

## ORDER PAPER.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 9th day of July, 1880.

#### QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. TAIAROA to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Whether the introductory parts of Mr. Alexander Mackay's compilation of Papers relative to Native land purchases in the Middle Island, have been translated, in accordance with the resolution agreed to by this Council on the 28th of November, 1879; and, if not, when it is likely to be done?

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. PEACOCK to move, That, inasmuch as the finances of the colony are in a very unsatisfactory state, requiring the strictest retrenchment to place them on a better basis, to prevent as much as possible an enormous increase of taxation, it be a request from the Council to the Government to exclude from the Estimates such a sum of money as would be required to furnish the usual honorarium to members of this branch of the Legislature.
2. The Honourable Sir F. DILLON BELL to move, That the Return laid on the Table respecting the deferred-payment arrears be ordered to be printed.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Native Succession Bill—third reading.
2. Election Petitions Bill—second reading.
3. Pharmacy Bill—second reading.
4. Native Reserves Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

#### *Contingent Notice of Motion.*

The Honourable Sir F. DILLON BELL, when in Committee on the Native Reserves Bill, to move the addition of the following words to subsection 5 of section 3 (interpretation clause):—"and which lands shall by Order in Council be brought by the Governor under the operation of this Act."

5. Rabbit Nuisance Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

#### *Contingent Notice of Motion.*

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when in Committee on the Rabbit Nuisance Bill, to move the following amendments:—

Interpretation clause. To add to end of interpretation of "landowner," the words "and also includes corporate bodies or bodies of trustees having charge of any lands within the district."

To insert the following new clauses:—

16A. If any occupier of land, after receiving from the Trustees notice to destroy the rabbits upon his property, fails or refuses to take efficient steps to destroy such rabbits, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than *one* pound nor more than *twenty* pounds for each seven days that he shall so neglect or refuse to destroy such rabbits.

16B. Should any County Council be of opinion that the Trustees of any rabbit district within the limits of such county are not taking the necessary steps to secure the destruction of rabbits within such district, such County Council shall have all the rights and powers in the two preceding sections conferred upon the Trustees of Rabbit Districts.

## 6. Wellington Racing Club Bill—third reading.

*Contingent Notice of Motion.*

The Honourable Mr. WILSON, on the Motion for the third reading of the Wellington Racing Club Bill, to move, That the Bill be recommitted with a view to the following amendments:—

In clause 2, line 5 of page 3. After the word “Club,” insert the words “for the purpose of a public park and racecourse.”

In clause 4, line 1. After the word “maintain,” insert the words “the lands comprised in the Schedule as a public park and.” Erase the words “a public,” in lines 1 and 2.

In clause 19, line 2. Erase the word “racing purposes” and insert the words “the purposes named in this Act.”

*New Clause.*

The public shall have access, without charge, to the lands comprised in the Schedules to this Act, excepting on such days as the Racing Club shall appoint, not exceeding twenty days in any one year.

Tuesday, the 13th day of July, 1880.

## QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. TAIAROA to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, (1) What are the intentions of the Government with regard to the Maoris of the Ngatiruanui Tribe now in gaol at Dunedin and Hokitika; (2) why were they not tried by some competent Court during the month of January or February last; (3) in the event of any of them dying while thus detained, would the Government hold themselves responsible in any way for their death?

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to move, That there be laid upon the Table a nominal Return of all persons, with their official positions, drawing salaries under the Education Act; together with a statement of the amount of salary paid to each individual.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned debate upon the Question, That, in the opinion of this Council, the action of the Government in draining Lake Ellesmere (Waihora), and thereby interfering most seriously with the fishing rights enjoyed by the Natives residing in the neighbourhood, which rights have ever been jealously guarded by themselves and their ancestors, is unjust towards the Natives; and such drainage ought not to be allowed to proceed, either now or hereafter, without fair compensation being awarded them.
2. Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

*Contingent Notice of Motion.*

The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE, when the Council is in Committee upon the Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

2. All marriages between any person and his deceased wife's sister which have heretofore been, or which shall hereafter be, contracted and solemnized before any minister of religion or Registrar duly authorized to solemnize marriages, shall be deemed to have been and be valid and binding; and the issue born or hereafter to be born of such marriages shall be deemed to have been and to be born in lawful wedlock: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect any right or title to any real or personal property acquired before the passing of this Act.

The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE, when the Council is in Committee upon the Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill, to move that the following proviso be added to the new clause proposed by the Honourable Colonel Whitmore:—

Provided that this Act shall not render valid any such marriage in any case where either of the parties of such marriage shall thereafter before the passing of this Act have lawfully intermarried with any other person, nor shall the passing of this Act deprive, or be held to have deprived, any person of any property which such person may have lawfully inherited prior to the coming into operation of this Act or affect any *lis pendens*.

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PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

THURSDAY, 8TH JULY, 1880.

PAPERS.

86. Telegraphs : Further Papers relating to the Duplication of the Port Darwin Telegraph Cable. F.—4A. (By command.)

87. Land Transfer and Deeds Registration, Annual Report of Departments, for 1879-80. H.—15. (By command.)

88. Shag Point Colliery, Correspondence with reference to the. (Hon. Mr. Whitaker, with the leave of the Council.)

89. Courts of Judicature in the Colony, Constitution, Practice, or Procedure of the, Copy of a Commission appointing certain Gentlemen to inquire into the. (By command.)

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SELECT COMMITTEES.

*For Friday, the 9th day of July, 1880.*

Joint Committee on Bills, 10.30 a.m, in No. 5 Committee room.

Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, at 11 a.m., in No. 5 Committee room.

Public Petitions Committee, at 12.15 p.m., in No. 1 Committee room.