

The Council meets at 11 a.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 14th Day of October, 1896.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. MACGREGOR to move, That Mr. C. B. Morison be heard at the bar of the Council to-day, on behalf of the Ngatiraukawa, whose interests are affected by the Horowhenua Block Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
2. Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Bill—consideration of amendments by the House of Representatives.
3. Horowhenua Block Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. MACGREGOR to move, That the Horowhenua Block Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 2.

4. Orchard and Garden Pests Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
5. Hawkers Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
6. Mining Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Captain MORRIS, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2: After "August, 1888," at end of clause, to add the words "or the legal estate wherein has been declared to be vested prior to that date in the grantees or owners thereof."

Section 8: Add to subsection (4), after word "upon," in last line, "after due notice to the owner or occupier of the land of the application for such license and of the day appointed for the hearing thereof."

In First Schedule—Clause 1: Strike out sub-paragraph 3. Clause 2: Strike out the words "and the applicant," in first line. Clause 2: Strike out sub-paragraph 3. Clause 2: Sub-paragraph (4), second line, strike out the words "and the applicant." Proviso: Strike out last four lines of clause 2—viz., the proviso.

Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

Clause 56, line 14: Next after "shall" insert "on and after the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven."

7. Government Valuation of Land Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
8. Government Railways Department Classification Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

9. Oamaru Harbour Board Leasing Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Jones.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER to move that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of amending clauses 4A and 4B, as follows:—

Clause 4A. Line 6, to omit “bond,” and insert “debenture”; last line, to omit “bonds,” and insert “debentures issued by the Board on the security of the rents and profits of the said lands.”

Clause 4B. Line 1, to strike out “whomsoever”; line 2, to omit “Crown,” and insert “colony.”

Clauses 4A and 4B will then read as follows:—

4A. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be named by the Governor by notification in the *Gazette*, being not sooner than the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Provided that the Governor may decline to make such notification if at any time before that day it is made to appear to him that this Act is objected to by debenture-holders representing not less than one-third in value of all the debentures issued by the Board on the security of the rents and profits of the said lands.

4B. No person or body shall have any claim against the Crown or the revenues of the colony by reason of anything contained in this Act.

Hon. Mr. MACGREGOR to move the following new clause:—

Lessees who have gone into possession of any of the said lands shall be liable to the lessor for rent, at the rate provided by their respective leases, during the period from the time of taking possession until the coming into operation of this Act, or, in the event of this Act not coming into operation, during the continuance of such possession, as the case may be.

Thursday, the 15th Day of October, 1896.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. REEVES to move, That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Government should, during the recess, make inquiries as to the desirability of subsidising a direct steam service between this colony and Western Australia, with a view of extending our trade with that colony.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

MONDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1896.

PETITION.

45. Of C. B. Morison, Barrister and Solicitor of Wellington, that an audience be granted to him at the bar of the Council to enable him to show cause why certain provisions of the Horowhenua Block Bill should not be passed into law. (Hon. Mr. MacGregor.)

PAPER.

160. Horowhenua Block, Replies by R. S. Bush, Esq., and J. C. McKerrow, Esq., to the Evidence taken before the Public Petitions Committee upon the Petitions of Sir Walter Buller, relative to the. (Hon. the Speaker.)

REPORTS.

104. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon Petition No. 37, of D. Egan. (Hon. Mr. Bolt.)

105. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon Petition No. 44, of C. B. Morison. (Hon. Mr. Bolt.)

106. Of the Conference upon the Rating Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

SELECT COMMITTEE.

For Wednesday, the 14th day of October, 1896.

Joint House, at 10.30 a.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.