

*The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.*

## ORDER PAPER.

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 4th Day of October, 1894.

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. JENKINSON to move, That the Return No. 135, laid on the table on the 3rd instant, relative to the expense of building at Sunnyside Asylum, be printed.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Factories Bill—consideration of reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to certain of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

#### *Reasons assigned by the House of Representatives.*

The Committee appointed to draw up reasons for disagreeing with certain amendments made in the Factories Act beg to submit the following:—

Section 20, new subsection (c): This amendment will be of service, but might be made much more useful if for “wages” was substituted “earnings,” as, if the record only embraces wage-earnings, there will be no record of rates paid to piece-workers, the latter being of more importance.

Section 54, paragraph 5: Unless there is some unexplained reason why this cannot go in it should remain. It is contained in the English Factory Act, and, it must be remembered, the workpeople, in their ignorance of the laws of health, often need protection against their own acts.

Section 56: This is rather dangerous as it stands at present, as it allows too much latitude to the Inspector, and exposes him to the possibility of social pressure. It would be desirable if the Council could see its way to limit such sanction of the Inspector to small factories carried on by families, and even then not for continuous work of children.

Section 63: It would be preferable to allow the new proviso (line 10, p. 18) to be reversed in its permission—that is, for an employer owning both shop and factory to be allowed to close his shop on the factory-holiday, instead of closing his factory on a shop-holiday. This alteration would also seem to meet the case of some shopkeepers who have always given Saturday half-holiday, and object to alter to any other. It would also tend to work for the Saturday-closing movement.

In subsection (c) of subsection (3) of section 63, some words have been added by the Council, viz.: “Fish-preserving factories.” It is evident that a slight alteration is needed in the wording (such as leaving out the word “fruit,” in line 33) in order that the intention of the framer of the amendment should be carried out.

Clause 64: It is a very general practice for all workpeople, male or female, employed in factories to have a weekly half-holiday. This section, which has been excised by the Council, only gave legal sanction to a common practice, and one almost necessitated in many trades during the time women and youths are compulsorily absent. The deletion of the section denies to workers in manufactories the right to a time of recreation which is now enjoyed by shop-assistants, men as well as women.

2. New Zealand Consols Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir P. A. BUCKLEY, K.C.M.G.)
3. Foreign Insurance Companies Deposits Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. BUCKLEY, K.C.M.G.)
4. Government Advances to Settlers Bill—adjourned debate upon the second reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. BUCKLEY, K.C.M.G.)
5. Rating on Unimproved Value Bill—adjourned debate upon the question, That the Bill be now read the second time, and the amendment of the Hon. Mr. Pharazyn, to omit the word “now,” with a view to insert the words “this day six months.” (Hon. Mr. MONTGOMERY.)