

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 25th day of June, 1886.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Limitation of Votes Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)
2. Sharebrokers Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
3. Harbours Act 1876 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Reynolds.)
4. Mining Companies Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
5. Gold Export Duty Abolition Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
6. Adjourned Debate upon the Question, That the Native Equitable Owners Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole Council; and the Amendment of the Honourable Dr. POLLEN, to omit the word “now,” with a view to adding the words “this day six months.”

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. TAIAROA, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 3. After the word “entitled,” in line 26, add “and the date whereon such right accrued.”

Clause 4. To omit all the words of the clause after “deemed to be” in line 5, and substitute “hereditaments within the meaning of “The Native Land Succession Act, 1881,” and may be dealt with under that Act, and also under “The Native Land Division Act, 1882,” and any Act affecting the same, anything contained to the contrary in section two of the last-named Act notwithstanding.

Clauses 7 (the enacting part) and 8 to be omitted and the following substituted:—

a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in “The Native Land Court Act, 1880,” or “The Native Succession Act, 1881,” or “The Native Land Division Act, 1882,” respectively or any Act passed in substitution thereof, it is hereby declared that the Native Land Court shall, in respect to all or any of the lands lastly hereinbefore recited, and of the Native beneficiaries thereof in the same recitals mentioned, have and may exercise all the jurisdiction which the said Court possesses under the aforesaid Acts respectively, for ascertaining the title, or making division, or appointing successors to Native lands, in the same manner as if such recited lands were Native lands owned by Natives under their customs and usages.

b. It is also hereby further declared that the said Court shall have and may exercise the like jurisdiction in respect of any Native reserve situate in the South Island or in Stewart Island, which may be submitted to such jurisdiction by Order in Council which the Governor is hereby authorized to issue from time to time for the purpose.

But the Court, in determining the title or interests to any of such reserves, shall give effect to the original intention for which the said lands were respectively set apart.

c. Every certificate of title to be granted by the said Court under the authority of this Act shall contain a restriction to the effect that the land mentioned in such certificate shall be inalienable by sale or mortgage, or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years, unless with the consent of the Governor.

The Honourable the COLONIAL SECRETARY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 1, line 4. Strike out “under that and other Acts.” Strike out lines 6, 7, and 8, as far as “only.”

Clause 2. Line 2, strike out “such” before “land,” and “as such *cestui que trust*.” Line 5, strike out “or implied.”

Clause 4. Strike out all the words after “owners” in line 4 to end of clause, and insert “in like manner as if their names had been inserted in the certificate or grant affecting such land.”

Clause 5 to be omitted.

Clause 6. Line 1, strike out “in favour of *cestui que trust*.” Line 3, after “aforesaid” insert “or any share therein,” and strike out rest of line 3, and word “sanctions” in beginning of line 4; also substitute “or” for “and” in same line. Line 5, after “owners” insert “or any of them;” strike out all words beginning with “Where” in line 5 to “aforesaid” in line 12.

Clause 6, line 12. Strike out “and,” “such,” and “is,” and insert after “land” “subject to this Act is also.”

Clause 8. Line 3, strike out all the words after “section.”

7. Native Reserves Titles Grant Empowering Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable the COLONIAL SECRETARY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

After the word “advisable,” in subsection (1) of section two on the seventh line, add, “and may fix therein the dates on which the legal estate therein shall respectively vest.”

After the word “land,” on the first line of subsection (2) of section two, add, “subject to such conditions and restrictions as aforesaid.”

After subsection (2), “Every certificate of title to be issued under the provisions hereof shall be expressed to take effect as from the date fixed for the vesting of the title as aforesaid, and all dealings with the land subsequent to such date, and prior to the issue of such certificate, shall take effect as if the lands had been from such date under the operation of the Land Transfer Act; subject, nevertheless, to any rights of priority which may have been acquired by registration under “The Deeds Registration Act, 1868.”

After subsection (3),—

“Every grant heretofore issued for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2), since the date of the repeal of ‘The Stewart Island Grants Act, 1873,’ is hereby validated, and shall be deemed to have been good and valid for all purposes from the date thereof as if the Act last aforesaid had not been repealed.”

8. Charitable Trusts Extension Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
9. Post Office Act 1881 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
10. Justices of the Peace Act 1882 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. BARNICOAT, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2. Strike out all the words between “county,” in line 8, and “who,” in line 11. Strike out “or councillor” in lines 13, 15, 18, and 19. Strike out all the words of lines 20 and 21.

11. Municipal Corporations Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
12. City of Dunedin Leasing Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
13. French Criminals Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)

Tuesday, the 29th day of June, 1886.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned Debate upon the Question, That the following Resolutions be agreed to:—

(1.) That it is of importance to Great Britain, and of especial importance to the Australasian Colonies, that a satisfactory understanding should be come to between the several States having interests in the Western Pacific as to their respective rights and claims.

(2.) That the most pressing question at present requiring settlement is that between Great Britain and France in reference to the New Hebrides.

(3.) That the most satisfactory settlement of this question which now appears to be practicable would be a treaty between Great Britain and France, whereby Great Britain should withdraw all opposition to the acquisition by France of the New Hebrides Islands, on condition,—

(a.) That no more convicts of any class be sent by France to any of her possessions in the Western Pacific.

(b.) That protection, religious freedom, and peaceable possession of their rights and properties be guaranteed to all British subjects residing in or resorting to the New Hebrides, and especially to the Presbyterian mission established there.

(c.) That freedom of trade and commerce be guaranteed to British subjects equally with those of France.

(d.) That the Island of Rapa be ceded by France to Great Britain.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. MENZIES to move, That the Resolutions moved by the Honourable Sir Frederick Whitaker be omitted with the view of substituting the following Resolution, namely:—

That it is of importance to Great Britain, and of especial importance to the Australasian Colonies, that a satisfactory arrangement should be concluded between the several States having interests in the Western Pacific as to their respective rights and claims, in order that (1) no more convicts of any class shall be sent to any of the islands of the Western Pacific; and (2) that the protection, religious freedom, peaceful possession of their rights and properties, and freedom of trade and commerce, be guaranteed to all persons residing in, or resorting to, any of these islands.

2. Companies Branch Registers Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Wednesday, the 30th day of June, 1886.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Settled Land Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1886.

PAPERS.

90. Imports, Exports, and Shipping, Return of, since Foundation of the Colony 1841–84. H.—2A. (By command.)

91. Fish Ova, Correspondence relating to the Introduction of. H.—7. (By command.)

REPORT.

19. Of the Standing Orders Committee. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Friday, the 25th day of June, 1886.

Local Bills Committee A, at 10 a.m., in No. 4 Committee room.

Bill for consideration—Wellington Harbour Board Leasing Bill.

Local Bills Committee B, at 10.30 a.m., in No. 1 Committee room.

Bill for consideration—New Plymouth Recreation Reserve Bill.

Stock-driving Bill Committee, at 10.30 a.m., in Interpreter's room.

Public Petitions Committee, at 11 a.m., in No. 4 Committee room.