

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

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 16th day of August, 1881.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. MANTELL to move, That the Papers relative to the Himatangi Block, laid upon the Table during the present session, be printed.
2. The Honourable Mr. PETER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to resume control over the Rangitata Traffic Bridge, and hand it over to the Ashburton and Rangitata County Councils conjointly.
3. The Honourable Mr. PEACOCK to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the reasons why the Hillsborough Railway Station was removed; with power to call for persons and papers. The Committee to consist of the Honourable Captain Fraser, the Honourable Mr. Waterhouse, the Honourable Mr. Lahmann, the Honourable Mr. Wilson, the Honourable Mr. Chamberlin, the Honourable Mr. Menzies, the Honourable Mr. Peter, the Honourable Mr. P. A. Buckley, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Volunteer Bill—third reading.
2. Licensing Bill—to be re-committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. MILLER, on the third reading of the Licensing Bill, to move, That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of re-considering the clauses relating to or affected by the constitution of the Licensing Committee.

3. Fisheries Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

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

To add to clause 3: "Fish-pass" shall mean any fish-way, fish-ladder, or fish-gap.

New clause.

Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to repeal, alter, or affect any of the provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi, or to take away, annul, or abridge any of the rights of the aboriginal Natives to any fishery secured to them thereunder."

4. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill—second reading.
5. Fixtures Law Amendment Bill—second reading.

Wednesday, the 17th day of August, 1881.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, members should bear some relative proportion to the representatives of the various provincial districts of the colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Law Practitioners Bill—second reading.
2. Education Act 1877 Amendment Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER, when in Committee on the Education Act 1877 Amendment Bill, to move,—

Section 2, line 10. To omit the word "at," in order to insert the word "before."

Section 2, line 10. To omit all words after the word "school," to the end of the section, in order to insert the words: "such reading shall not exceed twenty minutes, and shall in no case interfere with the school hours specified in the aforesaid Act. It shall not be compulsory on any teacher or child to attend such reading."

3. Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS, when in Committee, to move, To strike out the word "Amendment," in the first line of section 1, with the view of inserting the word "Repeal." To strike out all the words after "1881," in section 1. To insert as section 2, "The Dentists Act 1880 is hereby repealed."

4. Otago University Reserves Vesting Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

The land described in the Schedule hereto shall, except as hereinafter mentioned, be deemed to be waste lands of the Crown, and as such be subject in all respects to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and to the Schedules thereto, so far as the said Act and Schedules are applicable to and in force within the Otago Land District, and also to all Acts relating to gold fields and gold-mining now in force in the said land district.

The Land Board of the Otago Land District shall not have, exercise, or perform any powers, duties, or functions over or in respect of the said land described in the said Schedule; but the governing body of the said University shall have, exercise, and perform the same over the said land, in all respects as though the said governing body had been in the said Act and Schedules designated and named, instead of the said Land Board.

All leases and licenses heretofore granted, and all securities heretofore given and now existing in respect of the said land or any part thereof by the said governing body, are hereby declared to be valid.

All rents receivable for the said land or any part thereof shall be due and paid to the said governing body.

All money accruing from sales of the said land shall be paid over to the said governing body, and, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be held and invested by them on and subject to the like trusts and liabilities as exist in respect of the said land.

The Honourable Mr. HOLMES, when in Committee, to move, That clauses 119 to 141, both inclusive, of "The Land Act, 1877," be clauses of the Bill, to be administered by the Waste Land Board of the district.

5. Auckland Reserves Exchange and Change of Trust Bill—adjourned debate upon the second reading.

6. Oamaru Harbour Board Bill—to be re-committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. MILLER, when in Committee, to move, That clauses 3, 4, and 5 be erased, and the following clauses inserted in lieu thereof:—

Otago land laws
to be in force.

3. Except as hereinafter mentioned, the land comprised in the Schedule to this Act shall be and remain subject in all respects to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and the Schedules thereto, so far as the said Act and Schedules are applicable or in force within the Otago Land District, and also to all the Acts relating to gold fields and gold-mining now in force in the said land district.

Oamaru Harbour
Board to have
management.

4. The Land Board of the Otago Land District shall cease to exercise or perform any powers, duties, or functions in or over the said block of land; but the Oamaru Harbour Board shall hereafter exercise and perform the same over the said block of land in all respects as though the Oamaru Harbour Board had been in the said Act and Schedules designated and named, instead of the said Land Board.

Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1881.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Waitara Harbour Board Loan Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. SCOTLAND, when in Committee on the Waitara Harbour Board Loan Bill, to move the following new clause:—

All debentures issued under "The Waitara Harbour Board Land and Borrowing Act, 1879," by the Harbour Board of Waitara, in respect of a loan of five thousand pounds, with the interest payable thereon, shall have preference as a security over any loan to be raised under this Act.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

FRIDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1881.

PETITION.

23. Of 6 Barristers and Solicitors of Christchurch, praying the Council to take into consideration the matters contained in the Petition. (Hon. Mr. Williamson.)

REPORT.

40. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petition of Ihaia Tainui and others. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Tuesday, the 16th day of August, 1881.

Local Bills Committee (B), at 11 a.m., in No. 2 Committee room.

Bills for consideration—Otago Harbour Board Leasing Bill, Timaru Harbour Board Endowment Bill.

Public Petitions Committee, at 10.30 am., in No. 1 Committee room.

Joint Statutes Revision Committee, at 11 a.m., in No. 4 Committee room.