

The Council meets at 11 a.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 12th Day of October, 1896.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER to move, That the Standing Orders be so far suspended as to enable Government Bills during the remainder of the session to pass through all their stages at one sitting, if deemed necessary, and so as to allow Government business to take precedence.
2. Hon. Dr. GRACE to move, That the members of both Houses of Parliament residing in or within fifteen miles of Wellington, be the Recess Library Committee, and that the Recess Committee have all the powers of the Joint Library Committee, except that of making permanent appointments, or in any way altering the decisions come to by the Sessional Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Native Reserves Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
2. Government Valuation of Land Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
3. Government Railways Department Classification Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
4. Horowhenua Block Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Dr. GRACE, in Committee, to move the following words at the end of paragraph (b), section 4, “or of such persons as may on appeal from the finding of the said Royal Commission to the Court be declared to be entitled according to Maori Custom. Any such appeal to be made within one month from the passing of this Act.

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

A. So much of the land comprised in subdivisions three, six, nine, eleven, and twelve as are not subject to any valid dealing, notwithstanding that certificates of title under the provisions of “The Land Transfer Act, 1885,” have been issued in respect thereof, are declared to be Native lands within the meaning of “The Native Land Court Act, 1894,” and to be subject to the provisions of that Act, and the Native Land Court constituted under that Act shall have jurisdiction in respect thereof.

5. Oamaru Harbour Board Leasing Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Jones.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER to move the following new clauses, to follow clause 4 :—

4A. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be named by the Governor by notification in the *Gazette*, being not sooner than the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Provided that the Governor may decline to make such notification, if at any time before that day it is made to appear to him that this Act is objected to by bondholders representing not less than one-third in value of all the bonds.

4B. No person or body whomsoever shall have any claim against the Crown or the revenues of the Crown by reason of anything contained in this Act.

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NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. REEVES to move, That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Government should, during the recess, make inquiries as to the desirability of subsidising a direct steam service between this colony and Western Australia, with a view of extending our trade with that colony.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1896.

REPORTS.

100. Of the Native Affairs Committee upon the Native Reserves Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. Williams.)

101. Of the Conference upon the Land for Settlements Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. Bowen.)

102. Of the Conference upon the Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. McLean.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Monday, the 12th day of October, 1896.

Joint Library, at 10 a.m., in J Committee-room.
