

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of September, 1896.

QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. BOWEN to ask the Government, Whether it is intended to propose a vote for the Vancouver mail-service, and to co-operate with Canada in the effort to establish a mail-route between England and the Australasian Colonies through British territory and by means of British ships?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. SWANSON to move, That leave of absence for three days be granted to the Hon. Mr. Shrimski on account of sickness.
2. Hon. Mr. WILLIAMS to move, That the Report of the Native Affairs Committee upon Petition No. 12, of Kipa te Whatanui, relative to the Horowhenua Block, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
3. Hon. Captain MORRIS to move, That a Return of the sums allocated to the assistance of the goldfields during the past six years be laid upon the table of the Council; such Return to show the localities to which such assistance was allocated.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Defamation Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Feldwick.)
2. Criminal Code Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Feldwick.)
3. Crown Suits Act 1881 Extension Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Taiaroa.)
4. Photographic Copyright Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Jones.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. JONES to move the following amendment and new clause:—

In clause 2, line 2, to omit the words, “the portraits of individuals,” and insert in lieu thereof, “portraits of persons, or of groups of persons, or photographs of any subject for the taking of which valuable consideration has been given.”

A. Any person who shall inscribe on the original plate, or publish on any reproduction thereof, the particulars intended to confer protection under the *second* section of this Act in respect of any portrait or photograph excepted from the protection conferred by that section, and also any person who shall in any way reproduce or publish the portrait of an individual or individuals or a photograph for the taking of which valuable consideration has been given without the authority in writing of the individual or individuals whose portrait or portraits have been taken, or from whom valuable consideration for photographs was received, shall, on conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds for each offence.

5. Greytown Trustees Empowering Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Ormond.)
6. Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. W. DOWNIE STEWART, in Committee, to move the following new clause in lieu of clause 10, and amendment:—

10. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, the General Board may make advances on the security of freehold land in accordance with the provisions of such Act or this Act to the amount of *four thousand* pounds to any one borrower.

To add at the end of clause 12 the words, “but the General Board shall not be concerned to see that such loan or any part thereof is so applied, and the said application thereof shall not affect the validity of the security.”