

The Council meets at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 18th Day of September, 1895.

QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. MACGREGOR to ask the Attorney-General, Whether the Government have received a definite offer or proposal from Messrs. Siemens and Co. with reference to the iron industry, and, if so, what are the details of such offer or proposal?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. Hon. Dr. GRACE to move, That fourteen days' leave of absence be granted to the Hon. Captain Kenny on account of ill-health.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Unclaimed Moneys Bill—second reading. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)
2. Wilson Land Bill—consideration of the following Report of the Waste Lands Committee:—

REPORT.

A Mr. James George Wilson is the person beneficially interested in the 100 acres of land described in the Bill. This land was granted in trust to the said James George Wilson under "The Walsh and Others Pension Act, 1869," but he does not come into full possession of the land until he is forty years of age, being now thirty-four.

The Bill proposes to remove the restrictions imposed by the Act of 1869, and vest the land absolutely in the said James George Wilson when it becomes law.

Your Committee examined James George Wilson, and ascertained from him that the land was now leased for £100 a year, which sum was paid to the Union Bank of Australia to pay interest on an overdraft premium on a life insurance, and the balance retained as a sinking fund to pay off his indebtedness to the bank.

That, owing to these payments, he was unable to profitably carry on his business as a surveyor at Woodville for want of funds, and he proposed to sell the land, for which he could obtain £1,800, and apply the proceeds as follows, viz. :—

To pay off his indebtedness to the bank, estimated at	...	...	...	...	£	500
To pay off other debts	...	...	...	...	...	300
To build and furnish a house on an allotment owned by him at Woodville	...	...	...	...	...	300
For use in working his business and to meet any contingencies	...	...	...	...	...	200
Total	...	...	...	...	£	<u>1,300</u>

The balance of £500 he proposes to invest on mortgage as an aid to income.

After careful consideration of the Bill and the evidence, the Committee resolved to report the facts of the case to the Council without making any special recommendation.

3. Wilson Land Bill—to be committed.
4. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)
5. Corrupt Practices Prevention Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley, K.C.M.G.)

Thursday, the 19th Day of September, 1895.

QUESTION.

1. Hon. Mr. TAIAROA to ask the Colonial Secretary, Whether the Government will repair and complete the jetty at the Maori *kaika*, Otakou, as its present damaged state causes danger to the public?