

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 21st day of August, 1885.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. Christ's College, Canterbury, Bill—consideration of Report. Adjourned debate.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Captain FRASER to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, If he will take the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown as to whether a Resident Magistrate has any legal authority, of his own motion and without any preliminary inquiry, to commit any individual to a lunatic asylum?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. ACLAND to move, That leave of absence be given to the Honourable Mr. Acland for fourteen days, on urgent private affairs.
1. The Honourable Mr. TAIAROA to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Qualification of Electors Act, 1879."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Employment of Females and Others Act 1881 Amendment (No. 2) Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Shephard.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

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

To insert in clause 2, after the words "curing fish," "or in printing or publishing any newspaper."

To add the following clause:—

4. Clause 10 to be amended by inserting the words "and young persons" after the word "females," in the first line of subsection three. Also by inserting the word "newspaper" before the words "printing offices," in the same line; and by substituting the word "seven" for the words "half-past four."

2. Presbyterian Church Property Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Menzies.)
3. Distress Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Shephard.)
4. Otago Harbour Board Leasing Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. McLean.)
5. Otago Dock Act 1883 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
6. Town of Invercargill Loans Consolidation Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Reynolds.)
7. New Zealand State Forests Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
8. River Boards Act 1884 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

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

a. Every River Board may agree to extend the time for payment of any principal or interest now or hereafter owing by it, and may convert a loan raised under any of the Acts or ordinances repealed by the said Act into a loan under the said Act and this Act, and may issue and deliver to a creditor in respect of any such loan debentures and coupons under the seal of the said Board.

b. No person who, or body corporate which, has already lent or may hereafter lend money to a River Board shall be concerned to inquire whether such Board required to borrow such money, or be affected by the non-application or misapplication thereof.

c. A Receiver, when appointed under the said Act, may, in respect of making, levying, and recovering of rates, both general and special, exercise all powers of a River Board and of a local authority respectively, and may himself make, raise, and collect such rates, or require such local authority to do so, and the neglect or omission to elect members of such local authority shall not affect the powers of such Receiver.

d. A Board may, in anticipation of its current revenue, from time to time borrow moneys at interest from a bank by way of overdraft, but the amount of such overdraft shall never at any time exceed the total amount of the income of the Board for the year ending the 31st March previous.

e. A debenture and coupon may be issued under the said Act and this Act, in the form or to the effect set forth in the *First* and *Second* Schedules hereto, and shall operate as a charge on the special rates of the Board.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM OF DEBENTURE.

The River Board Loan of [*state loan*].
Debenture for £

Issued under "The River Boards Act, 1884," and amendments thereof.

N.B. The holder of this debenture has no claim in respect thereof upon the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, or the revenues of such colony.

ON presentation of this debenture at [*place of payment*] on or after the day of 188 , the bearer hereof will be entitled to receive £

Interest on this debenture will cease after the day when the payment falls due, unless default is made in payment.

Issued under the seal of the River Board the day of 188 .
(L.S.) Chairman.

Clerk.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

FORM OF COUPON.

Debenture No. of the River Board.

Issued under "The River Boards Act, 1884," and the amendments thereof.

ON presentation of this coupon at [*place of payment*] on or after the day of 188 , the bearer hereof will be entitled to receive £

(L.S.) Chairman.

Clerk.

9. Coroners Act 1867 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
10. Public Reserves Act 1881 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Tuesday, the 25th day of August, 1885.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Dunedin Drill-shed Act 1876 Amendment Act 1884 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)
2. Adjourned debate upon the Question, That, in the opinion of this Council, the time has arrived at which the Government should submit to Parliament some measure for giving effect to the recommendations of the Reports of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Middle Island Native land purchases.

Wednesday, the 26th day of August, 1885.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Legislative Council Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker.)