

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 1st day of November, 1871.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. MANTELL to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to authorize Grants of Land in the Province of Taranaki to Claimants under the New Zealand Company's Land Orders.
2. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866.'"

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Arms Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
2. Law Practitioners Act Amendment Bill—third reading.
3. Intestate Estates Bill—consideration of amendments of House of Representatives.
4. Merchant Ships Officers Examination Act Amendment Bill—to be committed.
5. Highway Boards Empowering Bill—third reading.
6. Wool and Oil Securities Act Amendment Bill—to be committed.
7. Agricultural Produce Lien Bill—third reading.
8. Native Schools Act Amendment Bill—to be committed.
9. Gold Mines Drainage Bill—third reading.
10. Gold Mining Districts Bill—third reading.
11. Carrington Land Grant Bill—consideration of amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the third clause, in the fourth and fifth lines, to strike out the words "but not exceeding six parcels."
12. Invercargill Public Gardens Reserves Alienation Bill—third reading.
13. Wellington City Reserves Bill—third reading.
14. Limited Liability Companies Winding-up Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
15. Diseased Cattle Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Legislative Council, in the 36th clause.

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in Clause 36 of the Diseased Cattle Bill.

BECAUSE it is the undoubted and sole right of the Representatives to direct, limit, and appoint the ends, purposes, considerations, conditions, limitations, and qualifications of all grants of money, which ought not to be changed or altered by the Legislative Council.

Because, in the year 1860, after a few years of lax practice in regard to the amendments affecting grants of money made by the House of Lords in Bills sent up from the Commons, the Speaker of the House of Commons ruled that such new practice ought not to be permitted to become usage, being calculated to break down the broad line of distinction between the duties, attributes, and powers of the two Houses: whereupon he had intimated that clauses in such a form, and provisions so made, would thereafter be objected to by himself on behalf of the House.

Because this ruling of the Speaker of the House of Commons was sustained by that House, and ought therefore to be the guide of the House of Representatives in considering amendments of a like character made by the Legislative Council in Bills sent up from this House.

Because, according to the present price of cattle (which ranges between 30s. and £3 for clean cattle), the grant of £2 per head for general herds, and £5 in special cases, would have this result, that should disease break out in any district, the owners of clean cattle would not obtain a price equal to that paid in compensation for diseased cattle slaughtered, and would besides have to pay rates out of which such compensation would be given to the owners of the diseased herds. The objection would be waived if the time during which the £2 and £5 were payable were limited to twelve months from the passing of the Act, so that the increased rate should only take effect with respect to cattle now diseased, and so tend to induce owners to extirpate the disease.

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