

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 16th day of December, 1887.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. PEACOCK to ask the Government, If they will take such steps as may cause the road from Culverden to the Hanmer Plains Hot Springs to be placed in fair order, so that the springs may be made use of by the public, without undergoing torture to reach them ?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., to move, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn to Saturday next, at 2.30 p.m., and that the Council sit on Monday, at 2.30 p.m.
2. The Honourable Mr. RICHMOND to move, That there be laid on the Table copies of all certificates granted by Chief Judge Macdonald under sections 24 and 25 of "The Native Lands Administration Act, 1886," relating to the Mangopapa and Mangoirā Blocks, Mokau; and of all documents on which such certificates were founded.
3. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That the divisions in this Council should in future be taken in the same manner as in the Upper House of the English Parliament, namely, the members should pass to the right and left of the Chair, as may be directed by the Honourable the Speaker or by the Honourable the Chairman of Committees.
4. The Honourable Captain BAILLIE to move, That the Report of the Joint House Committee, presented yesterday, be agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Government Railways Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)
2. Civil Service Reform Act Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)
3. Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)
4. Native Land Administration Act Repeal Bill—third reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)
5. Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill—consideration of amendments of House of Representatives.
6. Land Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)
7. Christchurch Hospital Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)
8. Christchurch Drainage Board Reserves Sale and Exchange Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Stevens.)
9. Building Societies Act 1880 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir F. Whitaker, K.C.M.G.)
10. Irrigation and Water-supply Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Bonar.)
11. Otago Harbour Board Act 1883 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. McLean.)
12. Pukekohe Borough Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Dignan.)

13. Wairarapa North County Council Empowering Bill—second reading.
 14. Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Bill—consideration of the reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to certain of the amendments made by the Legislative Council :—

The Committee appointed for the purpose of drawing up reasons for disagreeing with certain amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Oamaru Harbour Board Bill have the honour to recommend the House to give the following reasons for disagreeing with some of such amendments, and to recommend the House to agree, upon certain conditions, with the other amendments :—

1. As to the amendment made by striking out section 8, the Committee recommends that the House should agree to the same being struck out, inasmuch as its retention would be of no advantage unless the Board is allowed to consolidate its loans.

2. As to the insertion of new section 5, your Committee recommend that it, the said section, should be altered to read as follows :—

“A greater sum than thirty thousand pounds shall not be borrowed under the provisions of section four hereof until the consent of the ratepayers in the district shall first be obtained in the mode prescribed in sections five to ten, both inclusive, of “The Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act, 1882,” all of which sections are hereby incorporated with this Act for the above purpose, and shall, for such purpose, be deemed to be re-enacted herein.”

Such section so altered should be inserted in the Bill.

Should such section be so inserted, it will be necessary to disagree with the amendments made in section 6 by reinserting the words struck out from “before” to “Act,” in the first and second lines of section 6, and striking out the words inserted in lieu thereof.

The Committee recommend as reasons for such alterations the following :—

1. A large majority of the ratepayers, representing the greater portion of the value of the property within the district, have already signified their consent to the raising of the loan to the extent of £30,000 and the levying of the rate proposed in the Bill, and due notice of the intention to introduce this Bill has been given on two occasions, and no objection has been made to the same.

2. It is necessary to proceed with the works without delay.

Their reason for disagreeing with the insertion of the word “annually” in section 11 is,—

That the insertion of the word “annually” in section 11 interferes with the mode provided by “The Rating Act, 1882,” for collecting special rates; that the necessity to make and levy a rate annually would impose unnecessary trouble and expense upon the Board, and would not be satisfactory to lenders.

15. Wanganui Harbour Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Pharazyn.)
 16. Invercargill Waterworks Reserve Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Menzies.)
 17. Onehunga Cemetery Reserve Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Dignan.)
 18. Otago Central Railway Extension and Construction Bill—Adjourned Debate upon the second reading. (Hon. Mr. Oliver.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1887.

PETITION.

121. Of Waero Kerei and 58 other Natives, for inquiry into a grievance relating to the Ngaere Block, and amendment of “The Native Equitable Owners Act, 1886.” (Hon. Mr. Taiaroa.)