

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 18th day of August, 1881.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, What action the Government purpose taking with a view to making husbands who have left the colony accountable for the maintenance of the families they have left behind ?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. 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.
2. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That the Report on the Petition of John Ahearn be agreed to.
3. The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, the number of its members should bear some relative proportion to the number of representatives of the various provincial districts of the colony.
4. The Honourable Mr. WILSON to move, That a copy of the evidence taken before the Disqualification Committee No. 2 during last session be referred to the Government for their consideration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill—second reading.
2. Gaming and Lotteries Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for insisting upon their amendments.

Reasons.

New clause, section 9 : “ Licensed premises ” are defined in the Licensing Bill. “ Betting house ” and “ game ” (meaning a game of chance) are in use throughout the Bill.

Section 15 should be struck out because it is, in the Bill, made illegal to have gaming and betting houses, and therefore there is no danger of advertisements being published calling attention to these places.

The proposed addition to clause 15 is objected to, because, if it is made a part of the Bill, persons who wish to call attention to consultations, &c., will advertise in Australian newspapers, and circulate them in New Zealand.

Clause 49 was introduced into the Bill to postpone the time at which it was to come into operation. As it came down from the Legislative Council, it would have become law at once.

3. Licensing Bill—third reading.

Contingent Notices 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.

The Honourable Mr. P. A. BUCKLEY, on the third reading of the Bill, to move, That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of adding the following new clauses :—

After section 95 :—

A. Where any licensed person shall, under the provisions of this Act, become liable to forfeit his license, it shall be lawful for the lessor under whom such tenant holds to re-enter upon the demised premises, and to eject such tenant therefrom, and to repossess and hold the same as if the term for which such tenant held the licensed premises had been determined by effluxion of time; but such re-entry shall not release the tenant from his liability in respect of any rent then in arrear, or the breach, non-observance, or non-performance of any covenant, condition, or agreement entered into by any such tenant, or implied by law, and which at the time of such re-entry may have occurred.

After section 100 :—

B. The trustee of the estate of any licensed person who has, or shall, become bankrupt, shall be entitled to the benefit of any license to which such bankrupt was entitled at the time of his bankruptcy, or to which he has, or shall, become entitled before his order of discharge; and such trustee shall have the same rights and privileges as regards such license as the bankrupt would have had if he had not become bankrupt. The trustee of the estate of any bankrupt licensee, or of the estate of any person entitled to a license, shall be entitled to have such license renewed or issued in the name of such trustee. Any license heretofore renewed or issued to any trustee of a bankrupt estate shall be deemed to be valid as if this section had been in force at the time such license was renewed or issued to the trustee.

4. Public Reserves Bill—consideration of an amendment made by the House of Representatives—new subsection to clause 20 :—

Nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to annul or derogate from the powers of County Councils to lease ferry reserves on special conditions, under the provisions of section eleven of “The Counties Act Amendment Act, 1880.”

5. 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.”

6. Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

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.”

7. 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.

8. Auckland Reserves Exchange and Change of Trust Bill—adjourned debate upon the second reading.
9. 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:—

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.

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.

10. Fixtures Law Amendment Bill—second reading.

Friday, the 19th day of August, 1881.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. ACLAND to move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Acland for ten days, from Tuesday, 23rd August, on urgent private affairs.
2. The Honourable Mr. MILLER to move, That, in view of the various conflicting opinions recently given by competent persons as to the relative merits of the different ports on the west coast of the North Island, this Council is of opinion that a Commission should be appointed by the Government to inquire into the whole subject, and recommend a port at which the greatest amount of accommodation can be procured at the least cost.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Otago Harbour Board Leasing Bill—second reading.
2. Timaru Harbour Board Endowment Bill—second reading.
3. Rangitata Traffic Bridge Bill—second reading.
4. Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Bill—second reading.
5. Education Act 1877 Amendment Bill—third reading.

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.

2. Native Reserves Bill—second reading.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1881.

PETITION.

25. Of the Chairman and Secretary of the District Law Society of Taranaki, for such relief in the premises as to the Council shall seem fit. (Hon. Mr. Whitaker.)

REPORTS.

45. Of the Joint Statutes Revision Committee, upon the Public Works Bill. (Hon. Mr. Hart.)

46. Of the Public Petitions Committee, upon Petitions Nos. 1, 6, 10, 13, and 16, for an amendment of the Education Act, to authorize Bible-reading in schools. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

47. Of the Public Petitions Committee, upon the Petition of 11 Settlers of Dunedin. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

48. Of the Public Petitions Committee, upon the Petition of 64 Farmers and Gardeners of Canterbury. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

49. Of the Joint Committee on Bills, upon the Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association Reserve Bill. (Hon. Captain Baillie.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Thursday, the 18th day of August, 1881.

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

Joint Direct Steam Service Committee, at 11 a.m., in No. 1 Committee room.