The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

# ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 28th Day of October, 1895.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. Pharazyn to move, That the return to an order of the Legislative Council, dated the 8th instant, relative to debentures issued under "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884," be printed.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Lands for Settlements Bill—consideration of the following amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor:—

#### Amendment.

Omit clause 9, and substitute the following:

- 9. In any case where land is taken compulsorily from two persons who, for a period of two years next prior to any direction by the Minister for negotiation under section four of the principal Act, have been carrying on business on such land as farmers in copartnership, each partner, whose undivided share of such land exceeds the prescribed maximum, shall have the right to retain any area not exceeding the prescribed maximum in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as if such share had been owned by him in severalty.
- Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Bill—consideration of amendments of House of Representatives. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)
   Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act Amendment Bill—consideration
- 3. Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act Amendment Bill—consideration of amendments of House of Representatives. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)
- 4. Lunatics Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—
Wherever in this Act and in the principal Act proceedings
before the Supreme Court are prescribed in relation to a lunatic's
estate, the Supreme Court of the district in which such lunatic's
estate is situated shall be the Court before which such proceedings
shall be taken.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—Clause 3, subsection 15: Add proviso,—

Provided that suitable maintenance of the family and education of the children of any lunatic shall be a first charge on such lunatic's estate.

5. Land Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Rice, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—
Clause 15, subsection (a), line 2: After the word "satisfied" add "that such home is for the exclusive use and benefit of persons who have been resident in New Zealand for a period of not less than twelve months previous to such application being made, and."

6. Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Montgomery, in Committee, to move to omit the proviso to clause 7,

and substitute the following:

Provided always that the application now pending in the Supreme Court for a mandamus to compel certain Judges and Assessors of the Native Land Court to proceed with a rehearing of the matter of certain of the decisions given by the said Court, presided over by the said G. E. Barton as Judge under the said Act, shall not be prejudicially affected by the provisions of this section; and, if such mandamus is granted, then the Native Land Court shall have as full jurisdiction to proceed with such rehearing and do all things necessary in order to obey such mandamus as if this section had not been passed.

7. Reserves Disposal and Exchange Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. , in Committee, to move the addition of the following

proviso to clause 8, subclause (2):—

Provided that, if the Government shall at any time require possession of any portion of the said Sunday Island to be given up, the said Thomas Bell shall be entitled to have all improvements effected by him on such portion valued in the manner prescribed by "The Land Act, 1892," and to receive compensation for such improvements as provided by the said Act.

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

A. That portion of the road-line on the Waiongona River, by the Lepperton Township, occupied by the Lepperton Co-operative Dairy Company (Limited) as a site for a dairy factory, may be sold to the said company by the Waitara West Road Board on such terms

as the Minister may approve.

8. Adjourned Debate upon the Question, That whereas on the 8th instant a resolution was carried requesting the Controller and Auditor-General "to furnish to the Council a full statement of the debentures issued during the quarter April–June, 1895, under 'The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884,' such statement to show how the amount issued was arrived at, and against which sinking funds such debentures were issued": And whereas on the 21st day of October, in reply to a question, the Government stated, "that the order for the above return has not left the Colonial Secretary's office": This Council now requests the Hon. the Speaker to apply direct to the Controller for the information required.

9. Municipal Corporations Act 1886 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon

Mr. Feldwick.)

### PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

SATURDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1895.

PAPERS.

168. Railway Property, Particulars of Leases of. (In pursuance of section

215 of "The Public Works Act, 1894.")

169. Debentures issued in June Quarter, 1895, under section 5 of "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884," Statement of. (Return to an Order dated 8th October, 1895.)

REPORTS.

123. Of the Native Affairs Committee upon the Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill. (Hon. Mr. Williams.)

#### SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Monday, the 28th day of October, 1895.

Native Affairs, at 10 a.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.

Business: Bills for consideration—Native Reserves Act Amendment Bill—Horowhenua Block Bill—also Petition No. 57, of N. Nicholson.

Printing, 10 a.m., in No 4 Committee-room.