The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 13th Day of December, 1897.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. T. Kelly to move, That it is the undoubted constitutional right of the Council to amend or otherwise deal with the machinery clauses of Bills containing money clauses; and, provided the money clauses are not dealt with, it is no infringement of the privileges of the House of Representatives to so amend other clauses of such Bills.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- 1. Consolidated Stock Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
- 2. Fisheries Encouragement Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)

3. Members of House of Representatives Disqualification Bill—second reading. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)

4. Old-age Pensions Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time, and the amendment moved thereto to omit all the words after the word "That," with a view to insert the following resolution: "The Bill be laid aside for the following reasons: That the country has had no opportunity of considering the scope and operation of the Bill, including its bearing on existing benefit societies; that the financial provision for giving effect to the Bill is unsatisfactory, and that the measure has not been based on carefully prepared estimates or actuarial calculations; that the Bill is practically a form of conditional relief, open to the risk of great injustice in administration, and should be considered with the whole question of charitable aid."

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. W. Montgomery to move the following resolution: "While approving of the policy of granting pensions to aged and needy persons, this Council is of opinion that the money required for payment of such pensions should be appropriated annually by Parliament."

5. Victoria College Bill—second reading. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)

6. Water-supply Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. W. C. Walker.) 7. Alien Immigration Restriction Bill—second reading. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

- Hon. S. E. Shrimski, in Committee, to move the following new subsection to clause 19:-
 - (2.) Nothing in this Act contained shall render any alien woman, being the wife of any natural-born subject of Her Majesty or of any naturalised person, liable to the poll-tax hereby imposed; and no Act in force prior to the passing of this. Act shall be deemed to have rendered any such woman liable to any such Act.
- 8. Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
- 9. Government Emergency Loans to Local Bodies Bill—to be committed. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
- 10. Westport Harbour Board Loan Bill—to be corr nitted. (Hon. W. C. Walker.)
- 11. Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act 1865 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. D. Pinkerton.)