

*The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.*

# ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 21st Day of October, 1895.

### QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. STEVENS to ask the Government, On what date the Order of the Council of the 8th instant—"That the Controller and Auditor-General be requested to furnish to the Council a full statement of the debentures issued during the quarter April-June, 1895, under 'The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884'; such statement to show how the amount issued was arrived at, and against which sinking funds such debentures were issued"—was forwarded by the Colonial Secretary's Department to the Controller and Auditor-General, and when the Return to that Order will be laid on the table of the Council.

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Sir P. A. BUCKLEY, K.C.M.G., to move, That this Council approves of the lands proposed to be reserved as endowments for primary education—as set forth in Paper No. 156 of the 15th October, 1895—being permanently set aside as endowments for primary education.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned Debate upon the Question, "That the plan of proposed additions to the Legislative Council buildings, as submitted by the Resident Engineer and marked No. 1, be agreed to, and that the Government be requested to carry them out."
2. Chattels Transfer Act Amendment Bill—consideration of reasons of House of Representatives for disagreeing with certain of the amendments of the Legislative Council.

### REASONS.

1. The amendment in section 4 introduces an ambiguity which may lead to litigation.
  2. New clause 6, though expedient in its principle, is unworkable, and requires re-framing.
  3. New clause 7 is unnecessary.
  4. New clause 8 is the clause which this House rejected when the Bill was before it, on the ground that it involved a very grave departure from the legislation which for many years has been in force in England, Australia, and New Zealand, and that no sufficient reason exists for such departure.
3. Rating Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

### *Contingent Notices of Motion.*

Hon. Mr. ORMOND, in Committee, to move the following new clause in place of clause 6 :—

A. Where by any Act or Acts (hereinafter called "the first-mentioned Act or Acts") passed prior to or in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, whereby power to levy rates is given to any local authority not being a Council of a county, city, or borough, the rateable value or actual value appearing in the assessment rolls made under "The Property

Assessment Act, 1879," or its amendments, or under "The Land- and Income-tax Act, 1891," or its amendments, is declared to be the rateable value of properties in the district described in the first-mentioned Act or Acts for the purposes of the first-mentioned Act or Acts, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the first-mentioned Act or Acts, or in "The Rating Act, 1894," the following provisions shall take effect:—

- (a.) With regard to property situate within any county, city, or borough in which the system of rating on the capital value under "The Rating Act, 1894," shall be in force, the rateable value appearing in the valuation-roll made by the Council of such county, city, or borough under the provisions of "The Rating Act, 1894," shall be the rateable value of such property for the purpose of rating under the first-mentioned Act or Acts.
- (b.) With regard to property situate within any county, city, or borough in which the system of rating on the annual value under "The Rating Act, 1894," shall be in force, the rateable value of such property for the purpose of rating under the first-mentioned Act or Acts shall be the capital value of such property, calculated by capitalising the annual value of such property as appearing on the valuation-roll made by the council of such county, city, or borough under the provisions of "The Rating Act, 1894," on the basis of sixteen times such annual value.

HON. MR. TAIAROA, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

A. "The Rating Act, 1894," and its amendments shall not apply to or affect any established Maori pa with its cultivations and houses, excepting such cultivations or houses as may be leased by them to Europeans.

4. Land for Settlements Bill—consideration of reasons of House of Representatives for disagreeing with amendments of the Legislative Council.

REASONS.

The amendment made by the Legislative Council in section 3, by striking out the words "and the District Land Registrar of the registration district in which is situate any land proposed to be acquired under the principal Act" (thus depriving the Registrar of the district of a seat on the Board of Land Purchase Commissioners), would cause great inconvenience.

The object of having the District Land Registrar added to the Board was in order to enable a quorum of the Board to be got together in the District at any time the Chairman visited it, thus obviating the necessity of the Surveyor-General or the Commissioner of Taxes being put to the trouble of having to travel a long distance, and thus waste much time, for a simple meeting of the Board. There are many details which a mere quorum of the Board could attend to which would otherwise have to stand over. It is therefore desirable that the District Land Registrar should be reinstated as having a seat on the Board.

5. Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of October, 1895.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Public-School Teachers' Incorporation and Court of Appeal Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)
2. Unclaimed Moneys Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of October, 1895.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Municipal Corporations Act 1886 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Feldwick.)