

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 4th day of September, 1885.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. MENZIES to ask the Government, If they will, during the recess, make arrangements for printing an index of the despatches which have passed between the Governors of the colony and the Secretaries of State for the Colonial Department, from the establishment of the colony to the close of the year 1884?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned Debate upon the Question, That the following resolution be agreed to: That, in establishing a system of relief for the aged and indigent poor, it is expedient that it should be conducted by Boards elected by contributors; that the funds to be administered should be derived from endowments, voluntary contributions, legacies, and subsidies from the State, but that no special rates shall be leviable for this purpose.

The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER to move, That all the words of the resolution after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words: "in establishing a system of charitable aid a clearly-defined distinction should be drawn between involuntary and voluntary pauperism, and with that object provision should be made,—

- "(1.) For relieving the aged, helpless, and destitute, chiefly in kind;
- "(2.) No relief should be given to those able to work, but in cases of necessity work should be found for them at a rate of wages not exceeding one-half the ordinary wages of the district;
- "(3.) One-half the funds necessary (after deducting voluntary contributions, &c.) should be provided by a rate, and the other half for the present by a contribution from the Consolidated Fund;
- "(4.) The funds should be administered by Local Boards, who should also levy the rates."

2. Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.) (See Supplementary Order Paper No. 3.)
3. Land Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Wilson.)
4. Property Law Consolidation Bill—third reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. HART to move, That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding the following new clause:—

Every witness attesting the execution of a deed shall add to his signature as witness his place of abode and his calling or description.

The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., to move the following new clause:—

Every conveyance made by any executor or administrator acting under any probate or letters of administration shall be, and shall be deemed to have been, as valid and effectual as if the deceased person whose estate shall be, or have been, vested in him, had made the same, and the receipt or receipts in writing of the executor or administrator shall be a sufficient discharge to any purchaser for the

purchase-money thereby expressed to have been received; and no such purchaser or his representative shall be concerned to see to the application of the purchase-money by him paid, or to inquire whether the sale or conveyance by such executor or administrator has been irregular or improper.

5. Westland and Grey Education Boards Bill—consideration of the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor:—
 1. After clause 6 to insert the following new clause:
The several members of the Education Boards of Westland and Grey, nominated or elected respectively under this Act, shall continue to hold their offices until the day of the expiration of this Act.
 2. Clauses 7 and 8 to be omitted.
 3. Title. The word “permanent” to be omitted.
6. Government Officers Guarantee Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
7. Mines Act 1877 Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
8. Auckland University College Reserves Bill—consideration of amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor. (See Supplementary Order Paper No. 4.)
9. Employment of Females and Others Act 1881 Amendment Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the new clause 4 inserted by the Council:—
 1. That the amendment alters the existing law in a way that should not be encouraged, in that it allows the employment of some young persons and women during late hours.
 2. That it deprives young persons and women in printing offices of any holiday on Saturday.
10. Mining Companies Act 1872 Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker.)
11. Patea Harbour Board Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Richmond.)

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QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. MENZIES to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether he will make inquiry into the alleged infraction of the Order in Council of 4th August, 1885, extending the close season for rock oysters in respect of Wangarei Harbour, the Great Barrier Island, and other places named in the Order, until the 31st March, 1887, as reported in the *New Zealand Herald* of 27th August ult.?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. SHRIMSKI to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, the fees paid by the promoters of the undermentioned private Bills, viz., Congregational Union Incorporation Bill, and St. Mary's Convent Property Leasing Bill, should be refunded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Justices of the Peace Act 1882 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
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.
3. Gold-Mining Districts Act 1873 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
4. Gisborne High School Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. G. R. Johnson.)