

*The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.*

# ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 7th Day of September, 1898.

### PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. Stratford Electric Lighting Bill. (Hon. Mr. T. Kelly.) Consideration of amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor to insert the following proviso to clause 12:—

Provided that, subject to the right of the consumer to require that he should be charged according to some one or other of the methods mentioned in the Schedule hereto, the company may make an agreement with the customer as to the price to be charged for energy and the mode in which such charges are to be ascertained, and may charge accordingly.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Homing Pigeons Protection Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Feldwick.)
2. Bankruptcy Act 1892 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. A. L. Smith.)
3. Companies Winding-up Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

### *Contingent Notice of Motion.*

Hon. Mr. SHRIMSKI, in Committee, to move to insert the following new clauses:—

10A. The provisions of section one hundred and forty-nine of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1892," relating to accounts and audit, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the Official Assignee as Official Liquidator.

10B. (1.) On the application of any creditor, or shareholder, or contributory of a company in course of being wound up, whether the winding-up was commenced before or after the coming into operation of this Act, the Court may order that the accounts of the liquidator or liquidators (other than the Official Assignee) shall be audited by the Audit Office under "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," and in such case the Audit Office shall have, in respect of the liquidators, their accounts, and all persons dealing with the moneys of the company, the same powers as it would possess if the Official Assignee were the Official Liquidator.

(2.) The costs and expenses of the Audit Office in connection with such audit shall be payable out of the assets of the company, and shall be paid into the Public Account and form part of the Consolidated Fund:

Provided that if there are no assets available for the payment of such costs and expenses, or if by reason of the accounts having been already audited, in whole or in part, by an auditor other than the Audit Office, or for any other reason, the Court is of opinion that the same should not be payable out of the assets of the company, the order for audit by the Audit Office shall not be made unless the applicant is willing to pay such costs and expenses, and to give security to the satisfaction of the Court for the payment thereof: Provided, further, that upon giving such security the applicant shall be entitled to the order as of right.

4. Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

*Contingent Notice of Motion.*

Hon. Mr. A. L. SMITH, in Committee, to propose the following new clauses:—

D. The balance-sheet shall be made out in such form as to show the working-expenses, charges, *et cetera*, under separate headings on the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account, and the gross profits on the credit side.

E. In making provision for bad and doubtful debts, those that are considered as bad shall be distinguished from those regarded as doubtful; and should any recoveries of such bad or doubtful debts be subsequently made, the total amount shall be shown in the balance-sheet next following such recoveries.

F. No secret fund shall be established in the books of the Bank for any purpose whatsoever.

5. Juries Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)  
 6. Immigration Restriction Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)  
 7. Inebriates' Institutions Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)  
 8. Animals Protection Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

*Contingent Notices of Motion.*

Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER, in Committee, to move the following amendments in clause 58:—

Line 23. After the word "bird" insert "animal, or reptile."

Line 24. After the word "colony" insert "or the eggs of any such bird or reptile."

Hon. Mr. FELDWICK, in Committee, to move to strike out clause 31 as amended, with a view to substitute the following new clause in lieu thereof:—

When animals or birds may be killed.  
 Section 22, "Animals Protection Act, 1880," unaltered.

A. No person shall sell or offer for sale, or buy or offer to buy, any game or native game except during the periods within which it shall be lawful to take or kill game or native game, as the case may be, or, as respects any game, within the period of *seven* days after the close of the game season as fixed by this Act. Any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds.

Hon. Mr. RIGG, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

B. The holder of a license shall be entitled during the season, as defined by section three of the Act, at any time during daylight, to enter on any private or other land for the purpose of killing and taking game or native game, and shall be liable only for any actual damage which may be occasioned by such entry.

Hon. W. DOWNIE STEWART, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

C. Any person in *bona fide* occupation of land may at any time, without any license or other authority, take or kill, as his own property, any game or native game trespassing or being on such land.

Hon. Mr. BOLT to move, That, on the Bill being reported from the Committee of the Whole, the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 10.

9. Separate Institutions Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)  
 10. Shearers' Accommodation Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)  
 11. Legislative Council Reform Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

*Contingent Notice of Motion.*

Hon. Dr. GRACE, on the second reading of the Legislative Council Reform Bill, to move, That any radical alteration in the constitution of this Council should proceed on the principle of popular election by large electorates.

12. St. Albans Public Library Transfer Act 1893 Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Mr. Peacock.)