

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 21st Day of August, 1894.

QUESTIONS.

1. The Hon. Major WAHAWAHA to ask the Colonial Secretary, Whether the Government will consider the advisability of opening postal communication between Wharekahika, at Hicks' Bay, and Raukokore, near Cape Runaway?
2. The Hon. Mr. KERR to ask the Attorney-General, If the Government will bring in a short Bill this session empowering the Governor in Council to appoint examiners and auditors to investigate the books and audit the accounts of the Equitable Insurance Company, Dunedin, now in liquidation?
3. The Hon. Mr. STEVENS to ask the Government, How many of the total population of Cheviot—stated in the Crown Lands Report, page 7, as being 650, as against 83 in 1891—are either purchasers or Crown tenants, and not “unemployed engaged in roadworks,” stated by the Report to be included in the total population of 650?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. STEVENS to move, That it be a recommendation to the Government to include in any Bill to amend the Municipal Corporations Act a provision by which no signatures other than those of ratepayers shall be admitted to any petition under section 24 of “The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—consideration of the reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing with certain of the amendments made by the Legislative Council. (Hon. Mr. MONTGOMERY.)

Reasons assigned by the House of Representatives.

The amendment in clause 7 prevents industrial unions from holding more than one acre of land. There is no reason why such bodies should not invest their accumulated funds in land, or lend them on mortgage with the right of entering into possession should the mortgagor fail in repayment.

The amendment in clause 86, enacting, as it does, that members of Boards to be constituted under the Act shall be paid, has the appearance of an interference with the public revenue, and for that reason the Committee trusts the Legislative Council will not persevere with it. Moreover, it is not desirable that members of these Boards should be paid, as this would greatly increase the cost of settling industrial disputes. If, however, it were so desirable, the Chairmen of the Boards should certainly not be the only members unpaid, as the amendment seems to contemplate.