

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 10th Day of September, 1895.

QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. JENKINSON to ask the Government, If they will afford facilities to the apprentices in the railway workshops in Christchurch to attend day lectures at Canterbury College by granting leave of absence for, say, one half-day a fortnight, thus allowing further good and practical means of utilising the first-class testing and experimental appliances now owned by the College?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. SHRUMSKI to move, That the Report of the Public Petitions Committee upon the petition of Allan Ward and three other members of the Anti-Chinese League be referred back to the committee for the purpose of taking further evidence.
2. Hon. Mr. BOLT to move, That the petition of G. E. Barton, Judge of the Validation Court, Gisborne, be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Servants' Registry Offices Bill—to be further considered in Committee. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

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

A. If any license-holder shall be convicted of any indictable offence his license shall, *ipso facto*, be deemed to have been cancelled.

2. Dunedin Loans Consolidation Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Stewart.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. ACLAND to move, in Committee, the following amendments:—

Clause 12, section 1, line 13: After "forty" insert "eight."

Proviso, lines 22 to 25, struck out.

Clause 31, line 31: Strike out "the said" and insert "such" in lieu thereof.

Same clause, line 33: Strike out "the said" and insert "such" in lieu thereof.

Clause 34 struck out.

3. Wages Attachment Abolition Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Montgomery.)

Contingent Notice of Motion.

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

A. In the absence of an agreement in writing to the contrary, any person engaged or employed in manual labour shall be entitled to receive from his employer remuneration at the rate fixed by the rules of the society or association of workmen engaged in the same kind of work, and registered for that district under "The Industrial Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1894," provided that such rules shall have been approved by the Governor in Council.

4. Mining Companies Act Amendment Bill—consideration of reasons of House of Representatives for disagreeing with amendments of Legislative Council.

REASONS.

Clause 11 merely carries out the intention of the Legislature as imperfectly expressed in section 24 of the principal Act.

That section was evidently intended to prevent the manager or secretary of any mining company from trafficking in mining stock.

Unfortunately it uses the words "mining companies liable to the provisions of this Act," and, although mining companies registered under "The Companies Act, 1882," are liable to some of those provisions (*e.g.*, sections 47 and 49), the words in question have been construed to mean mining companies under the principal Act. Clause 11 will remove this ambiguity.

There is, of course, no possible justification for making any difference between the effect of the two modes of registration, for any mining company can register as early under the one Act as under the other; and, if the above-mentioned construction is the correct one, the effect will be that managers and secretaries will endeavour to get their companies registered under the Companies Act, and so avoid the provisions of the Mining Companies Act.

Wednesday, the 11th Day of September, 1895.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Crown Suits Act 1881 Extension Bill—adjourned debate upon the question, That the Bill be now read the second time. (Hon. Mr. Tairaoa.)

PETITIONS, PAPERS, AND REPORTS.

THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

PAPER.

112. Cattle-stealing at Woodville, Correspondence in connection with the Non-arrest and Escape from Justice of a Person named Garner, accused of. (Return to an Order dated 1st August, 1895.)

REPORTS.

71. Of the Conference upon the Family Homes Protection Bill. (Hon. Mr. Kelly.)

72. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon Petition No. 41, of G. E. Barton, Judge of the Validation Court at Gisborne. (Hon. Mr. Bolt.)

73. Of the Labour Bills Committee upon the Wages Attachment Abolition Bill. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

74. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon Petitions Nos. 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, and 39, for amendment of the Education Act. (Hon. Mr. Bolt.)

75. Of the Public Petitions Committee upon Petition No. 40, for the exclusion of undesirable immigrants. (Hon. Mr. Bolt.)

SELECT COMMITTEES.

For Friday, the 6th day of September, 1895.

Joint Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock, at 11 a.m., in I Committee-room.

Bill for Consideration—Margarine Bill.