

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of September, 1896.

QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. BONAR to ask the Minister of Education, Whether it is correct that the Assets Realisation Board are, in addition to their duties as a Realisation Board, engaging in outside business, and acting as sub-agents for an insurance company; and does the Government concur in this?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER to move, That leave of absence be granted to the Hon. Mr. Arkwright for the remainder of this session on urgent private business.
2. Hon. Mr. ORMOND to move, That the report and evidence of the Joint Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee on the frozen-meat and dairy industries be printed.
3. Hon. Mr. WILLIAMS to move, That the report and evidence taken before the Native Affairs Committee on Petition No. 12, of Kipa Whatanui, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Chinese Immigrants Act Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
2. Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Bill—consideration of the following reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing with certain of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

REASONS.

Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9: These sections should not be struck out, as it is most desirable that the Government Advances to Settlers Office should have the power asked for here to make advances to small landowners in suburban districts. The securities offered in these suburban districts are, in many cases, as good as those in any other portion of the land districts, and it would undoubtedly be curtailing the privileges of these suburban settlers if they were not placed in the same advantageous position as other settlers who get advances under this Act.

Section 10: These subsections are amended for the purpose of raising the amount that can be advanced from £2,500 to £4,000, as the experience of the office has shown this is both necessary and desirable, and in every lending institution securities of this class are sometimes of the very best, and it requires a few of such securities to assist in making up extra expenses that are incurred in lending small sums, such as £25, £30, £35, £40, &c., as provided in this Act.

Section 12 agreed to.

3. Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

4. Ngatittoa Trust Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. WILLIAMS, in Committee, to move the following new proviso:—

Provided, however, that the Public Trustee shall not pay the *corpus* of the share apportioned to the late Riwai te Ahu to any person, excepting on an order of the Native Land Court duly issued for the purpose.

5. Public Revenues Acts Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

6. Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

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

In clause 12, subsection (2), last line, after “settlement,” to add “but for the purpose of fixing the total amount of the loans so authorised every sum so appropriated shall be included.”

Hon. Mr. FELDWICK, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses, to follow clause 2:—

2A. Notwithstanding anything contained in “The Counties Act, 1886,” or “The Rating Act, 1894,” limiting the amount of general and separate rates which may be made in any one year by any local body, it shall be lawful for the Council of any county to make and levy, in addition to the general and separate rates authorised by the said Acts to be raised, a rate, to be called a “Bridge Rate,” for the purpose of providing funds for the reconstruction of bridges on roads under the jurisdiction of the Council, but such rate shall not in any one year exceed the amount of one farthing in the pound on the capital value of the rateable property in the county.

2B. The proceeds of any such rate shall be paid into a separate account at the bank, to be called “The [*name of local body*] Bridge Account,” and a special account kept thereof by the Council. The cost of raising the rate shall be charged against the General County Fund, and no part of such Bridge Fund shall be used for any purpose whatever save as in manner hereinafter provided.

2C. When, by reason of any accident of flood, fire, or other mischance, or on account of dilapidation, it becomes necessary to renew any such bridge exceeding thirty feet in span, the Council may make application to the Colonial Treasurer for a loan for the proposed renewal. Such application shall set out:—

- (1.) Particulars of the span and locality of the bridge proposed to be renewed, and an estimate of the cost thereof.
- (2.) A certificate of the amount then standing to the credit of the Council’s Bridge Account, signed by the agent of the bank at which the said account is kept.
- (3.) A statement signed by the County Chairman showing the total charges to date against the said Bridge Account, and the amount of interest and sinking fund required to pay off all bridge loans already granted to the Council under this Act.

2D. The Colonial Treasurer upon being satisfied that the circumstances of the case and the funds at the disposal of the Council, as hereinbefore provided, warrant him in so doing, may, anything contained in “The Local Bodies Loans Act, 1886,” and “The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886,” and their several amendments respectively, to the contrary notwithstanding, and without reference to the ratepayers of the county, grant such loan.

2E. The Bridge Fund of any county shall be used solely and exclusively for meeting the interest and charges on loans raised under the provisions of the *last-preceding* section of this Act.

7. Poverty Bay Land and Deeds Registration Districts Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER to move, That the Schedule be struck out of the Bill, and the following Schedule inserted in lieu thereof:—

NEW SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Colony of New Zealand, bounded towards the north generally by the sea from the eastern boundary of Whangaparaoa No. 2 Block to East Cape; thence towards the south-east generally by the sea to the northern boundary-line of Takararoa Block (Ngakau-o-te-Paritu); thence towards the south generally by Takararoa and Paritu No. 2 Blocks, by the summit of the range between the Waiau and Tunanui Rivers, being the western boundary-line of Paritu Block, by Section No. 1, Block XI., Nuhaka North Survey District, and the south-western boundary-lines of Okahu, Maraetaha No. 2c and Maraetaha No. 2 Blocks to Pukehou Trig. Station; thence by the south-eastern boundary-lines of Haerengarenga Block, by Nuhaka No. 2 Block, Tukemokihi No. 1 and Kahuitara No. 1A Blocks, to the Maromauku Stream; thence by that stream, the Kauhoroa Stream, the Wairoa and Waiau Rivers, and the Tutaekuri Stream, by Sections Nos. 2 and 1, Block XIX., Taramarama Survey District, Section No. 1, Block XVIII., Section No. 1, Block III., Waihua Survey District, and Section No. 1, Block II., and by Mohaka Nos. 2 and 1 Blocks to the Mohaka River; thence by that river to its confluence with the Te Hoe River; thence towards the west by Te Hoe River to the south-eastern boundary-line of the Heruiwi No. 4 Block, towards the north-west generally by that block to the Waiau River; thence by the left bank of said Waiau River to the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 1, Block VIII., Mangahopai Survey District; thence by that boundary-line and the north-western boundary-line of Block V., Waiau Survey District (Education Reserve), and by the production of the last mentioned line to Waikaremoana; thence by the western and northern shores of that lake to the Waipaoa Block; thence by the western boundary of that block and the western boundary of Tahora No. 2 Block to a point in line with the south-eastern boundary-line of Oamaru No. 1 Block; thence by a right line to and by said block, and by Oamaru Nos. 2, 5, 6, and 7 Blocks, by Whitikau Nos. 3A and 2, to the south-eastern corner of the last mentioned block; thence by a right line running due east to the Motu River; thence by that river to a right line drawn from Purahotakaha Trig. Station to Puketoetoe Trig. Station; thence by part of the said line to the said Purahotakaha Trig. Station; thence by the summit of the leading range to Whanakao Trig. Station; and thence by Kumi No. 1, Waikura and Whangaparaoa No. 2 Blocks to the sea.

Thursday, the 24th Day of September, 1896.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Trade Union Act 1878 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. W. Downie Stewart.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

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PAPER.

142. Education: Reports of Secondary Schools. E.-9. (By command.)

REPORTS.

59. Of the Joint Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee upon the Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses Act Amendment Bill. (Hon. Mr. Ormond.)

60. Of the Joint Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee upon the Petition of the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association. (Hon. Mr. Ormond.)

61. Of the Native Affairs Committee upon Petition No. 32, of H. H. Kahute. (Hon. Mr. Williams.)

62. Of the Native Affairs Committee upon the Ngatitoea Trust Bill. (Hon. Mr. Williams.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, 1896.

Labour Bills, at 10.30 a.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.

Bill for consideration.—Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Bill.

Native Affairs, at 11 a.m., in No. 4 Committee-room.

Bill for consideration.—Rating Act Amendment Bill.

Native Affairs, at 8 p.m., in No. 4 Committee-room.

Bill for consideration.—Rating Act Amendment Bill.