The Council meets at 2.30 p.m

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 6th Day of October, 1905.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Electoral Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Ricc, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

Clause 15: To insert before paragraph (a), in the definition of "contractor," the following words: "(a) Any person, not being a Civil servant who has been employed by any officer or Department of the General Government, and who is not so employed at the date of his nomination as a candidate."

2. Bills of Exchange Act 1883 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)

Tuesday, the 10th Day of October, 1905.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. T. Kelly to move, That in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that judgments given by the Supreme Court on all appeals to the Appeal Court and on all appeals from that Court to the Privy Council be compiled annually, from 1900 onward, in pamphlet form, and supplied to members of Parliament.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- 1. Land Agents Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)
- 2. Shops and Offices Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Pitt.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Ricc, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

To amend clause 2 by omitting the words "is hereby repealed," and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words "shall be amended as follows:—

(1.) All shops in combined districts other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) hereof shall close not later than six o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and not later than nine o'clock p.m. on the remaining working-day of the week.

(2.) All shops in separate districts other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) shall close not later than seven o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and not later than ten o'clock p.m. on the remaining working-day of the week, unless within six months after the passing of this Act, on the requisition in writing of a majority of the shopkeepers in the district, the local authority shall otherwise determine.

(3.) In separate districts and in combined districts the shops mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) shall close not later than the hours mentioned therein, as follows:—

(a.) Hairdressers' shops shall close not later than seven o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and nine o'clock p.m.

on the remaining working-day of the week.

(b.) Chemists and druggists' and news-agents' shops shall close not later than eight o'clock p.m. on four days of the week, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, and not later than ten o'clock p.m. on the remaining working-day of the week:

Provided that chemists may supply medicine and

surgical appliances only at any time.

(c.) Fruit-shops, tobacconists', confectioners', and wine shops shall close each day not later than ten o'clock p.m.

(d.) Bakers' shops, refreshment-rooms, cooked-provision shops, eating - houses, fishmongers' shops, and oyster - saloons shall close each day not later than twelve o'clock midnight.

(5.) All shops may remain open on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and on the eve of Good Friday until twelve o'clock midnight. When Christmas Day or New Year's Day falls on a Sunday or a Monday, then shops may be kept open until twelve o'clock midnight on the evening of the Saturday immediately preceding.

(5.) All shops when closed to remain closed until five o'clock a.m.

in the morning of each day.

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(6.) The provisions of subsection three hereof shall apply only to shops wherein is exclusively carried on any of the businesses mentioned therein:

Provided that a fruiterer may sell vegetables, a fishmonger may sell rabbits, a chemist may sell toilet requisites, and a newsagent may sell magazines and periodicals.

Wednesday, the 11th Day of October, 1905.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- 1. Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Reeves.)
- 2. Wellington City Streets Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Macdonald.)

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1905. ye has "John PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

63. Of the Labour Bills Committee upon the Shops and Offices Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. Thompson.)

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Friday, the 6th day of October, 1905.

Labour Bills, at 5 p.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.