

[The Council meets at 2.30 o'clock p.m.]

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 2nd day of August, 1881.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Licensing Bill—to be committed.
2. Real Property Limitation Bill—second reading.
3. Drainage Bill—third reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WILSON to move, That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of erasing clause 19, with a view to insert:—

It shall be lawful for the applicant or the person to whom such notice as aforesaid shall be given, at any time within fifteen days after the service of the notice, to apply to the nearest Resident Magistrate to order that the case shall be heard by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Such application may be made *ex parte*, and if it shall be made to appear to the Resident Magistrate that the probable cost of the proposed work exceeds three hundred pounds, he shall make an order that the case shall be heard by such a Judge.

Upon such order being made, no further proceedings shall be taken before the Court hereinbefore constituted, but application may be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the Judicial District within which the land of the owner affected by the proposed works is situate.

The Registrar shall thereupon issue a summons, *mutatis mutandis*, to the like effect as mentioned in section *six* of this Act.

Any Judge of the Supreme Court may hear the case in a summary way, and all proceedings after the issue of the summonses shall be in conformity with this Act, as though "Judge of the Supreme Court" had been substituted for the Court constituted by this Act.

For the purposes of this Act, a Judge of the Supreme Court and the Court constituted by this Act shall severally have the same powers of summoning and compelling the attendance of witnesses, and the production of documents, of administering oaths and swearing affidavits, and of punishing persons duly summoned for non-attendance or for refusing to give evidence, or to produce documents, and of enforcing obedience to orders, and the same means of enforcing the observance of order and of its rules during its sittings, and of punishing contempt, as are possessed by the Supreme Court and a Judge thereof, and by a District Court and a Judge thereof, respectively.

4. Taranaki County Council Loan Bill—to be committed.
5. Auckland Reserves Exchange and Change of Trust Bill—second reading.
6. Oamaru Harbour Board Bill—to be re-committed.