

[The Council meets at 2.30 o'clock p.m.]

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 19th day of August, 1881.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. ACLAND to move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Acland for ten days, from Tuesday, 23rd August, on urgent private affairs.
2. The Honourable Mr. MILLER to move, That, in view of the various conflicting opinions recently given by competent persons as to the relative merits of the different ports on the west coast of the North Island, this Council is of opinion that a Commission should be appointed by the Government to inquire into the whole subject, and recommend a port at which the greatest amount of accommodation can be procured at the least cost.
3. The Honourable Mr. MANTELL to move, For leave to lay upon the Table certain Papers relating to the Himatangi rents.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. MANTELL to move, That the Papers relating to the Himatangi rents, laid upon the Table this day, be printed, together with those on the same subject already ordered to be printed.

4. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to report whether or not the Honourable Captain Baillie, by accepting a forage allowance as a commanding officer of Volunteers, is disqualified from sitting and voting as a member of Council.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Education Act 1877 Amendment Bill—third reading.
2. Fisheries Bill—third reading.
3. Otago Harbour Board Leasing Bill—second reading.
4. Timaru Harbour Board Endowment Bill—second reading.
5. Rangitata Traffic Bridge Bill—second reading.
6. Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Bill—second reading.
7. Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS, when in Committee, to move, To strike out the word "Amendment," in the first line of section 1, with the view of inserting the word "Repeal." To strike out all the words after "1881," in section 1. To insert as section 2, "The Dentists Act 1880 is hereby repealed."

8. Otago University Reserves Vesting Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

The land described in the Schedule hereto shall, except as hereinafter mentioned, be deemed to be waste lands of the Crown, and as such be subject in all respects to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and to the Schedules thereto, so far as the said Act and Schedules are applicable to and in force within the Otago Land District, and also to all Acts relating to gold fields and gold-mining now in force in the said land district.

The Land Board of the Otago Land District shall not have, exercise, or perform any powers, duties, or functions over or in respect of the said land described in the said Schedule; but the governing body of the said University shall have, exercise, and perform the same over the said land, in all respects as though the said governing body had been in the said Act and Schedules designated and named, instead of the said Land Board.

All leases and licenses heretofore granted, and all securities heretofore given and now existing in respect of the said land or any part thereof by the said governing body, are hereby declared to be valid.

All rents receivable for the said land or any part thereof shall be due and paid to the said governing body.

All money accruing from sales of the said land shall be paid over to the said governing body, and, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be held and invested by them on and subject to the like trusts and liabilities as exist in respect of the said land.

The Honourable Mr. HOLMES, when in Committee, to move, That clauses 119 to 141, both inclusive, of "The Land Act, 1877," be clauses of the Bill, to be administered by the Waste Land Board of the district.

9. Auckland Reserves Exchange and Change of Trust Bill—adjourned debate upon the second reading.
10. Oamaru Harbour Board Bill—to be re-committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. MILLER, when in Committee, to move, That clauses 3, 4, and 5 be erased, and the following clauses inserted in lieu thereof:—

Otago land laws to be in force.

3. Except as hereinafter mentioned, the land comprised in the Schedule to this Act shall be and remain subject in all respects to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and the Schedules thereto, so far as the said Act and Schedules are applicable or in force within the Otago Land District, and also to all the Acts relating to gold fields and gold-mining now in force in the said land district.

Oamaru Harbour Board to have management.

4. The Land Board of the Otago Land District shall cease to exercise or perform any powers, duties, or functions in or over the said block of land; but the Oamaru Harbour Board shall hereafter exercise and perform the same over the said block of land in all respects as though the Oamaru Harbour Board had been in the said Act and Schedules designated and named, instead of the said Land Board.

11. Fixtures Law Amendment Bill—second reading.

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ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Waitara Harbour Board Loan Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. SCOTLAND, when in Committee on the Waitara Harbour Board Loan Bill, to move the following new clause:—

All debentures issued under "The Waitara Harbour Board Land and Borrowing Act, 1879," by the Harbour Board of Waitara, in respect of a loan of five thousand pounds, with the interest payable thereon, shall have preference as a security over any loan to be raised under this Act.

2. Native Reserves Bill—second reading.
3. Adjourned Debate upon the Question, That the Report on the Petition of John Ahearn be agreed to.
4. Licensing Bill—third reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WILSON to move, That, on the third reading, the Licensing Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of inserting the words printed in italics,—

Penalty for supplying children with liquor.

Any licensed person who allows to be supplied in his licensed premises, by purchase or otherwise, to be consumed on the premises—

Any description whatever of spirits, *or of wine, ale, beer, or porter*, to any person apparently under the age of sixteen years, of either sex,— shall, as well as the person who actually gives or supplies the spirits *or liquor*, be liable to pay a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every such offence.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1881.

REPORT.

50. Of the Select Committee upon the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (Christchurch) Trustees Incorporation Bill. (Hon. Captain Baillie).

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Friday, the 19th day of August, 1881.

Hillsborough Railway Station, at 11 a.m., in No. 1 Committee room.

Joint Statutes Revision, at 11 a.m., in No. 4 Committee room.