

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1885.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Captain MORRIS to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, the present system of Government by party is not the best possible method of governing the colony; and that a Committee of seven members be appointed by ballot to inquire into the working of the system, with a view of suggesting improvements or alterations. The Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to report within a fortnight.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Presbyterian Church Property Bill—third reading. Adjourned debate upon the Question, That the words proposed to be added be so added, viz., “this day three months.” (Hon. Mr. Menzies.)
2. Consideration of the following resolution, as reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Hospital and Charitable Institutions Bill: That, in establishing a system of relief for the aged and indigent poor, it is expedient that it should be conducted by Boards elected by contributors; that the funds to be administered should be derived from endowments, voluntary contributions, legacies, and subsidies from the State, but that no special rates shall be leviable for this purpose.
3. Dunedin Drill-shed Act 1876 Amendment Act 1884 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Dr. Pollen.)
4. Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
5. Bankruptcy Act 1883 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
6. Mines Act 1877 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)
7. Land Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Wilson.)
8. Property Law Consolidation Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WILSON, when in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

A. The concluding words of clause thirty-five of “The Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883,” viz., “implied tenancy from year to year by payment of rent is hereby abolished,” are hereby repealed; and in lieu thereof the following words shall be read as part of the said clause: “Any tenancy not exceeding one year may be created by agreement in writing or by parol; and if there be a tenancy and no such agreement as to its duration, it shall be deemed and held to be a tenancy, or determinable by one month’s notice in writing.”

The Honourable Mr. BRANDON to move the insertion of the following clause:—

B. All deeds heretofore and hereafter to be executed out of the colony, signed in the presence of and attested by a notary public, who has attached or shall attach his official seal thereto, shall be received in evidence in all Courts of justice in the Colony, notwithstanding he may not have made the declaration required by the Act of the Imperial Parliament, “The Statutory Declaration Act, 1835.”

9. Government Officers Guarantee Bill—second reading. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.)