The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 7th day of October, 1884.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited) Bill—second reading.

2. Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Act 1882 Amendment Bill—second reading.

QUESTIONS.

1. The Honourable Mr. Wilson to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, If it is the intention of the Government to take any steps towards suppressing the sale of spirituous liquors to the Native race?

2. The Honourable Mr. G. R. Johnson to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, If the Government has received any information confirming the report lately circulated, to the effect that Te Kooti, with a large number of followers, visited Whakatane not long since; whether the Government is aware that the Natives at Wairoa and Poverty Bay are making preparations in expectation of a visit from Te Kooti some months hence; and whether the Government will take efficient measures to prevent any return of Te Kooti to Wairoa and Poverty Bay?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Sir G. S. Whitmore to move, That there be laid upon the Table a Return of all sums spent by the General Government upon the harbours or railways or other public works in connection with the Ports of Westport and Greymouth, since the year 1870.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Road Boards Act 1882 Amendment Bill (Hon. Mr. Reynolds)—third reading.

2. Invercargill Reserves Leasing Bill (Hon. Mr. Reynolds)—second reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. Reynolds, when in Committee, to move the fol-

lowing amendment:-

That all the words after "in," in the second line of section 6, down to and including "securities," in line 3, be struck out, with the view of inserting the following words: "New Zealand Government debentures, or in the stock or debentures of any local body having authority to borrow under any Act of the General Assembly."

3. Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill (Hon. Mr. Wilson)—

third reading.

4. The Trustees and Executors Shareholders Liability Bill (Hon. Mr. Wilson)—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time; and the Amendment of the Honourable Mr. McLean, to omit the word "now," with a view to add the words "this day six months." Debate adjourned by the Honourable Mr. Stevens.

5. Hokitika Racecourse Reserve Bill (Hon. Mr. Lahmann)—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time. Debate

adjourned by the Honourable Mr. Oliver.

6. Mortgages Release Extension Bill (Hon. the Colonial Secretary)—second reading.

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. Buckley, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause. 1. To omit "Mortgages Release Extension;" to substitute "Property Law Consolidation Act 1883 Amendment."

To add the following new clauses:-

Estates of infants deemed to be settled estates.

a. Where a person in his own right is seized or entitled to land for an estate in fee-simple, or for any leasehold interest at a rent, is an infant, the land shall be deemed to be settled estate within "The Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act, 1865."

Execution of deeds validated.

b. Every deed signed or executed before the passing of "The Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883;" or this Act, shall be deemed to have been sufficiently attested if the execution of such deed has been attested by one witness, although the address or occupation of such witness has not been inserted after such signature.

Receipt in deed authority for payments to

c. Where a solicitor produces a deed having in the body thereof a receipt for consideration-money or other consideration, the deed being executed by the person entitled to give a receipt for that consideration, the deed shall be sufficient authority to the person liable to pay or give the same for his paying or giving the same to the solicitor without the solicitor producing any separate or other direction or authority in that behalf from the person who executed or signed the deed.

This section applies only in cases where consideration is to be

paid or given after the commencement of this Act.

Acknowledgment of deed as to separate estate not necessary.

d. Notwithstanding the Act of the third and fourth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-four, or any other Act in force in the colony, it shall not be necessary for a married woman to acknowledge any deed or other instrument affecting her separate estate already or hereafter to be executed by her.

To amend the title of the Bill by omitting therefrom the words "section fifty of," and "in relation to the release of mortgages."

The Honourable Mr. Brandon, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 30 of the said Act shall be read as if the words "to whose name shall be added his residence and occupation or calling" were inserted between the words "witness" and "but" in such section.

Wednesday, the 8th day of October, 1884.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trust Boards Incorporation Bill second reading. (Hon. Mr. Waterhouse.)

2. Sharebrokers Act 1871 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Waterhouse.)

3. Chatham Islands Animals Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)

4. Employment of Females Act 1883 Amendment Bill (Hon. Mr. Oliver) second reading.

5. Bills of Exchange Act 1883 Amendment Bill (Hon. Mr. Waterhouse) second reading.

6. Salmon and Trout Act 1867 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. McLean.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1884.

PETITIONS.

172. Of 190 Roman Catholics of Onehunga, praying the Council to devise such measures as will secure to the Roman Catholics of New Zealand justice and equitable treatment in the matter of education. (Hon. Mr. Dignan.)
173. Of 61 Roman Catholics of Panmure. Same prayer as the foregoing.

(Hon. Mr. Dignan.)