

ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 21st day of July, 1886.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. Cathedral Site (Parnell) Leasing Bill—third reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable the COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the second reading of the Companies Branch Registers Bill be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 22nd instant.
2. The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., to move, That the second reading of the Settled Land Bill be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 22nd instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Hakateramea Racecourse Reserve Bill—third reading. (Hon. Mr. Reeves).
2. Coal Mines Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.) (See Supplementary Order Paper.)
3. Justices of the Peace Act 1882 Amendment Bill—consideration of the following amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor:—

Clause 6. To add to the clause, after the last word thereof, "Court," the following words: "to which he might be summoned under this Act."

4. Local Bodies Loans Bill—consideration of reasons assigned by the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in clause 38 of the Bill:—

1. That the amendment will make it difficult to obtain the real opinion of the ratepayers.

2. That the expression of opinion obtained will not be fairly representative of the ratepayers if the words after "votes" "which can be exercised" mean the total number of votes on the roll, independent of the residence or existence of the voters.

3. That the words referred to, namely, "which can be exercised," are ambiguous.

4. That a vicious principle is introduced by the clause, by allowing the votes of persons who abstain from voting to be counted as opposed to the proposal.

5. That by the clause voting power is given to absentees and to persons so indifferent to the management of local government as not to take the trouble to record their votes.

6. That it is unfair to the resident settlers, who are by their improvements and residence increasing the value of the land, if the non-residents in the district are to be hampered in their colonizing efforts by the Legislature declaring that the votes of absentees shall count against them.

7. That the clause as passed by the House provided ample safeguard against undue borrowing, and affirmed a principle that has been previously recognized by the General Assembly.

5. Counties Bill—to be further considered in Committee (Hon. Mr. Reynolds.) (See Supplementary Order Paper.)
6. Civil Service Reform Bill—adjourned debate upon the Question, That the Bill be now read the second time; and the Amendment proposed thereto, To omit the word "now," with a view of adding the words "this day six months." (Hon. Mr. Reynolds.)
7. Otago Harbour Board Leasing Act 1885 Amendment Bill—second reading. (Hon. Mr. Bathgte.)
8. Employment of Females and Others Act 1881 Amendment Bill—to be committed. (Hon. Colonial Secretary.) (See Supplementary Order Paper.)