

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 3rd day of September, 1889.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. McLEAN to move, That Standing Order No. 79 be suspended, so that leave may be given to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Election of School Committees."
2. The Honourable Mr. WALKER to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "The Dog Registration Act Amendment Act, 1889."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Slaughterhouses Act 1877 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)
2. Chattels Transfer Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)
3. Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Bill—consideration of the following reasons of the House of Representatives for insisting upon their amendments in the said Bill:—

(1.) Clause 8 is desired by a large number of persons chiefly engaged in agriculture, and who have established, and are carrying on with marked success, co-operative associations for obtaining supplies of goods for their own use, and for the disposal of their produce.

(2.) There is every reason to believe that, by the establishment of associations on similar principles for insuring the property of its own shareholders, it could be insured with safety on more reasonable terms than the owners are now compelled to pay.

(3.) As the shares in such an association would be held by a large number of persons, each of whom would be affected by any loss incurred by the association, a more effective supervision could be obtained over risks taken by the association, as well as fuller information in the cases of loss sustained by fire. In this way the risk of loss and the rates of premiums could be reduced.

(4.) The amount of paid-up capital objected to by the Council is larger in proportion to the business likely to be done by co-operative associations, such as are now contemplated, than is the capital which, under the provisions of the Bill, would entitle to registration with limited liability insurance companies effecting insurances for the public generally, and whose operations extend in many cases not only throughout New Zealand but to the adjoining colonies.

(5.) In reference to the objection that shares of almost nominal amount might be issued to qualify persons for insurance as shareholders, the House will consider favourably any proposals for providing against such possible abuse if the Council should consider such provision necessary.

(6.) With reference to clause 9. There ought to be substantial uniformity in the conditions subject to which the several companies carrying on business in the colony issue policies.

(7.) Many of the conditions are of an unsuitable and one-sided description.

(8.) Some of the conditions are so ambiguously expressed as to enable companies to force compromises to the disadvantages of the assured.

(9.) Such ambiguity also leads to disputes, litigation, and undesirable delays.

(10.) Few persons become acquainted with the conditions of the policies until some time after the insurance has been effected, the practice being to issue an interim receipt only.

4. Lincoln Agricultural School Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)

5. Karamu Reserve Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.) 104—1.

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS, in Committee, to move the following addition to clause 5 :—

Provided always that no more than the sum of three hundred pounds shall be paid in respect of one set of costs claimed by any of the said parties under this and the following clause.

The Honourable Sir G. S. WHITMORE, K.C.M.G., to move, That the following proviso be added to clause 5 :—

Provided always that no more than the sum of three hundred pounds shall be paid in respect of one set of costs claimed by any of the said parties ; but it is hereby declared that this proviso shall not extend to the costs, if any, incurred in the action number two hundred and twenty-seven in the Gisborne Registry, and not already paid ; nor shall this proviso extend to the costs incurred in promoting this Bill in Parliament.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

FRIDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1889.

REPORT.

66. Of the Native Affairs Committee, upon the Timaru Harbour Board Land Bill. (Hon. Mr. Shephard.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Monday, the 2nd day of September, 1889.

Native Affairs, at 10 a.m., in No. 4 Committee room.

Ward-Christie, at 12 noon, in No. 1 Committee room.

Joint, Middle Island Native Claims, at 11 a.m., in J Committee room.

For Tuesday, the 3rd day of September, 1889.

Conference on the Criminal Evidence Bill, at 11 a.m., in Joint Committee room.

Native Affairs, at 11 a.m., in No. 4 Committee room.