

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 27th day of October, 1876.

1. The Honourable Mr. RUSSELL to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, What steps, if any, the Government have taken to carry out the Resolution of this Council, passed last Session, in regard to the Te Aute College Estate and other Educational Trusts arising from donations by the Maoris or from the Government?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that immediate steps should be taken for closing the Wellington Cemetery, in the mode prescribed by the Burials Act of 1874.
2. The Honourable Mr. NGATATA to move, That, inasmuch as the proceedings of Parliament and the speeches of Maori Members are not published in the Maori language in *Hansard*, it is, in the opinion of this Council, very desirable that every facility should be given to the publication and circulation of the *Waka Maori*, so that the Maori people may have some knowledge of what is done in Parliament.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Public Works Bill—third reading.
2. Lyttelton Harbour Board Bill—third reading.
3. Native Reserves Bill—third reading.
4. New Zealand Loan Bill—second reading.
5. Disqualification Bill—second reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE, when in Committee, to move the following, as a new subsection to clause 6:—

- (4.) Any person being a Superintendent of any province, or any member of any provincial Executive Council, who shall have been such Superintendent or member of Executive Council during the whole of the present Session of Parliament, and who shall be holding such office at the time of the complete coming into force of "The Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875."

6. Otago and Wellington Tolls Bill—second reading.
7. Dunedin Drill Shed Reserve Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
8. Intestate Native Succession Bill—second reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE, when in Committee, to move the addition of the following clauses:—

From and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for less than a majority in number of the persons named as grantees or owners in any Crown grant certificate of title or memorial of ownership of land, issued under the provisions of "The Native Lands Act, 1873," or of any of the Native Lands Acts repealed by the first-named Act, to make any contract lease mortgage conveyance or other disposition whatsoever of such land; and persons succeeding to the interests of any deceased owner or grantee in any such land, whether by will or under the order of the Native Lands Court, shall, for the purposes of this section, be treated as if originally named in such Crown grant certificate of title or memorial of ownership: Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any will made by any such grantee owner or successor: And provided further, that when there shall be only two persons named in any Crown grant certificate of title or memorial of ownership, as owners, then either one of such persons shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be a majority in number.

The Governor in Council may in any case, when it shall appear desirable and proper to do so, appoint a trustee or trustees for

any infant grantee or owner of land of the Native race, with power, subject to compliance with all other conditions rendered necessary by law, to make a conveyance of any freehold interest in land held by such infant, upon such conditions and subject to such limitations and stipulations as the Governor in Council may think fit to order and impose.

For the purpose of making inquiries as to the facts of any disposition of Native land, so far as the same are required to be ascertained by "The Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act, 1870," and "The Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act Amendment Act, 1873," it shall be lawful for any Commissioner under the said Acts, in cases, when from the number of persons concerned in such disposition, or because of the distance of the residences of such last-named persons from the office of such Commissioner, if he shall consider it desirable so to do, to appoint by writing under his hand any other fit person or persons as his deputy to make such inquiries.

Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of the existing law contained, it shall be lawful for any deed or other instrument of disposition of Native land, which now is required to be executed in the presence of a Resident Magistrate or Judge of the Native Lands Court, to be so executed in the presence of a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand: Provided, however, that no person acting as solicitor to any of the parties to such deed or instrument, in respect of the transaction to which such deed or instrument is intended to give effect, shall be competent to witness such deed or instrument; and any solicitor witnessing any such deed or instrument shall make an affidavit or statutory declaration, to be endorsed on such deed or instrument, to the effect that he is not concerned or acting for any of the parties thereto in manner above described.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS PRESENTED.

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136. Colonial Museum and Laboratory, Eleventh Annual Report of the. (By command.)

REPORTS.

75. The Report of the Select Committee upon the Native Reserves Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)

76. The Report of the Waste Lands Committee on the Dunedin Drill Shed Reserve Bill. (Hon. Mr. Waterhouse.)

77. The Report of the Waste Lands Committee on the Hokitika Harbour Board Bill. (Hon. Mr. Waterhouse.)

SELECT COMMITTEES :—

For Friday, the 27th day of October, 1876.

Waste Lands, at 10.30 a.m., in No. 1 Committee room.

Public Petitions, at 11 a.m., in No. 2 Committee room.

Free Conference on the Debtors and Creditors Bill, at 12.30, in No. 3 Committee room.