

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 26th Day of August, 1898.

QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. ORMOND to ask the Minister representing the Government, Will he inform the Council whether any of the A shares, created under "The Bank of New Zealand Share Guarantee Act, 1894," have been disposed of, or are all those shares held by the Government?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Wellington Harbour Board and Corporation Empowering Bill — third reading. (Hon. Dr. Grace.)
2. Divorce Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. MacGregor.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. McLEAN, in Committee, to move, That the following words be added at the end of clause 9: "The provisions of this section shall apply in the case of a decree of dissolution of marriage against a wife who has no property on which, in the opinion of the Court, the payment of any gross or annual sum can be secured to the husband.

Hon. Mr. MacGREGOR, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

A. Sections seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-six, and thirty of "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," are hereby repealed.

Hon. Mr. PINKERTON, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

B. In every case in which a wife has obtained a decree for judicial separation she shall, until the same shall be reversed or discharged, be considered as a *feme sole* for any purpose for which a wife who has obtained an order under the provisions of "The Married Women's Protection Act, 1880," shall be considered as a *feme sole*.

3. First Offenders' Probation Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. McCullough.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. BOWEN, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

In clause 2, lines 6-7: To strike out the words "shall be at liberty to state or," and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "May in its discretion." In line 8: To strike out the words "upon oath," and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "In open Court."

4. Juries Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

5. Municipal Franchise Reform Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

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

That clause 2 be amended by inserting after the words “Residential occupant means,” in line 20, the words “any lodger or.”

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

To add to clause 12, subsection (1): “Provided further that nothing herein contained shall apply to the election of any member of a Harbour Board.”

6. Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

7. Inebriates Institutions Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

After the words “Clause 12,” insert the words “subclause (1)” before the words “In fixing the rate.”

After the subclause (1), insert subclause (2), as follows: “All fees payable pursuant to any such order shall be deemed to be money owing to Her Majesty, and may be recovered accordingly.”

Clause 15, line 10: After the word “conviction,” insert the words “in a summary way.”

Clause 16, line 6: After the word “conviction,” insert the words “in a summary way.”

Clause 17 to be struck out.

Clause 18, line 2: Strike out the words “Court of summary jurisdiction,” and insert the words “Stipendiary Magistrate under this Act.”

Clause 20 to be struck out.

Schedules.

Schedule 1: Strike out the words “or one of Her Majesty’s Justices of the Peace in and for” in the second and third lines; and in the ninth and tenth lines, after the word “or,” insert the words “a Stipendiary Magistrate,” and in the same lines strike out the words “one of Her Majesty’s Justices of the Peace”; and at the end of the Schedule, after the words “and for these,” insert the word “this,” in lieu of the word “there”; and after the words “Given under my hand and,” strike out “seal,” and insert “the seal of the Court (L.S.).”

Schedule 5: In the last line, after the words “Given under my hand and,” strike out the word “seal,” and insert the words “the seal of the Court.”

Schedule 6 to be struck out.

8. Animals Protection Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. RIGG, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

A. The holder of a license shall be entitled during the season, as defined by section three of the Act, at any time during daylight, to enter on any private or other land for the purpose of killing and taking game or native game, and shall be liable only for any actual damage which may be occasioned by such entry.

Hon. Mr. BOLT to move, That, on the Bill being reported from the Committee of the Whole, the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 10.

9. Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

*Contingent Notices of Motion.**

Hon. Mr. T. KELLY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Section 2, line 4 of page: To strike out the words “ninety-eight,” and insert “ninety-nine.”

Section 5, subsection (1), line 37: To insert the words "one thousand nine hundred" in place of the words "one thousand nine hundred and one." Subsection (2), lines 40-41: To insert "one thousand nine hundred and one" in place of "one thousand nine hundred and two." Subsection (3), line 46: To insert "one thousand nine hundred" in place of "one thousand nine hundred and one."

Section 7, subsection (1), lines 28-29: To insert "one thousand nine hundred" in place of "one thousand nine hundred and one." Subsection (2), lines 38-39: To insert "one thousand nine hundred and one" instead of "one thousand nine hundred and two."

Section 10, subsection (2): To strike out all the words after the word "Bank," in the 3rd line.

Section 12: To strike out all the words after the word "be," in the 30th line, and insert the words "the sum of two thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds per annum to be divided amongst them as the Board shall by resolution direct."

Hon. Mr. JONES, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

That subsection (a) of subsection (2) of clause 8 be omitted. That the words in subsection (b), "If he declines to accept such offer he," be omitted. That the words "The person who occupied the position of President" be inserted before "may," in subsection (b). That the following words be added to subsection (d): "And every defence that would have been open to Her Majesty, if she could have been sued, shall be open to the Bank; and, in addition, the Bank shall not be estopped from setting up any charges of misconduct that might have been an answer to an action for wrongful dismissal, on the ground that the dismissal was not consequent on such misconduct."

10. Separate Institutions Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
11. Shearers' Accommodation Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
12. Legislative Council Reform Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Dr. GRACE, on the second reading of the Legislative Council Reform Bill, to move, That any radical alteration in the constitution of this Council should proceed on the principle of popular election by large electorates.

Wednesday, the 31st Day of August, 1898.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Water-supply Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)
2. University of Otago Leases and Securities Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Oliver.)
3. Bankruptcy Act 1892 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. A. L. Smith.)

Wednesday, the 7th Day of September, 1898.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Homing Pigeons Protection Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Feldwick.)