

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 15th Day of October, 1896.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. REEVES to move, That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Government should, during the recess, make inquiries as to the desirability of subsidising a direct steam service between this colony and Western Australia, with a view of extending our trade with that colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Inspection of Machinery Act Amendment Bill—consideration of the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor.

Amendments.

In clause 3: Omit "gas, oil, or air."

In clause 4: Omit "gas, oil, or air."

Insert the following new clause, to follow clause 13:—

14. Notwithstanding anything contained in section five of "The Inspection of Machinery Amendment Act, 1894," or in an Order in Council made the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, prescribing regulations under the same, it is hereby declared that any applicant for an engine-driver's certificate for winding-machinery shall be eligible for examination under the above-mentioned section on his producing a certificate from a mine-owner or a certificated mine-manager to the effect that he has served for one month working winding-machinery under a certificated winding engine-driver, provided that the applicant—

- (1.) Is the possessor of a sea-going engineer's certificate; or
- (2.) Has served for three years fitting and erecting machinery;
or
- (3.) Is the possessor of a traction and locomotive engine-driver's certificate; or
- (4.) Has had charge of a land boiler and machinery, including traction- and locomotive-engines, for two years.

2. Public Revenues Act Amendment Bill—consideration of the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor.

Amendment.

Insert the following new clause:—

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to limit or affect the provisions of subsection three of section three, and subsection two of section four of "The Public Securities Act, 1895."

3. Orchard and Garden Pests Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
4. Government Valuation of Land Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
5. Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)