

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of October, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. PHARAZYN to move, 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.
2. Hon. Mr. SHRIMSKI to move, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Shrimski for the remainder of the session in consequence of ill-health.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Shops and Shop-assistants Bill—third reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. RIGG to move, That the Shops and Shop-assistants Act Amendment Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole Council, with the object of reconsidering new clause 5, and amending it as follows: To add to the clause the following new subsection:—

(b.) By repealing, in the definition of "shop," all the words after the words "sale by retail."

2. Municipal Corporations Act 1886 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Feldwick.)
3. Mining Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. McCULLOUGH, in Committee, to move the following amendments, and new clause after clause 15:—

In clause 2, line 15, after the word "district," to add the words "except the Hauraki Mining District."

In clause 4, line 23, to erase "two" and insert "five."

Where a tunnel has been constructed, or may be hereafter constructed, for mining purposes, and persons or companies other than the owners are desirous of using such tunnel, or extending the same for the purpose of working other mines, and the parties are unable to come to any agreement as to the use of such tunnel as aforesaid, and the terms on which the same may be used, then it shall be lawful for the Warden, upon the application of either of the parties, to settle and determine the conditions, terms, and charges upon which the said tunnel may be used.

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

No claim, special claim, licensed holding, water license, grant, lease, mining tenement or easement, or any other mining right whatsoever, shall be liable to forfeiture, or the title thereto be in anywise prejudicially affected by reason that the grantee, lessee, licensee, owner, or holder thereof was not at the time of the application therefor, or of the granting thereof, or on the day of the date thereof, or at any other time prior to the passing of this Act, the holder of a miner's right in respect thereof. And every claim, special claim, licensed holding, water license, grant, lease, mining tenement or easement, or other mining right whatsoever granted under "The Mining Act, 1886," or "The Mining Act, 1891," or under any Act amending the said Acts, or either of them, shall be of full force and effect notwithstanding the grantee, lessee, licensee, owner, or holder thereof may not have been the holder of any miner's right in respect thereof at any time before the passing of this Act, or may not have been the continuous holder of a miner's right in respect thereof from the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, to the time of the passing of this Act.

4. Native Land Laws Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)
5. Rating Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. ORMOND, in Committee, to move the following new clause in place of clause 6:—

A. Where by any Act or Acts (hereinafter called "the first-mentioned Act or Acts") passed prior to or in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, whereby power to levy rates is given to any local authority not being a Council of a county, city, or borough, the rateable value or actual value appearing in the assessment rolls made under "The Property Assessment Act, 1879," or its amendments, or under "The Land- and Income-tax Act, 1891," or its amendments, is declared to be the rateable value of properties in the district described in the first-mentioned Act or Acts for the purposes of the first-mentioned Act or Acts, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the first-mentioned Act or Acts, or in "The Rating Act, 1894," the following provisions shall take effect:—

- (a.) With regard to property situate within any county, city, or borough in which the system of rating on the capital value under "The Rating Act, 1894," shall be in force, the rateable value appearing in the valuation-roll made by the Council of such county, city, or borough under the provisions of "The Rating Act, 1894," shall be the rateable value of such property for the purpose of rating under the first-mentioned Act or Acts.
- (b.) With regard to property situate within any county, city, or borough in which the system of rating on the annual value under "The Rating Act, 1894," shall be in force, the rateable value of such property for the purpose of rating under the first-mentioned Act or Acts shall be the capital value of such property, calculated by capitalising the annual value of such property as appearing on the valuation-roll made by the council of such county, city, or borough under the provisions of "The Rating Act, 1894," on the basis of sixteen times such annual value.

Hon. Mr. TAIAROA, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

A. "The Rating Act, 1894," and its amendments shall not apply to or affect any established Maori pa with its cultivations and houses, excepting such cultivations or houses as may be leased by them to Europeans.

6. Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. STEWART, in Committee, to move that the following words be inserted at end of subsection (2) of clause 5:—

"But such land shall be valued on the basis of the land being used for one or more of such purposes only."

7. Public Works and Government Railways Acts Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir. P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

8. Unclaimed Moneys Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1895.

PAPERS.

162. Public Works Statement (D.—1) and Estimates. (By leave.)

163. Education: Reports of Secondary Schools. E.—9. (By command.)

164. Official Year-book for 1895. (By leave.)

REPORTS.

112. Of the Goldfields and Mines Committee upon the Mining Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. McCullough.)

113. Of the Joint Library Committee on the Recess Committee. (Hon. Mr. Pharazyn.)

114. Of the Native Affairs Committee upon the Petition, No. 53, of P. Barker, of Whataupoko. (Hon. Mr. Williams.)

115. Of the Conference upon the Land for Settlements Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. Kelly.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 1895.

Conference on the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment Bill, at 10.30 a.m., in Joint Committee-room.

Conference on Chattels Transfer Act Amendment Bill, at 5.30 p.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.