

ORDER PAPER.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 6th day of July, 1880.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. Bank of New Zealand Act 1861 Amendment Bill—second reading.

QUESTIONS.

1. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the untrustworthy character of some of the informers employed by the police of the colony, as revealed by recent proceedings in the Resident Magistrate's Court in Wellington; and whether it is their intention to take any action thereon?
2. The Honourable Mr. WATERHOUSE to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Whether the Government has received any communication calling attention to the expenditure of the funds of the New Plymouth Harbour Board, alleging that the proceedings of the Board are illegal, and calling upon the Government to interfere to protect the public interest; and, if any such communication has been received, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?
3. The Honourable Mr. MANTELL to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Whether the Government is in possession of any information as to the supposed existence of the Guinea-worm among any flocks in the colony?

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. TAIAROA to move, That, in the opinion of this Council, the action of the Government in draining Lake Ellesmere (Waihora), and thereby interfering most seriously with the fishing rights enjoyed by the Natives residing in the neighbourhood, which rights have ever been jealously guarded by themselves and their ancestors, is unjust towards the Natives; and such drainage ought not to be allowed to proceed, either now or hereafter, without fair compensation being awarded them.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Native Lands Court Bill—third reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER, on the third reading of the Native Land Court Bill, to move, That the Bill be recommitted.

2. Native Lands Frauds Prevention Bill—third reading.
3. Native Succession Bill—third reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WHITAKER, on the third reading of the Native Succession Bill, to move that the Bill be recommitted for purpose of adding the following new clauses:—

Native Land Court may appoint successors.

3. In case any Native has died, or shall die, possessed of any Native land or of any hereditaments held in severalty or as tenant in common without having made a valid disposition thereof, the Native Land Court may, on the application of any Native claiming to be interested therein mentioned, inquire and ascertain who ought to succeed to such land or hereditaments.

Native land.

In respect of Native land the Court shall be guided by Native custom or usage.

Hereditaments.

In respect of hereditaments the Court shall assume that marriages according to the customs and usages of the Natives are valid, and shall then be guided by the law of New Zealand.

Informal will.

4. If the deceased Native made a will, or left any writing which, though not legally executed as a will, the Court should be of opinion was intended to be a disposition of any property therein mentioned, it shall make the order as nearly as may be in accordance therewith.

4. Building Societies Bill—to be committed.
5. Animals Protection Bill—to be committed.
6. Married Women's Property Protection Bill—to be committed.
7. Thames Water Supply Transfer Bill—to be committed.
8. Fencing Bill—third reading.
9. Dog Registration Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WILSON, on the recommittal of the Dog Registration Bill, to move the following:—

That clause 13 be amended by inserting after the word “dogs,” in the first line, the words “not being in charge of any person, and being.”

10. Rabbit Nuisance Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
11. Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
12. Deceased Husband's Brother Marriage Bill—second reading.
13. Wellington Racing Club Bill—third reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion.

The Honourable Mr. WILSON, on the Motion for the third reading of the Wellington Racing Club Bill, to move, That the Bill be recommitted with a view to the following amendments:—

In clause 2, line 5 of page 3. After the word “Club,” insert the words “for the purpose of a public park and racecourse.”

In clause 4, line 1. After the word “maintain,” insert the words “the lands comprised in the Schedule as a public park and.” Erase the words “a public,” in lines 1 and 2.

In clause 19, line 2. Erase the word “racing purposes” and insert the words “the purposes named in this Act.”

New Clause.

The public shall have access, without charge, to the lands comprised in the Schedules to this Act, excepting on such days as the Racing Club shall appoint, not exceeding twenty days in any one year.

Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1880.

QUESTION.

1. The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE to ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Whether the Government propose to take any further steps in connection with the alleged misconduct of the Volunteers at Christchurch and elsewhere, on the occasion of the Easter Review?

Thursday, the 8th day of July, 1880.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. P. A. BUCKLEY to move, That there laid upon the Table a Return of the names of all officers who have entered the Civil Service of the colony since the 8th day of October, 1866, who, at the date of admission to such service, were more than twenty years of age; the date of each admission; the ages and salaries at such date of admission; and the present salary of every such officer. Also the number of special appointments made by His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of section 16 of “The Civil Service Act, 1866,” and the number of such appointments that have been confirmed in terms of section 17 of the said Act.