

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 9th day of August, 1870.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. GRAY to move, For leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of a system of Registration of Marks or Brands on Bales of Wool for the whole of New Zealand, with the object of giving the usual protection to such Brands or Marks as is afforded to Trade Marks.
2. The Honourable Mr. DOMETT to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Crown Grants Act, 1866."
3. The Honourable Mr. MENZIES to move, That a reprint of the Southland *Gazettes*, dated 24th March, 1864, and 9th August, 1864, be laid upon the Table.
4. Adjourned Debate upon the Question, That it is the opinion of this Council that all Lands held under an absolute and indefeasible lease from the Crown should be subject to the ordinary taxation of the country; and that the Government should be requested to prepare a Bill, or take such other steps as will give effect to this Resolution;—and the previous Question.
5. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That the Report of the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petition of W. and J. Spencer be adopted.
6. The Honourable Mr. SEWELL to move, That an extension of time for bringing up their Report be granted to the Committee upon Intestates Estates.
7. The Honourable Mr. SEWELL to move, That an extension of time for bringing up their Report be granted to the Committee upon the Native Reserves Bill.
8. The Honourable Mr. SEWELL to move, That it be an instruction to the Committee on Waste Lands Bills to consider and report upon the following Clauses, proposed to be added to the Gold Fields Act Amendment Act:—

And whereas by "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," it was enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor in Council, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to devise for mining purposes to any person, for any term not exceeding fifteen years from the making of the lease, any auriferous land, not exceeding the quantity prescribed by the said Act, subject to a provision therein contained.

And whereas, in a Schedule to the said Act, a form is prescribed for demises to be made under the before-mentioned power, and in such form it was prescribed that in the case of a license to mine for gold, the demise should be of full and free liberty to mine for gold in through and over the land comprised in such demise or license. And whereas demises under the provisions of the said recited clause have been accustomed to be made in the form prescribed in the Schedule to the said Act, and doubts have been raised whether such demises are effectual to pass the interests intended by the said Act to be demised.

For obviating such doubts,
Be it enacted as follows:—

In all cases of demises heretofore or hereafter to be made under the provisions of the said Act, such demises, whether of land or of liberty to mine for gold in through and over land, shall be deemed and taken to operate and to have operated as demises of the land to which the same may relate, and to be and to have been valid and effectual for granting and demising such land.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Curators of Intestate Estates Bill—consideration of a Message from the House of Representatives.
2. Land Registry Bill—to be committed
3. Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill—to be committed.
4. Otago and Southland Union Bill—to be committed.
5. Patents Bill—consideration of amendments of House of Representatives.
6. Juries Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
7. South Sea Islands Drawbacks Bill—second reading.
8. Criminal Evidence Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
9. Neglected and Criminal Children Act 1867 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee.