

*The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.***ORDER PAPER.****LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

Wednesday, the 1st day of August, 1883.

**PRIVATE BUSINESS.**

1. St. John's College Removal Bill—second reading.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

1. The Honourable Mr. CHAMBERLIN to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, having regard to the future welfare of the colony, it is desirable that the Government should take immediate steps to largely increase the area of forest lands to be set apart as permanent reserves.
2. The Honourable Mr. HOLMES to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient, in order to secure a more uniform and just valuation of property throughout the colony than has been the case in the past, that, instead of waiting until the close of 1885, and then proceeding, as has hitherto been the practice under "The Property Assessment Act, 1879," of appointing Assessors for particular districts, two thoroughly qualified persons should be appointed for the colony, who should be required at once to commence their duties, and go on uninterruptedly until its completion, and the valuation thus made shall be used for the property-tax and all local rating purposes; and that the Government be requested to give effect to this resolution.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

1. Hokitika High School Bill—second reading.
2. Timaru Racecourse Reserve Bill—to be committed.

*Contingent Notice of Motion.*

The Honourable Mr. ACLAND, when in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Preamble, line 5, after "Public," erase "Domains Act, 1860," and insert "Reserves Act, 1854," in lieu thereof; also, in same line, after "granted," erase "for a public," and insert "in trust as the site of a."

Clause 2, line 19, after "them," insert "in trust."

Clause 7 erase.

Clause 9, line 31, after "purpose," insert "and in discharging any liabilities that may have been hitherto incurred for the said purpose"; in same clause side-note add "and for racing purposes."

Clause 10 erase.

New clause to stand as clause 9: "The racecourse subject to the Board shall be available to any racing or jockey club for the purpose of holding race meetings, upon such terms and conditions as shall from time to time be publicly notified by the Board, and at such dates as they may in every such case appoint: Provided always that such racing or jockey clubs shall consist of not less than fifty members, who shall each have paid an annual subscription of not less than twenty shillings per annum towards the funds of such club."

Clause 12, lines 5, 6, and 7, after "proceedings," erase all words down to end of line 7, and insert "for the terms, conditions, and dates on which the racecourse may be from time to time used by any racing or jockey club, as in section 9 provided"; also, in line 8, after "for," erase "prescribing"; and in line 13, after "to," insert "plant"; also, in line 17, after "racecourse," insert "and for the preservation of order thereon during race meetings."

Schedule, line 1, after "land," insert "being section 251 (in red)"; and in line 2, after "less," insert "the boundary-lines of which are as follows"; also, in line 8, erase "7457," and insert "3789" in lieu thereof.

Thursday, the 2nd day of August, 1883.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Taumutu Native Commonage Bill—second reading.
2. Murihiku Native Reserve Grant Bill—second reading.

Friday, the 3rd day of August, 1883.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. HART to move, For a Return of the total amount of money which, up to the end of March, 1883, has been received by the New Zealand Government Insurance Department on account of policies which have since lapsed for non-payment of premiums, with a statement showing how the money so received has been appropriated.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. School Committees Election Bill—second reading.
2. Otago Harbour Board Reconstitution Bill—second reading.
3. Confederation and Annexation Bill—second reading.

Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1883.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Destitute Persons Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

*Contingent Notices of Motion.*

The Honourable Mr. BRANDON, when in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

In clause 2, line 1, to omit, in the first line, the words "every person," and insert: "If, after the passing of this Act, any husband shall quit his wife, or any father or mother his or her children or child, within the meaning of the thirty-eighth section of 'The Destitute Persons Act, 1877,' for the period named therein, and shall go to reside either permanently or temporarily in any place out of New Zealand, such husband, father, or mother;" and omit the rest of the clause after the word "months" in the third line.

The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER, when in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

In clause 2. To omit all the words after "person" to the end of the clause, and insert in lieu thereof, "who refuses, fails, or neglects to comply with an order made against him under section seventeen of 'The Destitute Persons Act, 1877' (herein called 'the said Act'), and goes to reside, or is resident either permanently or temporarily, in any of the Australasian Colonies, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour, punishable by imprisonment with hard labour for a term of twelve months."

The Honourable Mr. MENZIES, when in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

The following provision shall be read and construed as a proviso of section seven of "The Destitute Persons Act, 1877": "If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the case is one of seduction, the Resident Magistrate shall order the putative father to pay into the Court such reasonable sum of money, taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, as he shall determine, to be paid over to the Public Trustee in trust as a fund for the maintenance of the child, and for the benefit of the mother; a part or the whole of such sum may be paid to the mother, contingently on her good conduct, in such manner as the Public Trustee shall think fit."

## PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1883.

## PETITIONS.

105. Of 107 Inhabitants of Rangiora, praying the Council to pass the Local Option Extension Bill. (Hon. Mr. Holmes.)

106. Of 60 Inhabitants of Fernside. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Mr. Holmes.)

107. Of 87 Inhabitants of Waikuku and Woodend. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Mr. Holmes.)

108. Of 173 Residents of the West Coast, Middle Island, praying that the Counties of Buller, Inangahua, Grey, and Westland be united in one Education District. (Hon. Mr. Lahmann.)

109. Of 732 Residents of the West Coast of the Middle Island. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Mr. Lahmann.)

110. Of 379 Roman Catholics of the Thames, praying the Council to devise such measures as will secure to the Roman Catholics of New Zealand justice and equitable treatment in the matter of education. (Hon. Mr. Dignan.)

111. Of 44 Roman Catholics of Te Aroha. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Mr. Dignan.)

112. Of 209 Roman Catholics of Newton, Auckland. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Mr. Dignan.)

113. Of 210 Roman Catholics of Parnell, Auckland. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Mr. Dignan.)

114. Of 125 Roman Catholics of Waipawa. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Dr. Grace.)

115. Of 39 Roman Catholics of Cromwell. Same prayer as the foregoing. (Hon. Dr. Grace.)

116. Of 37 Members of the South Canterbury Jockey Club, praying the Council to reject clause 10 of the Timaru Racecourse Reserve Bill. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

## PAPERS.

101. Post Office and Telegraph Department, Report upon the, for the year 1882. F.—1. (By command.)

102. Native Reserves in the Colony, Report upon the State of the. G.—7. (By command.)

103. Reserve, Change of Purpose of a. (In pursuance of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881.") See *Gazette*, page 909.

104. Election of School Committees, Return of all Petitions praying for a Change in the System of the. Return to an order dated 27th July, 1883. (Hon. the Speaker.)

## REPORT.

19. Of the Local Bills Committee (B), upon the Hokitika High School Bill. (Hon. Mr. Miller.)

## SELECT COMMITTEES.

*For Wednesday, the 1st day of August, 1883.*

Local Bills Committee (A), at 10 a.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.

Bills for consideration—Westland Education District Subdivision Bill,  
New River Harbour Endowments Bill.

Joint Statutes Revision, at 11.30 a.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.

Joint House and Library, at 11.30 a.m., in Joint Committee-room.