waste Lands Bill—second reading.

PAPERS PRESENTED :—

6TH NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. Further Papers relative to Native Reserves. (By command.)
2. Return relating to Friendly Societies under "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867." (By command.)
3. Abstracts of certain Principal Results of a Census of New Zealand taken for the Night of the 27th February, 1871 : D.—Land and Crops. (By command.)
4. Copies of all Papers relating to the Conviction of McIntosh and others, in the Police Court at Auckland ; and to the case of McIntosh v. Horne and Jervis, Justices of the Peace, recently tried in the Supreme Court at Auckland. Return to an Order of the Legislative Council, dated 18th October, 1871. (Hon. Mr. Farmer.)
5. Dr. Pollen's Report in reference to the appropriation of the Site of the Albert Barracks in Auckland. Return to an Order of the Legislative Council, dated 27th October, 1871. (Hon. Mr. Waterhouse.)
6. Report of the Select Committee upon Council Paper No. 97. (Hon. Mr. Acland.)

SELECT COMMITTEES :—

For Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1871.

Conference—Wellington Reclaimed Land Bill, at 10 a.m.

Sharebrokers Bill, 10.30 a.m.

Public Petitions, at 10.30 a.m.

South Sea Islands Labour, at 11.30 a.m., in the Legislative Council Committee Room.