

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

## ORDER PAPER.

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 11th day of July, 1889.

### QUESTIONS.

1. The Honourable Major WAHAWAHA to ask the Government, Whether they will consider the necessity for enlarging the Native school building at Rangitukia, seeing that only 100 children can be accommodated, whereas there are fully 150 children who are desirous of attending?
2. The Honourable Major WAHAWAHA to ask the Government, Whether they will consider the question of the dog-tax, with the view to abolishing or reducing the tax in certain Native districts?

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to prevent Aboriginal Natives assembling in a manner calculated to create alarm, and inconvenience and danger to the Public Peace."
2. The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., to move, For leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to provide a more extended system of Insurance of the Fidelity of Officers in the service of the Government."

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Law of Libel Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.) 1—1.

### *Contingent Notices of Motion.*

The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., when in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

Proceedings in action for libel in the Supreme Court may be stayed.

It shall be lawful for any person against whom an action for libel may be brought in the Supreme Court to satisfy a Judge of the said Court, by affidavit or otherwise, that the plaintiff has no visible means of paying the costs of the defendant should a verdict be not found for the plaintiff, and thereupon such Judge shall have power to make an order that unless the plaintiff within a time to be therein mentioned give full security for the defendant's costs to the satisfaction of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, or satisfy the Judge that he has a cause of action fit to be prosecuted in the Supreme Court, all proceedings shall be stayed.

May be remitted for trial to a Resident Magistrate's Court.

In the event of the plaintiff being unable or unwilling to give such security, or failing to satisfy the Judge as aforesaid, the Judge may order that the cause be remitted for trial before a Resident Magistrate's Court therein named, and thereupon the plaintiff shall lodge the original writ and order with the Clerk of the said Resident Magistrate's Court, who shall appoint a day for the hearing of the cause, notice whereof shall be sent by post, as a registered letter or otherwise, to both parties or their solicitors.

Powers and jurisdiction of Resident Magistrate's Court.

The Resident Magistrate's Court so named shall have all the same powers and jurisdiction to try the cause in like manner as if the same had been duly commenced in the said Court in any case within its ordinary jurisdiction.

Costs.

The costs of the proceedings in the Supreme Court shall be allowed according to the scale in use in that Court, and of the proceedings in the Resident Magistrate's Court according to the scale in use in that Court.

The Honourable Mr. SHEPARD to move, when in Committee, the following new clause :—

Where any person makes a speech to a meeting, and a report containing libellous words purporting to be a report of such speech is published in any newspaper, then, on proof that the words so published, or words of like import, were uttered by the person making such speech, that person shall, in the event of any civil proceedings being instituted against him for libel in respect of such words, be deemed, for the purposes of such proceedings, to have himself written and published the libellous words attributed to him in such report, or words of like import. The report so published shall be *prima facie* evidence of the words therein attributed to the speaker having been spoken, but it shall be competent to him to prove any inaccuracy in the report, or any matter explaining the words attributed to him. Such proceedings, if taken, shall be in substitution for, and not in addition to, any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, that may be instituted against him: Provided also that no proceeding under this section shall be taken more than two months after the words were uttered: Provided also that the speaker shall be entitled to any defence of privilege arising from the occasion on which the words were spoken which he would have had in case the spoken words had been of themselves actionable.

2. Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)

Friday, the 12th day of July, 1889.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. PHARAZYN to move, That there be laid upon the Table a Return giving the names of the several Native Land Court Judges now in the service of the colony, together with their districts, the dates of their appointments, profession, salaries, allowances, and offices previously held by each.

Tuesday, the 16th day of July, 1889.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WILSON to move, That copies of all correspondence between the Government and Mr. District Judge Ward, relative to the case of Christie, a bankrupt, be laid on the Table.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Legislative Council Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.) 21—1.
2. Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act 1887 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Taiaroa.)

Wednesday, the 17th day of July, 1889.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Incorporated Companies Share Register Inspection Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Wilson.)

Tuesday, the 23rd day of July, 1889.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Medical Practitioners Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time, and the Amendment of the Honourable Sir G. S. Whitmore, to omit the word “now,” with a view to add the words “this day six months.” (Hon. Mr. Stevens.) 24—1.