

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

## ORDER PAPER.

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 2nd Day of August, 1893.

### QUESTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. BOWEN to ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary, Why the return of rainfall laid on the Table of both Houses for the years 1864 to 1892 is incomplete, no return being furnished from Nelson and Hokitika since 1880, and none from Taranaki for 1892?

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Otago Harbour Board Empowering Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. MacGregor.)
2. Mangawai Harbour Endowment Reserve Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)
3. Payment of Members Act 1892 Amendment Bill—consideration of amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor.

To omit subsection (2) of clause 2, and to substitute in lieu thereof the following:—

Subsections one and two of section five are hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu hereof:—

- (1.) If during any session any member shall absent himself for any number of sitting days exceeding five, there shall be deducted from the payment to be made to such member for every sitting day (exclusive of such five sitting days) during which he may be absent the sum of one pound and five shillings in the case of a member of the Legislative Council, and the sum of two pounds in the case of a member of the House of Representatives.

The exemption from penalty in respect of absence for five sitting days during any session shall be reckoned from the commencement of such session, and allowed accordingly, after which all deductions in respect of the absence of a member shall be made from the monthly payment to be made to such member next ensuing after the occurrence of such absences respectively.

- (2.) The preceding provision as to the deduction to be made in the case of absence of any member shall not apply where such absence is caused by reason of illness, or from any other cause which shall, by the Speaker of the Council or House giving the certificate in section seven of the said Act mentioned, be therein stated to be unavoidable.

4. Magistrates' Courts Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

### Contingent Notice of Motion.

Mr. BOWEN to move in the new clause 155, line 25: To omit all the words thereof before subsection (a), and insert in lieu thereof:—

Either party may appeal to the Supreme Court against any final determination or direction of the Court in any action—

- (1.) In point of law, where the amount of the claim does not exceed *twenty* pounds, with the leave of the Court; or without such leave, where the amount of the claim exceeds *twenty* pounds; and
- (2.) On matter of fact, where the amount of the claim exceeds *fifty* pounds, without leave of the Court.

Provided as follows:—

5. Timber-floating Act Amendment Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

*Contingent Notice of Motion.*

Hon. Mr. McCULLOUGH to move, That clause 3 be omitted, and the following new clause be added in lieu thereof:—

A. Any person who shall wilfully cause any obstruction to any river, stream, or tidal creek authorised to be used for the purposes of the said Act so as to divert the said river, stream, or tidal creek from its natural course, or prevent its being used for the purposes aforesaid, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds in amount, and in addition thereto shall be liable for all such damages as any person holding a license under the said Act, or any owner or occupier of land adjoining the said river, stream, or tidal creek may sustain by reason of such obstruction; and shall also be liable to remove such obstruction, and failing such removal, shall be liable to a penalty of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds per day till such obstruction is removed.

Friday, the 4th Day of August, 1893.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Land Transfer Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

TUESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1893.

PETITIONS.

18. Of 4,320 adult inhabitants of the colony. For legislation to secure to electors the right to decide at the ballot-box whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited. (Hon. Mr. Jenkinson.)

19. Of 385 adult women resident in the colony. Praying the Council to adopt such measures as will enable women to record their votes for members of the House of Representatives at the ensuing general election, and that the Council will pass no Electoral Bill which shall fail to secure to women this privilege. (Hon. Mr. Oliver.)

20. Of 2,180 shopkeepers and traders of Christchurch. That their shops be not closed on the afternoon and evening of Saturdays. (Hon. Sir G. S. Whitmore, K.C.M.G.)

PAPERS.

94. New Zealand Institute: Addition to the Annual Report. Presented July, 1893. (By command.)

95. Mining Act, 1891, Regulations under the. In pursuance of section 342 of the said Act.

REPORTS.

14. Of the Joint Committee on Bills upon the Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act 1887 Amendment Bill. (Hon. Captain Baillie.)

15. Of the Joint Committee on Bills upon the Mangawai Harbour Endowment Reserve Bill. (Hon. Captain Baillie.)

16. Of the Native Affairs Committee upon Petition No. 9 of P. Tungia and 10 others. (Hon. Mr. Williams.)

17. Of the Native Affairs Committee upon Petition No. 14 of D. Tu Koko and 11 others. (Hon. Mr. Williams.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

*For Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, 1893.*

Waste Lands, at 11 a.m., in No. 1 Committee-room.

Bill for consideration: Public Domains Act Amendment Bill.

Public Petitions, 11 a.m., in No. 4 Committee-room.

Sub-Joint Library, at 11 a.m., in Chairman of Committee's Room.

Native Affairs, at 11 a.m., in Interpreter's Room.