

[The Council meets at 2.30 o'clock p.m.]

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 17th day of August, 1881.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Whether the Government will favourably consider the appointment, in each centre of population, of unpaid Boards, to act as mediums between employers of labour and those requiring employment?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, members should bear some relative proportion to the representatives of the various provincial districts of the colony.
2. The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of New Zealand."
3. The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "The Native Reserves Act, 1881."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Law Practitioners Bill—second reading.
2. Education Act 1877 Amendment Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER, when in Committee on the Education Act 1877 Amendment Bill, to move,—

Section 2, line 10. To omit the word "at," in order to insert the word "before."

Section 2, line 10. To omit all words after the word "school," to the end of the section, in order to insert the words: "such reading shall not exceed twenty minutes, and shall in no case interfere with the school hours specified in the aforesaid Act. It shall not be compulsory on any teacher or child to attend such reading."

3. Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. REYNOLDS, when in Committee, to move, To strike out the word "Amendment," in the first line of section 1, with the view of inserting the word "Repeal." To strike out all the words after "1881," in section 1. To insert as section 2, "The Dentists Act 1880 is hereby repealed."

4. Otago University Reserves Vesting Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

The land described in the Schedule hereto shall, except as hereinafter mentioned, be deemed to be waste lands of the Crown, and as such be subject in all respects to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and to the Schedules thereto, so far as the said Act and Schedules are applicable to and in force within the Otago Land District, and also to all Acts relating to gold fields and gold-mining now in force in the said land district.

The Land Board of the Otago Land District shall not have, exercise, or perform any powers, duties, or functions over or in respect of the said land

described in the said Schedule; but the governing body of the said University shall have, exercise, and perform the same over the said land, in all respects as though the said governing body had been in the said Act and Schedules designated and named, instead of the said Land Board.

All leases and licenses heretofore granted, and all securities heretofore given and now existing in respect of the said land or any part thereof by the said governing body, are hereby declared to be valid.

All rents receivable for the said land or any part thereof shall be due and paid to the said governing body.

All money accruing from sales of the said land shall be paid over to the said governing body, and, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be held and invested by them on and subject to the like trusts and liabilities as exist in respect of the said land.

The Honourable Mr. HOLMES, when in Committee, to move, That clauses 119 to 141, both inclusive, of "The Land Act, 1877," be clauses of the Bill, to be administered by the Waste Land Board of the district.

5. Auckland Reserves Exchange and Change of Trust Bill—adjourned debate upon the second reading.
6. Oamaru Harbour Board Bill—to be re-committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. MILLER, when in Committee, to move, That clauses 3, 4, and 5 be erased, and the following clauses inserted in lieu thereof:—

Otago land laws
to be in force.

3. Except as hereinafter mentioned, the land comprised in the Schedule to this Act shall be and remain subject in all respects to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and the Schedules thereto, so far as the said Act and Schedules are applicable or in force within the Otago Land District, and also to all the Acts relating to gold fields and gold-mining now in force in the said land district.

Oamaru Harbour
Board to have
management.

4. The Land Board of the Otago Land District shall cease to exercise or perform any powers, duties, or functions in or over the said block of land; but the Oamaru Harbour Board shall hereafter exercise and perform the same over the said block of land in all respects as though the Oamaru Harbour Board had been in the said Act and Schedules designated and named, instead of the said Land Board.

7. Public Reserves Bill—consideration of an amendment made by the House of Representatives—new subsection to clause 20:—

Nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to annul or derogate from the powers of County Councils to lease ferry reserves on special conditions, under the provisions of section eleven of "The Counties Act Amendment Act, 1880."

8. Fisheries Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER, when in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

To add to clause 3: "Fish-pass" shall mean any fish-way, fish-ladder, or fish-gap.

New clause.

Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to repeal, alter, or affect any of the provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi, or to take away, annul, or abridge any of the rights of the aboriginal Natives to any fishery secured to them thereunder."

9. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill—second reading.
10. Fixtures Law Amendment Bill—second reading.

Thursday, the 18th day of August, 1881.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. PEACOCK to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the reasons why the Hillsborough Railway Station was removed; with power to call for persons and papers. The Committee to

consist of the Honourable Captain Fraser, the Honourable Mr. Waterhouse, the Honourable Mr. Lahmann, the Honourable Mr. Wilson, the Honourable Mr. Chamberlin, the Honourable Mr. Menzies, the Honourable Mr. Peter, the Honourable Mr. P. A. Buckley, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Licensing Bill—third reading.

Contingent Notices of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. MILLER, on the third reading of the Licensing Bill, to move, That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of re-considering the clauses relating to or affected by the constitution of the Licensing Committee.

The Honourable Mr. P. A. BUCKLEY, on the third reading of the Bill, to move, That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of adding the following new clauses :—

After section 95 :—

Where any licensed person shall, under the provisions of this Act, become liable to forfeit his license, it shall be lawful for the lessor under whom such tenant holds to re-enter upon the demised premises, and to eject such tenant therefrom, and to repossess and hold the same as if the term for which such tenant held the licensed premises had been determined by effluxion of time ; but such re-entry shall not release the tenant from his liability in respect of any rent then in arrear, or the breach, non-observance, or non-performance of any covenant, condition, or agreement entered into by any such tenant, or implied by law, and which at the time of such re-entry may have occurred.

After section 100 :—

The trustee of the estate of any licensed person who has, or shall, become bankrupt, shall be entitled to the benefit of any license to which such bankrupt was entitled at the time of his bankruptcy, or to which he has, or shall, become entitled before his order of discharge ; and such trustee shall have the same rights and privileges as regards such license as the bankrupt would have had if he had not become bankrupt. The trustee of the estate of any bankrupt licensee, or of the estate of any person entitled to a license, shall be entitled to have such license renewed or issued in the name of such trustee. Any license heretofore renewed or issued to any trustee of a bankrupt estate shall be deemed to be valid as if this section had been in force at the time such license was renewed or issued to the trustee.

Friday, the 19th day of August, 1881.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Otago Harbour Board Leasing Bill—second reading.
2. Timaru Harbour Board Endowment Bill—second reading.
3. Rangitata Traffic Bridge Bill—second reading.

Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1881.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Waitara Harbour Board Loan Bill—to be committed.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. SCOTLAND, when in Committee on the Waitara Harbour Board Loan Bill, to move the following new clause :—

All debentures issued under “The Waitara Harbour Board Land and Borrowing Act, 1879,” by the Harbour Board of Waitara, in respect of a loan of five thousand pounds, with the interest payable thereon, shall have preference as a security over any loan to be raised under this Act.

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1881.

PETITION.

24. Of 64 Farmers, Gardeners, and others, Canterbury Provincial District, for an Act to suppress the small-bird nuisance. (Hon. Colonel Brett.)