

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 29th Day of August, 1899.

QUESTIONS.

1. Hon. Mr. BOLT to ask the Minister of Education, If the Government will favourably consider the question of completing, at an early date, the construction of the line of railway (some fourteen miles in extent) between Riversdale and Waikaia, a considerable portion of which line was formed, and rails laid thereon, several years ago?
2. Hon. Mr. SHRIMSKI to ask the Minister of Education, When he will be prepared to lay the Hospital Report upon the table of the Council?
3. Hon. Mr. A. L. SMITH to ask the Minister of Education, If the Government are able to give any authentic information as to the progress of the liquidation of the Colonial Bank of New Zealand, Limited; and, if so, will they place the Council in possession of such information?
4. Hon. Mr. FELDWICK to ask the Hon. Captain Baillie (Chairman of the Joint House Committee), Why the highly interesting and instructive set of photographs of the Otago river gold-dredges are refused hanging-space in the Lobby, while pictures of destruction through flood, occurring on the North Island railways many months ago, still retain places on the walls?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Mr. MACGREGOR to move, That a Return be laid upon the table showing the amounts paid to each member of the Otago School Commissioners Board by way of remuneration, travelling-expenses, or otherwise, during the last five years.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Land for Settlements Acts Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
2. Workers' Compensation for Accidents Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. T. KELLY, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

In clause 2: That the definition of "Dependants" be struck out, and the following substituted:—

"Dependants" means such members of the workman's family as at the time of his death were wholly or in part dependent on his earnings, and includes husband, wife, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, step-son, step-daughter, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, step-father, and step-mother.

Hon. Mr. MACGREGOR to move the following amendments:—

To add to clause 2 the following definitions:—

"Engineering work" means any work of construction, or alteration, or repair of a railroad, harbour, dock, canal, sewer, or tunnel, and includes any other work for the construction, alteration, or

repair of which machinery driven by steam, water, or other mechanical power is used.

“ Factory ” means any manufactory, workshop, workroom, or premises wherein or whereon manual labour is exercised for the purpose of gain, in or incidental to the making, altering, or repairing any article by way of trade, or for the purpose of gain, or for sale, and includes any ship or boat in port, dock, wharf, quay, or warehouse, so far as relates to machinery and plant used in the process of loading or unloading therefrom or thereto, and every laundry worked by steam, water, or other mechanical power.

That clause 3 be struck out, and the following substituted therefor :—

This Act applies to injuries to workers employed by employers :

(a.) On or in or about a railway, factory, mine, quarry, or engineering, or building work.

(b.) On, in, or about any employment to which it shall be declared to apply by Proclamation : Provided that no such Proclamation shall issue except pursuant to addresses from both Houses of Parliament.

That the following new clause be added :—

A. This Act shall not apply to persons in the naval or military service of the Crown, but otherwise shall apply to any employment by or under the Crown to which this Act would apply if the employer were a private person.

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

B. In any case brought before the Court of Arbitration constituted under the Industrial Arbitration Act, when any question of law shall arise, the President may hear and determine the same without the Assessors ; or he may, if he think fit, state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court thereon, and he shall state such question if any party to the dispute should request him to do so : Provided, however, that no barrister shall be allowed to appear before the Supreme Court to argue such question unless all parties consent thereto.

3. Native Interpreters Classification Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
4. Trustee Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
5. Lunatics Act Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
6. Licensing Poll Regulation Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.)
7. Companies Act 1882 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. A. L. Smith.)
8. Adjourned debate upon the question, That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of reporting whether a more speedy realisation of the remaining assets under the control of the Assets Realisation Board can be secured, having due regard to the interests of the colony, and to what extent, if any, the remaining lands can be utilised as lands for settlement, the Committee to consist of the Hon. Mr. Bonar, Hon. Mr. Jennings, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Hon. Mr. W. Kelly, Hon. Mr. T. Kelly, Hon. Mr. Ormond, Hon. Mr. A. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker, and the Mover, the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to report within one month.

Wednesday, the 30th Day of August, 1899.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Heathcote Road District Sanitation Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Mr. Jenkinson.)

Contingent Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. PINKERTON, in Committee, to move that the following proviso be added to clause 5 :—

Provided that no deposit shall be made within fifteen chains of a public road, a dwelling-house, or the boundary of such land.

Hon. Mr. TWOMEY, in Committee, to move to strike out clause 4 with a view to insert the following new clause :—

A. No person shall deposit or dispose of nightsoil, rubbish, or refuse on any land owned or occupied by him, except with the permission of the local authority.