

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 13th day of July, 1880.

QUESTIONS.

1. The Honourable Mr. TAIAROA to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, (1) What are the intentions of the Government with regard to the Maoris of the Ngatiruanui Tribe now in gaol at Dunedin and Hokitika; (2) why were they not tried by some competent Court during the month of January or February last; (3) in the event of any of them dying while thus detained, would the Government hold themselves responsible in any way for their death?
2. The Honourable Captain FRASER to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, What steps the Government intend to take with reference to the action of the overseer of the Government contract at the Kumara, in apparently allowing miners to work in the tunnel when a considerable portion of the lower part of the shaft was unslabbed, and which eventuated in the present deplorable catastrophe at the Kumara, which has left eight children fatherless?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, That there be laid upon the Table a nominal Return of all persons, with their official positions, drawing salaries under the Education Act; together with a statement of the amount of salary paid to each individual.
2. The Honourable Captain FRASER to move, That the Correspondence with reference to the Shag Point Colliery, laid on the Table of the Council yesterday by the Honourable the Attorney-General, be ordered to be printed.
3. The Honourable Dr. POLLEN to move, That the Return giving the number of electors on the roll of each electoral district in the colony for the year 1879, the number of persons qualified to vote as holders of miners' rights, and the number of electors registered up to the 31st day of May under the provisions of "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1879," and "The Registration of Electors Act, 1879," be ordered to be printed.
4. The Honourable Mr. HART to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the Judges of the Native Lands Court should publish in the *Government Gazette*, and in the *Kahiti* of New Zealand, the rules of that Court, framed for the purpose of securing to Maoris interested in lands the subject of claims in that Court other than the claimants and persons admitted by them to be interested in the land claimed, due notice of the names of the claimants, the land claimed, and the time and place of hearing such claims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Wellington Racing Club Bill—third reading.
2. Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE, when the Council is in Committee upon the Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

2. All marriages between any person and his deceased wife's sister which have heretofore been, or which shall hereafter be, contracted and solemnized before any minister of religion or Registrar duly authorized to solemnize marriages, shall be deemed to have been and be valid and binding; and the issue born or hereafter to be born of such marriages shall be deemed to have been and to be born in lawful wedlock: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect any right or title to any real or personal property acquired before the passing of this Act.

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when the Council is in Committee upon the Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill, to move that the following proviso be added to the new clause proposed by the Honourable Colonel Whitmore:—

Provided that this Act shall not render valid any such marriage in any case where either of the parties of such marriage shall thereafter before the passing of this Act have lawfully intermarried with any other person, nor shall the passing of this Act deprive, or be held to have deprived, any person of any property which such person may have lawfully inherited prior to the coming into operation of this Act or affect any *lis pendens*.

3. Rabbit Nuisance Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when in Committee on the Rabbit Nuisance Bill, to move the following amendments:—

Interpretation clause. To add to end of interpretation of "landowner," the words "and also includes corporate bodies or bodies of trustees having charge of any lands within the district."

To insert the following new clauses:—

16A. If any occupier of land, after receiving from the Trustees notice to destroy the rabbits upon his property, fails or refuses to take efficient steps to destroy such rabbits, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than *one* pound nor more than *twenty* pounds for each seven days that he shall so neglect or refuse to destroy such rabbits.

16B. Should any County Council be of opinion that the Trustees of any rabbit district within the limits of such county are not taking the necessary steps to secure the destruction of rabbits within such district, such County Council shall have all the rights and powers in the two preceding sections conferred upon the Trustees of Rabbit Districts.

4. Adjourned debate upon the Question, That, in the opinion of this Council, the action of the Government in draining Lake Ellesmere (Waihora), and thereby interfering most seriously with the fishing rights enjoyed by the Natives residing in the neighbourhood, which rights have ever been jealously guarded by themselves and their ancestors, is unjust towards the Natives; and such drainage ought not to be allowed to proceed, either now or hereafter, without fair compensation being awarded them.

5. Election Petitions Bill—adjourned debate upon the second reading.

6. Native Reserves Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Sir F. DILLON BELL, when in Committee on the Native Reserves Bill, to move the addition of the following words to subsection 5 of section 3 (interpretation clause):—"and which lands shall by Order in Council be brought by the Governor under the operation of this Act."

Wednesday, the 14th day of July, 1880.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. PEACOCK to move, That, inasmuch as the finances of the colony are in a very unsatisfactory state, requiring the strictest retrenchment to place them on a better basis, to prevent as much as possible an enormous

increase of taxation, it be a request from the Council to the Government to exclude from the Estimates such a sum of money as would be required to furnish the usual honorarium to members of this branch of the Legislature.

2. The Honourable Mr. MENZIES to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, the Education Act should be so amended as to provide for the permissive power being granted to Education Boards to introduce the reading of the Bible in schools, subject to a time-table and conscience clause.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

FRIDAY, 9TH JULY, 1880.

PAPERS.

90. Electors, Return of the number of, on the roll of each electoral district, for the year 1879, and of all then qualified to vote as holders of miners' rights; also of the number of electors registered up to the 30th May, 1880, upon the roll formed under the provisions of "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1879," and "The Registration of Electors Act, 1879." Return to an Order of the Legislative Council, dated 8th June, 1880. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)

91. Ashburton and Mount Somers Line, Plan of the Deviation lately surveyed on the, for which tenders were advertised on the 5th May and then withdrawn; also by whose authority such deviation was surveyed; and all Correspondence or Telegrams relating to the same. Return to an Order of the Legislative Council, dated 25th June, 1880. (Hon. Mr. Peter.)

92. Defences of New Zealand: Report by Colonel H. P. Scratchley, R.E., C.M.G. A.—4. (By command.)

REPORTS.

25. Of the Public Petitions Committee, upon the Petition of James Johnston. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

26. Of the Public Petitions Committee, upon the Petitions of 95 and 62 Electors of the Hutt. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)

27. Of the Joint Committee on Bills, upon the Heathcote Bridges Bill. (Hon. Captain Baillie.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Saturday, the 10th day of July, 1880.

Pharmacy Bill Committee, at 11 a.m., in No. 1 Committee room.

For Tuesday, the 13th day of July, 1880.

New Zealand Bank Act 1861 Amendment Bill Committee, at 10.30 a.m., in No. 5 Committee room.

Pharmacy Bill Committee, at 11 a.m., in No. 1 Committee room.

Bankruptcy Law (Joint), at 10.30 a.m., in No. 4 Committee room.