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BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.



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SPEAKER—HON. MAJOR WILLIAM JUKES STEWARD.

NAME.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.
ALLEN, WILLIAM SHEPHERD	Te Aroha.
BALLANCE, HON. JOHN	Wanganui.
BLAKE, EDWIN	Avon.
BRYCE, HON. JOHN	Waikato.
BUCHANAN, WALTER CLARKE	Wairarapa.
BUCKLAND, WILLIAM FRANCIS	Manukau.
BUICK, THOMAS LINDSAY	Wairau.
CADMAN, HON. ALFRED JEROME	Thames.
CARNCROSS, WALTER CHARLES FREDERICK	Taieri.
CARROLL, JAMES	Eastern Maori.
DAWSON, WILLIAM	Dunedin Suburbs.
DUNCAN, THOMAS	Oamaru.
DUTHIE, JOHN	City of Wellington.
EARNSHAW, WILLIAM	Peninsula.
FERGUS, HON. THOMAS	Wakatipu.
FISH, HENRY SMITH	City of Dunedin.
FISHER, GEORGE	City of Wellington.
GOLDIE, DAVID	Newton.
GUINNESS, ARTHUR ROBERT	Grey.
HALL, HON. SIR JOHN, K.C.M.G.	Ellesmere.
HALL-JONES, WILLIAM	Timaru.
HAMLIN, EBENEZER	Franklin.
HARKNESS, JOSEPH GEORGE	City of Nelson.
HOGG, ALEXANDER WILSON	Masterton.
HOUSTON, ROBERT MORROW	Bay of Islands.
HUTCHISON, GEORGE	Waitotara.
HUTCHISON, WILLIAM	City of Dunedin.
JOYCE, JOHN	Akaroa.
KELLY, JAMES	Invercargill.
KELLY, WILLIAM	East Coast.
LAWRY, FRANK	Parnell.
MACARTHUR, DOUGLAS HASTINGS	Rangitikei.
MACDONALD, THOMAS KENNEDY	City of Wellington.
MACKENZIE, MACKAY JOHN SCOBIE	Mount Ida.
MACKENZIE, THOMAS	Clutha.
MACKINTOSH, JAMES	Wallace.
MCKENZIE, HON. JOHN	Waitaki.
MEREDITH, RICHARD	Ashley.
MILLS, CHARLES HOUGHTON	Waimea-Picton.
MILLS, JAMES	Port Chalmers.
MITCHELSON, HON. EDWIN	Eden.
MOORE, RICHARD	Kaiapoi.

Name.	Electoral District.
Newman, Alfred Kingcome	.... Hutt.
O'Conor, Eugene Joseph	.... Buller.
Palmer, Jackson	.... Waitemata.
Parata, Tame	.... Southern Maori.
Perceval, Westby Brook	.... City of Christchurch.
Pinkerton, David	.... City of Dunedin.
Rees, William Lee	.... City of Auckland.
Reeves, Richard Harman Jeffares	.... Inangahua.
Reeves, Hon. William Pember	.... City of Christchurch.
Rhodes, Arthur Edgar Gravenor	.... Geraldine.
Richardson, Hon. George Frederick	.... Mataura.
Rolleston, Hon. William	.... Halswell.
Russell, Hon. William Russell	.... Hawke's Bay.
Saunders, Alfred	.... Selwyn.
Seddon, Hon. Richard John	.... Westland.
Shera, John McEffer	.... City of Auckland.
Smith, Edward Metcalf	.... New Plymouth.
Smith, William Cowper	.... Waipawa.
Steward, Hon. William Jukes	.... Waimate.
Swan, George Henry	.... Napier.
Taipua, Hoani	.... Western Maori.
Tanner, William Wilcox	.... Heathcote.
Taylor, Richard Molesworth	.... City of Christchurch.
Thompson, Robert	.... Marsden.
Thompson, Thomas	.... City of Auckland.
Thomson, James William	.... Bruce.
Valentine, Hugh Sutherland	.... Tuapeka.
Ward, Hon. Joseph George	.... Awarua.
Wilson, James Glenny....	.... Palmerston.
Wright, Edward George	.... Ashburton.
*	.... Egmont.
†	.... Northern Maori.

* The Hon. Sir Harry Albert Atkinson, the member returned, resigned the day before the meeting of Parliament.
† Hirini Taiwhanga, the member elected, died on the day of his election. The new election did not take place until after the prorogation.

III.—Schedule of Petitions presented to the House of Representatives, Session I., 1891.

From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
21. Bennett, William	Jan. 30 ..	For suitable employment, in consideration of injuries sustained ..	1	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves		
9. Boyd, John, F.	Jan. 27 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. R. Thompson ..		
18. Cavell, Henry	Jan. 29 ..	For relief on account of injuries to his daughter in Government water-race at Dillmanstown	1	Mr. Guinness ..		
11. Clark, John, and others ..	Jan. 27 ..	That the powers of the Commission appointed to settle disputed titles on the East Coast, North Island, be enlarged and extended, so that the Court may have power	20	Mr. W. Kelly ..		
6. Donaldson, James	Jan. 27 ..	For compensation for services rendered	1	Mr. Taylor ..		
5. Ellison, Henry	Jan. 27 ..	For redress of survey dispute	1	Mr. Swan ..		
4. Harrison, William, and others ..	Jan. 27 ..	For a subsidy for mail service from Auckland to Great Barrier ..	57	Mr. Palmer ..		
13. Hill, James	Jan. 28 ..	For compensation for services as hospital steward	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..		
12. Hovell, H. Kinnaird	Jan. 28 ..	Relative to losses at the Kermadec Islands	1	Hon. Captain Russell		
2. Howe, Henry	Jan. 27 ..	That the amount expended by him in upholding his mining rights on the Marewhenua Goldfield may be restored	1	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie		
19. Hurst, C. E.	Jan. 29 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..		
20. Jay, George, and others ..	Jan. 29 ..	For alteration of the Act under which they hold their leases ..	23	Mr. E. M. Smith ..		
10. Jones, James, and others ..	Jan. 27 ..	That the House will inquire into the action of the Railway Commissioners in taking steps to eject Messrs. Henry Jones and Charles Seaton from their holdings at Brunnerton, and grant some relief	670	Mr. Guinness ..	Not dealt with.	
22. Mayor and Councillors of Masterton	Jan. 30 ..	For amendment of "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885"	2	Mr. Hogg ..		
15. McGill, Patrick	Jan. 28 ..	For compensation in respect of long service in Police Force ..	1	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves		
17. Mutu, G. P., and others ..	Jan. 29 ..	That compensation may be given them for losses sustained ..	6	Mr. Speaker ..		
7. Parata, Wi, and others ..	Jan. 27 ..	Relative to the Ngarara Block	23	Hon. Mr. Ballance		
16. Pukuatua, Peters, and others ..	Jan. 29 ..	That a rehearing may be granted for the Kotuku Block	5	Mr. Speaker ..		
3. Slattery, Matthew	Jan. 27 ..	That subsection (2) of section 2 of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889," be amended	1	Mr. Palmer ..		
1. Spalding, Stephen	Jan. 27 ..	For relief	1	Mr. Perceval ..		
8. Walsh, Walter	Jan. 27 ..	For compensation for wrongful dismissal from the Government service	1	Mr. Fisher ..		
14. Winks and Hall, and others ..	Jan. 28 ..	That the duty upon imported furniture be increased	88	Mr. Goldie ..		

IV.—Schedule of Select Committees appointed by the House of Representatives, Session I., 1891.

Subject.	Members.	Date of Appointment.	Remarks.
1. *New Plymouth Harbour Board.*—To inquire into, and report within three weeks upon, the present position of the New Plymouth Harbour Board with regard to the loan of £200,000 and the endowments of the Board; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Macdonald, Dr. Newman, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Shera, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. Wright, Mr. G. Hutchison.	January 28, on motion of Mr. G. Hutchison.	No Report.

V.—Schedule of Public Bills, Session I., 1891.

Short Title.	How and by Whom Presented.	Date of Leave being given.	First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	Remarks.
1. *Expiring Laws Continuance* ..	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Jan. 27	Jan. 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
2. *New Zealand Institute of Surveyors*	Mr. Richardson ..	Jan. 28	Jan. 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
3. *Native Land Laws Amendment* ..	Mr. Rees	Jan. 28	Jan. 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
4. *Eight Hours*	Mr. W. Hutchison ..	Jan. 28	Jan. 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
5. *Shop-hours*	Mr. Joyce	Jan. 28	Jan. 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
6. *Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Acts Amendment*	Mr. Joyce	Jan. 29	Jan. 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
7. *Legislative Officers' Salaries Act 1867 Amendment*	Mr. Buckland ..	Jan. 29	Jan. 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
8. *Small-birds Nuisance Act 1882 Amendment*	Mr. Valentine ..	Jan. 29	Jan. 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*

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21	Blackett, Mr. J., Services performed by, as Consulting Engineer ..	Jan. 30	Ordered	D.—4
	C.			
14	Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society (Limited): Reports of Investigation at 31st December, 1889	Jan. 28	By Act	..
	D.			
	Despatches:—			
1	From the Governor to the Secretary of State	Jan. 27	By command	A.—1
2	Further, from the Governor to the Secretary of State	Jan. 27	By command	A.—1A
3	From the Secretary of State to the Governor	Jan. 27	By command	A.—2
	E.			
8	Education, Primary Endowments for	Jan. 28	By Act	E.—1
10	Equitable Insurance Association of New Zealand: Returns for 1889	Jan. 28	By Act	..
13	Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States: Returns and Actuarial Report for 1889	Jan. 28	By Act	..
	F.			
4	Financial Position of the Colony: Memorandum by the late Colonial Treasurer (Sir H. A. Atkinson)	Jan. 27	By command	B.—1
	G.			
6	General Election, 1890, Returns in connection with	Jan. 28	By command	H.—2
	L.			
17	Labour Conference held at Wellington, October, 1890: Report of Proceedings	Jan. 30	By command	H.—1
	M.			
5	Members of the General Assembly, Attendance of, and Deductions made from Honorarium	Jan. 27	Ordered	..
11	Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria: Returns for 1889	Jan. 28	By Act	..
	P.			
19	Post-office Savings-banks, Regulations of	Jan. 30	By Act	..
12	Provident and Industrial Insurance Company of New Zealand: Returns for 1889–90	Jan. 28	By Act	..
	R.			
18	Railway Commissioners and the Hokonui Railway and Coal Company, Contract between	Jan. 30	By command	D.—2
7	Railway Commissioners and the Mokihinui Coal Company, Agreement between, for working Extension of Railway from Ngakawau	Jan. 28	By Act	D.—1
	Railway Employés:—			
16	Return of Fines inflicted, Men discharged, Youths taken on, Wages, &c.	Jan. 28	Ordered	D.—5
15	Return of, on 1st January, 1889, and 31st May, 1890	Jan. 28	Ordered	D.—5A
9	Railway Property, Particulars of Leases of	Jan. 28	By Act	..
20	Railway Reform League, Auckland, Further Correspondence relative to Proposals of	Jan. 30	Mr. Seddon	D.—3
	S.			
23	Sperrey, the Late Mr., Letter from the late Premier to Mr. Gilbert Mair relative to Charges against	Jan. 30	Ordered	H.—3
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22	Waipawa Electoral Rolls, Correspondence with Mr. H. Ellison relative to	Jan. 30	Ordered	H.—4





PROCLAMATIONS.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at his pleasure, prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand: Now, therefore, I, William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety; and the said General Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Christchurch, this eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

EDWIN MITCHELSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Further proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Colony of New Zealand and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Colony, summoned and called to a Meeting of the General Assembly of the said Colony, at the City of Wellington, on the second day of the month of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the eighteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the second day of the month of

October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, at which time you were held constrained to appear: Now know ye that for divers causes and considerations I have thought fit to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on Saturday, the fourth day of October instant, you meet in Parliament, at the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Colony of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Christchurch, this second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

W. R. RUSSELL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Dissolving the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Colony of New Zealand, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Colony, and to all whom it may concern—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of New Zealand, which stands prorogued to the fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety: Now know ye that I do for that end publish this Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said General Assembly accordingly; and the Legislative Councillors, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives, are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Christchurch, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

W. R. RUSSELL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Meeting of the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

KNOW ye that I, being desirous that the General Assembly of New Zealand should be holden as soon as may be, do hereby summon and call together the said General Assembly to meet at the Parliament Houses, situated in Molesworth Street, in the City of Wellington, on

Thursday, the eighteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, at twelve of the clock at noon.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Christchurch, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

W. R. RUSSELL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Colony of New Zealand and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Colony, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the third day of the month of October last I did summon and call together the General Assembly of New Zealand to meet on the eighteenth day of the present month of December, at which time you were held constrained to appear: Now know ye that for divers causes and considerations I have thought fit to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of the present month of December, you meet in Parliament in the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Colony of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

H. A. ATKINSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Meeting of the General Assembly for the Despatch of Business.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Colony of New Zealand and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Colony, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the meeting of the General Assembly stands prorogued to the twenty-fourth day of December instant: Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, I have thought fit

further to prorogue the same to Friday, the twenty-third day of the month of January next, so that neither you nor any of you, on the said twenty-fourth day of December instant, at the City of Wellington, are to be held constrained to appear; commanding and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Friday, the twenty-third day of the month of January next, personally you be and appear, for the despatch of business, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Molesworth Street, in the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Colony of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

H. A. ATKINSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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NEW ZEALAND.

FIRST SESSION.—ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

Friday, the 23rd Day of January, 1891.

At the first session of the Eleventh Parliament of New Zealand, begun and holden in the City of Wellington on the twenty-third day of January, in the fifty-fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; on which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) by His Excellency William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony at Government House, Wellington,—

A Message was brought by Leonard Stowe, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

The Honourable the Commissioners authorised by virtue of His Excellency the Governor's Commission to do all things in his name in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly, the House, with the Clerk, went to the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Commission read; where being, the Honourable Sir F. Whitaker, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor, said,—

Honourable Legislative Councillors, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,—

We have it in command from His Excellency the Governor to let you know that on Tuesday next, the twenty-seventh day of January instant, at half after two of the clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor will declare to you in person the causes of his calling this session of Parliament together. However, it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives be first chosen, His Excellency the Governor requests that you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, repair to the place where you usually sit, and there proceed to the choice of a fit and proper person to fill that high and important office, and that, after having chosen him, you present him on Monday next, at eleven of the clock a.m., for His Excellency's approval.

And the Members being returned;

1. *Clerk authorised to administer the Oath.*—A Commission from His Excellency the Governor to the Clerk of this House, authorising him to administer the Oath required by law to Members of this House, was read, as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby authorise George Friend, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the said colony, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said House of Representatives the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said House.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the Colony, at the Government House at Wellington, this nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

W. R. RUSSELL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

2. *Members sworn.*—George Friend, Esquire, the Commissioner authorised by His Excellency the Governor to administer the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by law to Members of this House, having received from the Clerk of the Writs, who was in attendance, a Roll, accompanied by a Certificate, containing a list of the names of such Members as have been returned to serve in this present Parliament, did administer the Oath to the Members who appeared; which being done, and the following Members having subscribed the Oath, they took their seats in this House:—

(1.) The Honourable John Ballance, Member for Wanganui;
(2.) Edwin Blake, Esquire, Member for Avon;
(3.) The Honourable John Bryce, Member for Waikato;
(4.) Walter Clarke Buchanan, Esquire, Member for Wairarapa;
(5.) Thomas Lindsay Buick, Esquire, Member for Wairau;
(6.) Alfred Jerome Cadman, Esquire, Member for Thames;
(7.) Walter Charles Frederick Carncross, Esquire, Member for Taieri;
(8.) James Carroll, Esquire, Member for Eastern Maori;
(9.) William Dawson, Esquire, Member for Dunedin Suburbs;
(10.) Thomas Duncan, Esquire, Member for Oamaru;
(11.) John Duthie, Esquire, Member for Wellington City;
(12.) William Earnshaw, Esquire, Member for the Peninsula;
(13.) The Honourable Thomas Fergus, Member for Wakatipu;
(14.) Henry Smith Fish, Esquire, Member for Dunedin City;
(15.) George Fisher, Esquire, Member for Wellington City;
(16.) Arthur Robert Guinness, Esquire, Member for Grey;
(17.) The Honourable Sir John Hall, K.C.M.G., Member for Ellesmere;
(18.) William Hall-Jones, Esquire, Member for Timaru;
(19.) Ebenezer Hamlin, Esquire, Member for Franklin;
(20.) Joseph George Harkness, Esquire, Member for Nelson;
(21.) Alexander Wilson Hogg, Esquire, Member for Masterton;
(22.) Robert Morrow Houston, Esquire, Member for the Bay of Islands;
(23.) George Hutchison, Esquire, Member for Waitotara;
(24.) William Hutchison, Esquire, Member for Dunedin City;
(25.) John Joyce, Esquire, Member for Akaroa;
(26.) James Kelly, Esquire, Member for Invercargill;
(27.) William Kelly, Esquire, Member for East Coast;
(28.) Frank Lawry, Esquire, Member for Parnell;
(29.) Douglas Hastings Macarthur, Esquire, Member for Rangitikei;
(30.) Thomas Kennedy Macdonald, Esquire, Member for Wellington City;
(31.) Mackay John Scobie Mackenzie, Esquire, Member for Mount Ida;
(32.) James Mackintosh, Esquire, Member for Wallace;

(33.) John McKenzie, Esquire, Member for Waitaki;
(34.) Richard Meredith, Esquire, Member for Ashley;
(35.) Charles Houghton Mills, Esquire, Member for Waimea-Picton;
(36.) James Mills, Esquire, Member for Port Chalmers;
(37.) The Honourable Edwin Mitchelson, Member for Eden;
(38.) Richard Moore, Esquire, Member for Kaiapoi;
(39.) Alfred Kingcome Newman, Esquire, Member for the Hutt;
(40.) Eugene Joseph O'Conor, Esquire, Member for the Buller;
(41.) Jackson Palmer, Esquire, Member for Waitemata;
(42.) Tame Parata, Esquire, Member for Southern Maori;
(43.) Westby Brook Perceval, Esquire, Member for Christchurch City;
(44.) David Pinkerton, Esquire, Member for Dunedin City;
(45.) William Lee Rees, Esquire, Member for Auckland City;
(46.) Richard Harman Jeffares Reeves, Esquire, Member for Inangahua;
(47.) William Pember Reeves, Esquire, Member for Christchurch City;
(48.) Arthur Edgar Gravenor Rhodes, Esquire, Member for Geraldine;
(49.) The Honourable George Frederick Richardson, Member for Mataura;
(50.) The Honourable William Rolleston, Member for Halswell;
(51.) The Honourable William Russell Russell, Member for Hawke's Bay;
(52.) Alfred Saunders, Esquire, Member for Selwyn;
(53.) Richard John Seddon, Esquire, Member for Westland;
(54.) John McEffer Shera, Esquire, Member for Auckland City;
(55.) Edward Metcalf Smith, Esquire, Member for New Plymouth;
(56.) William Cowper Smith, Esquire, Member for Waipawa;
(57.) William Jukes Steward, Esquire, Member for Waimate;
(58.) George Henry Swan, Esquire, Member for Napier;
(59.) Hoani Taipua, Esquire, Member for Western Maori;
(60.) William Wilcox Tanner, Esquire, Member for Heathcote;
(61.) Richard Molesworth Taylor, Esquire, Member for Christchurch City;
(62.) Robert Thompson, Esquire, Member for Marsden;
(63.) Thomas Thompson, Esquire, Member for Auckland City;
(64.) James William Thomson, Esquire, Member for Bruce;
(65.) Hugh Sutherland Valentine, Esquire, Member for Tuapeka;
(66.) Joseph George Ward, Esquire, Member for Awarua;
(67.) James Glenny Wilson, Esquire, Member for Palmerston;
(68.) Edward George Wright, Esquire, Member for Ashburton.

3. *Election of Speaker.*—Mr. Saunders, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker the Honourable William Rolleston, and moved, That the Honourable William Rolleston do take the Chair of this House as Speaker; which Motion was seconded by Mr. J. W. Thomson.

Mr. Seddon proposed to the House for their Speaker Major William Jukes Steward, and moved, That Major William Jukes Steward do take the Chair of this House as Speaker; which Motion was seconded by Mr. O'Conor.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put by the Clerk, That the Honourable William Rolleston do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Lawry	Richardson	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Macarthur	Russell, Hon. W. R.	Valentine
Carroll	Macdonald	Saunders	Wilson
Duthie	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	Wright.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Meredith	Taipua	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Thompson, R.	Newman
Hamlin	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, T.	Rhodes.
Harkness	Moore		

NOES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Mackintosh	Seddon
Blake	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, J.	Shera
Buick	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman	Houston	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Tanner
Dawson	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Taylor.
Duncan	Joyce	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Rees	Perceval
Fish	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward.
Fisher			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put by the Clerk, That Major William Jukes Steward do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House then calling Major William Jukes Steward to the Chair, he was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Seddon and Mr. O'Conor, where, standing upon the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the high honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

And then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, the House adjourned until two of the clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 27th Day of January, 1891.

PRAYERS.

1. *Confirmation of the Election of Speaker.*—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, accompanied by his proposer and seconder, waited upon His Excellency the Governor, when he addressed His Excellency as followeth :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In obedience to your Excellency's commands, the House of Representatives, in the exercise of their undoubted right and privilege, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker; and, as the object of their choice, I now present myself to you, and submit myself for your Excellency's approbation.

To which His Excellency replied as followeth :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

It is with much pleasure that I approve and confirm, on behalf of the Queen, the choice which the House of Representatives has made in your person.

I congratulate you upon your election to this distinguished position, marking as it does the entire confidence of the House of Representatives in your talents, diligence, and efficiency to fulfil the important duties of this high office.

Mr. Speaker also reported that he had further addressed His Excellency as followeth :—

Thanking your Excellency for your approbation of the choice made by the House of Representatives of me to be their Speaker, I have now, on behalf of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, to lay claim to all their privileges, and especially to freedom of speech in debate, and to free access to your Excellency whenever occasion may require it, and that the most favourable construction may be put on all their proceedings

To which His Excellency replied as followeth :—

I confirm, on behalf of the Queen, all the rights and privileges of the House of Representatives to the same extent as they have been granted hitherto.

I also assure you that the House of Representatives will always have ready access to me, and that I will at all times place the most favourable construction on their proceedings.

Mr. Speaker then said,—

I desire to repeat my very respectful acknowledgments to the House for the high honour they have done me in electing me to the Speaker's Chair.

2. *Mr. Speaker authorised to administer the Oath.*—A Commission from His Excellency the Governor to the Speaker of this House, appointing him a Commissioner for administering the Oath to Members, was read, as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby authorise the Honourable William Jukes Steward, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the said Colony, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said House of Representatives the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said House.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

3. *Members sworn.*—The following new Members presented themselves to be sworn:—

(1.) Thomas Mackenzie, Esquire, Member for Clutha;
(2.) William Francis Buckland, Esquire, Member for Manukau;

who, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by law, took their seats in the House.

4. *Summons from His Excellency.*—A summons from His Excellency, by His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Governor desires this Honourable House to attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency.

And the House being returned;

5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No. 1.*

The Governor informs the House of Representatives that prior to the meeting of this present Parliament, and there being then no Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honourable Sir Harry Albert Atkinson did, by writing under his hand, addressed to the Governor in accordance with the provisions of "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1881," resign his seat in the said House as Member for the Electoral District of Egmont. The Governor has caused a notification of such vacancy to be inserted in the New Zealand Government *Gazette*.

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6. *New Writ.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker be directed to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Writs to make out a new writ for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the District of Egmont, in the room of the Honourable Sir Harry Albert Atkinson, resigned.

7. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

8. *Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue various Expiring Laws; and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

9. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(1.) Despatches from the Governor of New Zealand to the Secretary of State.

(2.) Further Despatches from the Governor of New Zealand to the Secretary of State.

(3.) Despatches from the Secretary of State to the Governor of New Zealand.

(4.) Financial Position of the Colony, Memorandum by the late Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson, on.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to an Order of this House:—

(5.) Members of the General Assembly, Return of Attendance of, and of Deductions made from Honoraria of. Return to an Order dated 21st September, 1885.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 be printed.

10. *His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker reported that, when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor this day in the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the General Assembly, of which Speech Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I regret that I have been obliged to call for your attendance at an unusual, and probably to most of you an inconvenient, season.

The general election having taken place, my late Advisers deemed it necessary that, having regard to the uncertainty of the strength of parties, Parliament should be called together at the earliest possible opportunity; but, prior to the opening of Parliament, they tendered their resignations, and a new Administration has been formed.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

As you are aware, Estimates were passed during the last session of Parliament providing for the expenditure of the current financial year; and my Advisers propose to make an exhaustive inquiry into the financial condition of the colony, in order to submit proposals which they believe will be satisfactory, framed with due regard to economy, and with such reduction of the expenditure as the position of the country demands, without impairing the efficiency of the public service.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

My Advisers propose that a measure dealing with the administration of the public lands of the colony shall, after careful consideration, be submitted to you, in order to remedy the defects proved to exist in the present state of the law.

They also believe that a Department of Agriculture can be made productive of great practical utility, without entailing any unnecessary additional departmental expenditure.

They also propose to submit to you measures which, they trust, will improve the relations of labour to capital and promote the cause of industrial progress.

My Advisers consider that earnest attention should be given to the development of the vast mineral resources of the colony, and believe that much can be done to further the mining interests at a moderate cost.

I propose that after a suitable recess you should proceed to the consideration of these and other important measures for the public benefit which will be submitted to you.

I assure you of my earnest desire to co-operate with you in your efforts to promote the welfare and prosperity of the colony, and I pray that your labours may, by the blessing of God, conduce to the well-being and happiness of the people.

And then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, the House adjourned.

Wednesday, the 28th Day of January, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Member sworn.*—The following new Member presented himself to be sworn:—

   David Goldie, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Newton;

   who, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

   (6.) The General Election, 1890, Returns in connection with.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

   (7.) Agreement between the New Zealand Railway Commissioners and the Mokihinui Coal Company for working Extension of Railway from Ngakawau.

   (8.) Endowments for Primary Education.

   (9.) Leases of Railway Property, Particulars of.

   (10.) Equitable Insurance Association of New Zealand: Returns for 1889.

   (11.) Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria: Returns for 1889.

   (12.) Provident and Industrial Insurance Company of New Zealand: Returns for 1889–90.

   (13.) Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States: Returns and Actuarial Report for 1889.

   (14.) Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society: Reports of Investigation at 31st December, 1889.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(15.) Employés on Government Railways, Return of, on 1st January, 1889, and 31st May, 1890. Return to an Order of 25th June, 1890.

(16.) Employés on Government Railways: Return of Fines inflicted, Men discharged, Youths taken on, Wages, &c. Return to an Order of 25th June, 1890.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 6, 7, 8, 15, and 16 be printed.

4. *Evidence taken by Joint Stock Committee*, 1890.—On motion of Mr. Duthie, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the evidence taken before the Joint Stock Committee of last session and laid upon the Table of this House, in so far as it refers to disease amongst stock, be printed.

5. *Auckland Abattoirs.*—Mr. T. Thompson moved, with the leave of the House, and the Question was proposed, That a copy of Inspector Robertson's Report on Abattoirs in Auckland be obtained from the City Council of Aucklaud and printed, with the Report of the Joint Committee on Live-stock *re* Disease in Cattle.

Mr. Seddon moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "and," in the fourth line, and the insertion of the words "laid upon the Table of this House" in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a copy of Inspector Robertson's Report on Abattoirs in Auckland be obtained from the City Council of Auckland, and laid upon the Table of this House.

6. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Mackintosh moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

7. *New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Formation of an Institute of Surveyors in the Colony of New Zealand, and for the Incorporation thereof; and that Mr. Richardson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Richardson accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

8. *Native Land Laws Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1890;" and that Mr. Rees do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Rees accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

9. *Eight Hours Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the Hours of Labour within the Colony of New Zealand; and that Mr. W. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. W. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next, and to be printed.

10. *Shop-hours Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Limitation of the Hours of Trading in Shops; and that Mr. Joyce do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Joyce accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 5th day of February next, and to be printed.

11. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Notice of Motion No. 9 be taken into consideration at half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

12. *Registrar of Electors, Waipawa.*—On motion of Mr. W. C. Smith, *Ordered*, That copies of all correspondence between Henry Ellison and the late Colonial Secretary relating to the Registrar of Electors at Waipawa be laid before this House.

13. *Postage-stamps.*—Mr. Wright moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Postmaster-General be requested to withdraw from sale, as far as possible, all postage-stamps that have been issued without a sufficient dressing of gum.

The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

14. *Case of Mr. Sperrey.*—On motion of Mr. R. Thompson, *Ordered*, That a copy of a letter written by the late Premier, and addressed to Mr. Gilbert Mair, on the 10th December last, and afterwards published in the *New Zealand Times* newspaper on the 6th January, be laid before this House.

15. *Postponement of Notice of Motion.*—*Ordered*, That Notice of Motion No. 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 5.

16. *New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report within three weeks upon, the present position of the New Plymouth Harbour Board with regard to the loan of £200,000 and the endowments of the Board; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum: such Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Macdonald, Dr. Newman, Mr. Shera, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

17. *Sir George Grey.*—On motion of Mr. Rees, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House desires to place upon record its deep regret at the enforced retirement from public life of Sir George Grey, and to convey to him the assurance of its high appreciation of that long, illustrious, and beneficent career which has been devoted to the best interests of New Zealand and other portions of the Empire.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be suitably engrossed, and be forwarded by Mr. Speaker to Sir George Grey.

18. *Election of Chairman of Committees.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. W. C. Smith be Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Palmer moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the words "the appointment of Chairman of Committees be deferred until next session" in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera
Buick	Hutchison, G.	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Tanner
Carncross	Joyce	Pinkerton	Taylor
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Rees	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Fish
Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R.	Guinness
Hogg			

NOES, 29.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Harkness	Rhodes	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Lawry	Richardson	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Macarthur	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.
Carroll	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	Wright.
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Meredith	Swan	Palmer
Goldie	Mitchelson	Taipua	Valentine.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being again proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

19. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Pinkerton, and the Question was proposed, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency,—

To thank His Excellency for the Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of the General Assembly.

To state that we join in the expression of His Excellency's regret at having been obliged to call for our attendance at an inconvenient period.

To state that we learn with satisfaction that a new Administration has been formed.

To state that we are glad to learn that it is the intention of His Excellency's Advisers to make an exhaustive inquiry into the financial condition of the colony, and that the estimates, when submitted, shall receive our most careful and serious consideration.

To state that we are also pleased to learn that His Excellency's Advisers propose to deal with the land-laws of the colony so as to remedy the defects which have been proved to exist in them.

To state that we are gratified to learn that it is proposed to create a Department of Agriculture, and agree with His Excellency's Advisers that it can be made productive of great practical utility: at the same time we are pleased to hear that it will not entail any additional departmental expenditure.

To state that we are further pleased to learn that His Excellency's Advisers propose to submit to us measures for the improvement of the relations of labour and capital, and agree that the vast mineral resources of the colony require earnest attention.

To assure His Excellency that to the consideration of these and other measures which may be submitted to us we shall give our most serious consideration.

To state that we reciprocate His Excellency's desire to co-operate with us in our efforts to promote the welfare and prosperity of the colony, and join with His Excellency in praying that our labours may, by the blessing of God, conduce to the well-being and happiness of its people.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Duncan, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That this Debate be resumed to-morrow, after the Questions put to Ministers have been disposed of.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance,
the House adjourned (10.45 p.m.).

Thursday, the 29th Day of January, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Acts; and that Mr. Joyce do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Joyce accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

3. *Legislative Officers' Salaries Act* 1867 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Legislative Officers' Salaries Act, 1867;" and that Mr. Buckland do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Buckland accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the twelfth day of February next, and to be printed.

4. *Small Birds Nuisance Act* 1882 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Small Birds Nuisance Act, 1882;" and that Mr. Valentine do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Valentine accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

5. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency,—

   To thank His Excellency for the Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of the General Assembly.

   To state that we join in the expression of His Excellency's regret at having been obliged to call for our attendance at an inconvenient period.

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   To state that we reciprocate His Excellency's desire to co-operate with us in our efforts to promote the welfare and prosperity of the colony, and join with His Excellency in praying that our labours may, by the blessing of God, conduce to the well-being and happiness of its people;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

The Honourable Mr. Rolleston moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the following paragraph before the last paragraph :—

To assure His Excellency that the adjournment of the House for a suitable recess, instead of its formal prorogation, will be in the interests of due economy, and will save an expenditure in payments to Members which would not be justified by the time occupied in dealing with the business which is proposed to be submitted to us during the present sitting.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 24.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Thompson, T.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Lawry	Richardson	Valentine
Buchanan	Macarthur	Rolleston	Wright.
Buckland	Meredith	Swan	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mitchelson	Taipua	Harkness
Fergus	Moore	Thompson, R.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.
Goldie			

NOES, 35.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Buick	Hutchison, G.	O'Conor	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Joyce	Parata	Tanner
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Taylor
Fisher	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Guinness	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Saunders	Perceval
Hogg	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R.	Rees.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address upon the said Resolution, to be presented to His Excellency the Governor; such Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, Mr. Pinkerton, and the Mover: the Committee to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

Mr. Palmer, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency, reported that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, desire respectfully to thank your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to make to both Houses of the General Assembly.

We join in the expression of your Excellency's regret at having been obliged to call for our attendance at an inconvenient period.

We learn with satisfaction that a new Administration has been formed.

We are glad to learn that it is the intention of your Excellency's Advisers to make an exhaustive inquiry into the financial condition of the colony, and the estimates, when submitted, shall receive our most careful and serious consideration.

We are also pleased to learn that your Excellency's Advisers propose to deal with the land-laws of the colony so as to remedy the defects which have been proved to exist in them.

We are gratified to learn that it is proposed to create a Department of Agriculture, and agree with your Excellency's Advisers that it can be made productive of great practical utility: at the same time we are pleased to hear that it will not entail any additional departmental expenditure.

We are further pleased to learn that your Excellency's Advisers propose to submit to us measures for the improvement of the relations of labour and capital, and agree that the vast mineral resources of the colony require earnest attention.

To the consideration of these and other measures which may be submitted to us we beg to assure your Excellency we shall give our most serious consideration.

We reciprocate your Excellency's desire to co-operate with us in our efforts to promote the welfare and prosperity of the colony, and join with your Excellency in praying that our labours may, by the blessing of God, conduce to the well-being and happiness of its people.

And the Address being read a second time,

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to His Excellency.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the Members of this House, do present the said Address to His Excellency.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until this day.

Friday, the 30th Day of January, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had been informed by His Excellency the Governor that His Excellency would receive the Address of the House in reply to his Speech to both Houses at forty-five minutes after two of the clock this day.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The hour of forty minutes after two of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker, accompanied by many Members of the House, proceeded to Government House.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by many Members of the House, he had attended upon the Governor with the Address agreed to by this House in reply to His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament; to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I thank you for the Address which you have presented to me, and for the assurance it contains that the measures submitted to you will receive your most serious attention.

ONSLOW.

Ordered, That the answer of His Excellency be recorded in the Journals of the House.

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(17.) Labour Conference held at Wellington, October, 1890: Report of Proceedings.

(18.) Contract between the Hokonui Railway and Coal Company and the New Zealand Railway Commissioners.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(19.) Post-Office Savings-Banks Regulations.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Honourable Mr. Seddon, with the leave of the House:—

(20.) Railway Reform League, Auckland, Further Correspondence relative to Proposals of.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Orders of this House:—

(21.) Services performed by Mr. Blackett as Consulting Engineer in London. Further Return to an Order of 16th July, 1890.

(22.) Waipawa Electoral Rolls, Correspondence with Mr. H. Ellison relative to. Return to an Order of 28th January, 1891.

(23.) Letter from the late Premier to Mr. Gilbert Mair relative to Charges against the late Mr. Sperrey. Return to an Order of 28th January, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22 be printed.

Captain Russell moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 23 be read.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Honourable Mr. Bryce moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Paper was accordingly read by the Clerk.

Captain Russell moved, and the Question was proposed, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. R. Thompson moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "and that an inquiry be held into the matters referred to therein."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Paper No. 23 be printed, and that an inquiry be held into the matters referred to therein.

5. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Rees moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

6. *Candidates' Deposits, Ashburton Election.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be authorised, under section 49 of "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1881," to open the following parcel in the presence of Mr. Wright and Mr. Fish: All books, rolls, and papers kept or used during the polling at the Ashburton election; in order to recover the sum of £40, being deposits lodged by candidates, and inadvertently packed away by the Returning Officer.

7. *Westport Harbour Works.*—On motion of Mr. O'Conor, *Ordered*, That a Return showing in detail the expenditure and progress of works in connection with the Westport Harbour be laid before this House.

8. *Expenditure under Civil List.*—On motion of Mr. Shera, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, as soon as may be convenient, a statement of expenditure under clause 65 of the New Zealand Constitution Act from the 8th October, 1887, until the 23rd January, 1891.

9. *Akaroa–Little River Railway Reserve.*—On motion of Mr. Joyce, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the total area, and situation, of land which was set apart as an endowment for the Akaroa–Little River Railway; how much of such land has been sold or leased on the perpetual-lease system, giving the date of sale, the area of land and price obtained for each lot, the names of every purchaser or lessee, on whose application, the purpose assigned for such sale, and the authority consenting thereto; the total amount realised from such sales and leases of the land, and how expended.

10. *Native Lands.*—On motion of Mr. Macdonald, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a map and schedule of the Native lands of the colony, such map to be in colour and, with the schedule, to set forth the following information: (1.) The tribal lands still held by the Maoris which have not passed through the Native Land Court, and have not been leased to Europeans, separating those which are actually occupied for pastoral or agricultural purposes by the Maoris and those which are lying practically unproductive. (2.) The tribal lands still held by the Maoris which have not passed through the Native Land Court but which have been leased to Europeans, detailing names of lessees, original term and date of expiry of lease, annual rental and property-tax valuations of lessors' and lessees' interests, and amount of property-tax paid annually in respect thereof. (3.) Lands, tribal and otherwise, under negotiation for purchase by the Government, specifying separately areas of blocks, purchase-money required, amount and date of payment of deposits or part purchase-money, and reasons for non-completion of purchase. (4.) Lands which have passed through the Native Land Court and have been leased to Europeans, specifying original terms and date of expiry of lease, annual rental, and property-tax valuations of lessors' and lessees' interests, and amount of property-tax paid annually in respect thereof. (5.) Lands which have passed through the Native Land Court and are still held by the Maoris for personal occupation, detailing property-tax valuation and amount of property-tax paid annually in respect thereof. (6.) The total amount now remaining due to the Government for costs of survey and other matters in connection with Maori lands, detailing for what purpose such costs were incurred, and when the Government is likely to have such costs repaid. (7.) The total amount of property-tax paid annually by Europeans and Maoris in respect of Native lands, specifying the amount paid by each race.

11. *Police Removals.*—On motion of Mr. J. Kelly, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House giving in detail the names of all members of the Police Force who have been removed from one district to another during the three years ending 31st December, 1890; the reason for such removal, with the entire cost of such to the State; the number of members of families of such policemen that were left in the district from which the parents were removed; and the loss that had to be incurred by the sale or other disposition of the property held at the time of those who were so arbitrarily removed.

12. *Unauthorised Expenditure.*—On motion of Mr. Fergus, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a copy of the voucher for the sum of £11,000 stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have been presented to him for payment out of unauthorised expenditure three days after his assumption of office.

13. *Licensed Victuallers' Prosecutions.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House and be printed copy of

correspondence between the Honourable the Minister of Justice and the Honourable Sir W. Fox, K.C.M.G., on the subject of prosecutions by the police of licensed victuallers offending against the law; also, copy of correspondence between the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Bishop Cowie, as chairman of a public meeting held in Auckland, on the subject of the conduct of the police in that city.

14. *Midland Railway Company's Lands.*—On motion of Mr. Harkness, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House of (1) the area and value of land granted to the Midland Railway Company in consideration of contracts undertaken and now in progress; (2) the area and value of land placed in trust for the construction of the Springfield and Belgrove Sections; (3) the names of such trustees in whom such lands are vested; (4) the total area and value in respect of contracts either completed or entered into by the company up to date; and (5) the amount of rent or other revenue received by the Government for such land previous to its selection by the Midland Railway Company, or the amount paid for the surrender of any leases, licenses, or business licenses held in respect of such land.

And then the House, having continued to sit until six of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

PROCLAMATION.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

(L.S.) ONSLOW, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at his pleasure, prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand:

Now, therefore, I, William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; and the said General Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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SPEAKER—HON. MAJOR WILLIAM JUKES STEWARD.

NAME.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.
BALLANCE, HON. JOHN	.... Wanganui.
BLAKE, EDWIN	.... Avon.
*Bryce, Hon. John**	.... Waikato.
BUCHANAN, WALTER CLARKE	.... Wairarapa.
BUCKLAND, WILLIAM FRANCIS	.... Manukau.
BUICK, THOMAS LINDSAY....	.... Wairau.
CADMAN, HON. ALFRED JEROME	.... Thames.
CARNCROSS, WALTER CHARLES FREDERICK	.... Taieri.
CARROLL, JAMES	.... Eastern Maori.
DAWSON, WILLIAM	.... Dunedin Suburbs.
DUNCAN, THOMAS	.... Oamaru.
DUTHIE, JOHN	.... City of Wellington.
EARNSHAW, WILLIAM	.... Peninsula.
FERGUS, HON. THOMAS	.... Wakatipu.
FISH, HENRY SMITH	.... City of Dunedin.
FISHER, GEORGE	.... City of Wellington.
FRASER, WILLIAM	.... Te Aroha.
GREY, SIR GEORGE, K.C.B.	.... Newton.
GUINNESS, ARTHUR ROBERT	.... Grey.
HALL, HON. SIR JOHN, K.C.M.G.	.... Ellesmere.
HALL-JONES, WILLIAM	.... Timaru.
HAMLIN, EBENEZER	.... Franklin.
HARKNESS, JOSEPH GEORGE	.... City of Nelson.
HOGG, ALEXANDER WILSON	.... Masterton.
HOUSTON, ROBERT MORROW	.... Bay of Islands.
HUTCHISON, GEORGE	.... Waitotara.
HUTCHISON, WILLIAM	.... City of Dunedin.
JOYCE, JOHN	.... Akaroa.
KAPA, EPARAIMA TE MUTU	.... Northern Maori.
KELLY, JAMES	.... Invercargill.
KELLY, WILLIAM	.... East Coast.
LAWRY, FRANK	.... Parnell.
MACARTHUR, DOUGLAS HASTINGS	.... Rangitikei.
MACDONALD, THOMAS KENNEDY	.... City of Wellington.
MACKENZIE, MACKAY JOHN SCOBIE	.... Mount Ida.
MACKENZIE, THOMAS	.... Clutha.
MACKINTOSH, JAMES	.... Wallace.
MCGUIRE, FELIX	.... Egmont.
MCKENZIE, HON. JOHN	.... Waitaki.
MEREDITH, RICHARD	.... Ashley.

* Resigned 31st August.

Name.	Electoral District.
Mills, Charles Houghton	Waimea-Picton.
Mills, James	Port Chalmers.
Mitchelson, Hon. Edwin	Eden.
Moore, Richard	Kaiapoi.
Newman, Alfred Kingcome	Hutt.
O'Conor, Eugene Joseph	Buller.
Palmer, Jackson	Waitemata.
Parata, Tame	Southern Maori.
Perceval, Westby Brook (Chairman of Committees)*	City of Christchurch.
Pinkerton, David	City of Dunedin.
Rees, William Lee (Chairman of Committees)	City of Auckland.
Reeves, Richard Harman Jeffares	Inangahua.
Reeves, Hon. William Pember	City of Christchurch.
Rhodes, Arthur Edgar Gravenor	Geraldine.
Richardson, Hon. George Frederick	Mataura.
Rolleston, Hon. William	Halswell.
Russell, William Russell	Hawke's Bay.
Saunders, Alfred	Selwyn.
Seddon, Hon. Richard John	Westland.
Shera, John McEffer	City of Auckland.
Smith, Edward Metcalf	New Plymouth.
Smith, William Cowper	Waipawa.
Steward, Hon. William Jukes	Waimate.
Swan, George Henry	Napier.
Taipua, Hoani	Western Maori.
Tanner, William Wilcox	Heathcote.
Taylor, Richard Molesworth	City of Christchurch.
Thompson, Robert	Marsden.
Thompson, Thomas	City of Auckland.
Thomson, James William	Bruce.
Valentine, Hugh Sutherland	Tuapeka.
Ward, Hon. Joseph George	Awarua.
Wilson, James Glenny....	Palmerston.
Wright, Edward George	Ashburton.

* Resigned 15th September.

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	From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to in Session II.	Date of Report.
21.	Bennett, William	Jan. 30	For suitable employment, in consideration of injuries sustained	1	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Public Petitions	July 23.
9.	Boyd, John F.	Jan. 27	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. R. Thompson	Public Petitions	July 17.
18.	Cavell, Henry	Jan. 29	For relief on account of injuries to his daughter in Government water-race at Dillmanstown	1	Mr. Guinness	Public Petitions	July 29.
11.	Clark, John, and others	Jan. 27	That the powers of the Commission appointed to settle disputed titles on the East Coast, North Island, be enlarged and extended, so that the Court may have power to deal with them	20	Mr. W. Kelly	Native Affairs	July 21.
6.	Donaldson, James	Jan. 27	For compensation for services rendered	1	Mr. Taylor	Public Petitions	June 24.
5.	Ellison, Henry	Jan. 27	For redress of survey dispute	1	Mr. Swan	Waste Lands	July 7.
4.	Harrison, William, and others	Jan. 27	For a subsidy for mail-service from Auckland to Great Barrier	57	Mr. Palmer	Public Petitions	August 19.
13.	Hill, James	Jan. 28	For compensation for services as hospital steward	1	Mr. E. M. Smith	Public Petitions	July 10.
12.	Hovell, H. Kinnaird	Jan. 28	Relative to losses at the Kermadec Islands	1	Captain Russell	Public Petitions	July 1.
2.	Howe, Henry	Jan. 27	That the amount expended by him in upholding his mining rights on the Maerewhenua Goldfield may be restored	1	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Goldfields and Mines	July 16.
19.	Hurst, C. E.	Jan. 29	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. E. M. Smith	Waste Lands	June 23.
20.	Jay, George, and others	Jan. 29	For alteration of the Act under which they hold their leases	23	Mr. E. M. Smith	Native Affairs	July 29 and August 28.
10.	Jones, James, and others	Jan. 27	That the House will inquire into the action of the Railway Commissioners in taking steps to eject Messrs. Henry Jones and Charles Seaton from their holdings at Brunnerton, and grant some relief	670	Mr. Guinness	Public Petitions	July 9.
22.	Mayor and Councillors of Masterton	Jan. 30	For amendment of "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885"	2	Mr. Hogg	Public Petitions	June 24.
15.	McGill, Patrick	Jan. 28	For compensation in respect of long service in Police Force	1	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Public Petitions	June 23.
17.	Mutu, G. P., and others	Jan. 29	That compensation may be given them for losses sustained	6	Mr. Speaker	Native Affairs	July 21.
7.	Parata, Wi, and others	Jan. 27	Relative to the Ngarara Block	23	Hon. Mr. Ballance	Native Affairs	July 16.
16.	Pukuatua, Petera, and others	Jan. 29	That a rehearing may be granted for the Kotuku Block	5	Mr. Speaker	Native Affairs	July 29.
3.	Slattery, Matthew	Jan. 27	That subsection (2) of section 2 of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889," be amended	1	Mr. Palmer	Public Petitions	June 23.
1.	Spalding, Stephen	Jan. 27	For relief	1	Mr. Perceval	Waste Lands	June 25.
8.	Walsh, Walter	Jan. 27	For compensation for wrongful dismissal from the Government service	1	Mr. Fisher	Public Petitions	July 10.
14.	Winks and Hall, and others	Jan. 28	That the duty upon imported furniture be increased	88	Mr. Goldie	Public Petitions	June 23.

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From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
560. Adam, Samuel	Aug. 18 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
253. Adams, F. W., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	12	Mr. Saunders ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
187. Aldis, Mary Steadman, and others	July 8 ..	That a Bill may be passed enabling the Senate of the University of New Zealand to confer degrees upon women possessing certain qualifications	3	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	July 24.
720. Allan, Annie Jane	Sept. 18 ..	Relative to a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Duncan ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
567. Allen, Alexander	Aug. 20 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
333. Allen, Richard, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	212	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
240. Ames, Joseph, and others ..	July 16 ..	For consideration on account of military services in 1863	20	Mr. Macdonald ..	Naval and Military ..	August 13.
715. Anderson, Charles	Sept. 16 ..	For compensation for military services	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
207. Andrew, Thomas, and others ..	July 9 ..	Relative to extension of Town of Roxburgh by utilising part of local reserve	42	Mr. Valentine ..	Waste Lands	August 14.
669. Aperahama, Reha, and others ..	Sept. 3 ..	That a rehearing may be granted for their land at Te Aroha ..	18	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
131. Aramu Rere	June 30 ..	For a rehearing of claims to succeed to the interest of her brother and others	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	September 8.
709. Archer, Peter, and others ..	Sept. 16 ..	For a small sum of money to open a bridle-track from Tuna Bay, Pelorus Sound, to the Rai Valley	14	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Public Petitions ..	September 21.
64. Arthur, Edward, and another ..	June 18 ..	For redress on account of certain mining property having been unjustly taken from them	2	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Goldfields	July 16.
107. Ashburton Borough Council ..	June 24 ..	For the severance of the Ashburton District from the Christchurch District for charitable-aid purposes	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions ..	July 1.
108. Ashburton County Council ..	June 24 ..	For the severance of the Ashburton District from the Christchurch District for charitable-aid purposes	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions ..	July 1.
584. Atkins, Samuel	Aug. 20 ..	For land, he having retired from the Imperial Service to settle in New Zealand	1	Mr. Duthie ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
253. Atkinson, J. M., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	95	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
27. Atkinson, James	June 16 ..	For a pension in consideration of his services during the Maori war	1	Hon. Mr. Ballance	Public Petitions ..	July 10.
88. Atkinson, John James.. ..	June 23 ..	For redress, the petitioner having been unjustly dealt with and retired without compensation	1	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	July 8.
690. Aweawe, Hanita te, and others..	Sept. 9 ..	That power may be given to their Committees to deal with troubles amongst themselves	41	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 21.
496. Aweawe, Hare Rakena te, and others	Aug. 12 ..	For assistance in making a road passable	35	Mr. Wilson ..	Native Affairs ..	September 16.
527. Aweawe, Hare Rakena te, and others (No. 2)	Aug. 14 ..	For construction of a road from Matahi to Oroua Bridge	36	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs ..	September 16.
35. Bacon, Septimus, and others ..	June 16 ..	Relative to losses sustained by Kermadec-Islanders	6	Mr. Hogg ..	Public Petitions ..	July 1.
220. Bacon, Septimus, and others (No. 2)	July 21 ..	For inquiry into the circumstances under which they were induced to proceed to Sunday Island	3	Mr. Hall-Jones ..	Public Petitions ..	August 11.
138. Bailey, Bridget	June 30 ..	For compassionate allowance	1	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	July 31.
122. Baker Brothers	June 26 ..	For a refund of license fee paid in error	1	Mr. Duthie ..	Public Petitions ..	July 17.

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537. Baker, J. H. A., and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be conferred upon women ..	203	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
194. Ball, Richard	July 8 ..	For a grant of land for services during the Maori war	1	Mr. Buick ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
411. Band, James, jun., and others ..	July 29 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	58	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
291. Barclay, Adam, and others ..	July 21 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	14	Mr. Houston ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
258. Barker, W. E., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	25	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
350. Barnett, John, and others ..	July 23 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	89	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
341. Barr, Thomas, and others ..	July 22 ..	In favour of the Prohibition Bill	150	Mr. Rhodes ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
436. Barron, John	Aug. 4 ..	An old soldier's claim	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
526. Barron, John, and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That their claims for grants of land for military services be considered	23	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
249. Barron, Thomas	July 21 ..	An old soldier's claim	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
671. Bashford, Townshend H. ..	Sept. 3 ..	For reward for military services	1	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
349. Bassett, W. G., and others ..	July 23 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	124	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
474. Bates, Russell	Aug. 11 ..	For relief in reference to a grant of land at Kai-iwi	1	Mr. Houston ..	Waste Lands	September 11.
281. Battley, Eliza M.	July 21 ..	Relative to refusal of license by the Sydenham Licensing Committee	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
298. Baxter, John, and others ..	July 21 ..	Relative to Mr. Joyce's Licensing Acts Amendment Bill	55	Mr. Meredith ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
299. Baxter, Thomas, and others ..	July 21 ..	Relative to Mr. Joyce's Licensing Acts Amendment Bill	65	Mr. Meredith ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
653. Bayly, C. R., and others ..	Sept. 1 ..	Relative to the necessity for a constable being located at Normanby	79	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
139. Beamish, W. H. S.	June 30 ..	For a grant of land in consideration of military services	1	Dr. Newman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
66. Beattie, James	June 18 ..	For compassionate allowance, owing to his advanced age	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	July 1.
582. Beaumont, William, and others	Aug. 19 ..	That the House will pass the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill ..	51	Mr. Shera ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
289. Beckett, T. W., and others ..	July 21 ..	That measures may be taken to check the further spread of the codlin-moth	113	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
238. Beere, W. H.	July 16 ..	For amendment of "The Naval and Military Settlers Act, 1889" ..	1	Mr. Saunders ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
313. Bell, James, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	26	Mr. Hamlin ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
372. Bell, John	July 24 ..	For relief for being discharged without just cause	1	Mr. Duncan ..	Public Petitions ..	August 6.
94. Bennet, James, and others ..	June 23 ..	Relative to construction of road between Beaumont and Rankleburn	95	Mr. Valentine ..	Public Petitions ..	August 6.
15. Best, George C.	June 12 ..	For further compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	June 26.
340. Bicknell, Frederick, and others..	July 22 ..	In favor of the Prohibition Bill	182	Mr. Duncan ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
632. Biddle, Benjamin	Aug. 28 ..	For some recognition of his military services	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
300. Bignell, G. W., and others ..	July 21 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may be passed	78	Hon. Mr. Sedden ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
127. Bird, Frank	June 30 ..	That his case may be taken into consideration	1	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	July 24.
656. Birrell, Thomas, and others ..	Sept. 1 ..	Relative to disputes *re* land-titles on the East Coast	47	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	September 17.
501. Bishop, Elizabeth	Aug. 12 ..	A claim as widow of a private in the 65th Regiment	1	Mr. O'Conor ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
467. Bishop of Christchurch and others	Aug. 7 ..	That the Divorce Extension and Amendment Bill may not be passed into law	970	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
358. Blackwell, G. H., and others ..	July 23 ..	That provision should be made giving the people power to deal with the liquor traffic	213	Mr. Moore ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
345. Blair, Mrs., and others ..	July 23 ..	That the popular veto of the liquor traffic may not be hampered by compensation	38	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
381. Bodkin, James, and others ..	July 24 ..	That Government would subsidise fruit-preserving factories in the Dunstan district	61	Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie	Public Petitions ..	August 7.

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718. Bogle, William	Sept. 17 ..	For compensation for services in the Railway Department ..	1	Mr. W. C. Smith ..	Public Petitions ..	No Report.
259. Booth, John, and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	17	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
255. Borlase, John Thomas, and others	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	24	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
106. Bourke, James	June 24 ..	For a reduction in rent of perpetual-lease land	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Public Petitions ..	July 10.
680. Boyd, John F.	Sept. 7 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
708. Boys, Susanna Prescott ..	Sept. 15 ..	For a compassionate allowance	1	Mr. Buchanan ..	Public Petitions ..	September 21.
564. Brazil, A. T., and others ..	Aug. 18 ..	That a compassionate allowance may be made to the widow of the late J. C. Brown	20	Mr. Valentine ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
151. Brenkley, Rebecca	July 1 ..	Relative to land taken by Government for railway purposes ..	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Lost.	
286. Brenkley, Rebecca	July 21 ..	For inquiry into lands taken for railway purposes	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	August 20.
451. Broadbent, M. and others ..	Aug. 5 ..	For amendments in the Licensing Act	70	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
100. Broderick, George Septimus ..	June 23 ..	Relative to recovery of rates	1	Mr. Earnshaw ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
244. Brown, Antonio	July 16 ..	For relief in connection with proclamation of Arahura River as a watercourse for tailings	1	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	Goldfields	No Report.
533. Brown, Charles	Aug. 14 ..	Complaining of non-fulfilment of his claims	1	Mr. Parata ..	Public Petitions ..	September 3.
248. Brown, Hugh..	July 21 ..	For compensation for incapacity through injury received while on Government service	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	August 7.
722. Brown, Patrick	Sept. 21 ..	Relative to loss through inability to get a proper title to his land ..	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	September 22.
552. Brown, W., and others ..	Aug. 18 ..	Relative to grievances in connection with the saddlery trade in Auckland, and for relief	52	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
182. Browne, Charles T.	July 8 ..	Relative to his discharge from Police Force	1	Mr. Guinness ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
561. Budden, Maude, and others ..	Aug. 18 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	688	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
29. Burgess, George	June 16 ..	Relative to injuries and loss	1	Mr. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	July 8.
82. Burkett, Edward	June 19 ..	For consideration for military services	1	Mr. McGuire ..	Waste Lands .. .. .. Naval and Military ..	.. September 23.
666. Burling, Henry	Sept. 2 ..	For compensation for land purchased by him from the Native owners, and since sold by Government	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
570. Cairns, Alexander	Aug. 19 ..	For a reward for unremunerated services	1	Mr. W. Hutchison	Public Petitions ..	September 15.
595. Callcott, Christiana	Aug. 25 ..	That she be granted such compensation as may seem fit in consequence of the death of her son, Walter C. Callcott, an officer of the Public Works Department	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
116. Cameron, Charles McLean ..	June 26 ..	For relief in regard to certain lands and brewery at Kaimana taken by Government under the Public Works Act	1	Mr. Rees ..	Waste Lands ..	September 1.
20. Campbell, John and Alexander..	June 12 ..	For compensation for being deprived from purchasing a lease ..	2	Mr. W. Hutchison	Waste Lands ..	July 7.
562. Campbell, Rev. W., and others..	Aug. 18 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	45	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
695. Cannon, Mary Ann	Sept. 10 ..	For a title to certain lands	1	Mr. Rhodes ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
363. Carkeek, A. W.	July 23 ..	For redress	1	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	August 26.
134. Carle, Annie de	June 30 ..	For compensation on account of land taken for defence purposes ..	1	Mr. Earnshaw ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
443. Carnachan, David	Aug. 4 ..	For compensation for loss caused by negligence of police	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	August 19.
593. Carroll, Eliza..	Aug. 25 ..	For a grant of land for military services rendered by her sons ..	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.

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500.	Carroll, John (Mayor of Dunedin), and others	Aug. 12 ..	For aid to Mrs. J. C. Brown, widow of the late member for Tuapeka	29	Mr. W. Hutchison	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
161.	Carroll, John, and others ..	July 2 ..	In favour of the Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill	3,680	Mr. Fish ..	Public Petitions ..	July 9.
660.	Carter, Thomas	Sept. 1 ..	For payment of moneys due to him as a member of the Torpedo Corps	1	Mr. Duthie ..	Public Petitions ..	September 15.
50.	Carterton, Borough of	June 16 ..	Relative to charitable aid	2	Mr. Buchanan ..	Public Petitions ..	July 1.
219.	Casey, Patrick	July 14 ..	Complaining of wrongful dismissal from the Police Force, and asking for inquiry	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 24.
674.	Chambers, Joseph	Sept. 3 ..	For a grant of land as a military settler	1	Hon. Mr. Rolleston	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
169.	Chemis, Mrs. Annie	July 7 ..	For inquiry into the circumstances under which her husband, Louis Chemis, was tried and convicted of murder	1	Mr. Guinness ..	Public Petitions ..	No Report.
61.	Chesterman, William	June 17 ..	For redress, through inability to obtain a lease of University Reserve, Greymouth	1	Mr. Guinness ..	Waste Lands	July 24.
375.	Clapham, Robert, and others ..	July 24 ..	That the Licensing Bill now before Parliament may become law ..	913	Mr. Tanner ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
685.	Clark, Edward Latimer ..	Sept. 8 ..	That an inquiry may be held in connection with a case heard in the Supreme Court, Auckland	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
464.	Clark, William Henry	Aug. 7 ..	That his scheme for the relief of poverty, and for settling people on the land, may be published in pamphlet form at the expense of the Government	1	Mr. Lawry ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
488.	Clarke, Charles	Aug. 12 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
320.	Clarke, E., and others	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	30	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
33.	Clarke, William, and others ..	June 16 ..	That their claims as military settlers be recognised	3	Mr. Lawry ..	Waste Lands	June 23.
18.	Clarkson, Mary	June 12 ..	For a grant of land for military services rendered by her late husband	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Waste Lands	June 23.
150.	Climo, James	July 1 ..	Claiming a section of land for military services	1	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
535.	Coad, E. M., and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be conferred upon women ..	169	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
316.	Cockrell, F. H., and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	10	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
433.	Collins, A. S.	Aug. 4 ..	That the main road between Blenheim and Christchurch may be completed as soon as possible	1	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
103.	Connell, William	June 23 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
523.	Conway, Patrick	Aug. 13 ..	That he be granted his war-medal and land for military services ..	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
390.	Cooke, Edward, and others ..	July 29 ..	To merge the Kirikiri District in the Hastings Licensing District ..	64	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
301.	Coones, A. R., and Thomas Millett	July 21 ..	That their petition for land may receive favourable consideration ..	2	Sir G. Grey ..	Waste Lands	September 1.
524.	Cooper, W. H., and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That the Slaughterhouses Act Amendment Bill may not pass ..	81	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	No Report.
367.	Corbett, Henry, and others ..	July 23 ..	For relief as tenants under the West Coast Settlement Reserves Act	14	Mr. McGuire ..	West Coast Settlement	No Report.
713.	Coughlin, Daniel	Sept. 16 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Wilson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
317.	Cox, Alfred, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	16	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
471.	Cox, Richard	Aug. 11 ..	For relief on account of military services during Waikato War ..	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
642.	Crawford, A., and others ..	Aug. 31 ..	Asking the House not to pass the Payment of Members Bill ..	16	Hon. Mr. Rolleston	Public Petitions ..	September 16.
360.	Crawford, John, and others ..	July 23 ..	That provision should be made giving the people power to deal with the liquor traffic	101	Mr. J. Mills ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
133.	Crowley, H., and another ..	June 30 ..	For an inquiry into his case	1	Mr. Taylor ..	Public Petitions ..	July 23.
450.	Cruickshank, George A., and others	Aug. 5 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	13	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.

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319.	Curran, Henry, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	45	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
572.	Curtis, William	Aug. 19 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. Houston ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
704.	Darrock, Robert	Sept. 15 ..	For the remission of a fine in connection with a certain railway contract	1	Mr. Meredith ..	Public Petitions ..	September 21.
590.	Davidson, Robert	Aug. 21 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Captain Russell ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
347.	Davis, Carrie, and others ..	July 23 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	382	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
716.	Davis, William, and others ..	Sept. 16 ..	That the Courthouse at Waimate North may be reopened ..	39	Mr. Houston ..	Public Petitions ..	September 21.
646.	Davy, Henry	Sept. 1 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. Meredith ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
324.	Dawson, George, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	42	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
130.	De Thierry, Inuwaitai.. ..	June 30 ..	That her lands may be removed from the control of the Public Trustee	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	August 21.
125.	Delahey, James	June 30 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. Fisher ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
382.	Dellow, James, and others ..	July 24 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	143	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
295.	Dent, Thomas, and others ..	July 21 ..	That the Government supply wire-netting to farmers on easy terms, and make wire-netting a legal fence	18	Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie	Live-stock	No Report.
636.	Dilly, Charles	Aug. 28 ..	An old soldier's claim	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
111.	Dingeldey, Henry John ..	June 25 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. Wilson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
268.	Dixon, Charles, and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	35	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
361.	Dobson, John, and others ..	July 23 ..	That blocks of land may be acquired by the Government in Canterbury for settlement	107	Mr. Meredith ..	Waste Lands	September 1.
388.	Donnelly, E. P.	July 29 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Buckland ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
336.	Douglas, J. R., and others ..	July 22 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	68	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
270.	Doull, James, and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	39	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
221.	Doull, Peter	July 14 ..	Relative to non-appointment to position in Civil Service	1	Mr. J. W. Thomson	Public Petitions ..	August 11.
110.	Doyle, Denis	June 25 ..	For compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	July 17.
309.	Drakeley, Arthur, and others ..	July 22 ..	For amendment of the licensing laws	37	Mr. Carncross ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
25.	Drinnan, James, and others ..	June 12* ..	Relative to the appointment of Stationmaster, &c., at Kaukapakapa	59	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	July 9.
76.	Dubieg, Benjamin, and others ..	June 19 ..	That the provisions of the Settlers' Lands Revaluation Act may be extended to them	9	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Goldfields	July 16.
359.	Dudley, B. W., and others ..	July 23 ..	That provision should be made giving the people power to deal with the liquor traffic	70	Mr. Moore ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
330.	Dukes, John, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	17	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
424.	Dundon, John Bernard, and others	Aug. 4 ..	For better control of the liquor traffic	18	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
478.	Dunn, Alice	Aug 11 ..	For relief on account of her late husband's military services ..	1	Mr. Lawry ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
232.	Dunn, John	July 15 ..	For a grant of land	1	Captain Russell ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
458.	Durie, Mrs. Penelope	Aug. 6 ..	For a grant of land in consideration of her late husband's military service	1	Hon. Mr. Ballance	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
153.	Dymock, W., and others ..	July 2 ..	Against the Dunedin Cemetery Reserve Bill	14	Mr. Pinkerton ..	Public Petitions ..	July 9.
126.	Eailly, Charles	June 30 ..	Relative to his dismissal by the Government after five years' service	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
251.	Earl, Stephen	July 21 ..	To get Crown grant issued for Lots 177 and 197, Okahu, purchased by him	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Naval and Military ..	August 12.
						Public Petitions ..	August 19.
						Waste Lands ..	September 11.

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679.	Edgecomb, William	Sept. 7 ..	That he has suffered severe personal loss, and asks that his case may be referred to arbitration	1	Mr. Hamlin ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
356.	Edwards, H., and others ..	July 23 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may be passed into law	82	Mr. Harkness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
455.	Edwards, T. J., and others ..	Aug. 5 ..	For the continuation of road to open up Crown lands	85	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	August 19.
670.	Edwards, W. B.	Sept. 3 ..	Stating that he relinquished a lucrative practice to take judicial office which has since been abolished, and asking for consideration of his case	1	Captain Russell ..	Public Petitions ..	September 21.
346.	Efford, Louisa, and others ..	July 23 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	1,254	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
696.	Egan, Daniel..	Sept. 10 ..	Relative to injury received in the public service, and asking for assistance	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	September 15.
13.	Eichbaum, E. W., and others ..	June 12 ..	For land for village settlement	61	Mr. Rhodes ..	Waste Lands	July 7.
314.	Ellesmere residents	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	64	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
394.	Ellis, Thomas	July 29 ..	Claiming scrip for land for military services	1	Mr. Rhodes ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
480.	Emerson, John	Aug. 11 ..	For a grant of land under the Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
376.	Ensom, P., and others ..	July 24 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	132	Mr. Tanner ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
719.	Erihana, Raniera	Sept. 18 ..	That his claim to a portion of the Ngarara Block may be inquired into	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 22.
329.	Everiss, George, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	23	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
380.	Fair, Patrick Thomas	July 24 ..	Relative to his dismissal from Police Force	1	Mr. O'Conor ..	Public Petitions ..	August 4.
371.	Fallon, Daniel	July 24 ..	For payment of money due him on Kaihu Valley Railway contract	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	August 5.
659.	Falloon, Samuel	Sept. 1 ..	An old soldier's claim	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
326.	Fantham, A. A.	July 29 ..	For consideration and relief on account of scrip held by him ..	1	Mr. McGuire ..	Public Petitions ..	August 26.
554.	Farnall, Isabel Mary	Aug. 18 ..	For compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's long and unremunerated services on behalf of the Government	1	Mr. Rees ..	Public Petitions ..	September 21.
373.	Findlay, Rev. J. B., and others	July 24 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	123	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
370.	Fitzgerald, Edward, and others	July 24 ..	That the Otago School Commissioners may be abolished	43	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Waste Lands	September 1.
398.	Fitzgerald, John F.	July 29 ..	For a grant of land for services rendered	1	Mr. Shera ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
551.	Fitzmaurice, Gerald	Aug. 18 ..	For a grant of land in consideration of military services	1	Dr. Newman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
485.	Fitzpatrick, James	Aug. 12 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. Buckland ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
545.	Fitzroy, Cecil Augustus ..	Aug. 14 ..	For payment of compensation for loss of office	1	Captain Russell ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
522.	Fitzsimmons, Luke	Aug. 13 ..	Claiming land for military services	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
623.	Fell, A. G., and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	Relative to balance of reward due to prospectors of Mahakipawa Goldfield	245	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Goldfields	September 8.
576.	Feltus, Richard James ..	Aug. 19 ..	Alleging public services, and asking for relief	1	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
277.	Feltus, Richard James ..	July 21 ..	Setting out long public service, and asking for relief	1	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	August 6.
528.	Firman, Thomas	Aug. 14 ..	Claiming land for military services	1	Mr. Tanner ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
710.	Flaherty, Monica	Sept. 16 ..	For a grant of land to which her late father was entitled for military services	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
567.	Flannery, Charles Joseph ..	Aug. 19 ..	That his claim for a grant of land may be considered	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
546.	Fletcher, Mrs., and others ..	Aug. 18 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be extended to women ..	377	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.

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387.	Foley, John	July 29	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Buick	Naval and Military	September 23.
302.	Fong, Wong Choi, and others	July 21	That "The Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881," may be amended	35	Mr. Wilson	Public Petitions	July 30.
461.	Ford, John, and others	Aug. 6	Relative to the revaluation of Nicholas O'Toole's deferred-payment section	12	Mr. Duncan	Waste Lands	No Report.
438.	Forde, John, and others	Aug. 4	For a railway siding on the Otautau and Wairio line	61	Mr. Mackintosh	Public Petitions	September 21.
141.	Fordyce, Alexander	June 30	For relief from the consequences of an improper decision	1	Mr. Pinkerton	Public Petitions	July 17.
209.	Forgie, Thomas, and others	July 10	That the Otago Central Railway may be extended	361	Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie	Public Petitions	August 19.
124.	Forrester, John	June 30	For an inquiry into his case	1	Mr. Taylor	Public Petitions	July 15.
184.	Forsyth, John	July 8	For compensation in connection with outlay for passage-money, educating his family, and undergoing the hardships of pioneering	1	Mr. T. Mackenzie	Waste Lands	August 14
435.	Fosbroke, William Ryall	Aug. 4	An old soldier's claim	1	Mr. Palmer	Naval and Military	September 23.
305.	Foster, Thomas W., and others	July 22	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	22	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.
31.	Fowler, William	June 16	For pecuniary consideration for assisting to save railway property at Kawakawa	1	Mr. Houston	Public Petitions	August 19.
410.	Fox, Francis G., and others	July 29	For the better control of the liquor traffic	33	Mr. Buick	Public Petitions	August 28.
9.	Fox, James G.	June 11	That he may be allowed to complete his thirty years' service, and obtain his pension	1	Mr. Macdonald	Public Petitions	July 22.
262.	Fraser, J. G., and others	July 21	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	33	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.
5.	Fraser, Simon	June 11	For reward for discovering West Taieri Goldfield	1	Mr. R. Thompson	Goldfields	August 21.
142.	Fraser, William, and others	July 1	That steps be taken to remove the electoral disqualification from William Shepherd Allen	242	Hon. Mr. Bryce	Public Petitions	July 10.
419.	Freeman, James, and others	July 31	That fruiterers and confectioners may be exempted from the operation of the Shop-hours Bill	47	Mr. Perceval	Public Petitions	August 19.
611.	Fulloon, E. M.	Aug. 25	Stating that petitioner's father was murdered by the Natives whilst on public service, and asking for compensation and return of lands unjustly confiscated	1	Sir G. Grey	Native Affairs	September 15.
274.	Garlick, J. Tonson, and others	July 21	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	1,200	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.
400.	Garlick, Rev. S. J., and others	July 29	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	376	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.
549.	Gallagher, James	Aug. 18	For a grant of land in consideration of military services	1	Mr. Macdonald	Naval and Military	September 23.
115.	Garrard, W. G.	June 26	For a grant of land for naval service	1	Mr. Rees	Naval and Military	September 23.
609.	Garrard, W. G.	Aug. 25	For a grant of land for military services	1	Sir G. Grey	Naval and Military	September 23.
655.	Garrard, W. G.	Sept. 1	For a grant of land for naval services	1	Mr. Shera	Waste Lands Naval and Military	September 23.
175.	Gascoigne, Major	July 7	For relief on account of past services	1	Mr. Buckland	Public Petitions	July 24.
136.	Gell, Henry	June 30	That his claim as an old soldier may be favourably considered	1	Mr. R. Thompson	Public Petitions	July 17.
643.	Gibbs, Sidney A., and others	Aug. 31	That the Trafalgar Park Bill now before Parliament may be passed into law	780	Mr. Harkness	Public Petitions	September 11.
518.	Gibson, Charles R. G.	Aug. 13	Complaining of ill-treatment by his commanding officer, Captain John Falconer	1	Mr. W. Hutchison	Public Petitions	September 1.

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267. Gibson, James, and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	6	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
613. Gidall, Jacob	Aug. 25 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Hamlin ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
640. Gilbert, Thomas, and others ..	Aug. 28 ..	Asking the House not to pass the Taranaki Aid Fund Bill ..	306	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Public Petitions ..	September 11.
571. Gillespie, Mary	Aug. 19 ..	For consideration on account of her husband's nineteen years' service	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
631. Gleeson, John	Aug. 28 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
16. Goldie, George	June 12 ..	Relative to loss sustained through an error on the part of the Crown Lands Department	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Waste Lands	July 24.
120. Goodall, Samuel	June 26 ..	Relative to his dismissal as Inspector of Police	1	Mr. Guinness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
607. Goodlet, William	Aug. 25 ..	For compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. Fish	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
547. Goodwin, W. H.	Aug. 18 ..	Claiming a grant of land for military services	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
118. Gough, James, and others ..	June 26 ..	For a grant of £700 to form a road	24	Mr. McGuire ..	Public Petitions ..	July 23.
326. Gow, Rev. John, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	47	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
401. Graham, Frank, and others ..	July 29 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	367	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
638. Graham, Mrs.	Aug. 28 ..	That her case may be favourably considered	1	Hon. Mr. Mitchelson	Native Affairs ..	September 11.
596. Grant, Alexander	Aug. 25 ..	That his deposit of £10 forfeited by the result of the late Manukau election be recouped to him	1	Mr. Lawry ..	Public Petitions ..	September 3.
239. Gray, James	July 16 ..	That he may obtain a title to the Fernhill Branch Railway ..	1	Mr. Carncross ..	Public Petitions .. .. Waste Lands ..	.. August 14.
63. Green, Henry, and another ..	June 18 ..	Relative to the New Zealand Native-land Settlement Company and the Native-land laws	2	Mr. Rees	Native Affairs	September 18.
348. Green, M. M., and others ..	July 23 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	116	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
203. Greensmith, Joseph	July 9 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Dr. Newman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
711. Gregory, Annie	Sept. 16 ..	For a grant of land to which her late father was entitled for military services	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
353. Gunnell, T. W., and others ..	July 23 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	28	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
178. Guy, Mary	July 8 ..	For restoration of right of closed roads to her sections	1	Mr. W. C. Smith ..	Waste Lands	August 25.
30. Haggen, E. A., and others, Woodville and Pahiatua settlers	June 16 ..	Complaining of the destruction of the terminal station at Woodville	760	Mr. Hogg ..	Public Petitions ..	July 9.
452. Hakeke, Warena te	Aug. 5 ..	That a proposed Bill may not be brought in	1	Mr. Wilson ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
334. Hall, D., and others	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	57	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
176. Hall, Thomas	July 7 ..	For reward for discovery of goldfields	1	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Goldfields	No Report.
614. Halpin, Andrew	Aug. 25 ..	For a grant of land as a discharged soldier	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
167. Hamblyn, James	July 7 ..	For redress for loss sustained through diversion of trust funds of Taranaki Volunteers	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Public Petitions ..	July 23.
220. Hammond, Edward	July 14 ..	Claiming a pension under "The Civil Service Act, 1866"	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
23. Hamilton, A., and others ..	June 12 ..	Relative to rabbit-poisoning	80	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	Live-stock and Rabbits	No Report.
59. Hamlin, Isabella D.	June 17 ..	For compensation on account of the death of her husband ..	1	Mr. Buckland ..	Public Petitions ..	July 1.
19. Hanlon, William	June 12 ..	For compensation as a retired sergeant of police	1	Mr. W. Hutchison	Public Petitions ..	June 24.
393. Harding, Elias	July 29 ..	Claiming scrip for land for military services	1	Mr. Duncan ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
694. Hare, Nui, and others ..	Sept. 9 ..	That half of the Motukaraka Block may be returned to them ..	49	Mr. Kapa ..	Native Affairs ..	September 21.
234. Harrison, James, and others ..	July 15 ..	That the main trunk road north of Auckland be constructed ..	19	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	August 6.

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145. Harris, George Frederick ..	July 1 ..	For compensation for military services	1	Mr. Fisher ..	Public Petitions ..	July 16.
201. Harris, William	July 9 ..	For relief in consequence of injury sustained while engaged in the public service	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
147. Harrow, Edwin	July 1 ..	For amendment of the Education Act and of the Sale of Poisons Act	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	July 8.
532. Hart, John S.	Aug. 14 ..	Claiming land as an old soldier..	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
285. Hatch, Joseph	July 21 ..	For compensation for loss through the Government sending the "Kakanui" to Macquarie Islands	1	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
705. Haunga, Nikorima te	Sept. 15 ..	That a rehearing may be granted for Maukuku, Sections Nos. 2 and 3, and Takapau No. 1	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 22.
415. Havelock Town Board.. ..	July 30 ..	To withdraw Crown land now under the Forest Conservation Act, and open it for sale under deferred-payment and perpetual-lease only, and on no account for cash	2	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Waste Lands	September 3.
516. Hawera County Council ..	Aug. 13 ..	For relief from the New Plymouth Harbour rate	7	Mr. McGuire ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
618. Hawes, Robert G.	Aug. 25 ..	Relative to wrong valuation of property, and for relief	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	September 3.
650. Hawkins, Henry James ..	Sept. 1 ..	For an alteration in the law relating to the committal of alleged lunatics	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	September 15.
38. Hawson, G. C.	June 16 ..	Complaining of having suffered loss through the repeal of the Forest-trees Planting Act	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Waste Lands	August 12.
427. Haycock, Thomas	Aug. 4 ..	For a bonus on account of discovery of improved method of utilising tow and refuse of dressed flax	1	Mr. Harkness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 26.
211. Hayes, Alpheus	July 10 ..	For amendment of the law referring to the immunity of holders of deferred-payment land	1	Mr. Duncan ..	Public Petitions ..	August 6.
78. Hayward Brothers	June 19 ..	For relief under the Customs tariff	2	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	July 7.
45. Haslett and Glendining ..	June 16 ..	For relief in connection with the Shag Point Branch Railway ..	2	Mr. Fish ..	Waste Lands	July 7.
379. Heale, Charles Robert ..	July 24 ..	Relative to deprivation of license by Sydenham Licensing Committee	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
556. Healy, Thomas	Aug. 18 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Shera ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
96. Hearfield, John	June 23 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Fisher ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
71. Hehewa, Huhana Takapuna te	June 18 ..	For inquiry into his claim to certain land called Takapuna ..	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	July 1.
368. Hendy, R. O., and others ..	July 23 ..	For relief as tenants under the West Coast Settlement Reserves Act	59	Mr. McGuire ..	West Coast Settlement	No Report.
177. Hennessey, Michael, and others	July 7 ..	Against a decision of Warden Rawson	49	Mr. Mackintosh ..	Public Petitions .. Goldfields	July 17. September 18.
502. Herehere, Hori, and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	29	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs .. Native Land Bill ..	No Report. September 9.
491. Herekiekie, Kingi, and others (No. 1)	Aug. 12 ..	Complaining of the survey of the Tauponuiatia Block	26	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs ..	September 15.
544. Herekiekie, Kingi, and others (No. 2)	Aug. 14 ..	Complaining of the terms of settlement of a piece of land called Pukawa	14	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 21.
601. Hesketh, Edwin, and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill now before Parliament may become law	23	Mr. Shera ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
702. Hetherington, Robert, and others	Sept. 14 ..	That the Payment of Members Bill may not pass into law ..	91	Mr. Buckland ..	Public Petitions ..	September 21.
592. Highton, Eliza	Aug. 25 ..	Relative to the death of her husband by accident, and claiming compensation	1	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	September 3.
492. Hikungarara and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	Complaining of the survey of the Tauponuiatia Block	30	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs ..	September 15.
377. Hill, C. H., and others ..	July 24 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	16	Mr. Rhodes ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.

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684. Hill, John	Sept. 8	For a grant of land for Volunteer services	1	Mr. T. Thompson	Public Petitions	September 14.
163. Hinds, Frederick	July 2	For compensation	1	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	July 16.
229. Hobson County Council	July 15	For payment of rates on the Kaihu Valley Railway	4	Mr. Houston	Public Petitions	July 29; second Report, Aug. 12.
90. Hobson County Council	June 23	For reimbursement of the sum of £340, lost to the Council through errors made by a Government servant	1	Mr. Houston	Public Petitions	July 8.
173. Hodge, Robert Paul	July 7	That his claim as an old soldier may be favourably considered	1	Mr. R. Thompson	Naval and Military Public Petitions	July 16. July 29.
351. Holland, G. W., and others	July 23	That the Licensing Bill may become law	23	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.
6. Holliday, William, and others	June 11	That "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889," be amended so as to admit the claims of petitioners	11	Mr. T. Thompson	Waste Lands	June 23.
328. Honore, Abraham, and others	July 22	That the Licensing Bill may become law	36	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.
563. Hornblow, A. R., and others	Aug. 18	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	47	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.
68. Horowhenua County Council	June 18	That the Horowhenua County be made a separate district for charitable-aid purposes	1	Mr. Wilson	Public Petitions	July 1.
602. Hotchkiss, W., and others	Aug. 25	That the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill now before Parliament may become law	27	Mr. Shera	Public Petitions	September 1.
121. Huddleston, Henry B. (No. 1)	June 26	That a Judge's opinion may be given upon his case	1	Mr. Buick	Public Petitions	July 17.
432. Huddleston, Henry B. (No. 2)	Aug. 4	That his case may be reconsidered	1	Mr. Buick	Public Petitions	August 19.
624. Huddleston, Henry B. (No. 3)	Aug. 25	That his case may be reconsidered	1	Mr. Buick	Public Petitions	September 21.
300. Hughes, Mere N., and Tane Clements	July 9	For relief in connection with their claim to the Ngarara Block	2	Mr. Macdonald	Native Affairs	August 13.
75. Hughes, Thomas, and others	June 19	For a reduction in the price charged for water supplied from Kumara Water-race	370	Mr. Guinness	Goldfields	Sept. 9; second Report, Sept. 16.
183. Humfrey, Charles Alexander	July 8	Complaining of wrongful dismissal from the position of Under-Secretary for Defence	1	Captain Russell	Naval and Military Public Petitions	July 16. August 20.
218. Humphreys, T. M.	July 14	For an inquiry into the administration of the law in the Coromandel and Mercury Bay districts	1	Mr. Buckland	Public Petitions	July 30.
686. Hunga, Hamiora Wi te, and another	Sept. 8	That the subdivision of the Ruatupata Block may be reheard	2	Mr. Carroll	Native Affairs	September 22.
426. Hunter, James, and others	Aug. 4	For the better control of the liquor traffic	27	Mr. Buick	Public Petitions	August 28.
519. Hunter, John C.	Aug. 13	For compensation for loss of office	1	Hon. Mr. Ward	Public Petitions	September 4.
490. Huri, Hue te, and others	Aug. 12	Complaining of the survey of the Tauponuiatia Block	15	Mr. Speaker	Native Affairs	September 15.
417. Hurst, Alfred William (No. 1)	July 31	For consideration on account of military services	1	Mr. Hogg	Naval and Military	September 23.
682. Hurst, Alfred William (No. 2)	Sept. 7	For a grant of land for his father's military services	1	Mr. W. C. Smith	Naval and Military	September 23.
252. Hutchins, F., and others	July 21	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	34	Mr. Saunders	Public Petitions	August 28.
217. Ihoka, Wi Naihira te	July 10	That a Court may be held to inquire into succession and other claims	1	Mr. Parata	Native Affairs	July 29.
188. Inger, Thomas	July 8	For compensation for loss of employment	1	Mr. R. Thompson	Public Petitions	July 31.
530. Inglis, James	Aug. 14	Claiming land as an old soldier	1	Colonel Fraser	Naval and Military	September 23.
264. Inkster, S., and others	July 21	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	336	Mr. Joyce	Public Petitions	August 28.

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144. Innes, F.	July 1 ..	For an inquiry into his case	1	Mr. Taylor ..	Public Petitions ..	July 16.
331. Irving, Edward W., and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	24	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
699. Irwin, Daniel	Sept. 11 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
235. Isbister, James, and others ..	July 15 ..	That the main trunk road north of Auckland be constructed ..	22	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	August 6.
154. Isherwood, J. C. R.	July 2 ..	For relief as a retired officer	1	Captain Russell ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
644. Jackson, John	Sept. 1 ..	For relief, owing to his land having been wrongfully sold	1	Hon. Mr. Ballance	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
459. Jackson, Lindsay	Aug. 6 ..	That he may be refunded the sum of £100, bail estreated to the Crown	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Public Petitions ..	August 26.
282. James, William	July 21 ..	Relative to refusal of license by the Sydenham Licensing Committee	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
272. Jamieson, Mary, and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	51	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
531. Jenkinson, Henry	Aug. 14 ..	Claiming land as an old soldier	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
327. Jennings, Rev. C. W., and others	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	17	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
648. Jervis, John	Sept. 1 ..	Relative to loss in not being able to use property that he has paid for	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	September 15.
225. Jessop, Joseph	July 14 ..	Complaining of the circumstances under which his brewing plant was seized and sold	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
583. Johnstone, Emilia	Aug. 19 ..	For payment of a compensation award	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
53. Johnstone, H. E., and others (No. 1)	June 16 ..	Relative to the New Zealand Native-land Settlement Company and the Native-land laws	23	Mr. Rees	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 11; second Report, Sept. 18.
604. Johnstone, H. E., and others (No. 2)	Aug. 25 ..	That a competent tribunal may be appointed to settle the difficulties regarding Native titles on the East Coast	294	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs	September 18.
280. Johnston, John	July 21 ..	Relative to refusal of license by the Sydenham Licensing Committee	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
352. Johnston, John, and others ..	July 23 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	41	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
206. Jones, Hugh	July 9 ..	For redress for loss sustained through the maladministration of his brother's estate by the Public Trustee	1	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
689. Jones, H. S., and others ..	Sept. 9 ..	That a duty may be placed on imported bar-iron and black sheet-iron	86	Mr. Buckland ..	Public Petitions ..	September 15.
497. Jones, Matthew Jenkins ..	Aug. 12 ..	For compensation for land taken for railway purposes	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
278. Kane, Michael	July 21 ..	Setting out military service, and asking for relief	1	Mr. Rees	Naval and Military ..	August 12.
40. Kaiwaka, Rewiri	June 16 ..	Complaining of the disposal of a block of land	1	Mr. Te Kapa ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
392. Karetai, Timoti, and others (No. 1)	July 29 ..	That interest on certain properties may be paid to them	7	Mr. Parata ..	Native Affairs ..	September 1.
391. Karetai, Timoti, and others (No. 2)	July 29 ..	That roads may be laid off on their lands	9	Mr. Parata ..	Native Affairs ..	August 21.
515. Karetai, Timoti, and others (No. 3)	Aug. 13 ..	That a road may be laid off across their lands	9	Mr. Parata ..	Native Affairs ..	September 11.
243. Karu, Tamihana te, and others (No. 1)	July 16 ..	For a rehearing of their land-claims	4	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Native Affairs ..	August 28.
429. Karu, Tamihana te, and others (No. 2)	Aug. 4 ..	That a further hearing of the claims to the Ngarara Block may be granted	3	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	August 28.
41. Katene, Wiremu, and others ..	June 16 ..	Complaining of the disposal of a block of land	23	Mr. Te Kapa ..	Native Affairs ..	September 16.
214. Kawakura, Hoani Kerei ..	July 10 ..	Complaining of the loss of land	1	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	July 29.
123. Keepa, Meiha, and others ..	June 26 ..	For an inquiry in the matter of the Horowhenua Block	17	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
676. Kemp, Major	Sept. 4 ..	For legislation declaring the Horowhenua Block No. 11 to be held in trust	1	Mr. Rees ..	Native Land Bill ..	September 9.
114. Kelly, Jessie	June 25 ..	For compensation or other relief	1	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 7.

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149. Kew, Ah, and others	July 1 ..	For amendment of "The Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881" ..	90	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	July 10.
117. Keys, W. J., and Harvey, W. C.	June 26 ..	For compensation for loss occasioned through fire on Crown lands ..	2	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	Public Petitions ..	July 23.
197. King, Henry, and others ..	July 8 ..	Relative to the disadvantageous management of the railways, and asking that the system known as "Vaile's system" should be tried in Auckland	33	Mr. Rees ..	Public Petitions ..	July 17.
199. Kingi, Rako Eruera Wiremu ..	July 9 ..	For relief in connection with the claim of himself and others to the Ngarara Block	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Native Affairs ..	August 21; second Report, Sept. 21.
257. Kirk, John, and another ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	2	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
338. Kirk, T., and others	July 22 ..	Relative to the Licensing Prohibition Bill	478	Mr. Duthie ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
4. Knight, R. G.	June 11 ..	For rehearing of Rangitikei Fibre Company's case in Supreme Court	1	Hon. J. Ballance ..	Public Petitions ..	July 1.
508. Kopako, Heta, and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	101	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	No Report.
447. Koruarua, Rewi, and others ..	Aug. 5 ..	Complaining of the provisions of the Fisheries Conservation Act 1884 Amendment Act	7	Mr. Parata ..	Native Land Bill .. Native Affairs ..	September 9. August 21.
241. Kowhai, Himiona, and others ..	July 16 ..	That the original judgment in the Horowhenua Block may be upheld, and the offer made by Major Kemp and Wareua Hunia to the tribe carried out	18	Mr. Wilson ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
617. Krippner, Martin (Captain) ..	Aug. 25 ..	For consideration in establishing German settlements	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
181. Laney, James	July 8 ..	Relative to injuries inflicted by a Maori	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Public Petitions ..	July 17.
482. Lander, John Christopher ..	Aug. 11 ..	An old soldier's claim	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
594. Laishley, Richard	Aug. 25 ..	That an investigation be made as to what compensation he is entitled to with regard to certain Native lands	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
645. Laird, Charles R.	Sept. 1 ..	For a grant of land to which petitioner's father was entitled ..	1	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
306. Lambert, William	July 22 ..	That his claim to land as a military settler be recognised	1	Mr. Lawry ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
403. Lambert, Rev. W., and others ..	July 29 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	32	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
246. Laurence, W., and others (ratepayers of Taranaki Harbour Rating District)	July 16 ..	For relief	529	Mr. McGuire ..	New Plymouth Harbour	No Report.
440. Lawton, James	Aug. 4 ..	For a grant of land for military service	1	Mr. McGuire ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
104. Leary, R. H., and others ..	June 23 ..	For relief in respect to the rents at present charged for licensed holdings for mining	9	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Goldfields	No Report.
128. Leonard, John	June 30 ..	For compensation for an accident whilst in the employ of the Railway Department	1	Mr. Fish	Public Petitions ..	July 22.
48. Lewis, Rev. J. J., and others ..	June 16 ..	Relative to injurious and oppressive conduct alleged to have been practised by officers of the Government against one George Waldock Ell	516	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	August 19.
535. Lipsey, George, and others ..	Aug. 18 ..	Claiming their just proportion of revenue as proprietors of Te Aroha Goldfields	7	Colonel Fraser ..	Goldfields	No Report.
284. Lockwood, Sarah	July 21 ..	Relative to refusal of license by the Sydenham Licensing Committee	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
454. Lomax, J. P., and others ..	Aug. 5 ..	For relief	36	Mr. McGuire ..	New Plymouth Harbour	No Report.
102. Loader, James	June 23 ..	For a compassionate allowance for injuries received on the Government railways	1	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	July 10.

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202.	London, H. W.	July 9	For a grant of land for military services	1	Dr. Newman	Naval and Military	September 23.
303.	Long, John	July 22	For a grant of land as an old soldier	1	Colonel Fraser	Naval and Military	September 23.
574.	Lundon, John (No. 1)	Aug. 19	For remuneration for services rendered in the inauguration of village-settlement scheme north of Auckland	1	Mr. Lawry	Public Petitions	September 15.
585.	Lundon, John (No. 2)	Aug. 20	For compensation for loss sustained by him whilst carrying out the village-settlement scheme	1	Mr. Buckland	Public Petitions	September 15.
591.	Lundon, John (No. 3)	Aug. 21	Detailing services rendered in Samoa to the Government of New Zealand, and asking that the terms of arrangement with the Government may be fulfilled	1	Sir G. Grey	Public Petitions	September 9.
639.	Lundon, David, and others	Aug. 28	Against the increase of the honorariums	119	Mr. W. Kelly	Public Petitions	September 14.
74.	Loughnan, Edward	June 19	Relative to a claim for compensation for damage to petitioner's land at Teremakau	1	Mr. Guinness	Public Petitions	July 17.
						Goldfields	September 18.
499.	Lyon, Alexander	Aug. 12	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Houston	Naval and Military	September 23.
195.	Lysaght, James R., and others	July 8	Relative to the "confirmed leases" of the West Coast (North Island)	5	Mr. G. Hutchison	Confirmed Leases	No Report.
73.	Lyttelton Harbour Board	June 18	For redress against the action of the Railway Commissioners	1	Mr. Wright	Public Accounts	July 17.
658.	Mackay, S. H., and others	Sept. 1	That the House do pass an Electric Lighting Bill for Auckland	716	Mr. Shera	Public Petitions	September 14.
189.	Mackay, Robert (Waitemata County Council)	July 8	That the North Auckland Main Trunk Road be graded and metalled	9	Mr. Palmer	Public Petitions	July 29.
568.	Mackechnie, Edmund Augustus	Aug. 19	For consideration for services rendered in connection with the Kaihu Valley Railway	1	Mr. T. Thompson	Public Petitions	September 10.
228.	Mackenzie, Francis, and others	July 15	That the Kawakawa-Opua and Whangarei-Kamo Railways be connected	202	Mr. Houston	Public Petitions	August 19.
399.	Mackenzie, Captain F. W.	July 29	For a grant of land	1	Mr. T. Mackenzie	Naval and Military	September 23.
163.	Mackie, W.	July 7	For compensation on account of being wrongfully deprived of land	1	Mr. J. Kelly	Public Petitions	September 1.
483.	Macky, J. C., and others	Aug. 12	Against the Payment of Members Bill	67	Hon. Mr. Bryce	Public Petitions	August 28.
558.	Maher, Jane Victoria	Aug. 18	For compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's long service in Railway Department	1	Mr. Hall-Jones	Public Petitions	September 14.
560.	Maher, Daniel	Aug. 18	That gold and silver watches were stolen from him, and asking for redress	1	Mr. Hamlin	Public Petitions	September 14.
529.	Mahoney, Daniel	Aug. 14	That petitioner has performed work for the Government and has not received adequate remuneration	1	Mr. Macdonald	Public Petitions	September 16.
215.	Mair, William Gilbert	July 10	For relief on account of past services	1	Mr. W. Kelly	Public Petitions	Aug. 7; second Report, Aug. 18.
681.	Mamaku, Ngatai te, and others	Sept. 7	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	122	Mr. Taipua	Native Affairs	September 21.
513.	Manawatu Road Board	Aug. 13	That a Commission be appointed to inquire into the misappropriation of funds	7	Mr. Wilson	Public Petitions	September 10.
70.	Maniapoto, Rewi	June 18	For alteration in the grant of a house built for him by the Government	1	Sir G. Grey	Native Affairs	July 9.
697.	Marie, Collins, and others	Sept. 10	Asking for compensation for loss and injury sustained by construction of a public road	126	Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie	Public Petitions	September 21.
657.	Marshall, James, and others	Sept. 1	That Government make provision for the purchase of the Mokihinui Railway	150	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions	September 23.

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475.	Martin, W. B., and others ..	Aug. 11 ..	That the compulsory clauses of the Vaccination Act be repealed ..	145	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
407.	Massey, Peter, and others ..	July 29 ..	That the licensing laws be amended	120	Mr. Guinness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
628.	Matakatea, Wiremu Kingi, and others	Aug. 28 ..	For the return to them of a certain burial-ground near Umuroa Pa	3	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs ..	September 21.
627.	Matakatea, Wiremu Kingi, and another	Aug. 28 ..	Relative to certain land at Opunake	2	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
691.	Mataitana, Wi Makuri te, and others	Sept. 9 ..	For a rehearing of Aorangi No. 3 Block	20	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
227.	Materoa, H., and others ..	July 14 ..	That a Government road running through their lands may be closed	47	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs ..	August 18.
67.	Matthews, John W.	June 18 ..	Relative to loss sustained through technicalities in Native-land laws	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Waste Lands	June 30.
						Native Affairs ..	July 29.
448.	Matthews, E. W. D., and others	Aug. 5 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	15	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
310.	Maude, A. H., and others ..	July 22 ..	Relative to the Licensing Bill	2,300	Mr. Duncan ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
308.	Mayor and Councillors of Picton	July 22 ..	For relief of import dues	8	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Public Petitions ..	August 11.
548.	Mayor and Councillors of Onslow	Aug. 18 ..	That the road severed and taken from them by the Government be restored to them	5	Mr. Macdonald ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
404.	McArd, Rev. W. W., and others	July 29 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	44	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
647.	McCabe, Sarah Anne	Sept. 1 ..	For a grant of land on account of her late husband's military services	1	Mr. Buckland ..	Naval and Military ..	September 22.
445.	McCaskill, John Malcolm ..	Aug. 4 ..	For compensation for losses sustained during the Maori war ..	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	August 19.
304.	McCormick, James	July 22 ..	To leave him in possession of land leased by him	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Waste Lands	September 3.
577.	McClusky, John	Aug. 19 ..	Alleging long service in the Police Force, and for relief	1	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
26.	McDonald, Mrs. Elizabeth ..	June 16 ..	For the refund of £300 on Section No. 101, Ellenheim	1	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	July 14.
129.	McDonald, Janet, and Charles Patterson	June 30 ..	For compensation for wrongful seizure and sale of property by Registrar, Supreme Court, Otago	2	Mr. Fish	Public Petitions ..	August 25.
635.	McDonnell, Archibald M. ..	Aug. 28 ..	For compensation for military services	1	Mr. Macarthur ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
8.	McDonnell, Lieut.-Colonel ..	June 11 ..	For payment of honorarium as a holder of New Zealand Cross ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ballance	Public Petitions ..	July 24.
159.	McDonnell, Thomas	July 2 ..	For an inquiry with a view to his obtaining some recognition from the colony for military services	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Naval and Military ..	July 16.
						Public Petitions ..	August 13.
707.	McGinnity, W.	Sept. 15 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Dr. Newman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
421.	McGovern, Lawrence	Aug. 4 ..	For a grant of land in consideration of military service	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
279.	McGuire, Jane	July 21 ..	That the allowance granted to her late husband may be granted to her for the rest of her life	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
344.	McGregor, Hugh, and others ..	July 23 ..	As tenants of School Commissioners, for relief	17	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	Public Petitions ..	August 18.
245.	McInnes, James	July 16 ..	Claiming grant for military services	1	Mr. Rhodes ..	Waste Lands	July 24.
416.	McKeever, W.	July 30 ..	Relative to a claim for a grant of land	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	August 18.
418.	McKenzie, Alexander, and others	July 31 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	23	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
432.	McLachlan, D. A., and others ..	Aug. 4 ..	That fees from Clinton railway refreshment-room may become local revenue	60	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	Public Petitions ..	August 18.
692.	McLachlan, J. M.	Sept. 9 ..	For an alteration of the law so that he may receive compensation for military services	1	Mr. Rees	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
444.	McLaren, James M.	Aug. 4 ..	For compensation in lieu of usual leave of absence on being retrenched	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	August 25.

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109.	McLean, George	June 24 ..	That he be allowed to complete his title to a section of land ..	1	Mr. McGuire ..	Public Petitions ..	July 8.
						Waste Lands ..	July 14.
366.	McLeod, William, and others ..	July 23 ..	As tenants under the West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, for relief	46	Mr. McGuire ..	West Coast Settlement	No Report.
423.	McLiskey, E. R., and others ..	Aug. 4 ..	For better control of the liquor traffic	50	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
98.	McMenamin, J.	June 23 ..	For relief, in consequence of injuries sustained while engaged on Government service	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Public Petitions ..	July 15.
65.	McNeill, James	June 18 ..	For redress for loss sustained on account of default of a Government contractor	1	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Public Petitions ..	July 14.
166.	McNicoll, David A., and others	July 7 ..	Against the Dunedin Northern Cemetery Extension Bill	40	Hon. Mr. Mitchelson	Public Petitions ..	July 15.
39.	McOwen, Robert	June 16 ..	For relief under the property-tax assessment	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions ..	July 7.
132.	McReynolds, Thomas	June 30 ..	That he may be allowed to exercise his land-order	1	Mr. Hamlin ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
198.	Macdonald, Kate	July 8 ..	Relative to the sickness of her husband, late Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, and asking for relief	1	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	August 5.
486.	Macdonald, John Scott ..	Aug. 12 ..	For compensation for past services, either in money or in land ..	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
224.	Madigan, Elizabeth Agnes ..	July 14 ..	For compassionate allowance, her husband having been permanently disabled while in the Government service	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Public Petitions ..	August 7.
365.	MacGoun, Duncan	July 23 ..	For compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	Public Petitions ..	August 25.
383.	Meihana, Hoani, and others ..	July 24 ..	That the purchase-money of the Pahiatua Block may be handed over to them, together with a further sum for alleged loss	3	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Native Affairs ..	August 28.
724.	Meikle, William	Sept. 22 ..	For a reward for discovery of gold at Kuaotuna	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Not dealt with.	
212.	Meke, Matiu, and others ..	July 10 ..	For further investigation into the title of the Waikopiro Block ..	16	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 8.
17.	Meredith, Richard R.	June 12 ..	For a refund of costs in the action Moore *v.* Meredith	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
193.	Miller, Richard	July 8 ..	For compensation for injuries received while in the service of the colony	1	Mr. Tanner ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
135.	Mitchell, C. F.	June 30 ..	That he may be paid for food, &c., supplied to the Ngatihako Natives in 1879	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Public Petitions ..	August 4.
597.	Moanoa, Hare, and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That relief be given them for loss of their lands through the action of the New Zealand Native-lands Settlement Company	9	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 23.
294.	Molloy, J., and others	July 21 ..	Relative to construction of a road from Ahaura to Hankiri ..	131	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	August 25.
47.	Monk, Leonard	June 16 ..	For compensation for loss of his eyesight caused by an accident whilst engaged in the Hillside Railway Workshops	1	Mr. Fish	Public Petitions ..	July 7.
101.	Moore, George, and others ..	June 23 ..	For relief as small-grazing-run holders	12	Mr. Valentine ..	Waste Lands	July 14.
56.	Moore, Mary	June 17 ..	For compensation for injury sustained while in the employ of Mr. Gawne, Wellington	1	Mr. Fisher ..	Public Petitions ..	June 25.
521.	Morgan, James, and others ..	Aug. 13 ..	That the licensing laws be amended	25	Mr. Guinness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
556.	Moritz, William	Aug. 18 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Fisher ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
569.	Moroati, Matenga, and others ..	Aug. 19 ..	That an inquiry may be held regarding their land	5	Mr. Kapa ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
673.	Morrow, Thomas H., and others	Sept. 3 ..	Against the Payment of Members Bill	35	Hon. Mr. Rolleston	Public Petitions ..	September 16.
540.	Morris, J., and others	Aug. 14 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be conferred upon women ..	234	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
536.	Morrison, E.	Aug. 14 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be conferred upon women ..	124	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
439.	Morrison, James	Aug. 4 ..	That an inquiry may be made into his claim for bailiffs' fees and for other relief	1	Mr. Swan ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
99.	Morrison, Samuel	June 23 ..	For compensation for dismissal as a Warder in Her Majesty's gaol, Dunedin	1	Mr. Fish	Public Petitions ..	July 8.

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470.	Moto, Manuera, and others ..	Aug. 7 ..	In reference to the Whakatane grants	7	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 16.
242.	Mudgway, C.	July 16 ..	For a grant of land in consideration of military services	1	Dr. Newman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
92.	Mullooly, Michael	June 23 ..	Relative to loss sustained through purchase of certain Native lands at Tolago Bay	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	July 21.
385.	Mulvey, Mary	July 29 ..	For a grant of land as a recompense for her late husband's services during the Maori war	1	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
332.	Muir, Nicholas, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	12	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
542.	Murray, David	Aug. 14 ..	For compensation for military services	1	Mr. Duthie ..	Public Petitions ..	September 16.
261.	Mutch, M., and others.. ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	25	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
514.	Naihira, Wi, and others (No. 1)	Aug. 13 ..	That the Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884, Amendment Act may not be applied to them	15	Mr. Parata ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 11.
630.	Naihira, Wi, and others (No. 2)	Aug. 28 ..	Complaining of the mail-service in their district	10	Mr. Parata ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
665.	Nai Hirini and others	Sept. 2 ..	For legislation to enable dealings with Native lands	4	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	September 17.
581.	Nathan, Arthur H., and others..	Aug. 19 ..	That the House will pass the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill ..	1,000	Mr. Shera ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
441.	Nathan, John, and others ..	Aug. 4 ..	For relief	64	Mr. McGuire ..	New Plymouth Harbour	No Report.
511.	Neary, William	Aug. 12 ..	For consideration of his claim for some allowance consequent on injuries received in the service of the country	1	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
437.	Neave, Thomas, and others ..	Aug. 4 ..	In support of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	127	Mr. Mackintosh ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
155.	Neil, James	July 2 ..	That he be allowed to manufacture the Fluid Extract of Herbs ..	1	Mr. Pinkerton ..	Public Petitions ..	July 15.
174.	Neill, S. J., and others ..	July 7 ..	To be relieved from the compulsory clauses of the Vaccination Act	723	Hon. Mr. Cadman..	Public Petitions ..	August 13.
493.	Neill, Samuel	Aug. 12 ..	For reward for discovery of Kuaotuna Goldfield	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman..	Goldfields	September 1.
112.	Nettingham, A., and others ..	June 25 ..	Against certain provisions of the proposed Factory Bill	35	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	July 7.
378.	Newport, Samuel, and others ..	July 24 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	55	Mr. Rhodes ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
233.	Nicholson, G. E.	July 15 ..	That the main trunk road north of Auckland be constructed ..	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	August 6.
693.	Nihoniho, Tuta, and others ..	Sept. 9 ..	For consideration of three petitions in connection with the Waipiro Block	46	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 21.
397.	Nihotahi, Panapa, and others ..	July 29 ..	For an inquiry into the loss of their land in Tatua East and West Blocks	9	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
706.	Ngahine and others	Sept. 15 ..	That a rehearing may be ordered in connection with subdivision of Kuini Thompson's share in Hapotiki Block	29	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
726.	Ngataieparino Reupena ..	Sept. 24 ..	Complaining of the wrongful sale of Taumangamanga Block ..	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Not dealt with.	
307.	Ngahuruhuru Peririka and others	July 22 ..	That the Government pay their debts	12	Hon. Mr. Cadman..	Native Affairs ..	August 25.
479.	Noble, Richard	Aug. 11 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
54.	North Auckland Hospital and Charitable-aid Board	June 17 ..	For certain amendments in the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act	1	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	June 25.
463.	O'Connor, C. Y.	Aug. 6 ..	For compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. Blake ..	Public Petitions ..	September 10.
683.	O'Donohue, Michael, and others	Sept. 7 ..	For revaluation of land occupied by them at Te Aroha	15	Colonel Fraser ..	Waste Lands	No Report.
662.	O'Hare, Edward	Sept. 2 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
11.	Olliver, William	June 12 ..	For compensation for loss of employment on the Government railways	1	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	July 7.
477.	O'Malley, Charles	Aug. 11 ..	For compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. Taylor ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
580.	Oswin, Alfred Francis	Aug. 19 ..	Claiming consideration for naval services	1	Hon. Mr. Richardson	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
460.	O'Toole, Nicholas	Aug. 6 ..	Relative to a revaluation of deferred-payment section at Waitaki North	1	Mr. Duncan ..	Waste Lands	No Report.

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700. Outram, John	Sept. 14 ..	For restoration of pension	1	Mr. Pinkerton ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
89. Owen, Arthur	June 23 ..	That a full inquiry be made into his claim to land on the north bank of the River Mokau	1	Mr. Hamlin ..	Native Affairs	September 22.
534. Packer, Sarah E., and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be conferred upon women ..	7,686	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
60. Paeara, Hemi	June 17 ..	Complaining of loss of land, and non-fulfilled promises	1	Mr. Kapa ..	Native Affairs	September 22.
87. Paerau, Merehira	June 23 ..	Complaining of the adjudication on a block of land	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs	August 13.
168. Page, A.	July 7 ..	For compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	July 31.
85. Pahiatua County Council ..	June 19 ..	For amendment of "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885"	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Public Petitions ..	July 7.
630. Parr, Isabella	Aug. 25 ..	For a grant of land to which her deceased husband's services entitled him	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
573. Pateoro, Kirihina, and another ..	Aug. 19 ..	For a rehearing in the matter of the Orakei Block	2	Hon. Mr. Mitchelson	Native Affairs	September 11.
355. Paterson, John, and others ..	July 23 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	22	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
28. Paterson, Thomas	June 16 ..	Relative to injuries and loss	1	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	July 7.
701. Paterson, W., and others ..	Sept. 14 ..	For redress of various grievances	61	Mr. Buckland ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
652. Paton, James, and others ..	Sept. 1 ..	That a sum of money be placed on the estimates to give access to their property	6	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Waste Lands	No Report.
651. Paton, James, and others ..	Sept. 1 ..	That concessions granted to a firm of sawmillers may be rescinded ..	6	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Waste Lands	No Report.
481. Patterson, G., and others ..	Aug. 11 ..	For amendment of law relating to slaughterhouses	438	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
36. Pawhau, Hohia	June 16 ..	To be placed in possession of land which he asserts was wrongfully taken from him	1	Mr. Houston ..	Native Affairs	July 1.
46. Pearce, James	June 16 ..	For the issue of a land certificate under the provisions of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889"	1	Mr. Fish	Waste Lands	June 23.
405. Peart, Frederick R., and others ..	July 29 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	20	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
91. Peebles, A.	June 23 ..	That a reward may be granted for discovery of Kuaotuna Goldfield	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Goldfields	September 1.
97. Peehi Rutu	June 23 ..	For amendment of the Land Transfer Act	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Native Affairs ..	August 21.
414. Pelorus Road Board	July 30 ..	To withdraw Crown land now under the Forest Conservation Act, and open it for sale under deferred-payment and perpetual-lease only, and on no account for cash	2	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Waste Lands	September 11.
288. Pere, Wi	July 21 ..	Relative to non-fulfilment of arbitration by Government	1	Mr. Parata ..	Native Affairs	September 21.
222. Perry, William	July 14 ..	For relief in connection with his claim for land for military services	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Waste Lands	July 24.
205. Peti, Hone, and others ..	July 9 ..	Complaining of the terms of settlement of a block of land ..	5	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs	September 8.
714. Phillips, Elizabeth	Sept. 16 ..	For a grant of land for the military services of her son	1	Mr. Shera ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
543. Pikirangi, Heperi, and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	Complaining of the survey of the Tauponuiatia Block	39	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs	September 17.
32. Pikikotuku, Paponga te ..	June 16 ..	Offering certain terms for settlement of a block of land	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs	July 1.
1. Pilmer, Rosa	June 11 ..	For a grant of land for services rendered by her late husband as an officer of the New Zealand Militia	1	Mr. Fisher ..	Public Petitions ..	July 2.
412. Pizzy, George M., and others ..	July 30 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	18	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
420. Poakatahi, Wiremu	Aug. 4 ..	That a rehearing of a certain block of land called Ninihi may be granted	1	Mr. Kapa	Native Affairs	August 21.
503. Potoka, Utiku, and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	11	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs .. .. Native Land Bill ..	No Report. September 9.
204. Pokiki, Hohepa, and others ..	July 9 ..	Complaining of non-receipt of rents	7	Mr. Parata ..	Native Affairs	September 11.

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664.	Pomare, Keepa, and others ..	Sept. 2 ..	For legislation to enable dealings with Native lands	67	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	September 16.
559.	Power, Ellen	Aug. 18 ..	For compensation for military services of her late husband ..	1	Mr. Duncan ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
83.	Power, Martin	June 19 ..	Relative to balance of money due on sale of land surrendered ..	1	Mr. McGuire ..	Waste Lands	July 7.
625.	Power, Maurice G.	Aug. 25 ..	For compensation for loss of arm by improper treatment	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	September 16.
489.	Pratt, John	Aug. 12 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
342.	Prebble, William, and others ..	July 22 ..	In favour of the Prohibition Bill	288	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
641.	Primrose, Andrew, and others ..	Aug. 28 ..	Asking the House not to pass the Payment of Members Bill ..	116	Hon. Mr. Rolleston	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
292.	Prosser, W. H., and others ..	July 21 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	9	Mr. Houston ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
276.	Puna, Hera, and others ..	July 21 ..	For relief for non-fulfilment of conditions of sale of land to Government	8	Mr. Rees	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
58.	Pye, Mary Ann	June 17 ..	For a grant of land on account of her late husband's military services	1	Mr. Buckland ..	Waste Lands	June 23.
362.	Quill, Thomas	July 23 ..	For compensation for loss of his son while exploring on west coast of South Island	1	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Public Petitions ..	Aug. 11; second Report, Aug. 19.
517.	Quin, John Thomas, and others	Aug. 13 ..	To make Te Roti Railway-station and approaches suitable to the requirements of the people	46	Mr. McGuire ..	Public Petitions ..	September 16.
598.	Rahurahu, Toha, and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That certain action be taken to protect their interests in the Mohaka-Waikari Blocks	10	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
507.	Rakaherea, Tiapo te, and others	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	166	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs .. Native Land Bill ..	No Report. September 9.
12.	Ralph, Joseph Charles ..	June 12 ..	For compensation for loss of employment on Government railways	1	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	No Report.
230.	Rangaunu, Waaka, and others ..	July 15 ..	That two Resident Magistrates be appointed in the district north of Auckland for Native Land Court business, &c.	42	Mr. Houston ..	Native Affairs ..	August 21.
678.	Rangi, Tomopo te, and others ..	Sept. 4 ..	Complaining of the interference of others in a piece of land in the Parish of Koherea	13	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
599.	Rangitakaiwaho, Eruera, and others	Aug. 25 ..	For a rehearing of Ngawakaakupe Block, Wairarapa	7	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 21.
725.	Rangiteora, Penetira, and others	Sept. 22 ..	For a rehearing of Block Ngakaroro No. 3D, Sections 1 and 2 ..	13	Mr. Wilson ..	Not dealt with.	
506.	Rangiotu, Hoani Meihana te, and others	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	72	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs .. Native Land Bill ..	No Report. September 9.
588.	Rango, Hiraka te, and others ..	Aug. 20 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	56	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 14.
603.	Rango, Retimana te, and others	Aug. 25 ..	Complaining of a judgment given *re* Te Kapua Block, and asking for further inquiry	3	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs ..	September 11.
157.	Rangatira, Toa, and others ..	July 2 ..	Making general complaints against the administration of their lands	98	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	August 18.
425.	Rankin, P., and others ..	Aug. 4 ..	For better control of the liquor traffic	32	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
14.	Rangitu, Kawhena	June 12 ..	Claiming reward as a discoverer of a new goldfield at Kuaotuna ..	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman	Goldfields	September 1.
395.	Ratepayers in New Plymouth Harbour District	July 29 ..	For relief	291	Mr. McGuire ..	New Plymouth Harbour	No Report.
152.	Ratepayers of Waimate Riding	July 1 ..	Objecting to a portion of the Waimate Riding being merged into the Stratford County	144	Mr. McGuire ..	Public Petitions ..	July 10.
22.	Ray, Robert, and others ..	June 12 ..	Relative to high rental as deferred-payment settlers at Karamea ..	33	Mr. O'Conor ..	Waste Lands	August 12.
476.	Rhodes, E., Timaru, and others	Aug. 11 ..	For establishment of telephonic communication between Timaru and Waiti	37	Mr. Hall-Jones ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
402.	Robbins, Benjamin C. and others	July 29 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	61	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.

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622. Roberts, W. T.	Aug. 25 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
369. Ready, Bridget	July 23 ..	Complaining of maltreatment by a botanical dispenser	1	Mr. Hogg.. ..	Public Petitions ..	August 4.
297. Ready, Maurice	July 21 ..	For relief	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Public Petitions ..	August 7.
449. Redpath, George, and others ..	Aug. 5 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	28	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
69. Revell, F. H., and others ..	June 18 ..	For compensation for military services	7	Mr. Duthie ..	Waste Lands	June 23.
296. Revell, F. H...	July 21 ..	For a grant of land for military services..	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
354. Reynolds, Joseph, and others ..	July 23 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	165	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
703. Richardson, R.	Sept. 14 ..	That the benefits of section 2 of the Naval and Military Settlers Act may be extended to him	1	Hon. Mr. Mitchelson	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
538. Richmond, E. P., and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be conferred upon women ..	188	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
52. Riddle, William	June 16 ..	Relative to an alleged unjust conviction for a breach of the Distillation Act	1	Mr. Buchanan ..	Public Petitions ..	July 14.
386. Riley, G. W., and others ..	July 23 ..	That the importation of stoats and weasels may be stopped ..	26	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 18.
80. Robertson, Mary Ann	June 19 ..	Complaining of losses sustained at Rotorua through the action of the Government, and asking for redress	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Native Affairs ..	July 10.
					Public Petitions ..	August 28.
210. Robinson, John	July 10 ..	For compensation under "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889"	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
615. Roche, H., and others	Aug. 25 ..	That the payment made to members of the New Zealand Parliament be not increased	76	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
37. Rochfort, John	June 16 ..	For redress for injustice said to have been done him by a Government officer	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Native Affairs ..	September 1.
					Public Petitions ..	September 16.
612. Rongowhitiao and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	56	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 14.
668. Rongorongo, Hare Rewiti ..	Sept. 3 ..	That a rehearing may be granted for the Poutu Block	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	No Report.
260. Ross, J. S., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	17	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
137. Ross, Robert S., and others (residents, north of Auckland)	June 30 ..	That the Main Trunk Road be graded, metalled, and properly constructed	68	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
457. Ross, George	Aug. 6 ..	For consideration on account of military services	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
171. Ruapa, Hirini te, and others ..	July 7 ..	That an adjudication of their mud-banks might take place without a survey	3	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	August 18.
525. Ruha Takerei and others (No. 1)	Aug. 14 ..	Complaining of the non-fulfilment of their claims	26	Mr. Kapa ..	Native Affairs ..	September 15.
575. Ruha Takerei and others (No. 2)	Aug. 19 ..	That a rehearing may be granted for Paeroa East Block No. 4, B2..	26	Mr. Kapa ..	Native Affairs ..	September 15.
335. Ruff, M. A., and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	238	Mr. Harkness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
191. Rutherford, Walter	July 8 ..	A claim as an old soldier	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Naval and Military ..	August 12.
					Public Petitions ..	September 1.
557. Sandall, R. J., and others ..	Aug. 18 ..	That the House will pass the Slaughterhouses Bill	33	Mr. Hall-Jones ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
93. Sandlant, Joseph	June 23 ..	Stating that he is the originator of the perpetual-lease system, and asking for relief	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
667. Saxon, J. B., and others ..	Sept. 3 ..	That the Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill, now before the House, may become law	78	Mr. Harkness ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
712. Saunders, Alfred James ..	Sept. 16 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Houston ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
180. Sage, Jesse	July 8 ..	For a grant of land as an Imperial soldier	1	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.

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164. Scott, Thomas	July 7 ..	For a grant of land	1	Mr. Wilson ..	Naval and Military .. Public Petitions ..	August 12. September 4.
311. Scott, M. G., and others ..	July 22 ..	That local option be granted	63	Mr. Buckland ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
456. Seaton, Charles	Aug. 5 ..	That petitioner is being evicted from premises at Brunner, and asks for relief	1	Mr. Guinness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
148. Sew, Gee, and others	July 1 ..	For amendment of "The Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881" ..	55	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	July 10.
473. Shanaghan, James	Aug. 11 ..	A claim for military services	1	Mr. Shera ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
487. Sheehy, Michael	Aug. 12 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. T. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
321. Shepherd, S., and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	64	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
406. Shepherd, Herbert, and others ..	July 29 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	20	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
621. Shepherd, J. A., and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That the House will reject the Payment of Members Bill	46	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
43. Simpson, James	June 16 ..	For compensation for loss of land	1	Mr. Houston ..	Waste Lands	July 14.
266. Simpson, John, and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	103	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
315. Simpson, James, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	55	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
322. Skelton, G., Napier	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	96	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
158. Skinner, William Henry ..	July 2 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
698. Sloan, William John, and others	Sept. 10 ..	Asking that the Divorce Extension and Amendment Bill be not passed	232	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	September 16.
216. Sloane, John Allen	July 10 ..	For inquiry into his claim for Volunteer services	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
512. Smith, T. H.	Aug. 12 ..	For an inquiry into certain land-transactions	1	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	September 1.
462. South Rakaia Road Board ..	Aug. 6 ..	For the "thirds" of the proceeds of certain lands in their district to which they are entitled	2	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Waste Lands	September 3.
79. Spain, Richard	June 19 ..	For compensation for military services	1	Mr. Hogg ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
165. Spalding, Thomas	July 7 ..	For a grant of land	1	Mr. Wilson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
57. Speer, Thomas	June 17 ..	For redress in connection with the loss of a remission certificate ..	1	Mr. Buckland ..	Waste Lands	August 12.
663. Spicer, John	Sept. 2 ..	For reinstatement in Deeds Office	1	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
539. Spring, Mary, and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That the parliamentary franchise may be conferred upon women ..	40	Hon. Sir J. Hall ..	Public Petitions ..	August 21.
589. Smith, David Thornton ..	Aug. 20 ..	For consideration on account of twenty years' service	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	September 16.
723. Smith, F. H., and others ..	Sept. 21 ..	For a road	25	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
687. Smith, Charles Augustus ..	Sept. 9 ..	For a reward	1	Mr. Guinness ..	Goldfields	No Report.
10. Smythies, Henry	June 12 ..	For relief from the operation of "The Law Practitioners Act, 1866"	1	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	July 8.
3. Stapp, Charles, Colonel, New Zealand Volunteers	June 11 ..	For special consideration on his compulsory retirement	1	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Public Petitions ..	June 25.
446. Stephenson, Samuel	Aug. 4 ..	For refund of £40 paid by him, and compensation for losses sustained	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
2. Stewart, Hugh Johnston ..	June 11 ..	For a pension for injuries received while in the performance of his duties as a police constable	1	Mr. Fisher ..	Public Petitions ..	June 25.
185. Stewart, Alexander, and others ..	July 8 ..	That the education reserves be removed from control of School Commissioners and placed under charge of Waste Lands Board	74	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	Waste Lands	August 19.
408. Stewart, Charles, and others ..	July 29 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	74	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
51. Stevens, Francis	June 16 ..	That he may be reinstated in the public service	1	Mr. Macdonald ..	Public Petitions ..	July 21.
453. Stewart, J. R., and Philip McCarty	Aug. 5 ..	For relief	2	Mr. McGuire ..	New Plymouth Harbour	No Report.

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495.	Sewell, Robert, and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	That Kawhena receive the reward for the discovery of Kuaotuna Goldfield	106	Mr. Palmer ..	Goldfields	No Report.
465.	Stobo, Andrew H.	Aug. 7 ..	That the Indecent Advertisement Bill be passed into law.. ..	1	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
520.	Stowell, G. R. (Rev.)	Aug. 13 ..	That the licensing laws be amended	50	Mr. Guinness ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
374.	Strudwick, J. W., and others ..	July 24 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may become law	33	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
293.	Stuart, Edward	July 21 ..	For a grant of land in consideration of military services	1	Dr. Newman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
275.	Stuart, Rev. Dr., and others ..	July 21 ..	That a law may be passed to give the right to the people to decide whether licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall or shall not be granted	1,840	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
250.	Such, G. F., and others ..	July 21 ..	Having no railways, wish the Government to attend to the roads ..	60	Mr. Palmer ..	Public Petitions ..	August 7.
21.	Suisted, James, and others ..	June 12 ..	Relative to town sections held by them at Westport	60	Mr. O'Conor ..	Goldfields	June 30.
565.	Sullivan, Michael	Aug. 18 ..	For an inquiry into a transaction	1	Mr. Wilson ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
661.	Swanston, John	Sept. 2 ..	For a grant of land	1	Mr. McGuire ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
606.	Swindley, F.	Aug. 25 ..	For some compensation for military services	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
409.	Swinton, D., and others ..	July 29 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	38	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
384.	Taiaroa, H. K.	July 29 ..	Complains of the loss of a piece of land	1	Mr. Kapa ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 16.
472.	Tapper, George A.	Aug. 11 ..	For remission of sentence passed on him by the Judge in Bankruptcy	1	Mr. Wilson ..	Public Petitions ..	August 25.
7.	Takoto, Te Otene, and others ..	June 11 ..	For the definition of a boundary-line	20	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs.. ..	July 14.
113.	Takoto, Te Otene, and others ..	June 25 ..	That a portion of Whitikau No. 3 Block, within the confiscated boundary, may be returned to them	12	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Native Affairs.. ..	August 21.
431.	Taipari, W. H.	Aug. 4 ..	Complaining of the judgment given on a piece of land called Kauaeranga	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	August 21.
231.	Taipari, W. H., and others (No. 1)	July 15 ..	For relief in connection with mining on their land in the Thames Goldfield district	21	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Goldfields	No Report.
430.	Taipari, W. H., and others (No. 2)	Aug. 4 ..	That a third hearing may be granted for a piece of land	9	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 14.
*287.	Taipua, Hoani	July 21 ..	That the House do not proceed with the Native Bills during his unavoidable absence	1	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs.	
629.	Taitu, Enoka te, and others ..	Aug. 28 ..	Complaining of the maladministration of their reserves in and around Wellington	31	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 22.
672.	Taua, Mate Nga, and others (No. 1)	Sept. 3 ..	That they may be relieved from the payment of rates and taxes ..	32	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 21.
675.	Taua, Mate Nga, and others (No. 2)	Sept. 3 ..	That they may be relieved from the payment of rates and taxes ..	32	Mr. Speaker ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 21.
706.	Taua, Ngahine, and others ..	Sept. 15 ..	That a rehearing may be ordered in connection with subdivision of Kuini Thompson's share in Hapotiki Block	29	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	No Report.
509.	Tau, Panihi te, and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	85	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	No Report.
						Native Land Bill ..	September 9.
504.	Tauteru, Aropeta, and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	57	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs.. ..	No Report.
						Native Land Bill ..	September 9.
626.	Tauhara, Matiu, and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	205	Mr. Kapa ..	Native Affairs.. ..	September 11.

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*86. Taylor, George W., and others ..	June 19 ..	Relative to the closing of a road by the Railway Commissioners ..	36	Mr. G. Hutchison.		
283. Taylor, John Hare	July 21 ..	Relative to refusal of license by the Sydenham Licensing Committee	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 30.
498. Taylor, Samuel Richard ..	Aug. 12 ..	Relative to loss sustained by withholding of a Crown grant ..	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Waste Lands	September 11.
247. Telfor, A., and others	July 17 ..	That the Government will take over the New Plymouth Harbour, and so grant them relief from the harbour rate	20	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	New Plymouth Harbour	No Report.
541. Tennant, John, and others ..	Aug. 14 ..	That the Nightcaps Coal Company's branch line of railway be purchased by the Government	125	Mr. Mackintosh ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
434. Thomas, James William, and another	Aug. 4 ..	For compensation for losses sustained through Government declining to go on with the New River Railway contract	2	Mr. Meredith ..	Public Petitions ..	August 19.
256. Thomas, M., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	10	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
578. Thomas, William E.	Aug. 19 ..	Setting out long military service, and for relief	1	Mr. Rees	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
637. Thompson, Andrew	Aug. 28 ..	Relative to loss sustained through the action of the Government ..	1	Mr. Duncan ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
42. Thompson, Joseph	June 16 ..	For compensation for injuries sustained and services rendered during the Maori outbreak of 1868	1	Mr. Hogg	Public Petitions ..	July 10.
721. Thompson, William	Sept. 21 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Houston ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
586. Thurston, Charles G.	Aug. 20 ..	For inquiry as to alleged illegal deprivation of land	1	Mr. J. Kelly ..	Waste Lands	September 11.
24. Timms, William	June 12 ..	Relative to a grant of land	1	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Waste Lands	June 23.
34. Tizard, E. F.	June 16 ..	That certain alterations may be made in the Native-land laws ..	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Native Affairs	July 1.
172. Tohu, Waatu	July 7 ..	That he may be allowed to purchase some Crown land for himself and family	1	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs	July 21.
468. Torpey, Richard	Aug. 7 ..	For a grant of land under the Naval and Military Settlers' Land Act	1	Mr. W. C. Smith ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
717. Towers, William	Sept. 17 ..	For relief in connection with land granted to him as a military settler	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
364. Townley, J., and another ..	July 23 ..	For assistance towards the Gisborne Harbour works	2	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Public Petitions ..	August 4.
605. Townley, J., and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That a competent tribunal may be appointed to settle the difficulties regarding Native titles on the East Coast	193	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs	September 11.
677. Travis, James	Sept. 4 ..	For compensation for loss of residence-area in Otago	1	Hon. Mr. Fergus ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
143. Trevey, M., and others ..	July 1 ..	For redress in the matter of G. W. Ell	121	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	August 19.
208. Trotter, A., and others ..	July 10 ..	For the extension of the Edendale–Fortrose Railway	54	Hon. Mr. Richardson	Public Petitions ..	August 25.
213. Tuhua, Tanguru, and others ..	July 10 ..	For further investigation into the title of the Waikopiro Block ..	62	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs	September 1.
510. Turoa, Topia, and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	431	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs	No Report.
179. Uhlenberg, A., and others, ratepayers in New Plymouth Harbour Rating District	July 8 ..	That their case may be inquired into	931	Mr. McGuire ..	Native Land Bill ..	September 9.
					Public Petitions ..	No Report.
					New Plymouth Harbour	No Report.
610. Waaka, Hone, and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That Natives and Native live-stock may be exempted from taxation	79	Hon. Mr. Cadman	Native Affairs ..	September 21.
428. Wakaiti, Rawiri te	Aug. 4 ..	Complaining of the non-settlement of a boundary-line	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 1.
413. Wakelin, George K., and others	July 30 ..	For withdrawal of Crown land now under the Forest Conservation Act, and opening it for sale under deferred payment and perpetual lease only, and on no account for cash	223	Mr. C. H. Mills ..	Waste Lands	September 3.
72. Wallace, Thomas	June 18 ..	For compensation for loss sustained in a contract with the Victoria Valley Road Board	1	Mr. Houston ..	Public Petitions ..	June 25.

* Petition informal. Referred by Classification Committee back to Mr. Hutchison, who kept it.

SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS—*continued.*

	FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	NO. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
654.	Wallace, Thomas	Sept. 1 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Houston ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
442.	Walmsley, Horatio	Aug. 4 ..	For compensation for losses sustained by the non-issue of Crown grants	1	Colonel Fraser ..	Goldfields	No Report.
616.	Walton, L., and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That the payment made to members of the New Zealand Parliament be not increased	20	Hon. Mr. Bryce ..	Public Petitions ..	September 14.
265.	Walton, M., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	31	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
44.	Waipara Road Board	June 16 ..	Relative to the decentralisation of the administration of charitable aid	2	Mr. Meredith ..	Public Petitions ..	June 25.
469.	Wainohu, Wepiha te, and another	Aug. 7 ..	In reference to the Mohaka lands	2	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 15.
49.	Wairarapa South County Council	June 16 ..	Relative to charitable aid	2	Mr. Buchanan ..	Public Petitions ..	June 24.
226.	Ward, John P.	July 14 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
634.	Warren, John	Aug. 28 ..	For a grant of land to which his father was entitled	1	Mr. Lawry ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
119.	Watson, Mrs. W., and others ..	June 26 ..	Relative to the Kaitangata Relief Fund	32	Mr. J. W. Thomson	Public Petitions ..	July 15.
186.	Watt, James, and others ..	July 8 ..	That the education reserves be removed from control of School Commissioners, and placed under charge of Waste Lands Boards	80	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	Waste Lands	September 1.
312.	Watts, J. W., and others ..	July 22 ..	That local option be granted	130	Mr. Buckland ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
466.	Watts, William	Aug. 7 ..	A claim for services during Taranaki war	1	Mr. J. W. Thomson	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
146.	Wear, William	July 1 ..	For balance of pay due to him as engineer of the "Hannah Mokau"	1	Mr. E. M. Smith ..	Public Petitions ..	July 15.
*160.	Weitzel, G. H., and others ..	July 2 ..	Against the North Dunedin Cemetery Reserve Bill	91	Mr. Pinkerton ..	Public Petitions ..	July 10.
608.	Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company	Aug. 25 ..	That the House make provision for the company's claim to endowment	2	Mr. Fisher ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.
269.	West, W., and others	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	51	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
84.	Whakaahu, Eruera	June 19 ..	That he be placed in possession of a piece of land which he asserts was taken by mistake	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	August 21.
619.	Whanga, Hirini, and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	Complaining of the delay in settling their land-claims	51	Mr. W. Kelly ..	Native Affairs ..	September 14.
55.	Whangarei County Council ..	June 17 ..	For amendments in the Counties Act	1	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	June 25.
389.	Whangarei County Council ..	July 29 ..	That the Public Works Act be so amended as to simplify the means of acquiring land for public roads	6	Mr. R. Thompson ..	Public Petitions ..	August 18.
505.	Whare, Nerehana te, and others	Aug. 12 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	13	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	No Report.
						Native Land Bill ..	September 9.
600.	Whatahoro, Te, and others ..	Aug. 25 ..	That a rehearing may be granted for the Mapunatea Block, Wairarapa	6	Mr. Carroll ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
156.	Whatanui, Kipa te	July 2 ..	That a petition presented to the House last year may be considered	1	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 22.
140.	Wheelan, Robert	June 30 ..	For a grant of land in consideration of military services	1	Dr. Newman ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
633.	White, Alfred H.	Aug. 28 ..	For a grant of land for military services	1	Mr. Harkness ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
337.	White, John James Winsbury ..	July 22 ..	For compensation for thirty-one years' service to the colony ..	1	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 19.
105.	White, Mary Elizabeth ..	June 24 ..	For relief in connection with the claims of her late husband, Mr. John White, against the Government	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Public Petitions ..	July 29.
318.	White, W. B., and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Bill may become law	59	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
494.	Williams, F. C.	Aug. 12 ..	For relief in connection with driving a tunnel at Magazine Point, Thames Goldfield	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Goldfields	September 8.

* Petition withdrawn, by resolution of the House, 15th July, 1891.

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	FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	NO. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
223.	White, William	July 14 ..	For reward for discovery of a payable goldfield in Kuaotuna ..	1	Hon. Mr. Cadman..	Goldfields	September 1.
357.	Williams, William Joseph, and others	July 23 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament may be passed into law	194	Mr. Hall-Jones ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
649.	Williams, James	Sept. 1 ..	For land for military services	1	Sir G. Grey ..	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
273.	Williamson, J., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	177	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
192.	Williams, H. W.	July 8 ..	Against the Shop-hours Bill	173	Sir G. Grey ..	Labour Bills	No Report.
81.	Williams, Walter	June 19 ..	For remission of penalty imposed under Beer Duty Act	1	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	Public Petitions ..	July 15.
553.	Williamson, George	Aug. 18 ..	For compensation for military services	1	Mr. Rees	Naval and Military ..	September 23.
170.	Wynn-Williams, W. H. ..	July 7 ..	Requesting the House not to pass the Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Bill	1	Mr. Perceval ..	Public Petitions ..	July 15.
95.	Willoughby, Samuel	June 23 ..	For compensation for loss of office	1	Mr. Shera ..	Public Petitions ..	July 10; second Report, July 24.
254.	Wills, T. J., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	29	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
323.	Wilson, John, and others ..	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	36	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
190.	Wilson, J. A.	July 8 ..	For consideration on account of faithful and valuable services rendered to the colony	1	Hon. Mr. Mitchelson	Naval and Military .. Public Petitions ..	July 16. August 5.
237.	Wilson, J. A.	July 15 ..	That careful inquiry may be made into his case	1	Hon. Mr. Mitchelson	Public Petitions ..	August 5.
325.	Wilson, Thomas W., and others	July 22 ..	That the Licensing Prohibition Bill may become law	35	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
196.	Wilson, W. S., and others (reported on in the name of C. C. Fleming and others)	July 8 ..	Relative to the disadvantageous management of the railways, and that the system known as "Vaile's system" should be tried in Auckland	11	Mr. Rees	Public Petitions ..	July 17.
579.	Wirihana, Otene, and others ..	Aug. 19 ..	Protesting against the proposals of the Government with reference to their lands	67	Mr. Taipua ..	Native Affairs ..	September 14.
343.	Women's Christian Temperance Union	July 22 ..	In favour of the Prohibition Bill	200	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
484.	Woods, John G., and others ..	Aug. 12 ..	For compassionate allowance to the widow of the late J. C. Brown, M.H.R.	900	Mr. Valentine ..	Public Petitions ..	September 4.
271.	Woodyall, C., and others ..	July 21 ..	For the passing into law of the Licensing Prohibition Bill now before Parliament	50	Mr. Joyce ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
62.	Wi Pere	June 18 ..	Complaining of the illegal proceedings of the Native Land Court ..	1	Mr. Rees	Native Affairs ..	September 15.
339.	Wyeth, George, and others ..	July 22 ..	For the better control of the liquor traffic	130	Mr. Buick ..	Public Petitions ..	August 28.
77.	Young, Henry Charles ..	June 19 ..	For relief from consequences of improper decisions	1	Mr. Pinkerton ..	Public Petitions ..	August 5.
236.	Young, John T.	July 15 ..	Against the Shop-hours Bill	114	Sir G. Grey ..	Public Petitions ..	August 4.
688.	Young, Andrew, and another ..	Sept. 9 ..	That petitioners have paid certain moneys to the Insurance Department, and asking for relief	2	Mr. Macdonald ..	Public Petitions ..	September 23.

IV.—Schedule of Select Committees appointed by the House of Representatives, Session II., 1891.

Subject.	Members.	Date of Appointment.	Remarks.
1. *Standing Orders.*—Three to be a quorum.	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. W. Hutchison, Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie, Dr. Newman, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Perceval, Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. Saunders, Hon. Mr. Ballance.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. Ballance.	Report, June 19 (*Vide* Appendix I.-14). *Mr. Hamlin* discharged, June 24.
2. *Public Accounts.*—To examine into and report upon such questions relating to the Public Accounts as they may think desirable, or that may be referred to them by the House or by the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the colony which the Government may refer to them; five to be a quorum.	Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Macdonald, Dr. Newman, Mr. Perceval, Mr. Rees, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera, Hon. Mr. Ballance.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. Ballance.	Report on Lyttelton Harbour Board, July 17. Report on Public Trustee referred to Government, July 21. Paper No. 15, "Unauthorised Expenditure Account," referred to Committee, July 22; Report, Sept. 11. Public Revenues Bill referred, July 17; Report, July 22. Local Authorities' Accounts and Audits Bill referred, July 17; Report, Aug. 4. Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act 1887 Amendment referred, July 23; Report, Aug. 13. Consolidated Stock Bill referred, Aug. 14; Report, Aug. 18. Report on Correspondence relating to New Plymouth Harbour Board laid on Table, Aug. 19. Report on increase of staff in Audit Department, Aug. 21. Report on Dr. Pollen's pension claim, Sept. 4. Public Trust Act Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 9. Further Report on Dr. Pollen's pension claim, Sept. 11. Report on Petition of Mrs. Farnall, Sept. 14; referred to Public Petitions A to L Committee, Sept. 15. (For Reports, *vide* Appendix I.-9 to I.-9f, and Journals.)
3. *Library.*—Consisting of ten members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Buick, Sir G. Grey, Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie, Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. W. Hutchison, Mr. Rees, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Macdonald, Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	Report from Joint Committee, Sept. 14. Report from Joint Committee, Sept. 23. (*Vide* Appendix, I.-15.)
4. *Reporting Debates and Printing.*—Consisting of ten members; to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the reporting of debates, and to the printing executed by order of this House, and for the purpose of selecting, and arranging for printing, returns and papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members of this House; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Carncross, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Lawry, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. Saunders, Hon. Mr. Reeves, *Mr. Rhodes.*	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	The name of *Mr. Rhodes* added, June 18.
5. *Public Petitions M to Z.*—Consisting of ten members; to consider all Petitions that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, to classify and prepare abstracts of such Petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to be best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereupon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. Fish, Mr. Houston, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Moore, Mr. Swan, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	(For Reports, *vide* Appendix I.-2 and I.-2a.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
6. *Joint, on Bills.*—To inquire into the character of every Bill that may be referred to them during its progress by the Speaker of either House, and to report their opinion to both Houses as to whether it be a Public, Local, or Private Bill.	Mr. Hamlin, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Shera, Mr. Joyce.	June 12, on motion of Mr. Joyce.	Wellington Gas Company's Act 1870 Amendment referred by Mr. Speaker, June 16; Report declaring it a Local Bill, June 23. Wellington Harbour Board Act 1879 Amendment referred by Mr. Speaker, June 16; Report declaring it a Local Bill, June 23. *Mr. Hamlin* discharged, June 24. Valpy Crown Grant Boundary Definition Bill referred by Mr. Speaker, June 23; Report declaring it a Private Bill, July 7.
7. *Joint, Standing Orders on Private Bills.*	Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. G. Hutchison.	June 12, on motion of Mr. G. Hutchison.	*Mr. Hamlin* discharged, June 24.
8. *House.*—Consisting of ten members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to provide for the comfort and convenience of Members of both Houses; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Blake, Mr. Fish, Mr. Hall-Jones, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Macdonald, Hon. Mr. Mitchelson, Captain Russell, Mr. R. Thompson, Hon. Mr. Seddon.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. Seddon.	Reports, July 10 and Sept. 18.
9. *Selection.*	Dr. Newman, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Hamlin.	June 12, on motion of Mr. Hamlin.	*Mr. Hamlin* discharged, June 24.
10. *Waste Lands.*—Consisting of ten members; to consider all Bills and Petitions that may be introduced into this House affecting the waste lands of the Crown, and to report generally on the principles and provisions which they contain; with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and agree to a joint or separate Report: the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Richardson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Meredith, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Mackintosh, Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, *Hon. Mr. Rolleston.*	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.	Standing Order No. 178 suspended, and the name of *Hon. Mr. Rolleston* added, July 21. (For Reports, *vide* Appendix I.–5.)
11. *Live-stock and Rabbits.*—Consisting of ten members; to consider all matters pertaining to live-stock and rabbits, and to report thereon to this House: the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Buchanan, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. Wright, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Houston, Mr. Lawry, Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.	Small-birds Nuisance Bill referred, July 17; Report, Sept. 9; General Report, Sept. 22. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
12. *Local Bills.*—To consist of ten members; to whom all Local Bills shall stand referred after first reading. The Committee to report whether the Standing Orders have been complied with, and to suggest such amendments as it may think proper, and to report when necessary upon the merits of the Bill: the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Bryce, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Perceval, Mr. Rees, Mr. Saunders, Hon. Mr. Ward.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. Ward.	*Bills referred:*—Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange, June 12; Report, June 24. Palmerston North Hospital District, June 16; Report, July 29. Stratford County Districts Adjustment, June 17; Report, Aug. 5. North Dunedin Cemetery Extension, June 17; Report, June 23. Christchurch District Drainage Act Amendment, June 19; Report, June 23. Christchurch City Reserves Act Amendment, June 19; Report, June 23. Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act Extension, June 24; Report, July 14. Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act Amendment, July 1; Report, July 22. Waimate Hospital District, July 1; Report, Sept. 2. Auckland Harbour Board Empowering, July 8; Report, July 14. Thames Recreation Reserves Sale Revivor, July 30; Report, Aug. 26. Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act Amendment, July 30; Report, Aug. 5. McCabe Land Grants, July 31; Report, Aug. 19. Thorndon Esplanade, Aug. 5; Report, Sept. 2. Greymouth Harbour Board Loan, Aug. 5; Report, Sept. 2. Wellington Botanic Gardens Vesting, Aug. 5; Report, Sept. 2. Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act Amendment, Aug. 5; no Report. Wairoa Harbour Endowment, Aug. 5; no Report. Patea Harbour Endowment, Aug. 14; Report, Sept. 9. Wanganui River Trust, Aug. 18; Report, Sept. 2. Wellington Boys' Institute, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 26. Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act Amendment, Aug. 21; Report, Aug. 26. Trafalgar Park Purchasing, Aug. 20; Report, Aug. 25. New Plymouth Hospital, Aug. 27; Report, Sept. 2. Riverton Harbour Board Empowering, Sept. 8; Report, Sept. 9.
13. *Petitions Classification.*—To which shall be referred in the first instance all Petitions presented to this House, in order to ascertain whether such Petitions are in compliance with Standing Orders, and to classify the same for distribution amongst the several Committees of the House, according to the nature of the contents of such Petitions; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of ten members.	Mr. Blake, Mr. Buchanan, Hon. Mr. Fergus, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Wilson, Hon. Mr. Cadman.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cadman.	Reports, June 17, June 19, July 7, July 14, July 21, July 31, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 4.
14. *Public Petitions A to L.*—Consisting of ten members; to consider all Petitions that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, to classify and prepare abstracts of such Petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereupon to the House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Buckland, Mr. Buick, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Meredith, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Taylor, Mr. T. Thompson, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. Cadman.	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cadman.	(For Reports, *vide* Appendix I.–1.)
15. *Goldfields and Mines.*—Consisting of ten members; to which shall be referred all matters relating to mining, and all Bills relating to mines; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Duncan, Hon. Mr. Fergus, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Valentine, Hon. Mr. Seddon, *Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie, Colonel Fraser.*	June 12, on motion of Hon. Mr. Seddon.	Standing Order No. 178 suspended, and *Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie* and *Colonel Fraser* added, July 22. (For Reports, *vide* Appendix I.–4.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
16. *New Plymouth Harbour.*—To inquire into, and report within three weeks upon, the state of the New Plymouth Harbour, and the position of the New Plymouth Harbour Board with regard to the £200,000 loan, and the securities for the same; with power to call for persons and papers.	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, Hon. Mr. Richardson, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. McGuire, Dr. Newman, Mr. Shera, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. G. Hutchison, *Mr. Wright.*	June 12, on motion of Mr. G. Hutchison.	By leave, without motion, Mr. G. Hutchison moved that three should be a quorum; agreed to, June 16. The name of *Mr. Wright* added, June 18. Leave given to print certain papers, July 1. Leave given for three weeks' extension of time for bringing up Report, July 14. Report, Aug. 7. Report laid on Table and ordered to be printed with the evidence, Aug. 19. Consideration of Report, and referred to Government, Aug. 26. (*Vide* Appendix I.–8.)
17. *Constitutional Reform.*—To inquire and report as to the form and working of Executive Governments elsewhere, with a view to such modifications of the existing system of government in New Zealand as will diminish the evils of the present party system; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Bryce, Mr. Palmer, Captain Russell, Dr. Newman, Mr. Buick, Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. Saunders, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. Mr. Ward, Mr. O'Conor.	June 17, on motion of Mr. O'Conor.	Report, Sept. 8. (*Vide* Appendix I.–10.)
18. *Statutes Revision.*—Consisting of ten members; to which shall be referred all Bills specially dealing with the revision of the law; with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Buckland, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Guinness, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Perceval, Mr. Rees, Mr. Rhodes, Hon. W. P. Reeves.	June 18, on motion of Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	Report on Partnership, Companies (Memorandum of Association), Repeals, and Criminal Code Bills, June 30. Report on Trustee Bill, July 29. Report on Bankruptcy Bill, recommending special Committee to deal with Bill, Aug. 4. Report on Libel Bill, Aug. 6.
19. *Parliament Buildings Electric Lighting.*—To consider and report upon the introduction of the system of electric lighting throughout the Parliament Buildings; with power to sit and confer with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council; also to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Buick, Mr. Fish, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. Richardson, Hon. Sir J. Hall, Hon. Mr. Seddon.	June 18, on motion of Hon. Mr. Seddon.	Report, Aug. 14. (*Vide* Appendix I.–18.)
20. *Native Affairs.*—Consisting of ten members; to consider all Petitions, Reports, Returns, and other documents relating to affairs especially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.	Mr. Buckland, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Houston, Mr. Kapa, Mr. W. Kelly, Hon. Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. Parata, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Taipua, Hon. Mr. Cadman, *Mr. Shera.*	June 18, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cadman.	Ordered, that all previous undealt-with Petitions of former sessions be dealt with by present Committee (on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Cadman), July 1. *Mr. Shera* added, July 22. (For Reports, *vide* Appendix I.–3 and I.–3a.)
21. *Naval and Military Claims.*—To inquire into and report upon the claims of old soldiers and Volunteers; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Richardson, Captain Russell, Mr. Valentine, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. Mills, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Joyce, Mr. R. Thompson, Hon. Mr. Seddon.	June 26, on motion of Hon. Mr. Seddon.	All Petitions referring to naval and military settlers' claims referred to Waste Lands Committee to be dealt with by this Committee (on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Seddon), July 1. Report, July 16. Report, Aug. 12. Report, Aug. 13. Report brought up and referred to Government, Sept. 23. (*Vide* Appendix I.–6, I.–6a, and I.–6b.)
22. *Labour Bills.*—Consisting of twelve members; to which shall be referred, after their second reading, the Shop-hours Bill, the Factories Bill, the Employers' Liability Bill, the Truck Bill, and the Industrial Conciliation Bill; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. Fish, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pinkerton, Captain Russell, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	July 7, on motion of Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	Standing Order No. 178 suspended, July 7. Truck Bill referred, June 19; Report, July 14. Employers' Liability Act Amendment referred, June 19; Report, July 16. Shop-hours Bill referred, June 19; Report, July 16. Factories Bill referred, June 19; Report, July 30. Workmen's Lien Bill referred, Aug. 14; Report, Aug. 21.

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
23. *West Coast Settlement Reserves.*—To inquire into and report upon the subject of the "confirmed leases" on the west coast of the North Island, and the remedies proper to be devised in the circumstances; with power to sit with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or a separate report: the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to be at liberty to use the evidence taken before a Joint Committee in the session of last year; three to be a quorum; to report in three weeks.	Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. Parata, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Hon. Mr. Seddon, Mr. Wilson, Hon. Mr. Cadman, *Mr. Pinkerton*, *Mr. Carroll*.	July 7, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cadman.	*Mr. Pinkerton* and *Mr. Carroll* added, July 17. Date of bringing up Report extended to 14th August, July 29. Report, Aug. 14. (*Vide* Appendix I.–7.)
24. *Noxious Weeds.*—Consisting of ten members; to consider all questions pertaining to noxious weeds, gorse, briars, &c.; with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; and to report generally as to the necessity for, and the best means of, eradicating such destructive growths; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Blake, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Houston, Mr. Lawry, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Saunders, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.	July 22, on motion of Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.	Report brought up, and ordered to be printed, Sept. 24. (*Vide* Appendix I.–11.)
25. *Bankruptcy Bill.*—Consisting of five members: the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council, and to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Duthie, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Rees, Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	Aug. 5, on motion of Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves.	Report, Aug. 13.
26. *Native Land Bill.*—Standing Order No. 178 suspended, and a Select Committee of fifteen members appointed to consider the Native Land Bill: such Committee to have leave to confer and sit with any similar Committee that may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or a separate report: the Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records; five to be a quorum; to report in ten days.	Hon. Mr. Bryce, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Houston, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Kapa, Mr. W. Kelly, Hon. Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. Parata, Mr. Rees, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Shera, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Taipua, Hon. Mr. Cadman.	Aug. 26, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cadman.	Standing Order No. 178 suspended, Aug. 26. Time for bringing up Report extended for one week, Sept. 9. Native Land Bill referred, Aug. 25; Report, Sept. 9.
27. *Native Land Laws.*—To consider the provisions of a Bill to be introduced to deal with certain pressing matters in relation to Native lands.	Hon. Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. Carroll, Captain Russell, Mr. Taipua, Mr. Rees.	Sept. 10, on motion of Mr. Rees.	Report, Sept. 15.

V.—Schedule of Public Bills, Session II., 1891.

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Adulteration Prevention Amendment	Hon. Mr. Ward ..	June 24	June 24	July 17	July 28	July 29	July 29	July 29	..	..	
Agent-General Limitation of Office ..	Mr. Fisher.. ..	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order for second reading discharged, and made an order for Aug. 20, Aug. 12. *Lapsed.*
Aliens Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	June 19	June 19	June 23	July 10	July 10	July 14	July 14	July 22	..	House disagrees with amendments of Legislative Council, and Mr. Guinness, Sir J. Hall, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed a Committee to draw up reasons, July 29. Reasons brought up and agreed to for disagreeing with amendments of Legislative Council, and Message to Legislative Council, July 31. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments; House still disagrees; Conference requested, and Sir J. Hall, Mr. Guinness, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed Managers; and Message to Legislative Council, Aug. 6. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, and appointing Managers and fixing time and place, Aug. 7. Hon. Mr. Seddon brought up Report on Conference; unable to agree with Legislative Council, Aug. 11. *Lapsed.*
Allen Disqualification Removal ..	Colonel Fraser ..	July 30	July 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order for second reading discharged, and Bill made an order for Aug. 20, Aug. 12. *Lapsed.*
Appraisers	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	June 17	June 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
ppropriation	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	..	..	
Artificial Manures Adulteration ..	Mr. T. Mackenzie ..	June 17	June 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Auckland Harbour Board Empowering	Mr. T. Thompson ..	July 8	July 8	July 16	July 23	July 23	July 23	July 23	..	..	Introduced in Committee and referred to Local Bills Committee, July 8; Report, July 15.
Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act 1886 Amendment	Mr. T. Thompson ..	July 30	July 30	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	Introduced in Committee, July 30; referred to Local Bills Committee, July 30; Report, Aug. 5.
Auctioneers	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	June 17	June 17	July 21	July 29	July 29	July 31	July 31	Aug. 13	..	House disagrees with amendments of Legislative Council in clauses 9 and 18, and a Committee consisting of Hon. Mr. Fergus, Mr. Macdonald, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed to prepare reasons, Aug. 19. Reasons brought up and agreed to, and Message to Legislative Council, Aug. 25. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments in section 9; Conference to be requested, and Hon. Mr. Fergus, Mr. Macdonald, and Hon. Mr. Seddon to be Managers, and Message to Legislative Council, Aug. 31. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, appointing Managers, and fixing time and place for meeting, Sept. 1. Report of Conference brought up, Sept. 3. Agreed to, Sept. 4. Governor's amendment read and agreed to, Sept. 8. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 8. Message from Legislative Council, agreeing to Governor's amendment, Sept. 11.

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Bankruptcy	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 17	June 17	July 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 14; Report recommending Special Committee to deal with the Bill, Aug. 4. Special Committee set up, Aug. 5; Report, Aug. 13. *Lapsed.*
Birds Nuisance. (*Vide* Small-birds Nuisance.)											
Book-purchasers Protection ..	Mr. Fisher.. ..	June 17	June 17	July 23	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Sept. 1	Sept. 2	
Borough of Sydenham Endowment (No. 1)	Mr. Taylor.. ..	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Order for second reading discharged, and Bill withdrawn, June 16.*
Borough of Sydenham Endowment (No. 2)	Mr. Taylor.. ..	June 18	June 18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Crown's recommendation notified, and Bill introduced in Committee, June 18. *Lapsed.*
Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale (No. 1)	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept.15	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Waste Lands Committee, Sept. 14; Report, Sept. 15. *Order for committal discharged, and Bill withdrawn, Sept. 16.*
Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Sept.16	Sept.16	Sept.16	Sept.16	Sept.21	Sept.21	Sept.21	..	..	Introduced in Committee, Sept. 16. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension	Mr. Perceval ..	June 24	June 24	July 16	July 23	July 23	July 23	July 23	Aug. 13	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 24; Report, July 15.
Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment	Mr. Perceval ..	June 19	June 19	July 9	July 16	July 16	July 23	July 23	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 19; Report, June 24. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment	Mr. Perceval ..	June 19	June 19	July 9	July 16	July 16	July 23	July 23	Aug. 4	Aug. 20	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 19; Report, June 24.
Civil Service	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 3	July 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made; referred to Committee of the Whole; resolution reported and agreed to, July 3. *Lapsed.*
Coal-mines	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	June 12	June 12	July 14	Sept. 1	Sept.16	Sept.16	Sept.16	Sept.23	Sept.23	Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, July 14; Report, Aug. 19.
Companies Act 1882 Amendment ..	Mr. Fisher.. ..	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Companies (Memorandum of Association)	Legislative Council ..	July 3	July 3	July 14	July 29	July 29	July 29	July 29	..	..	
Consolidated Stock	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 15	July 15	Aug. 14	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	..	..	Introduced in Committee, July 15. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, Aug. 14; Report, Aug. 18.
Coroners' Inquests	Mr. Taylor.. ..	June 12	June 12	June 18	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Coroners' Juries Abolition	Mr. Guinness ..	June 18	June 18	July 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Counties Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	June 17	June 17	July 31	Sept.11	Sept.15	Sept.15	Sept.15	..	..	*Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Criminal Code	Legislative Council ..	July 3	July 3	July 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Customs and Excise Duties	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Aug. 5	Aug. 5	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made; referred to Committee of the Whole; and resolution reported and agreed to, Aug. 5.
Dentists Act Amendment	Mr. Palmer ..	June 12	June 12	June 18	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept.10	..*	House disagrees with amendments, and Mr. Palmer, Mr. Lawry, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed a Committee to draw up reasons, Sept. 10. Reasons brought up and agreed to, Sept. 14. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference; Hon. Mr. Seddon, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Lawry appointed Managers; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 16. Report of Conference brought up and agreed to, Sept. 18.

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Distillation Act Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 22	July 22	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	
Divorce Extension and Amendment ..	Mr. Joyce	June 16	June 16	July 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Educational Endowments and Reserves Management and Exchange	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Referred to Waste Lands Committee, Sept. 21; Report, Sept. 22.
Eight Hours	Mr. Fisher.. ..	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Electoral	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	June 12	June 12	June 16	June 19	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 16	..	Recommitted, Sept. 4. House disagrees with amendments of Legislative Council, and Hon. Mr. Ballance, Hon. Mr. Seddon, and Mr. Earnshaw appointed a Committee to draw up reasons; Reasons brought up and agreed to; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 17. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments; House does not agree; Conference requested, and Hon. Mr. Ballance, Hon. Mr. Seddon, and Mr. Earnshaw appointed Managers; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 18. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, Sept. 21. Report of Conference brought up and ordered to lie on Table, Sept. 22. *Lapsed.*
Employers' Liability Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 16	June 16	June 19	July 28	July 28	July	July 29	Aug. 7	Aug. 13	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, June 19; Report, July 16. Message to Legislative Council, August 13.
Expiring Laws Continuance ..	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	June 11	June 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Factories	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 16	June 16	June 19	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Sept. 3	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, June 19; Report, July 30. Amendments of Legislative Council in certain clauses disagreed with, and Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Tanner, and Hon. Mr. Reeves appointed a Committee to draw up reasons, Sept. 8. Reasons brought up and agreed to, Sept. 10. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 10. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments; House still disagrees; Conference requested, and Hon. Mr. Reeves, Mr. Pinkerton, and Mr. Tanner appointed Managers; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 14. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, Sept. 14. Report of Conference read and agreed to, Sept. 15. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Report of Conference, Sept. 16.
Female Suffrage	Sir J. Hall.. ..	June 17	June 17	Aug. 24	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	*Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Fisheries Conservation Act 1884 Amendment	Mr. Wright ..	July 15	July 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Second reading discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Aug. 20, Aug. 12. Recommitted, Sept. 3. *Lapsed.*
Friendly Societies Acts Amendment ..	Sir G. Grey ..	June 30	June 30	July 23	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	*Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Gaming and Lotteries	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	June 12	June 12	July 30	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*

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Gaming and Lotteries Acts Repeal ..	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	June 23	June 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Order for second reading discharged, and Bill withdrawn, Aug. 5.*
Gold Duty Abolition and Mining Property Rating	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves ..	July 8	July 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee, July 8. *Order for second reading discharged, and Bill withdrawn, Aug. 5.*
Government Life Insurance Acts Amendment	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Sept.11	Sept.11	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made, referred to Committee of Whole; Resolution reported and agreed to, Sept. 11.
Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment (No. 1)	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 30	July 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee, July 30. *Order for second reading discharged, and Bill withdrawn, Aug. 13.*
Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made, referred to Committee of Whole; and Resolution reported and agreed to, Aug. 18.
Government Railways Act 1887 Amendment	Mr. Rees	July 1	July 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Government Railways Act 1887 Repeal	Mr. Palmer ..	July 7	July 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Greymouth Harbour Board Loan ..	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	July 31	July 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept.10	..	..	Introduced in Committee, July 31. Order of July 31 rescinded, and Bill referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 5; Report, Sept. 2.
Hamerton Pension..	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Sept.11	Sept.11	Sept.23	Sept.23	Sept.23	Sept.23	Sept.23	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made, Sept. 11.
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Acts Amendment	Mr. Harkness ..	July 31	July 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order of July 31 rescinded, and Bill referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 5. *Lapsed.*
Hospital Trustees	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Sept.23	Sept.23	Sept.24	Sept.24	Sept.24	Sept.24	Sept.24	..	..	
Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	June 17	June 17	June 23	July 10	July 10	July 10	July 10	July 22	..	*Lapsed.*
Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Prohibition	Mr. McGuire ..	July 31	July 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Imprest Supply	Hon. Mr. Ballance and Hon. Mr. Reeves	June 19	June 19	June 19	June 19	June 19	June 19	June 19	..	..	Ordinary entry for Imprest Supply Bill, June 19.
Imprest Supply (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 17	July 17	July 17	July 17	July 17	July 17	July 17	..	..	Ordinary entry for Imprest Supply Bill, July 17.
Imprest Supply (No. 3)	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	Aug. 13	..	..	Ordinary entry for Imprest Supply Bill, Aug. 13.
Indecent Advertisements	Legislative Council ..	July 7	July 7	July 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Industrial Conciliation	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 17	June 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Inebriates' Home	Mr. Shera	June 19	June 19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Crown's recommendation notified, and Bill introduced in Committee, June 19. *Lapsed.*
Intoxicating Liquors (Supply to Children)	Mr. Fisher	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Juries Act 1880 Amendment.. ..	Mr. Palmer ..	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Juries Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 17	June 17	July 17	July 28	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Land	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	June 16	June 16	July 24	Aug. 26	Aug. 31	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept.15	..	Referred to Waste Lands Committee, July 24; Report, Aug. 11. Recommitted for clauses 163 to 176 inclusive, also new clause 236; and Report, Sept. 1. House disagrees with amendments of Legislative Council, and Hon. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Duncan, and Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie appointed a Committee to draw up reasons, Sept. 16; Reasons brought up and agreed to, Sept. 17. Message from Legislative Council insisting on its amendments; House still disagrees; Conference to be requested, and Hon. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Duncan, and Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie appointed Managers, Sept. 18. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, Sept. 21. Report from Conference ordered to lie on the Table, Sept. 22. *Lapsed.*

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Land- and Income-assessment ..	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 22	July 22	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 12	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made, referred to Committee of Whole; Resolution reported and agreed to, July 22. Message from His Excellency, proposing certain amendments in Schedules B and D, Aug. 11. Bill recommitted, and reported, Aug. 18. Governor's amendment read and agreed to, Sept. 1.
Land for Settlements	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	July 9	July 9	Sept. 9	Sept.11	Sept.11	Sept.11	Sept.11	..	..	Introduced in Committee, July 9. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Law Practitioners (No. 1)	Sir G. Grey ..	June 23	June 23	July 16	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	Committal of Bill set down as first Order of the Day for Aug. 20, Aug. 7. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Law Practitioners (No. 2)	Sir G. Grey ..	Sept.18	Sept.18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Legislative Council	Legislative Council ..	July 2	July 2	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	..	..	Message from Legislative Council disagreeing with amendments read; and Hon. Mr. Fergus, Hon. Mr. Ballance, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed a Committee for insisting on amendments, Sept. 10. Reasons for insisting read and agreed to; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 10. Message from Legislative Council requesting Conference; Conference agreed to, and Hon. Mr. Fergus, Hon. Mr. Seddon, and Hon. Mr. Ballance appointed Managers; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 11. Report of Conference read and agreed to, Sept. 14.
Legislative Council Appointments Cancellation	Mr. Rees	July 1	July 1	July 22	July 30	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Libel	Legislative Council ..	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Licensing Act Amendment	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	June 30	June 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Second reading negatived on division, July 23.*
Licensing Act 1881 Amendment ..	Mr. R. H. J. Reeves	June 23	June 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee, June 23. *Order for second reading discharged, and Bill withdrawn, Aug. 5.*
Licensing Acts Amendment	Mr. Joyce	June 24	June 24	July 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee, June 24. *Lapsed.*
Light from Crown Land Restriction ..	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Sept. 7	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.18	..	House disagrees with amendments of Legislative Council; and Mr. Guinness, Mr. Wright, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed a Committee to draw up reasons, Sept. 18. Reasons brought up and agreed to; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 21. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments, Sept. 22. House disagrees with reasons; Conference to be requested, and Mr. Guinness, Mr. Macdonald, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed Managers; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 22. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, Sept. 22. Report from Conference brought up and ordered to lie on the Table; Conference unable to come to agreement, Sept. 23. *Lapsed.*

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Local Authorities' Accounts and Audit	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 8	July 8	July 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Public Accounts Committee, July 17; Report, Aug. 4. *Lapsed.*
Lunacies Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	June 17	June 17	July 17	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	
Lyttelton Harbour Board Land ..	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Aug. 21	Aug. 21	Sept. 7	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	..	..	
Manual and Technical Elementary Instruction	Mr. Fisher	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Marriage Act Amendment	Legislative Council ..	July 22	July 22	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	..	..	Bill recommitted for reconsideration of clause 2; Report, Aug. 19.
McCabe Land-grants	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	July 31	July 31	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	Introduced in Committee, and referred to Local Bills Committee, July 31; Report, Aug. 19.
McLean Land (No. 1)	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Aug. 5	Aug. 5	Aug. 13	Sept.21	Sept.21	Sept.21	Sept.21	..	..	Introduced in Committee, and referred to Waste Lands Committee, Aug. 13; Report, Aug. 25. *Lapsed.*
McLean Land (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Sept.16	Sept.16	Sept.21	Sept.21	Sept.21	Sept.21	Sept.21	..	..	
Mining	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	June 12	June 12	July 14	Aug. 6	Aug. 25	Aug. 25	Aug. 25	Sept.11	Sept.11	Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, July 14; Report, Aug. 4. Governor's amendment read and agreed to, Sept. 15. Legislative Council agrees to Governor's amendment, Sept. 16.
Municipal Corporations Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 30	July 30	Sept. 7	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.18	Sept.18	
Municipal Fire Insurance	Mr. W. Hutchison ..	June 17	June 17	July 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Native Land	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	July 31	July 31	Aug. 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to a Select Committee, Aug. 25; Report, Sept. 9. *Lapsed.*
Native Land Administration ..	Mr. Kapa	July 9	July 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Native Land Court Acts Amendment	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Sept.17	Sept.17	Sept.23	Sept.24	Sept.24	Sept.24	Sept.24	..	..	
Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	Sept. 7	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.14	Sept.23	Sept.24	Introduced in Committee, Aug. 11. Amendments of Legislative Council disagreed with, and Conference requested, and Captain Russell, Mr. G. Hutchison, and Hon. Mr. Seddon appointed Managers; Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 24. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, Sept. 24; Report of Conference, Sept. 24. Governor's amendment read and agreed to, Sept. 24. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Governor's amendment, Sept. 24.
New Plymouth Hospital	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 28; Report, Sept. 2.
New Zealand Institute of Surveyors ..	Hon. Mr. Richardson	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order for second reading discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Aug. 6, July 22. Referred to Waste Lands Committee, Aug. 12; Report, Aug. 19. *Lapsed.*
North Dunedin Cemetery Extension ..	Mr. Fish	June 17	June 17	July 2	July 9	July 9	July 9	July 9	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 17; Report, June 24. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Amendment	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	Sept.15	Sept.15	Sept.18	Sept.18	Sept.18	Sept.18	Sept.18	..	..	

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Official and Colonial Defences Secrets	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	June 19	June 19	June 23	July 10	July 10	July 10	July 10	July 16	July 16	
Oamaru Harbour Board Advance Repayment	Hon. Mr. Ward ..	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act 1887 Amendment	Mr. Duncan ..	July 1	July 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee and referred to Local Bills Committee, July 1; Report, July 22. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, July 23; Report, Aug. 12. *Lapsed.*
Palmerston North Hospital District ..	Mr. Wilson ..	June 16	June 16	July 30	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 16; Report, July 29.
Palmerston North Hospital Land-sales Validation	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	..	..	
Partnership	Legislative Council ..	July 7	July 7	July 17	July 28	July 29	July 29	July 29	..	..	
Patea Harbour Endowment	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee, Aug. 14. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 14; Report, Sept. 9. *Lapsed.*
Payment of Members	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 24	July 24	Aug. 21	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made; Bill introduced in Committee; and Resolutions reported and agreed to, July 24. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Police Offences Act 1884 Amendment ..	Legislative Council ..	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. Ward ..	Aug. 5	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	..	..	
Post Office Acts Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Ward ..	June 24	June 24	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	..	
Private Schools	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	June 24	June 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Second reading negatived, July 16.*
Private Tramways Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	..	..	
Promoters' and Directors' Liability ..	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	June 12	June 12	June 18	June 23	June 23	June 23	June 23	July 7	July 14	
Property-tax	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made; Bill introduced in Committee; and Resolution reported and agreed to, Sept. 4.
Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment	Legislative Council ..	July 23	July 23	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	..	..	
Public Revenues	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	July 7	July 7	July 17	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made; Bill introduced in Committee; and Resolutions reported and agreed to, July 7. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, July 17; Report, July 22.
Public Schools	Mr. Fisher	June 12	June 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Public Trust Office Acts Amendment	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	..	Referred to Public Accounts Committee, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 9. House disagrees with amendments of Legislative Council, and Mr. Saunders, Mr. J. Kelly, and Hon. Mr. Ballance appointed a Committee to draw up reasons; reasons brought up and agreed to, and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 18. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments; House still disagrees; Conference to be requested, and Hon. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Saunders, and Mr. J. Kelly appointed Managers, Sept. 18. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference, Sept. 21. Report of Conference read and agreed to, and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 22.

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Public Works Acts Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Public Works Appropriation ..	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	..	..	
Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Aug. 5	Aug. 5	Aug. 14	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	..	Amendments of Legislative Council disagreed with, and Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duncan, and Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Sept. 21. Reasons brought up and agreed to; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 21. Message from Legislative Council requesting Conference read and agreed to, and Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duncan, and Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie appointed Managers. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Report of Conference, Sept. 23. House agrees, Sept. 23.
Railways Authorisation and Management	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	
Repeals	Legislative Council..	July 7	July 7	July 17	July 28	July 29	July 29	July 29	..	..	
River Boards Act Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Aug. 5	Aug. 5	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Sept. 1	Sept. 2	
Riverton Harbour Board Empowering (No. 1)	Mr. Mackintosh ..	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Sept. 8; Report, Sept. 9. *Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, Sept. 17.*
Riverton Harbour Board Empowering (No. 2)	Mr. Mackintosh ..	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee, Sept. 17. *Lapsed.*
School Committees Election ..	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 16	June 16	Aug. 6	Sept. 4	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Governor's amendment read and agreed to; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 22.
Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	July 15	July 15	July 31	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Sept. 9	..	Referred to Waste Lands Committee, July 31; Report, Aug. 13. Consideration of amendments of Legislative Council; House disagrees with amendments, and Hon. Mr. Fergus, Mr. Meredith, and Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie appointed a Committee to draw up reasons, Sept. 11. Reasons brought up and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 11. House disagrees with amendments of Legislative Council; Conference requested, and Hon. Mr. Fergus, Hon. Mr. Seddon, and Mr. Meredith appointed Managers; and Legislative Council agrees to Conference, Sept. 16. Report from Conference that no agreement can be come to, Sept. 17. Second Conference requested, and Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. Valentine, and Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie appointed Managers; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 18. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to second Conference, and appointing time and place, Sept. 18. Report from second Conference stating that no agreement can be come to, Sept. 21. *Lapsed.*
Shop-hours (No. 1)	Mr. Joyce	June 16	June 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Shop-hours (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 16	June 16	June 19	July 28	July 28	July 29	July 29	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, June 19; Report, July 16. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Slaughterhouses Act Amendment (No. 1)	Mr. Rees	July 8	July 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Slaughterhouses Act Amendment (No. 2)	Legislative Council ..	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	..	..	
Small-birds Nuisance	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	June 30	June 30	July 17	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Referred to Live-stock Committee, July 17; Report, Sept. 9. Title altered to "Birds Nuisance Act."
Stamp Acts Amendment	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	..	..	Message from His Excellency, transmitting draft and recommending provision to be made; Bill introduced in Committee; and Resolution reported and agreed to, Sept. 4. Governor's amendment read and agreed to; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 22.
Stock-driving	Legislative Council..	July 28	July 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order for second reading discharged, and Bill referred to Stock Committee, July 31; Report, Aug. 11. *Lapsed.*

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Stratford County Districts Adjustment	Mr. McGuire ..	June 17	June 17	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 17; Report, Aug. 5.
Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Acts Amendment	Captain Russell ..	July 30	July 30	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	..	..	
Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor	Hon. Mr. Cadman ..	July 30	July 30	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 30; Report, Aug. 26.
Thorndon Esplanade (No. 1) ..	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	July 31	July 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order of July 31 rescinded, and Bill referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 5; Report, Sept. 2. *Lapsed.*
Thorndon Esplanade (No. 2) ..	Mr. Duthie ..	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee, and referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 20.
Trafalgar Park Purchasing	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 20; Report, Aug. 26.
Truck	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	June 16	June 16	June 19	July 28	July 28	July 29	July 29	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, June 19. Report, July 14.
Trustees Act 1883 Amendment ..	Legislative Council ..	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	..	..	Message from Legislative Council disagreeing with amendments of House in clause 20; House does not insist on amendments; Message to Legislative Council, Aug. 20.
Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 20; Report, Aug. 26.
University of Otago Council Election	Mr. W. Hutchison ..	June 17	June 17	July 23	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Order for second reading discharged, and made an Order of the Day for 23rd July, July 22.
Valpy Land Boundaries Repeal ..	Mr. W. Hutchison ..	June 23	June 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred by Mr. Speaker to Joint Committee on Bills, June 23; Report deeming it a Private Bill, July 7. *Order for second reading rescinded, and Bill withdrawn, July 7.*
Waimate Hospital District	Mr. Duncan ..	July 1	July 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 1; Report, Sept. 2. *Lapsed.*
Wairoa Harbour	Captain Russell ..	Aug. 5	Aug. 5		..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee, Aug. 5. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 5. *Lapsed.*
Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange	Hon. Mr. Ballance ..	June 12	June 12	July 2	July 9	July 9	July 9	July 9	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 12; Report, June 24.
Wanganui River Trust	Mr. G. Hutchison ..	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Introduced in Committee, and referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 18; Report, Sept. 2.
Water-supply (No. 1)	Mr. Wright ..	June 18	June 18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Water-supply (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie	July 23	July 23	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 18	Sept. 21	Governor's amendment read and agreed to; and Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 22.
Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting (No. 1)	Hon. Mr. Seddon ..	July 31	July 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order of July 31 rescinded, and Bill referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 5; Report, Sept. 2. *Lapsed.*
Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting (No. 2)	Mr. Duthie ..	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Introduced in Committee, and referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 20; Report, Sept. 2.
Wellington Boys' Institute	Mr. Duthie ..	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 26.

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Wellington Gas Company's Act 1870 Amendment	Mr. Fisher	June 16	June 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred by Mr. Speaker to Joint Committee on Bills, June 16; Report, June 23; deemed a Private Bill. *Order for second reading discharged, and Bill withdrawn, June 23.*
Wellington Harbour Board Act 1879 Amendment	Mr. Fisher	June 16	June 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred by Mr. Speaker to Joint Committee on Bills, June 16; Report, June 23; deemed a Local Bill. *Order for second reading discharged, and Bill withdrawn, June 23.*
West Coast Settlement Reserves ..	Mr. Taipua ..	June 17	June 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order for second reading discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Aug. 20, Aug. 12. *Lapsed.*
Workmen's Lien	Hon. Mr. W. P. Reeves	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Aug. 14; Report, Aug. 21. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*

VI.—SCHEDULE OF PRIVATE BILLS, SESSION II., 1891.

Auckland Electric Lighting.. ..	Mr. Shera	June 25	June 25	Aug. 5	..	Aug. 27	..	Sept. 1	..	..	
Christchurch Electric Lighting ..	Mr. Taylor.. ..	June 24	June 24	June 30	..	July 23	..	July 29	..	..	
New Zealand Bank	Mr. Perceval ..	June 19	June 19	June 23	..	July 23	..	July 28	..	..	
Taranaki Aid Fund and Indemnity ..	Mr. Harkness ..	June 19	June 19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment	Legislative Council ..	July 1	July 1	July 7	..	July 17	..	July 21	..	..	
Wellington Electric Lighting ..	Mr. Duthie ..	June 25	June 25	June 30	..	July 17	July 21	Aug. 4	..	..	Committee revived, July 28; Report, July 29.

VII.—Schedule of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table.

Note.—The letters and numbers in the column headed "Printed Papers" refer to the Appendix to the Journals.

No.		When Presented.	How Presented.	Printed Papers.
	A.			
	Accident Insurance Company. (*Vide* New Zealand Accident Insurance Company.)			
	Agricultural and Pastoral Associations:—			
114	Circulars sent to, and Replies	July 9	Ordered	H.—39
129	Additional Replies to Circulars	July 15	Ordered	H.—39
142	Additional Replies to Circulars	July 23	Ordered	H.—39
161	Additional Replies to Circulars	July 30	Ordered	H.—39
189	Additional Reply to Circulars	Aug. 14	Ordered	H.—39
254	Additional Replies to Circulars	Sept. 21	Ordered	H.—39
	Akaroa and Little River Railway Endowments. (*Vide* Crown Lands.)			
	Alienation of Native Lands. (*Vide* Native Affairs.)			
	Annexation and Federation. (*Vide* Federation and Annexation.)			
92	Appeal Court, Judgments of, in case of Te Moanroa and Another *v.* Public Trustee	July 3	Mr. Cadman	G.—6
	Appropriations. (*Vide* Finance.)			
	Arms and Ammunition. (*Vide* Defence.)			
140	Artillery and Torpedo Branches of the Permanent Forces: Return of Appointments, Promotions, and Discharges	July 22	Ordered	H.—47
100	Auckland Hospital Inquiry: Return of Expenditure	July 7	Ordered	H.—35
	Auckland Municipal Accounts. (*Vide* Finance.)			
	Auckland University College. (*Vide* Education.)			
	Audit Department:—			
32	Correspondence with Auditor-General respecting proposed Increase of Staff, and Question of Audit	June 11	By leave	B.—24
108	Letter from Auditor-General relative to the late Public Trust Office Commissioners' Memorandum	July 8	By command	H.—30
184	Letter from Auditor-General relative to increasing the Audit Staff ..	Aug. 11	Mr. Ballance	I.—9
108	Letter from Auditor-General relative to Memorandum by Public Trust Office Commissioners	July 8	By command	H.—3c
	Australasian Federation Conference,—			
249	Expenses of Delegates to	Sept. 18	Ordered	H.—60
5	Proceedings of	June 11	By command	..
25	Australian Mutual Provident Society: Annual Statements for Year 1890	June 11	By Act	..
	B.			
	Ballast, Railway. (*Vide* Public Works.)			
	Banking Account of the Colony. (*Vide* Finance.)			
164	Bankruptcy Bill, Report of the Palmerston North Chamber of Commerce on	Aug. 4	Ordered	..
264	Bonuses paid during 1887, 1888, and 1890	Sept. 23	Ordered	B.—26
265	Bonuses paid during 1891	Sept. 23	Ordered	B.—26A
187	Botanic Garden Board, 1890-91: Twenty-second Annual Report ..	Aug. 13	By command	H.—26
	Buller River Bridge. (*Vide* Public Works.)			
	By-laws for Railways. (*Vide* Public Works.)			
	C.			
	Campbell, Ranger,—			
88	Appointment of	July 2	Ordered	..
121	Telegrams relative to charges against	July 10	Mr. J. McKenzie	..
	Canterbury College. (*Vide* Education.)			
104	Census, Maori, Papers relative to	July 8	By command	G.—2
85	Census of New Zealand, 1891, Population	July 1	By Act	H.—17*
199	Population classified	Aug. 21	By Act	H.—17A
51	Chicago Exhibition, Representation of New Zealand at	June 16	Mr. Ballance	H.—31
	Civil List Account. (*Vide* Finance.)			
	Civil Service:—			
38	Appointments made in Lands and Survey Department	June 12	By Act	..
68	Appointments under section 4 of "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886"	July 24	By Act	E.—11
91	Appointments under section 4, Further	July 2	By Act	H.—34
96	Appointments under section 4, Further	July 7	By Act	H.—34
	Bonuses. (*Vide* Finance.)			
	Examinations. (*Vide* Education.)			
82	Otago Public Works Officers and their Work	June 30	Mr. Seddon	D.—9
227	Pensions, &c.: Particulars of £33,000 estimated for Payments under "The Civil Service Act, 1866"	Sept. 8	Mr. Ballance	H.—57
56	Retiring Allowances proposed to be granted	June 17	By Act	H.—56
145	Retiring Allowances proposed to be granted	July 23	By Act	H.—56
235	Retiring Allowances proposed to be granted	Sept. 14	By Act	H.—56
124	Retrenchments and fresh Appointments	July 14	Ordered	H.—43
117	Retrenchments and Reductions, Return of	July 9	Ordered	..
170	Collingwood-Mokihinui Road, Particulars and Plan of Locality ..	Aug. 5	Ordered	..
54	Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society: Annual Statements for 1890	June 17	By Act	..

* *Vide* also separate publication.

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No.		When Presented.	How Presented.	Printed Papers.
	COOK STRAIT CABLE. (*Vide* POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHS.)			
	COSTLEY TRAINING INSTITUTION. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)			
	COUNTY COUNCILS' BALANCE-SHEETS. (*Vide* FINANCE.)			
99	COURTENEY, MR. WILLIAM: Correspondence with the Government relative to New Zealand Flax	July 7	Ordered	..
92	COURT OF APPEAL, Judgments of the, in the case of Te Moanroa and Others *v.* the Public Trustee and Another	July 3	By leave	G.—6
	CROWN LANDS AND MINES:—			
101	Akaroa-Little River Railway Endowments, Particulars of Sales of ..	July 7	Ordered	C.—6
217	Coal Creek District, Proposed Maori Settlement at	Sept. 1	Ordered	..
240	Goldfields Roads, Water-races, and other Works in connection with Mining, Report on	Sept. 15	By command	C.—4
	Grey Valley Coal-mines,—			
7	Report of Commission on	June 11	By command	C.—3
31	Memorandum relative to Report	June 11	Mr. Seddon	C.—3A
127	Hurunui Village Settlement, Correspondence with Midland Railway Company relative to	July 15	Ordered	C.—7
234	Land Bill, 1891, Letter of Mr. J. Handley to the Minister of Lands relative to	Sept. 10	Mr. J. McKenzie	..
218	Mines Statement, by the Minister of Mines	Sept. 1	Mr. Seddon	D.—2
197	Nightcaps Coal Company and the New Zealand Railway Commissioners, Copy of Agreement between	Aug. 20	By Act	..
256	North Island Main Trunk Railway, Lands Purchased along the ..	Sept. 22	Ordered	C.—8
239	Puhipuhi Silver-ores, Letter from Mr. A. Bruce relative to treatment of	Sept. 15	By command	C.—4A
154	Report of the Department, Annual	July 29	By command	C.—1
45	Riparian Rights, Waitaki and other Rivers	June 12	Ordered	..
88	Southland Office, Appointment of Ranger Campbell and Retirement of Commissioner Spence	July 2	Ordered	C.—10
194	State Forest Lands proposed to be withdrawn in Auckland.. ..	Aug. 19	By Act	..
95	State Forest Lands withdrawn in Nelson and Marlborough ..	July 7	By Act	..
251	State Forest Lands proposed to be withdrawn in Southland ..	Sept. 21	By Act	C.—11
44	Station Peak and Myers Districts, Applicants for and Purchasers of Land in	June 12	Ordered	..
257	Surveys of New Zealand, Report on, for 1890-91	Sept. 23	By command	C.—1A
224	Takahue Village Settlement, Report on, by Mr. Menzies	Sept. 7	Ordered	..
188	Valpy Crown Grant, Copies and particulars of	Aug. 13	Ordered	..
58	Village Homesteads, Report on, by Hon. W. Copley	June 18	Mr. J. McKenzie	C.—5
183	Waikato Coal-mines, Report by Inspector N. D. Cochrane	Aug. 11	By leave	C.—9
206	Wellington Land Board, Land sold by, under Ballot system, and List of Successful Candidates	Aug. 25	Ordered	..
49	"CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT, 1888," Governor's Order levying Duty on Malt Acid	June 16	By Act	..
6	CUSTOMS AND OTHER REVENUE, Cost of Collecting, by the Customs Department, at each Port of Entry during the Year ending 31st March, 1891	June 11	By command	B.—11
203	CUSTOMS DUTIES, Comparative Tables of, collected during the Years 1887 and 1890	Aug. 25	By command	B.—17
	D.			
	DEAF-MUTES. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)			
	DEBT OF THE COLONY. (*Vide* FINANCE—Public Debt.)			
	DEFENCE:—			
140	Artillery and Torpedo Branches: Appointments, Promotions, and Discharges	July 22	Ordered	H.—47
171	Expenditure, Details relative to, £12,273 for Arms and Ammunition	Aug. 5	Ordered	H.—55
222	Forces of New Zealand, Annual Report	Sept. 7	By command	H.—24
119	Liabilities on Orders sent to Agent-General	July 10	Mr. Seddon	H.—41
248	Naval Squadron, Auxiliary, Tests of Machinery of, &c.	Sept. 17	Ordered	..
134	Nominal Roll of Clerical Staff, with particulars of Payments to ..	July 21	Ordered	H.—53
144	Under-Secretary for, Dismissal of	July 23	Ordered	..
137	Volunteers, Scheme for Re-organisation of, by Captain M. Bowron (*vide* also WARSHIPS)	July 21	Mr. Seddon	H.—54
1	DESPATCHES:—			
2	From the Governor of New Zealand to the Secretary of State ..	June 11	By command	A.—1
36	From the Secretary of State to the Governor of New Zealand ..	June 11	By command	A.—2
207	DUNEDIN HOSPITAL INQUIRY, Commission, Report of	June 12	By command	H.—1
	DUNEDIN, PRINCES STREET NATIVE RESERVE: List of Persons receiving Compensation, &c.	Aug. 25	Ordered	..
	E.			
	EDUCATION:—			
68	Appointments made under Section 4 of the Civil Service Reform Act	June 24	By Act	E.—11
48	Auckland University College	June 16	By Act	E.—8
246	Canterbury College	Sept. 17	By command	E.—7
9	Costley Training Institution, Report of	June 11	By command	E.—3A
60	Deaf-mutes, Institution of, Papers relative to	June 19	By command	E.—4
163	Industrial Schools	July 31	By command	E.—3
177	Inspectors of Schools, Reports of	Aug. 11	By command	E.—1B
212	Lincoln Agricultural College, Report of Directors of	Aug. 28	Mr. J. McKenzie	E.—10
176	Native Schools, Reports on	Aug. 11	By command	E.—2
247	Otago University	Sept. 17	By command	E.—6
37	Primary Education, Lands set apart as Endowments for	June 12	By Act	E.—13

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	EDUCATION—*continued*.			
131	Primary Education, Land set apart as Endowments for	July 16	By Act	E.—13
204	Primary Education, Lands set apart as Endowments for	Aug. 25	By Act	E.—13
61	Report of the Minister of Education, Annual	June 19	By command	E.—1
52	School-books, Circular relative to Cost of, and Replies	June 16	Mr. W. P. Reeves	E.—12
245	Secondary Schools, Reports of	Sept. 17	By command	E.—9
8	Teachers' and Civil Service Examinations	June 11	By command	E.—1A
216	Truant Schools, Correspondence relative to	Sept. 1	Ordered	..
59	University of New Zealand, Papers relative to	June 19	By command	E.—5
	EDWARDS, MR. W. B.:—			
148	Legal and other Costs in connection with Proceedings against ..	July 24	Ordered	..
12	Papers relating to the Appointment of	June 11	By command	H.—13
66	Papers relating to the Appointment of, Further	June 24	By command	H.—13A
	ENDOWMENTS. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)			
190	EQUITABLE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND: Annual Statements for 1890	Aug. 18	By Act	..
27	EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Annual Statements for Year 1890	June 11	By Act	..
87	EXPORTS: Value of six principal articles exported for last twenty years ..	July 2	Ordered	H.—19
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5	Australasian Federation Conference, Proceedings of	June 11	By command	..
78	Liquor Traffic at Rarotonga, Correspondence relative to	June 30	Mr. Ballance	H.—36
103	Macquarie Islands, Annexation of	July 8	By command	A.—5
202	Proceedings of British Resident at Rarotonga	Aug. 25	By command	A.—3A
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13	Appropriation Account for Year ended 31st March, 1891	June 11	By Act	B.—2
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86	Auckland Municipal Accounts, Mr. Audit-Inspector O'Hara Smith's Report on	July 1	Ordered	..
32	Audit Department, Correspondence relative to Increase of Staff (*vide* also AUDIT DEPARTMENT)	June 11	By leave	B.—24
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158	Banking Account of the Colony, Correspondence relative to Application for a share of	July 29	By leave	B.—19
26	Bonuses paid during 1891	Sept. 23	Ordered	B.—26A
264	Bonuses paid during 1887, 1888, and 1890	Sept. 23	Ordered	B.—26
14	Civil List Account for 1890-91	June 11	By Act	B.—3
57	Civil List Expenditure, October, 1887, to January, 1891	June 18	Ordered	B.—22
84	Conversion Loan, 1891, Correspondence relative to	July 1	By command	B.—14
180	Conversion Loan, 1891, Further Correspondence	Aug. 11	By command	B.—14A
23	County Councils' Balance-sheets for Year ended 31st March, 1891 ..	June 11	By Act	..
259	County Councils' Balance-sheets for 1890-91, Further	Sept. 23	By Act	..
6	Customs and other Revenue, Cost of Collection of at each Port during 1890-91	June 11	By command	B.—11
203	Customs Duties, Comparative Tables of, collected during the Years 1887 and 1890	Aug. 25	By command	B.—17
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57	Expenditure under clause 65 of the New Zealand Constitution Act, from 9th October, 1887, until 24th January, 1891	June 18	Ordered	B.—22
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191	Landowners holding Land of the value of £20,000 and upwards ..	Aug. 18	Ordered	B.—20
33	Liabilities of the Government of New Zealand on 31st March, 1891 ..	June 11	By Act	..
71	Local Authorities, Applications made by, for Loans, Annual Return of	June 25	By Act	B.—12
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118	Local Governing Bodies, Revenue and Expenditure of	July 10	Ordered	B.—25
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63	New Plymouth Harbour Board, Payment of Interest by the ..	June 23	By command	B.—15
149	Postal Revenue: Estimate of Reductions consequent upon proposed Alterations	July 24	Ordered	F.—6
10	Post Office Account: Balance-sheet to 31st December, 1890 ..	June 11	By command	F.—2
19	Post Office Savings Bank: Accounts for Year 1890	June 11	By Act	F.—3
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141	Public Debt of the Colony, Particulars of	July 23	Ordered	B.—18
18	Public Trust Office: Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1890	June 11	By Act	B.—9
181	Revenue and Expenditure of Consolidated Fund for the Month of July, 1890 and 1891 respectively	Aug. 11	Ordered	B.—23
16	Revenue and Expenditure of Public Account, Abstract of, for Year ended 31st March, 1891	June 11	By Act	B.—5
70	"Roads and Bridges Construction Act, 1882," Debentures issued under, converted	June 25	By Act	B.—13
72	Securities held in the Colony and England on behalf of the Government	June 25	By Act	B.—16
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99	Correspondence with Mr. W. Courtney relative to	July 7	Ordered	..
50	Manufacture of, into Wool-bales and Sacks	June 16	Mr. Ballance	..
255	FLOUNDERS, Size of, taken in the Colony	Sept. 21	Ordered	H.—10
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21	FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, Fourteenth Annual Report by the Registrar of ..	June 11	By Act	H.—9
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135	GAZETTE, NEW ZEALAND, Cost of Printing, and Receipts	July 21	Ordered	H.—45
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175	Report, Further	Aug. 7	Mr. Seddon	D.—19
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	J.			
172	JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF, Prisons Branch: Report on, for the Year ending 31st December, 1890; also, Report on operation of "The First Offenders Probation Act, 1886"	Aug. 6	By command	H.—14
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146	LABOUR CONFERENCE, Report of, on the various Labour Bills and Eight Hours Bill	July 23	Mr. W. P. Reeves	H.—48
234	LAND BILL, 1891, Letter from Mr. J. Handley to the Minister for Lands relative to	Sept. 10	Mr. J. McKenzie	..
191	LANDOWNERS holding upwards of £20,000 in value of Land, classified as in Schedule B of the Land and Income Assessment Bill	Aug. 18	Ordered	B.—20
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65	Annual Report of Departments, 1890-91	June 24	By command	H.—11
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155	Copying-clerks, Earnings of, for past Financial Year	July 29	Ordered	..
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55	MUTUAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA: Annual Statements for 1890..	June 11	By Act	..
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24	NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA (Limited): Annual Statements for Year 1890	June 11	By Act	..
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104	Census, Maori, Papers relative to	July 8	By command	G.—2
217	Coal Creek District, Proposed Maori Settlement at	Sept. 1	Ordered	..
207	Dunedin, Princes Street Native Reserve, Return relative to ..	Aug. 25	Ordered	..
157	Half-castes, South Island, Particulars of Claims of to land.. ..	July 29	Ordered	G.—8
167	Native Land Court: Work performed by the Judges in the North Island during the Year ending 31st July, 1890	Aug. 5	Ordered	..
64	Native-land Laws: Letter from Mr. J. H. Edwards, with Suggestions	June 23	By command	G.—3 & G.—3A
193	Native-land Laws Commission,—			
238	Cost of	Aug. 18	Ordered	G.—1c
67	Cost of, Supplementary Return	Sept. 14	Ordered	G.—1c
84	Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendices	June 24	By command	G.—1
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263	Native Lands, Particulars relative to	Sept. 23	Ordered	G.—10
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166	Mr. Commissioner Mackay's Report on	Aug. 4	By command	G.—7
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215	Wairarapa Lakes and Lands: Report of Mr. A. Mackay on Native Claims	Aug. 28	By command	G.—4
162	"NAVAL AND MILITARY SETTLERS' AND VOLUNTEERS' LAND ACT, 1889," Further Reports by Commissioners of Crown Lands upon Claims under	July 30	By message	..
208	NAVAL AND MILITARY SETTLERS AND VOLUNTEERS' LAND CLAIMS: Further Reports by Commissioners of Crown Lands	Aug. 26	By message	..
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63	NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD, Payment of Interest by the	June 23	By command	B.—15
136	NEW SOUTH WALES STRIKES, Report of Royal Commission on	July 21	By leave	H.—16
28	NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY: Annual Statements for Year 1890	June 11	By Act	..
126	NEW ZEALAND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY: Annual Return for 1890	July 17	By command	..
57	NEW ZEALAND CONSTITUTION ACT, Expenditure under clause 65 of ..	June 18	Ordered	B.—22
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116	POLICE FORCE: Seniority and Religious Persuasion of certain Officers ..	July 9	By leave	H.—40
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90	POLICE PROSECUTIONS UNDER "THE LICENSING ACT, 1881," Correspondence relative to	July 2	Ordered	H.—5
80	POLICE REMOVALS, Details and Cost of	June 30	Ordered	H.—33
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20	Post and Telegraph Departmental List	June 11	By Act	..
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229	Report of Department for 1890	Sept. 9	By command	F.—1
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236	San Francisco Mail-service, Dates of Arrival at Auckland and Wellington	Sept. 14	Ordered	..
123	Telephone Lines, Country, Cost of, and Subsidies paid for	July 14	Ordered	F.—7
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138	Return of Law Costs and other charges in connection therewith ..	July 21	Mr. Ballance	H.—46
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251	Proposed to be withdrawn in Southland	Sept. 21	By Act	C.—11
95	Withdrawn in Wellington and Marlborough	July 7	By Act	..
44	STATION PEAK AND MYERS DISTRICTS, Return of Applicants and Purchasers of Land in	June 12	Ordered	..
	STOCK DEPARTMENT:—			
102	Changes of Officers in North Island, and Receipts from Sheep-tax ..	July 7	Ordered	H.—36
107	Expenditure by Inspectors, and other Charges, Details of	July 8	Ordered	H.—37
219	Expenditure without Ministerial Authority, and other Expenses ..	Sept. 3	Ordered	..
109	Prosecutions under the Rabbit Nuisance Acts during last Year ..	July 8	Ordered	H.—38
178	STOCK, INSPECTION OF: Annual Report of Inspectors for the Year ended 31st March, 1891	Aug. 11	By command	H.—20
136	STRIKES, Report of New South Wales Royal Commission on	July 21	Mr. W. P. Reeves	H.—16
156	SUGAR USED FOR BREWING PURPOSES DURING 1890, Return of ..	July 29	Ordered	..
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	TAKAHUE VILLAGE SETTLEMENT. (*Vide* CROWN LANDS.)			
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271	THERMAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN EUROPE, Report on, by C. Malfroy ..	Sept. 24	By command	H.—6
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	TORPEDO CORPS. (*Vide* DEFENCE.)			
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165	Report on, by Messrs. Chatfield and Jacobsen, Architects	Aug. 4	Mr. Seddon	D.—19
175	Further Report	Aug. 7	By leave	D.—19
58	VILLAGE-HOMESTEADS SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT SYSTEM IN NEW ZEALAND, Report on, by Hon. W. Copley, M.L.C., Commissioner of Crown Lands, South Australia	June 18	By leave	C.—5
127	VILLAGE SETTLEMENT, HURUNUI, Correspondence with Midland Railway Company and Others relative to	July 15	Ordered	C.—7
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	WAIKATO COAL-MINES REPORT. (*Vide* CROWN LANDS AND MINES.)			
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192	WAR SHIPS: Names, Nationalities, and Dates of Visits of Men-of-war to the Four Chief Ports in New Zealand from 1885 to Date	Aug. 18	By leave	H.—51
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	WESTPORT AND GREYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARDS. (*Vide* PUBLIC WORKS.)			
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			15
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			14
			29
3. Public Bills—			
Originated in the House—			
Received the Royal assent			65
Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure			
Dropped or otherwise disposed of			78
			143
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Received the Royal assent			8
Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure			
Dropped or otherwise disposed of			5
			13
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Received the Royal assent			5
Dropped			1
			6
5. Petitions presented—			
From Europeans			622
From Maoris			104
			726
6. Divisions—			
In the whole House			70
In Committee			107
			177
7. Sittings—			
Days of meeting			67
Hours of sitting before midnight			449
Hours of sitting after midnight			110
			559
Daily average			8
8. Votes and Proceedings—			
Questions asked of Ministers			475
Entries in Journals			1,293
			1,768
Daily average			27
9. Orders for Papers			99
10. Papers laid upon the Table—			
By command			70
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Customs and Excise Duties.

Dentists Acts Amendment.
Distillation Act Amendment.

Educational Endowments and Reserves Exchange.
Employers' Liability Act Amendment.

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Government Life Insurance Acts Amendment.
Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment.

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Imprest Supply (No. 3).

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Legislative Council.
Lunatics Act Amendment.

Marriage Act Amendment.
Mining.
Municipal Corporations Act Amendment.

Native Land Court Acts Amendment.
Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land.
North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Amendment.

Official and Colonial Defences Secrets.

Partnership.
Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment.
Post Office Acts Amendment.
Private Tramways Amendment.
Promoters' and Directors' Liability.
Property-tax.
Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment.
Public Revenues.
Public Trust Office Acts Amendment.
Public Works Appropriation.

Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment.
Railways Authorisation and Management.
Repeals.
River Boards Act Amendment.

School Committees Election.
Slaughterhouses Act Amendment.
Stamp Acts Amendment.
Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Acts Amendment.

Truck.
Trustees Act 1883 Amendment.

University of Otago Council Election.

Water-supply.

LOCAL ACTS.

Auckland Harbour Board Empowering.
Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act 1886 Amendment.

Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension.
Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment.

Greymouth Harbour Board Loan.

Hamerton Pension.

Lyttelton Harbour Board Land.

McCabe Land-grant.
McLean Land.

New Plymouth Hospital.

Palmerston North Hospital District.
Palmerston North Hospital Land Sales Validation.

Stratford County Districts Adjustment.

Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor.
Thorndon Esplanade.
Trafalgar Park Purchasing.
Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment.

Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange.
Wanganui River Trust.
Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting.
Wellington Boys' Institute.

PRIVATE ACTS.

Auckland Electric Lighting.
Christchurch Electric Lighting.
New Zealand Bank.

Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment.
Wellington Electric Lighting.

LIST OF BILLS DROPPED.

In Conference.

Aliens Act Amendment.
Electoral.
Land.

Light from Crown Land Restriction.
Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment.

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Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale (No. 2).
Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment.
Counties Act Amendment.
Female Suffrage.
Friendly Societies Acts Amendment.
Land for Settlements.

Law Practitioners (No. 1).
North Dunedin Cemetery Extension.
Payment of Members.
Shop-hours (No. 2).
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LIST OF BILLS DROPPED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF—*continued.*

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Borough of Sydenham Endowment (No. 1).
Borough of Sydenham Endowment (No. 2).
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Civil Service.
Companies Act 1882 Amendment.
Coroners' Inquests.
Coroners' Juries Abolition.
Criminal Code.

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Eight Hours.
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Gaming and Lotteries.
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Gold Duty Abolition and Mining Property Rating.
Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment (No. 1).
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Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Acts Amendment.

Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment.
Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Prohibition.
Indecent Advertisements.
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Inebriates' Home.
Intoxicating Liquors (Supply to Children).

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Juries Act Amendment.

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Licensing Act Amendment.
Licensing Act 1881 Amendment.
Licensing Acts Amendment.
Local Authorities' Accounts and Audit.

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McLean Land (No. 1).
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Native Land.
Native Land Administration.
New Zealand Institute of Surveyors.

Oamaru Harbour Board Advance Repayment.
Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act 1887 Amendment.

Patea Harbour Endowment.
Police Offences Act 1884 Amendment.
Private Schools.
Public Schools.
Public Works Acts Amendment.

Riverton Harbour Board Empowering (No. 1).
Riverton Harbour Board Empowering (No. 2).

Shop-hours (No. 1).
Slaughterhouses Act Amendment (No. 1).
Stock-driving.

Thorndon Esplanade (No. 1).

Valpy Land Boundaries Repeal.

Waimate Hospital District.
Wairoa Harbour.
Water-supply (No. 1).
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Wellington Harbour Board Act 1879 Amendment.
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PROCLAMATIONS.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at his pleasure, prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand: Now, therefore, I, William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one; and the said General Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Further proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Colony of New Zealand and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Colony, summoned and called to a Meeting of the General Assembly of the said Colony, at the City of Wellington, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the twenty-sixth day of the month of

February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, at which time you were held constrained to appear: Now know ye that for divers causes and considerations I have thought fit to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on Thursday, the ninth day of April next, you meet in Parliament, at the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Colony of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Further proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Colony of New Zealand, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Colony, summoned and called to a Meeting of the General Assembly of the said Colony, at the City of Wellington, on the ninth day of the month of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the ninth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the ninth day of the month of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, at which time you were held constrained to appear: Now know ye that for divers causes and considerations I have thought fit to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of April instant, you meet in Parliament at the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Colony of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Auckland, this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Meeting of the General Assembly for the Despatch of Business.

[L.S.] ONSLOW, Governor.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Colony of New Zealand and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Colony, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the meeting of the General Assembly stands prorogued to the twenty-seventh day of April instant: Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the eleventh day of the month of June next, so that neither you nor any of you, on the said twenty-seventh day of April instant, at the City of Wellington, are to be held constrained to appear; commanding and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Thursday, the eleventh day of the month of June next, personally you be and appear, for the Despatch of Business, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Molesworth Street, in the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Colony of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop; Viscount Cranley, of Cranley in the County of Surrey; Baron Onslow, of Onslow in the County of Salop, and of West Clandon in the County of Surrey; Baron Cranley, of Imbercourt; Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Auckland, this twenty-third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

JOURNALS

OF

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

SECOND SESSION.—ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

Thursday, the 11th Day of June, 1891.

THE House met at twenty-five minutes after two of the clock in the afternoon, in pursuance of a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) by His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 23rd day of April, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Summons to attend His Excellency.*—A Summons to attend His Excellency by Captain Guthrie, His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Governor desires this Honourable House to attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency.

And being returned,

2. *Northern Maori Election.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from the Clerk of the Writs, forwarding a certificate of the return of a Member for the Northern Maori District:—

Clerk of the Writs' Office,
Wellington, 10th June, 1891.

SIR,—

In compliance with section 9 of the Regulations under the Maori Representation Acts, I have the honour to forward to you herewith the Writ for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Northern Maori Electoral District, with the name of Eparaima te Mutu Kapa indorsed thereon by the Returning Officer.

I have, &c.,
G. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Writs.

The Honourable the Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

3. *Vacancy during the Recess.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess the following seat in the House had become vacant:—

Newton: By the resignation of David Goldie, Esquire.

4. *Elections.*—The Clerk laid upon the Table the following letter from the Clerk of the Writs, forwarding certificates of the return of Members elected during the recess to serve in this House:—

Clerk of the Writs' Office,
Wellington, 9th June, 1891.

SIR,—

I have the honour to enclose herewith certificates, as per Schedule annexed, notifying the return of Members of the House of Representatives for the electoral districts set opposite their names.

I have, &c.,
G. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Writs.

The Clerk, House of Representatives,
Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

Eparaima te Mutu Kapa	...	Northern Maori.
Felix McGuire	...	Egmont.
Sir George Grey	...	Newton.

5. *Member sworn.*—Felix McGuire, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Egmont, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

6. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

7. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(1.) Despatches from the Governor of New Zealand to the Secretary of State.

(2.) Despatches from the Secretary of State to the Governor of New Zealand.

(3.) Federation and Annexation: Pacific Islands: Appointment of a Resident at Rarotonga, Papers relative to.

(4.) Webster's Land-claims: Papers in continuation of A.-4, Session II., 1887.

(5.) National Australasian Convention held at Sydney during March and April, 1891: Official Record of Proceedings and Debates.

(6.) Customs and other Revenue: Cost of Collection by the Customs Department at each Port of Entry, Return of.

(7.) Grey Valley Coal-mines: Report of Commissioners appointed by the Governor, together with Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendix.

(8.) Education: Teachers' and Civil Service Examinations. In continuation of E.-1A, 1890.

(9.) Education: The Costley Training Institution, Report of. In continuation of E.-3A, 1890.

(10.) Post Office Account: Balance-sheet for 1890.

(11.) Postal and Telegraphic Conference, 1891: Report of Proceedings at Sydney.

(12.) Mr. W. B. Edwards, Papers relating to the Appointment of.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(13.) Appropriation Account for the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1891.

(14.) Civil List Account for 1890–91.

(15.) Unauthorised Expenditure Account for 1890–91.

(16.) Revenue and Expenditure of Public Account, Abstract of, for 1890–91.

(18.) Public Trust Office Account for the Year 1890.

(19.) Post-Office Savings-Bank: Statement of Account for 1890.

(20.) Post and Telegraph Departmental List.

(21.) Friendly Societies: Fourteenth Annual Report of Registrar.

(22.) Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for 1890–91.
(23.) County Councils' Balance-sheets for 1890–91.
(24.) National Mutual Life Association of Australasia: Annual Statement for 1890.
(25.) Australian Mutual Provident Society: Annual Statement for 1890.
(26.) Mutual Life Association of Australasia: Annual Statement for 1890.
(27.) Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States: Annual Statement for 1890.
(28.) New York Life Insurance Company: Annual Statement for 1890.
(29.) Government Life Insurance Department: Annual Statement for 1890.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to an Order of this House:—

(30.) Members of the General Assembly, Return of Attendance, and Deductions made from Honoraria of. Return to an Order dated 21st September, 1885.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(31.) The Grey Valley Coal-mines Commission, Memoranda relative to the Report of.
(32.) The Audit Department: Correspondence with the Controller.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Papers, which he had received from the Controller and Auditor-General pursuant to Act:—

(17.) Sinking Funds: Report and Accounts of Commissioners of the Public Debts Sinking Funds for the Year ending the 31st March, 1891.
(33.) Liabilities of the Government of New Zealand on 31st March, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, and 32 be printed.

8. *Akaroa Election.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mr. Justice Williams and Mr. Justice Denniston, the Judges selected, pursuant to "The Election Petitions Act, 1880," for the trial of an Election Petition, a Certificate relating to the election for the District of Akaroa.

And the same was read, as followeth:—

"To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"We, Joshua Strange Williams and John Edward Denniston, the Judges appointed to try the Petition presented by Alexander Innes McGregor against the return of John Joyce as Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Akaroa, in pursuance of 'The Election Petitions Act, 1880,' do hereby certify that the said Petition was heard by us on Friday, the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and that after such hearing we determined that the said John Joyce was duly elected and returned as a Member of the House of Representatives for such Electoral District.

"Dated this second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

"JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS.
"J. E. DENNISTON."

The said Certificate was ordered to be entered in the Journals of the House.

9. *Te Aroha Election.*—Mr. Speaker also informed the House that he had received from the Chief Justice, Sir James Prendergast, and Mr. Justice Conolly, Judges selected, pursuant to "The Election Petitions Act, 1880," for the trial of an Election Petition, a Certificate and Report relating to the election for the District of Te Aroha, and the same were read, as follow:—

"*In the Supreme Court of New Zealand.*

"'The Election Petitions Act, 1880.'—Election for Te Aroha, holden on the fifth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

"To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"We, Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and Edward Tennyson Conolly, Esquire, a Judge of the said Court, being the two Judges of the said Court named by the Chief Justice of the said Court to try the Petition of William Fraser, of Thames, in the Provincial District of Auckland, miner, against the return of William Shepherd Allen for the Electoral District of Te Aroha, praying that it may be declared that the said William Shepherd Allen was not duly elected or returned, and that his said election was void, and that the Petitioner was elected, and ought to have been returned, upon the several grounds that the said William Shepherd Allen did not signify his consent to be nominated as a candidate at the said election, and that the said William Shepherd Allen had scrutineers acting for him and on his behalf at the said election who had not been appointed by writing under his hand, and that the said William Shepherd Allen had been, by his agents, guilty of corrupt practices at the said election, and that the said William Shepherd Allen had been, by his agents, guilty of illegal practices at the said election, do hereby certify that, having heard the said Petition, and the evidence adduced by the Petitioner in support of the same, and by the said William Shepherd Allen in opposition to the same, the said election was void.

"Dated at Te Aroha this third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

"JAMES PRENDERGAST.
"EDWARD T. CONOLLY."

"*In the Supreme Court of New Zealand.*

"'The Election Petitions Act, 1880.'—Election for Te Aroha, holden on the fifth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

"To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"We, Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and Edward Tennyson Conolly, Esquire, a Judge of the said Court, being the two Judges of the said Court named by the Chief Justice of the said Court to try the Petition of William Fraser, of Thames, in the Provincial District of Auckland, miner, against the return of William Shepherd Allen for the Electoral District of Te Aroha, praying that it may be declared that the said William Shepherd Allen was not duly elected or returned, and that his said election was void, and that the Petitioner was elected, and ought to have been returned, upon the several grounds that the said William Shepherd Allen did not signify his consent to be nominated as a candidate at the said election, and that the said William Shepherd Allen had scrutineers acting for him and on his behalf at the said election who had not been appointed by writing under his hand, and that the said William Shepherd Allen had been, by his agents, guilty of corrupt practices at the said election, and that the said William Shepherd Allen had been, by his agents, guilty of illegal practices at the said election, do hereby report that no corrupt or illegal practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of the said William Shepherd Allen; but the said William Shepherd Allen, by his agent, engaged and employed for payment, or promise of payment, one Thomas Charles Hammond to act on behalf of the said William Shepherd Allen in all matters connected with his candidature for the Te Aroha Electoral District at the said election; that the said William Shepherd Allen, by his agent, was thereby guilty of an illegal practice in reference to the said election.

"We are of opinion that the said William Shepherd Allen ought to be subject to the following incapacity, and to no other: namely, that he shall not be capable of being elected to or of sitting in the House of Representatives for the said electoral district during the next ensuing twelve calendar months.

"Dated at Te Aroha this third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

"JAMES PRENDERGAST,
"EDWARD T. CONOLLY."

The said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of the House.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker be directed to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Writs to make out a new writ for electing a Member of this House for the District of Te Aroha.

10. *Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.*—A Bill intituled "An Act to continue various Expiring Laws" was read a first time, *pro formâ*.

11. *His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker reported that, when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor this day in the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the General Assembly, of which Speech Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

It gives me much pleasure again to meet you in Parliament assembled.

I have been much gratified during the autumn months of this year to meet in many places numerous gatherings of our fellow-subjects of the Maori race. The reception in all cases accorded to me as Her Majesty's representative was such as I can recall with unmixed satisfaction. In particular, I was glad to be able to traverse a portion of the country of the Uriwera Tribe, hitherto so seldom visited by Europeans. There the welcome given to me by no means fell short in cordiality of that bestowed upon me elsewhere, and left upon me the pleasant impression that this famous tribe has now at any rate ceased to be dangerously dominated by the persistent desire for isolation attributed to it for many years past.

I am able, upon the whole, to congratulate you upon the continued evidences of the soundness of the colony's financial position, and the substantial progress made by its chief industries. The provision made during the session of 1890 for carrying on the public services has proved more than sufficient. The elasticity of the colony's resources has been again shown by a further increase in the already remarkable volume of our exports. This has now attained dimensions sufficient to convince the most apprehensive that the resources of New Zealand are far more than sufficient for the fulfilment of all her obligations.

At the same time, my Ministers think it would be a mistake to ignore the unfortunate exodus of population from our shores to the neighbouring colonies which still goes on without abatement. The returns of the census now in course of completion, satisfactory and encouraging as they are in most respects, appear to show that a stream of emigration, constant, though not large, has continued to flow from these Islands to Australia. My Ministers consider that this strange phenomenon—for such it must be considered in so young and richly-endowed a country as this—is well worthy both of systematic investigation and of the application and persevering use of rational remedies.

The alienation of the waste lands of the Crown has been going on during the last twelve months at a rapid rate. My Ministers, however, are of opinion that for some years past the amount of actual settlement effected has not been quite commensurate with the somewhat large area of land disposed of. While it is doubtless true that a number of genuine settlers have taken up land, it seems also unfortunately to be the case that in many instances selection, instead of bringing about occupation and cultivation,

has only meant acquisition for speculative purposes, or additions to estates already sufficiently, if not, indeed, injuriously large. Amendments in the land-laws, designed rigidly to reserve the remainder of our Crown lands for genuine occupation and improvement, will therefore be laid before you. My Advisers propose that the utility of this legislation shall be augmented by regulations designed and administered with the view of planting an increasing number of small but thriving occupiers upon the soil.

My Advisers are convinced that improved and vigorous methods of settling the waste lands of the Crown, however necessary and valuable, do not by any means comprise the whole scope of the work of settlement. Side by side with the opening-up of Crown lands should go the acquisition of portions of the vast tracts still held by the Native tribes of the North Island. Moreover, the time seems to be approaching when the immense task of repurchasing parts of the large private estates which now bar settlement in some of the most fertile parts of the colony must be entered upon, and undertaken with caution, justice, and discrimination. During the recess a Royal Commission, composed of gentlemen of long and special experience of the customs and opinions of the Native race, has carefully investigated the working of the complicated, costly, and cumbrous array of laws which has for so many years rather hindered than advanced the course of dealing with and settlement upon Maori tribal lands. The full and interesting report prepared by the Commissioners will be laid before you, and you will be invited to give your assent to laws carefully framed to further the undoubted desire of the great majority of Native owners to dispose of their superfluous lands on fair terms.

I have observed with regret that the past year has been marked by a distinct and discouraging decline in the yield of our goldfields. During the last three months, however, the mining returns indicate a considerable improvement.

It is very gratifying to find that the output from the several coal-mines of the colony is steadily increasing, and has attained an amount hitherto unknown in the colony. With this increased output from our own coal-mines, there is a corresponding decrease in the quantity of coal imported. Proposals for promoting the development of the mining industries of the colony by legislation and other means will be submitted to you.

In accordance with the decision arrived at by the late Parliament, three delegates from this colony attended the National Australasian Convention held at Sydney in the months of March and April last. The Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson, Sir George Grey, K.C.B., and Captain Russell were accredited for that purpose. The official record of the proceedings of the Convention will be laid before you. At the Postal Conference held at Sydney about the same time this colony was represented by the Postmaster-General.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

I deeply regret that within a period of a very few months your Council has been deprived by death of three much-esteemed members. One of these—your late Speaker, Sir William Fitzherbert—had completed a public career of more than ordinary length and distinction.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

The estimates of revenue and expenditure will be laid before you. The estimates of expenditure have been framed with a due regard to economy. In continuance of the work of retrenchment begun in 1886 and carried on by the last Parliament, my Ministers have not hesitated to reduce the cost of their different departments wherever this could be fairly and prudently done. In this way substantial savings have been effected, the details of which you will, as a matter of course, have every opportunity to discuss.

My Ministers are of opinion that the time has come for effecting a bold reform of the chief part of the direct taxation as now levied, and Bills have

been prepared for this purpose. In these proposals, however, my Advisers have studiously borne in mind that financial changes should, as a matter of expediency, be made gradually, so as neither to shake the public sense of security nor to run the risk of any inconvenient loss of revenue.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

A measure will be submitted to you providing for the reform of the Legislative Council in a manner which, my Advisers believe, will be found to be in accord with public expectation.

It will be in your recollection that some time since the Imperial Government invited this colony to enter into an arrangement by which the rate of postage to Europe would be reduced to 2½d. per letter. The late Parliament signified its wish that this arrangement should be made, and this has accordingly been done, with most satisfactory results. Following on this you will be asked to assent to a still more important postal change which it is thought should be acceptable to all sections of the community.

Returns will be laid before you containing information of the results of all branches of traffic upon the railways. These will present one or two features calling for your special attention.

There are now ready for your consideration Bills for consolidating and amending the law relating to electors and elections, and for completing the abolition of plural voting; for classifying and improving the Civil Service, amending the law affecting gold-mining and the working of our coalfields, altering and consolidating the law of bankruptcy, defining the law of libel, amending the laws relating to companies and to juries, fixing the liability of promoters and directors of companies, and consolidating and codifying the criminal law; as well as other Bills dealing with matters of public interest. These Bills will shortly be placed before you.

My Advisers propose to prosecute with vigour the construction of reproductive public works out of such moneys as are or may become available for the purpose. In letting contracts for public works my Advisers have endeavoured to discourage the practice known as "sub-contracting," and they propose, as far as possible, to encourage the association of workmen on the co-operative principle.

In the session of last year a number of Bills dealing with matters referred to in the report of the "Sweating" Commission, and with other matters of special interest to employers and employed, were introduced, but only one passed into law. My Advisers propose to again introduce these Bills, with certain amendments, and will ask you to give them your earliest and most careful consideration. In addition to these, another Bill providing for the establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Courts of Arbitration to deal with industrial disputes has been prepared, and will be laid before you. My Advisers believe that a measure of this nature is earnestly desired by thoughtful observers of the many and undiminishing difficulties which beset the relations of labour to capital.

I commend these matters to your attention; I assure you of my heartfelt wish to aid your efforts to further the interests of the country; and I pray that your labours may, with the blessing of God, promote the happiness and welfare of the people of New Zealand.

And then the House, having continued to sit until four of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 12th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(34.) Native-land Laws Commission: Report of Commissioners.
(35.) Lunatic Asylums of the Colony: Report for 1890.
(36.) Dunedin Hospital Inquiry Commission, Report of.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(37.) Primary Education, Return of Endowments for.
(38.) Civil Service: Appointments made in Lands and Survey Department, Return of.
(39.) Railway Property, Particulars of Leases of.
(40.) New Zealand Railways, Copy of By-law for Management of.
(41.) New Zealand Railways: Copy of Agreement with Wellington–Manawatu Railway Company for Interchange of Traffic.
(42.) New Zealand Railways: Annual Report of the Commissioners on Working Railways.
(43.) Native Reserves Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Orders of this House:—

(44.) Station Peak and Myers Districts, Return of Applicants and Purchasers of Land in. Return to an Order dated 10th September, 1890.
(45.) Riparian Rights, Waitaki River: Return of Correspondence. Return to an Order dated 27th August, 1890.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(46.) Maori Lands: Return of Removal of Restrictions on Alienation.

Ordered, That the Papers numbered 34, 35, 36, 42, 43, and 46 be printed.

3. *Petitions of Last Session Undealt-with.*—On motion of Mr. Palmer, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That all Petitions presented to the House last Session and not reported on be again referred to the Petitions Classification Committee.

4. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That Notice of Motion No. 23, for an Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech, be taken into consideration at half after seven of the clock this day.

5. *Eight Hours Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the Hours of Labour within the Colony of New Zealand; and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the first day of July next, and to be printed.

6. *Coroners' Inquests Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Coroners' Inquests; and that Mr. Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Taylor accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the eighteenth day of June instant, and to be printed.

7. *Agent-General Limitation of Office Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the Term of Office of the Agent-General; and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the second day of July next, and to be printed.

8. *Gaming and Lotteries Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suppress Improper Pastimes, and to regulate the Use of Lotteries; and that Mr. G. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. G. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the second day of July next, and to be printed.

9. *Borough of Sydenham Endowment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Lands in the Sydenham Borough Council; and that Mr. Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Taylor accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the eighteenth day of June instant, and to be printed.

10. *Companies Act* 1882 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Companies Act, 1882;" and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the second day of July next, and to be printed.

11. *Manual and Technical Elementary Instruction Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Promotion of Technical Instruction in State Schools; and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the eighth day of July next, and to be printed.

12. *Dentists Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Act, 1881;" and that Mr. Palmer do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Palmer accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the eighteenth day of June instant, and to be printed.

13. *Public Schools Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Better and Further Provisions for the Education of the People of New Zealand; and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the eighth day of July next, and to be printed.

14. *Intoxicating Liquors (Supply to Children) Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Children; and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the eighth day of July next, and to be printed.

15. *New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Formation of an Institute of Surveyors in the Colony of New Zealand, and for the Incorporation thereof; and that the Honourable Mr. Richardson do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Richardson accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of June instant, and to be printed.

16. *Juries Act* 1880 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Juries Act, 1880;" and that Mr. Palmer do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Palmer accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the second day of July next, and to be printed.

17. *Electoral Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Qualification and Registration of Electors, and the Conduct of Elections of Members of the House of Representatives; and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

18. *Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Bill.—Ordered*, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Wanganui Harbour and River Conservators Board to convey Part of an Endowment in Exchange for the Signal-station Reserve at the Mouth of the Wanganui River; and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

19. *Coal-mines Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regulating the Granting of Coal-mines Leases, and to make Better Provision for the Regulation and Inspection of Coal-mines; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

20. *Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Liability of Directors and Others for Statements in Prospectuses and other Documents soliciting Applications for Shares or Debentures; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

21. *Mining Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Mines and Mining; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

22. *Standing Orders Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That a Standing Orders Committee be appointed; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. W. Hutchison, Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie, Dr. Newman, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Perceval, the Honourable Sir J. Hall, Mr. Saunders, and the Mover.

23. *Public Accounts Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the public accounts as they may think desirable, or that may be referred to them by the House or by the Government; and also into all matters relating to the finances of the colony which the Government may refer to them; five to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Macdonald, Dr. Newman, Mr. Perceval, Mr. Rees, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera, and the Mover.

24. *Library Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That a Library Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Buick, Sir G. Grey, Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie, the Honourable Sir J. Hall, Mr. W. Hutchison, Mr. Rees, Mr. Macdonald, the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, and the Mover.

25. *Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That a Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the reporting of debates, and to the printing executed by order of this House, and for the purpose of selecting, and arranging for printing, Returns and Papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members of this House; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Carncross, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Lawry, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. Saunders, and the Mover.

26. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That a Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed, to consider all Petitions that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, to classify and prepare abstracts of such Petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereupon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. Fish, Mr. Houston, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Moore, Mr. Swan, Mr. J. W. Thomson, and the Mover.

27. *Joint Committee on Bills.*—On motion of Mr. Joyce, *Ordered*, That a Joint Committee on Bills be appointed, to inquire into the character of every Bill that may be referred to them during its progress by the Speaker of either House, and to report their opinion to both Houses as to whether it be a Public, Local, or Private Bill: the Committee to consist of Mr. Hamlin, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Shera, and the Mover.

28. *Joint Standing Orders on Private Bills Committee.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That a Joint Standing Orders on Private Bills Committee be appointed, to consist of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, Mr. Hamlin, and the Mover.

29. *House Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That a Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to provide for the comfort and convenience of Members of both Houses; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Blake, Mr. Fish, Mr. Hall-Jones, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Macdonald, the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, Captain Russell, Mr. R. Thompson, and the Mover.

30. *Committee of Selection.*—On motion of Mr. Hamlin, *Ordered*, That a Committee of Selection be appointed, to consist of Dr. Newman, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. W. C. Smith, and the Mover.

31. *Waste Lands Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all Bills and Petitions that may be introduced into this House affecting the waste lands of the Crown, and to report generally on the principles and provisions which they contain, with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate report; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Meredith, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Mackintosh, and the Mover.

32. *Live-stock and Rabbits Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all matters pertaining to live-stock and rabbits, and to report thereon to this House; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. Wright, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Houston, Mr. Lawry, and the Mover.

33. *Local Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, to consist of ten members, to whom all Local Bills shall stand referred after first reading; the Committee to report whether the Standing Orders have been complied with, and to suggest such amendments as it may think proper, and to report when necessary upon the merits of the Bill; the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Bryce, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Perceval, Mr. Rees, Mr. Saunders, and the Mover.

34. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to which shall be referred, in the first instance, all Petitions presented to this House, in order to ascertain whether such Petitions are in compliance with Standing Orders, and to classify the same for distribution amongst the several Committees of the House, according to the nature of the contents of such Petitions; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of ten members—namely, Mr. Blake, Mr. Buchanan, the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.

35. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Ordered*, That a Public Petitions A to L Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed, to consider all Petitions that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, to classify and prepare abstracts of such Petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereupon to the House: also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum; the Committee to consist of Mr. Buckland, Mr. Buick, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Meredith, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Taylor, Mr. T. Thompson, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

36. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That a Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of ten members, be formed, to which shall be referred all matters relating to mining, and all Bills relating to mines; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Duncan, the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Valentine, and the Mover.

37. *New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report within three weeks upon, the state of the New Plymouth Harbour, and the position of the New Plymouth Harbour Board with regard to the £200,000 loan, and the securities for the same; with power to call for persons and papers: such Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, the Honourable Mr. Richardson, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. McGuire, Dr. Newman, Mr. Shera, Mr. E. M. Smith, and the Mover.

38. *Prevention of Pauperism.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed,—(1.) That in this colony, replete as it is with every element of comfort and wealth, the existence of so much idle capital in the form of unemployed labour, and the heavy burdens that are being imposed towards providing for charitable aid, are anomalies which do not reflect credit upon the Legislature, and which demand the most earnest consideration of this House. (2.) That the granting of an adequate area of land, on the sole condition of beneficial occupation, to every man who is able and willing to work, would to a large extent reduce the number of the unemployed. (3.) That the placing of suitable blocks of land at the disposal of Municipal Councils, County Councils, or District Road Boards, as the case may be, to be by them assigned in small allotments to the able-bodied poor, and the devolving upon such local governing bodies the entire cost and responsibility of providing for the relief of the poor within their respective boundaries, would greatly tend to diminish, and ultimately all but extirpate, pauperism. (4.) That, in order to remedy the evils in question, more depends upon executive than upon legislative action; and, in so far as executive action in the direction indicated may be deemed to be fettered by the existing land-laws, this House will readily agree to such amendment of the law as may be considered necessary. (5.) That a readjustment of portfolios, by which the time and attention of a separate Minister of the Crown might be devoted exclusively to land-administration, would be more effective than it can possibly be under the existing system, and would conduce to ease off those hindrances that practically stand so much in the way of people settling on the land. (6.) That the Government be requested to take the foregoing resolutions into its serious consideration at as early a date as possible, so as to obtain the sanction of the Legislature to any action in the matter that may be deemed requisite.

The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

39. *Harbour Boards' and Local Bodies' Loans.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid before this House a Return showing in detail the amount actually raised on loan by each Harbour Board and each borough in the colony: Return to show the rate of interest payable on each loan.

Mr. O'Conor moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words "and local governing body" after the word "borough," in the third line.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Sir J. Hall moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "the rate of sinking fund payable, and the amount of sinking fund accumulated."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing in detail the amount actually raised on loan by each Harbour Board and each borough and local governing body in the colony; the Return to show the rate of interest payable on each loan, the rate of sinking fund payable, and the amount of sinking fund accumulated.

40. *Incidence of Taxation.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed,—(1.) That this House is of opinion that, having regard to the welfare of the people, and with a view of relieving the heavy burden of taxation now imposed upon the masses, there should be an amendment of the Customs tariff so as to remove the duties now placed upon tea, sugar, coffee, rice, currants, raisins, dried fruits, and other similar articles of general consumption. (2.) That the revenue lost to the State by such removal of duties shall be made good by an additional duty being placed upon the following articles: Pianos, organs, musical instruments, music, silverware, silver-plated ware, furniture, harness, carriages, buggies, carts, drays, wagons, carpets, floorcloth, artificial flowers, laces, furs, feathers, silks, satins, velvets, gold and silver jewellery, plated jewellery, diamonds, billiard-tables, iron safes, fireirons, fireworks, and pictures. (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. E. M. Smith, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

41. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. McGuire moved, seconded by Mr. Buick, and the Question was proposed, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency,—

To thank His Excellency for the Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses, and reciprocate His Excellency's pleasure at our again meeting.

To state that we are pleased to learn that His Excellency has been so cordially received by our fellow-subjects of the Maori race in the numerous gatherings he has attended, and we trust that the isolation of the Uriwera Tribe may now be considered as a thing of the past.

To state that we are gratified to receive His Excellency's congratulations upon the soundness of the colony's financial position, and the substantial progress made by its chief industries; also that the provision made for public works in 1890 has been more than sufficient. At the same time, while regretting to hear of the exodus of our population, we venture to hope that the proposals of His Excellency's Ministers for the settlement of the land will have the effect of retarding, if not effectually stopping, it. We agree with His Excellency that it has unfortunately been the case that, in many instances, selection, instead of bringing about occupation and cultivation, has only meant acquisition for speculative purposes, or additions to estates; but we rely upon His Excellency's Advisers taking such steps as may put a stop to the practice, and plant an increasing number of small and thriving occupiers upon our soil.

To state that we agree with His Excellency that with the opening-up of Crown lands should go the acquisition of portions of the lands still held by the Natives in the North Island, and that the time is approaching when it will be expedient to repurchase portions of the large estates which now bar

settlement. We shall be glad to receive the report of the Royal Commissioners on the working of the Native-land laws; and any amendments that may be proposed with a view to further the desire of Native owners to dispose of their superfluous lands shall receive our most careful consideration.

To state that we join with His Excellency in regretting the decline in the yield of our goldfields. At the same time we are gratified to learn that the output of our coal-mines is steadily increasing, and that there is a decrease in the quantity of coal imported. Any proposals that may be laid before us for developing the mining industries of the colony shall receive our best attention.

To state that the Estimates, when laid before us, shall be most carefully considered, as well as any proposals which His Excellency's Ministers may make for reform of the direct taxation as now levied.

To state that we are glad to hear that the construction of reproductive works is to be prosecuted with vigour, that the practice of sub-contracting is to be discouraged, and that His Excellency's Advisers propose to encourage the association of workmen on the co-operative principle.

To state that we are pleased to hear that the foreign postage-rate has been reduced to 2½d.; and we shall give our best consideration to the more important postal changes His Excellency states we shall be asked to assent to.

To state that we shall give our best attention to consideration of the various Bills which His Excellency states will be submitted to us, and join with His Excellency in praying that our labours may, with God's blessing, promote the happiness and welfare of the people of New Zealand.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Honourable Mr. Bryce moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address upon the said Resolution, to be presented to His Excellency the Governor; such Committee to consist of Mr. McGuire, Mr. Buick, and the Mover.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

Mr. McGuire, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency, reported that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read a first time, as followeth:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, desire respectfully to thank your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to make to both Houses, and reciprocate your Excellency's pleasure at our again meeting.

We are pleased to learn that your Excellency has been so cordially received by our fellow-subjects of the Maori race in the numerous gatherings you have attended, and we trust that the isolation of the Uriwera Tribe may now be considered as a thing of the past.

We are gratified to receive your Excellency's congratulations upon the soundness of the colony's financial position, and the substantial progress made by its chief industries; also that the provision made for public works in 1890 has been more than sufficient. At the same time, while regretting to hear of the exodus of our population, we venture to hope that the proposals of your Excellency's Ministers for the settlement of the land will have the effect of retarding, if not effectually stopping, it. We agree with your Excellency that it has unfortunately been the case that, in many instances, selection, instead of bringing about occupation and cultivation, has only meant acquisition for speculative purposes, or additions to estates;

but we rely upon your Excellency's Advisers taking such steps as may put a stop to the practice, and plant an increasing number of small and thriving occupiers upon our soil.

We agree with your Excellency that with the opening-up of Crown lands should go the acquisition of portions of the lands still held by the Natives in the North Island, and that the time is approaching when it will be expedient to repurchase portions of the large estates which now bar settlement. We shall be glad to receive the report of the Royal Commissioners on the working of the Native-land laws; and any amendments that may be proposed with a view to further the desire of Native owners to dispose of their superfluous lands shall receive our most careful consideration.

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We are pleased to hear that the foreign postage-rate has been reduced to 2½d.; and we shall give our best consideration to the more important postal changes your Excellency states we shall be asked to assent to.

We shall give our best attention to consideration of the various Bills which your Excellency states will be submitted to us, and join with your Excellency in praying that our labours may, with God's blessing, promote the happiness and welfare of the people of New Zealand.

And the Address being read a second time, *Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to His Excellency.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the members of this House, do present the said Address to His Excellency.

42. *Supply.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

43. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

And then the House, having continued to sit until nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 16th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had been informed by His Excellency the Governor that His Excellency would receive the Address of the House in reply to his Speech at forty-five minutes after two of the clock this day.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, accompanied by many Members of the House, proceeded to Government House.

And, being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by many Members of the House, he had attended upon the Governor with the Address agreed to by this House in reply to His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament; to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I thank you for your Address, and for the assurance which it contains that the measures submitted to you will receive your most serious attention.

ONSLOW.

Government House, Wellington, 16th June, 1891.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the answer of His Excellency be recorded in the Journals of the House.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(47.) Juvenile Offenders: Resolution passed at a meeting of Justices of the Peace.

The following Papers were presented pursuant to Act:—

(48.) Education: Papers relating to the Auckland University College.

(49.) "Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1888:" Governor's Orders levying duty on malt acid.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table, with the leave of the House:—

(50.) New Zealand Flax, Use of, for the Manufacture of Wool-bales and Sacks: Correspondence with Mr. William Courtenay.

(51.) World's Columbian Exhibition at Chicago, Letter from Mr. R. J. Creighton urging Representation of New Zealand at.

(52.) Education: Circular respecting the Cost of School-books, and Replies of Education Boards thereto.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 47, 48, and 51 be printed.

4. *New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Hutchison, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That three be the quorum of the New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.

5. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

6. *Liquor Traffic at Rarotonga.*—On motion of Mr. Joyce, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House all correspondence between Sir William Fox, as President of the New Zealand Alliance, His Excellency the Governor, and the Honourable Mr. Ballance in relation to the importation into Rarotonga of intoxicating liquors, the repeal of the prohibitory Act at the instigation of Mr. Moss, and any other documents relating to the same subjects.

7. *Cost of Salmon-ova.*—On motion of Mr. Mackintosh, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amounts expended by the colony and the several acclimatisation societies in procuring salmon-ova; also all correspondence that has passed between the Government and the several acclimatisation societies on the question of salmon-acclimatisation for the last twelve months.

8. *Palmerston North Hospital District Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885;" and that Mr. Wilson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

9. *Shop-hours Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Early Closing of Shops; and that Mr. Joyce do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Joyce accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July next, and to be printed.

10. *Divorce Extension and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend and amend the Law of Divorce; and that Mr. Joyce do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Joyce accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July next, and to be printed.

11. *Wellington Gas Company's Act* 1870 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Wellington Gas Company's Act, 1870;" and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the first day of July next, and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker intimated that he would refer this Bill to the Joint Committee on Bills, to report as to whether it is a Private, Local, or Public Bill.

12. *Wellington Harbour Board Act* 1879 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Wellington Harbour Board Act, 1879;" and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the first day of July next, and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker intimated that he would refer this Bill to the Joint Committee on Bills, to report as to whether it is a Private, Local, or Public Bill.

13. *Land Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regulating the Sale or other Disposal of the Lands of the Crown in New Zealand; and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

14. *School Committees Election Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Better Provision for the Election of School Committees; and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

15. *Shop-hours Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for limiting the Hours of Business in Shops; and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

16. *Truck Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Payment of Wages in Goods or otherwise than in Money; and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

17. *Factories Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Supervising and Regulating Factories and Workrooms; and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

18. *Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Employers' Liability Act, 1882;" and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

19. *Borough of Sydenham Endowment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of Sydenham Endowment Bill for Thursday next be rescinded, and the Bill withdrawn.

20. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the Orders of the Day for the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means be considered at half after seven of the clock this day.

21. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Electoral Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

22. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 1.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the enclosed estimates of expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1892; and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th June, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

23. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Message of His Excellency transmitting Estimates referred.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £156,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Postal and Telegraph Salaries for the financial year ending 31st March, 1891. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee of Supply had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after eight of the clock, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned.

Wednesday, the 17th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(53.) Gisborne Harbour Works, Report on, by Marine Engineer, together with Copies of Drawings.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(54.) Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society: Annual Statements for 1890.

(55.) Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria: Annual Statements for 1890.

(56.) Retiring-allowances, Schedule of, proposed to be granted to Officers of the Civil Service of New Zealand.

Ordered, That the Paper numbered 53 be printed.

3. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Member makes Affirmation.*—The following Member, having made and subscribed the affirmation required by law, took his seat in the House:—

Sir G. Grey, K.C.B., Member for Newton.

5. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. T. Thompson, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson for one week, on urgent private business.

6. *Adjournment.*—Mr. R. Thompson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

7. *Female Suffrage Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer the Electoral Franchise on Women; and that the Honourable Sir J. Hall do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Sir J. Hall accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the first day of July next, and to be printed.

8. *West Coast Settlement Reserves Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1881," and its Amendments, and to make Provision in Substitution thereof; and that Mr. Taipua do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Taipua accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the first day of July next, and to be printed.

9. *Book-purchasers Protection Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Protection of Persons purchasing Books from Book-agents and Others; and that Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fisher accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the ninth day of July next, and to be printed.

10. *Stratford County Districts Adjustment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Readjustment of the Boundaries of Road Districts within the Stratford County and other Adjoining Counties; and that Mr. McGuire do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. McGuire accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

11. *Counties Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Counties Act, 1886;" and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

12. *Lunatics Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Lunatics Act, 1882;" and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

13. *Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Imbecile Passengers Act, 1882;" and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

14. *North Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appropriate a certain Portion of the Town Belt of Dunedin to and for the Purposes of a Public Cemetery; and that Mr. Fish do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fish accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

15. *University of Otago Council Election Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reconstitute the Council of the Otago University; and that Mr. W. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. W. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the eighth day of July next, and to be printed.

16. *Municipal Fire Insurance Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit City and Borough Councils to insure Buildings against Fire within their respective Boundaries; and that Mr. W. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. W. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July next, and to be printed.

17. *Industrial Conciliation Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the Formation of Industrial Unions and Associations, and to facilitate the Settlement of Industrial Disputes; and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday, the twenty-sixth day of June instant, and to be printed.

18. *Bankruptcy Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy; and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

19. *Juries Act Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Juries Act, 1880;" and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday, the twenty-sixth day of June instant, and to be printed.

20. *Artificial Manures Adulteration Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Better Prevention of Frauds in the Manufacture and Sale of Artificial Manures for Agricultural Purposes; and that Mr. T. Mackenzie do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. T. Mackenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of June instant, and to be printed.

21. *Appraisers Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Licensing of Appraisers; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

22. *Auctioneers Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Licensing of Auctioneers; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

23. *Southland Land Office Retrenchment.*—On motion of Mr. Valentine, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House all correspondence, letters, papers, &c., in connection with the appointment of Ranger Campbell for Southland; the retirement of Mr. Spence, the Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Lands for Southland; also Mr. Royds, the Receiver of Land Revenue for the same district.

24. *Prosecutions under Rabbit Nuisance Acts.*—On motion of Mr. Valentine, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the number of prosecutions which have taken place throughout the colony since the 1st January last, in connection with the Stock Department, for neglecting to destroy rabbits, giving details as to dates of prosecution, where cases

were tried, names of Magistrates, names of Inspectors who laid informations, names of parties prosecuted, residences of same, and the result of the prosecutions; also a statement showing the number of prosecutions instituted by the department during the same period, but subsequently withdrawn, stating by whose authority the prosecutions were commenced, who gave instructions for the withdrawal of the same, and the reasons for so doing.

25. *Kumara Water-race and Sludge-Channel.*—On motion of Mr. Guinness, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the amount of receipts and expenditure for each financial year, from the 1st April, 1884, to the 31st March, 1891, of the Kumara Water-race and Sludge-channel.

26. *Westport and Greymouth Harbour Boards.*—On motion of Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, *Ordered*, That all Correspondence and Papers in connection with the reconstitution of the Westport and Greymouth Harbour Boards, and the works of those harbours, be laid before this House.

27. *Labour and Capital Conference at Chicago.*—On motion of Mr. Rees, *Resolved*, That, having regard to the increasing tension between the interests of capital and labour throughout the world, the Government be requested to open correspondence with the different Governments of all English-speaking communities, with a view to the appointment of a Conference to consider the relations between capital, labour, and the State; such Conference to meet at the forthcoming Chicago Exhibition.

28. *Constitutional Reform Committee.*—On motion of Mr. O'Conor, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to inquire and report as to the form and working of Executive Governments elsewhere, with a view to such modifications of the existing system of government in New Zealand as will diminish the evils of the present party system: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Bryce, Mr. Palmer, Captain Russell, Dr. Newman, Mr. Buick, the Honourable Sir J. Hall, Mr. Saunders, Mr. J. W. Thomson, the Honourable Mr. Ward, and the Mover; three to be a quorum.

29. *Milford Sound Penal Establishment.*—On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return of the number of prisoners sent to and withdrawn from Milford Sound, and the number of warders and other officers in charge of the same; with a statement of the expenditure incurred in fitting out the expedition, setting forth, in detail, the cost (1) of the huts of the prisoners and the huts or quarters of officers, (2) of tools and working-plant, (3) the expenses of trips of the steamers "Hinemoa" and "Invercargill" to Milford Sound in connection with the said prisoners, and (4) any contingent expenses; also, the salaries and wages paid, and to be paid, to the officers engaged in the work.

30. *Public Trust Office Returns.*—Mr. Duthie moved, and the Question was proposed, That a Return be laid before this House showing separately the amount realised in the various intestate estates administered by the department of the Public Trustee in the Provincial District of Wellington during the years 1881 to 1890, inclusive; the Return to distinguish the portions of the said estates disposed of by public auction, stating the conditions of sale with reference to payments made or to be made by the purchaser, specifying the commission and other charges of the auctioneers, and how the proceeds were paid to the Public Trustee; together with copies of all correspondence on the subject between the Public Trustee and any auctioneer or auctioneers who have been employed to deal with the said estates or any of them.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Guinness moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

31. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Electoral Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Debate.

Mr. Taipua moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Harkness	Moore	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Valentine
Buckland	Kapa	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Duthie	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T	Macarthur	Russell	Parata
Grey, Sir G.	Mills, J.	Taipua	Rhodes.

NOES, 35.

Blake	Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Joyce	O'Conor	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Rees	Thompson, R.
Duncan	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, T.
Fisher	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Hall-Jones	McGuire	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hogg	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Earnshaw
Houston	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Perceval.

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed.

On motion of Mr. Hall-Jones, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 18th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of this House:—

(57.) Statement of Expenditure, under clause 65 of the New Zealand Constitution Act, from the 9th October, 1887, until the 24th January, 1891. Return to an Order dated 30th January, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(58.) Village Homestead Special-settlement System in New Zealand, Report on, by the Honourable W. Coply, M.L.C., Commissioner of Crown Lands, South Australia.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 58 be printed.

3. *Riversdale-Switzers Railway.*—On motion of Mr. T. Mackenzie, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the manner in which the sum of £20,000 voted for the construction of the Riversdale-Switzers Railway, and stated by the Minister for Public Works to be exhausted, has been expended, and to whom the payments have been made.

4. *Public Debt.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That a Return, in continuation of Return B.-22, 1890, showing (1) particulars of the public debt of the colony on the 30th June, 1878; (2) the several increases and decreases between that date and the 31st March, 1891, whether arising from new loans or the conversion of old loans, or from paying off of any loan; (3) the rate of interest and sinking fund payable in respect of each loan; (4) particulars of the public debt at the 31st March, 1891, showing in respect of each loan (*a*) the annual charge in respect of interest and sinking fund, (*b*) the total amount of outstanding debt, (*c*) the accrued sinking fund, and (*d*) the net debt: (II.) a Return showing particulars of the loans converted to the 31st March, 1891, under the operation of "The New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877," and "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884:" (III.) a statement of the securities in which the sinking funds of the several loans were invested on the 31st March, 1891: (IV.) a statement of debentures outstanding on the 31st March, 1891, showing the date on which, and the authority under which, they were issued, and the date on which they are due,—be laid before this House.

5. *Civil Service Retrenchments.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That a Return of the several reductions in the public service of the colony since the 1st February last, showing the names of the officers or other employés whose services have been dispensed with, the offices or appointments formerly held, and the salaries paid to them respectively, as well as the amount of compensation paid to each officer on his retirement; also a Return of any reductions in the salaries of officers or other employés in the public service since the above date; also a Return of all appointments to the public service, whether of a permanent or temporary character, made since the above date, and the salary to be paid in each case,—be laid before this House.

6. *Value of Principal Exports.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the value year by year, for the last twenty years, of the six principal articles of export, being the produce of this colony.

7. *Ngakawau-Mokihinui Railway.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That a copy of any agreement or agreements entered into for the construction of any part of the Ngakawau and Mokihinui Railway be laid before this House.

8. *Removal of Railway Terminus from Woodville.*—On motion of Mr. Hogg, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the cost of pulling down engine- and coal-sheds at Woodville and re-erecting same at Danevirke; also all expenditure incurred in connection with the removal of the terminal station from Woodville to Danevirke.

9. *Lands acquired Adjacent to North Island Trunk Railway.*—On motion of Mr. Fisher, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the area of freehold and leasehold land acquired along the North Island Trunk Railway-line for settlement purposes, and in which years the land was so acquired.

10. *Native Lands occupied by Europeans.*—On motion of Mr. Fisher, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the names of all

Europeans occupying land in the colony, held (1) under title derived from Natives under "The Native Land Act, 1867;" (2) under memorial of ownership issued under "The Native Land Act, 1873," or under any amendment of the same, or subsequent Native Land Act: the Return to show in each instance whether the land is held under lease or purchase; if under lease, the number of years unexpired, and, in the case of purchase, the number of shares in each block purchased.

11. *Audit of Auckland Accounts.*—On motion of Mr. Shera, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return of Mr. Audit-Inspector O'Hara Smith's reports on the Auckland municipal accounts, the Auckland Harbour Board accounts, and the Auckland Education Board accounts, and the correspondence pertaining thereto.

12. *Mr. Edwards's Case.*—On motion of Mr. Fisher, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total cost to the State of the recent proceedings in the Court of Appeal in respect of the appointment of Mr. W. B. Edwards, or connected therewith, including preliminary opinions as to the validity of the appointment, and any opinions obtained from counsel subsequently to the decision of the Court of Appeal, and including as well the costs of the defence as the costs of the prosecution, distinguishing—(1) the several sums paid to counsel, stating the services in respect of which such sums have been paid, and the names of the counsel to whom the same have been paid; (2) the sums paid to Mr. H. B. Vogel, stating the services for which such sums have been paid, and whether such sums include any payment in respect to the abortive proceedings commenced by him in the name of one Aldridge, a felon; (3) the costs paid to the Crown Solicitor, and to the solicitors for the defendant, other than for counsel's fees, stating separately the amounts paid to each, and how much of such amounts is for disbursements; (4) the cost of reporting and transcribing the report of the proceedings before the Court of Appeal; (5) cost of passages of *Hansard* reporters; (6) cost of printing report of proceedings before the Court of Appeal, and of the statement of case, affidavits, &c., presented to the Court.

13. *Water-supply Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable County Councils, and, in certain Cases, Road Boards, to construct and maintain Works for Water-supply, and to make Provision for the Cost thereof; and that Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wright accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the first day of July next, and to be printed.

14. *Coroners' Juries Abolition Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Coroners' Juries; and that Mr. Guinness do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Guinness accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the ninth day of July next, and to be printed.

15. *Borough of Sydenham Endowment Bill.*—Mr. Taylor moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Land in the Sydenham Borough Council.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance, by His Excellency's command, acquainted the House that His Excellency, having been informed of the subject-matter of the proposed motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Lands in the Sydenham Borough Council.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Taylor accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

16. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed, to which shall be referred all Bills specially dealing with the revision of the law; with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Buckland, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Guinness, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Perceval, Mr. Rees, Mr. Rhodes, and the Mover.

17. *Electric Lighting Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the introduction of the system of electric lighting throughout the Parliament Buildings; with power to sit and confer with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council; also to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Buick, Mr. Fish, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Wright, the Honourable Mr. Richardson, the Honourable Sir J. Hall, and the Mover.

18. *Public Trust Office Returns.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That a Return be laid before this House showing separately the amount realised in the various intestate estates administered by the Department of the Public Trustee in the Provincial District of Wellington during the years 1881 to 1890, inclusive; the Return to distinguish the portions of the said estates disposed of by public auction, stating the conditions of sale with reference to payments made or to be made by the purchaser, specifying the commission and other charges of the auctioneers, and how the proceeds were paid to the Public Trustee: together with copies of all correspondence on the subject between the Public Trustee and any auctioneer or auctioneers who have been employed to deal with the said estates or any of them.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

19. *New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Wright be added to the New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.

20. *Circulation of Government Bills.*—Mr. Moore moved, and the Question was proposed, That in future all Government measures to be submitted to Parliament should, as soon as printed, be forwarded to the members for their consideration before the meeting of the House, except those which it would be detrimental to the interest of the State to have circulated.

The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

21. *Naval Training School.*—Mr. Joyce moved, and the Question was proposed, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may communicate with Lord Knutsford for alterations in the regulations affecting the admission of boys and young men into Her Majesty's

Australasian Naval Squadron, in the direction of permitting one or two of the vessels to be wholly recruited, as vacancies may occur, from persons of New Zealand birth, of sound constitutions, good morals, and who shall have passed an educational examination equal to that of the Sixth Standard of the public schools of the colony, and such other examinations as the Lords of the Admiralty may prescribe.

The Honourable Mr. Bryce moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words "partly or" before the word "wholly" in the fifth line.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may communicate with Lord Knutsford for alterations in the regulations affecting the admission of boys and young men into Her Majesty's Australasian Naval Squadron, in the direction of permitting one or two of the vessels to be partly or wholly recruited, as vacancies may occur, from persons of New Zealand birth, of sound constitution, good morals, and who shall have passed an educational examination equal to that of the Sixth Standard of the public schools of the colony, and such other examinations as the Lords of the Admiralty may prescribe.

22. *Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Rhodes be added to the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.

23. *Native Affairs Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Ordered*, That a Native Affairs Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed, to consider all Petitions, Reports, Returns, and other documents relating to affairs especially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Buckland, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Houston, Mr. Kapa, Mr. W. Kelly, the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. Parata, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Taipua, and the Mover.

24. *Coroners' Inquests Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Coroners' Inquests Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the twenty-fifth instant.

25. *Dentists Act* 1880 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the twenty-fifth instant.

26. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Electoral Bill be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

27. *Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

28. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Coal-mines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

29. *Mining Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mining Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

30. *Incidence of Taxation.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That this House is of opinion that, having regard to the welfare of the people, and with a view of relieving the heavy burden of taxation now imposed upon the masses, there should be an amendment of the Customs tariff so as to remove the duties now placed upon tea, sugar, coffee, rice, currants, raisins, dried fruits, and other similar articles of general consumption; (2) that the revenue lost to the State by such removal of duties shall be made good by an additional duty being placed upon the following articles: Pianos, organs, musical instruments, music, silverware, silver-plated ware, furniture, harness, carriages, buggies, carts, drays, wagons, carpets, floorcloth, artificial flowers, laces, furs, feathers, silks, satins, velvets, gold and silver jewellery, plated jewellery, diamonds, billiard-tables, iron safes, fireirons, fireworks, and pictures; (3) that the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor;

On motion of Mr. Perceval, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now further adjourned until Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 19th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Taranaki Aid Fund and Indemnity Bill.*—A Petition was presented for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Surviving Members of the Managing Committee of the Taranaki Aid Fund to pay the sum of £1,667 19s. 9d. to Three Trustees to be appointed for that Purpose, upon Trust, to invest the Above Sum in Public or Government Securities, and to pay One Half the Interest or Income Moneys arising therefrom in Equal Shares to the Nelson Public Museum and Nelson Free Reading-room, and the Other Half thereof to the Nelson Aid Society.

An indorsement by the Examiner of Standing Orders on Private Bills, stating that the Standing Orders on Private Bills had been complied with, having been read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill.

Mr. Harkness accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

2. *Bank of New Zealand Bill.*—A Petition was presented for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend "The New Zealand Bank Act, 1861."

An indorsement by the Examiner of Standing Orders on Private Bills, stating that the Standing Orders on Private Bills had been complied with, having been read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill.

Mr. Perceval accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Parata, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week, on urgent private business, be granted to Mr. Carroll.

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency :—

(59.) Education: University of New Zealand. Papers in continuation of E.–5, 1890.

(60.) Education: Institution for Deaf-mutes. Papers in continuation of E.–4, 1890.

(61.) Education: Fourteenth Annual Report of the Minister of Education.

(62.) Public Trust Office Commission, Report of, with Appendices.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 59, 60, 61, and 62 be printed.

5. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Standing Orders Committee.*—The Honourable Sir J. Hall, from the Standing Orders Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth :—

The Standing Orders Committee have the honour to report that they have considered a number of proposals submitted with a view to the amendment of the existing Standing Orders, and recommend the alterations and amendments indicated in the draft hereto attached for adoption by the House. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered to lie upon the Table, and to be printed.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the Report be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

7. *Adjournment.*—Mr. T. Mackenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

8. *Christchurch District Drainage Act* 1875 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875;" and that Mr. Perceval do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Perceval accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

9. *Christchurch City Reserves Act* 1877 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Christchurch City Reserves Act, 1877;" and that Mr. Perceval do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Perceval accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

10. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to the Children of Naturalised Persons and the Charge for Letters of Naturalisation; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

11. *Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Disclosure of Official Documents and Information; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

12. *Inebriates' Homes Bill.*—Mr. Shera moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to make Better Provision for the Treatment of Inebriates.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance, by His Excellency's command, acquainted the House that His Excellency, having been informed of the subject-matter of the proposed Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Better Provision for the Treatment of Inebriates.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. Shera do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Shera accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the eighth day of July next, and to be printed.

13. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the same was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 2.

The Governor, on behalf of Her Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the payment of salaries, wages, and contingencies for the year ending the 31st March, 1892.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th June, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

14. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Message recommending provision for payment of salaries, &c., referred.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance,—

Resolved, That, in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," and other Acts amending the same, the Treasury is hereby authorised to borrow upon deficiency bills, from any bank or other person, or from the Public Works Fund, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole seven hundred and sixteen thousand one hundred pounds, for the purpose of taking up deficiency bills of the like amount falling due on the thirtieth day of June instant.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Resolutions to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

The Colonial Treasurer having stated that it would be for the convenience of the public service that the Resolutions should be considered forthwith, and a Bill to give effect thereto passed forthwith,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 385 be suspended for this day, in order that the Reports of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means may be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolutions :—

Resolved, That, in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," and other Acts amending the same, the Treasury is hereby authorised to borrow upon deficiency bills from any bank or other person, or from the Public Works Fund, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole seven hundred and sixteen thousand one hundred pounds, for the purpose of taking up deficiency bills of the like amount falling due on the thirtieth day of June instant.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

And the Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will presently resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. *Ways and Means.*—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two hundred thousand pounds—that is to say, one hundred and fifty thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Fund and fifty thousand pounds out of the Public Works Fund—to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present Session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution :—

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two hundred thousand pounds—that is to say, one hundred and fifty thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Fund, and fifty thousand pounds out of the Public Works Fund—to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present Session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Ballance and the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the Resolution.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. *Imprest Supply Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two; which was read a first and a second time, and committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account for the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Select Committee.

18. *Shop-hours Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Shop-hours Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Select Committee.

19. *Truck Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Truck Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Select Committee.

20. *Factories Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Factories Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Select Committee.

21. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Electoral Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 18 of page 5, after the word "half-castes," to add the words "and the children of half-castes." (*Mr. Parata.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 17 and 18 of page 5, to omit the words "Maori means an aboriginal native inhabitant of New Zealand, and includes half-castes." (*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 23 of page 5, to omit the words "does not include," and insert the word "includes" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Mills, J.	Taipua
Bryce, Hon. J.	Harkness	Moore	Taylor
Buckland	Hutchison, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buick	Kapa	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Duthie	Macarthur	Saunders	
Fish	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Fisher	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.	Buchanan
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, C. H.	Swan	Russell.

NOES, 27.

Blake	Hogg	Mackintosh	Smith, E. M.
Carncross	Houston	McGuire	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Hutchison, G.	Meredith	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Joyce	Newman	Thomson, J. W.
Earnshaw	Lawry	O'Conor	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Parata	Pinkerton
Guinness	Mackenzie, T.	Rhodes	Tanner.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

22. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hutchison, W.	Perceval	Tanner
Bryce, Hon. J.	Kapa	Pinkerton	Taylor
Buchanan	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Macarthur	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buick	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	Wilson.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Saunders	
Duthie	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mills, J.	Swan	Fish
Hall-Jones	Parata	Taipua	Harkness.

NOES, 23.

Blake	Hogg	Mackenzie, T.	Smith, E. M.
Carncross	Houston	Mackintosh	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Hutchison, G.	Meredith	Thompson, T.
Earnshaw	Joyce	Newman	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Lawry	O'Conor	Duncan
Guinness	Macdonald	Shera	McGuire.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after nine of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Tuesday, the 23rd Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *New Zealand Bank Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the New Zealand Bank Bill;

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

   (63.) Payment of Interest by the New Plymouth Harbour Board, Correspondence relative to.

   (64.) Native Lands: Letter from Mr. J. H. Edwards, with Suggestions.

   Ordered, That Papers numbered 63 and 64 be printed.

   On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the Correspondence relative to the Payment of Interest by the New Plymouth Harbour Board be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

4. *Public Trust Office Commissioners' Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the business of the Public Trust Office, and all papers connected therewith, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Patrick McGill; and Winks and Hall and 87 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.-2.)

6. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petitions of Captain M. Slattery; Lieutenant C. E. Hurst; W. Holliday and 10 others; Mary Clarkson; William Timms; W. Clark and 2 others; James Pearce; Mary Anne Pye; and F. H. Revell and 5 others: and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.-5.)

   On motion of Mr. R. Thompson, *Ordered*, That the said Petitions, together with the Report of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

7. *Joint Committee on Bills.*—Mr. Joyce, from the Joint Committee on Bills, brought up Reports upon the Wellington Harbour Board Act 1879 Amendment Bill, and upon the Wellington Gas Company's Act 1870 Amendment Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

   Wellington Harbour Board Act 1879 Amendment Bill:

   The Joint Committee on Bills, to whom was referred the Wellington Harbour Board Act 1879 Amendment Bill, have the honour to report that they have considered the Bill, and they are of opinion that the same is a Local Bill.

   Wellington Gas Company's Act 1870 Amendment Bill:

   The Joint Committee on Bills, to whom was referred the Wellington Gas Company's Act 1870 Amendment Bill, have the honour to report that they have considered the Bill, and they are of opinion that the same is a Private Bill.

   Ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Wellington Harbour Board Act* 1879 *Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Joyce, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wellington Harbour Board Act 1879 Amendment Bill on Wednesday, the first day of July next, be rescinded, and the Bill withdrawn.

9. *Wellington Gas Company's Act* 1870 *Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Joyce, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wellington Gas Company's Act 1870 Amendment Bill on Wednesday, the first day of July next, be rescinded, and the Bill withdrawn.

10. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Joyce moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

11. *Retrenchment Correspondence.*—On motion of Mr. Hogg, *Ordered*, That, in addition to the Return of reductions and retrenchments moved for by the Member for Ellesmere, copies be supplied of all official letters, petitions, and telegrams received by Ministers from Members of Parliament and others in connection with the aforesaid reductions.

12. *Wellington Lands balloted for.*—On motion of Mr. Hogg, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return of the land sold under the ballot system by the Wellington Land Board, the names of the successful and unsuccessful applicants for the various sections, the dates when, and persons to whom, transfers and titles have been issued, and the sections which are improved and are occupied or unoccupied.

13. *Volunteers' Efficiency.*—On motion of Mr. Joyce, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing the number of Volunteers on the rolls of the various corps of the colony on the 1st May, 1889, and the 1st May, 1891, giving the numbers of enrolled men of each corps, stating if under or over the minimum strength as required by the Volunteer regulations; also showing how many, and the names, of those corps which earned capitation for the years 1888 and 1890, together with the amount paid to each corps for capitation during the years last named.

14. *Auckland Hospital Inquiry.*—On motion of Mr. Buckland, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return of all moneys expended by the Government in the late Auckland Hospital inquiry.

15. *Government City Reserves and Property.*—On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing the number and area of reserves in the possession of the Government within the different towns of the colony, with the estimated value thereof; also the estimated value of the several Government buildings within the same.

16. *Law Practitioners Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Admission of Persons to Practice in the Courts of Law; and that Sir G. Grey do prepare and bring it in.

Sir G. Grey accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the sixteenth day of July next, and to be printed.

17. *Valpy Land Boundaries Repeal Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal "The Valpy Crown Grant Boundary Definition Act, 1890;" and that Mr. W. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. W. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July next, and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker intimated that he would refer the Bill to the Joint Committee on Bills to report as to whether it is a Private, Local, or Public Bill.

18. *Licensing Act* 1881 *Amendment Bill.*—Mr. R. H. J. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Licensing Act, 1881."

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Licensing Act, 1881."

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. R. H. J. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. R. H. J. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the ninth day of July next, and to be printed.

19. *Gaming and Lotteries Acts Repeal Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," and "The Gaming and Lotteries Act Amendment Act, 1885;" and that Mr. R. H. J. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. R. H. J. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the ninth day of July next, and to be printed.

20. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891," which they return to the House of Representatives as one of their Bills of Supply.

21. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, requesting that leave be given to the Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson to attend and give evidence before the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

22. *Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That Mr. Perceval be Chairman of Committees.

23. *Supply.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 1, for the Committee of Supply, be postponed until half after seven of the clock this day.

24. *Standing Orders Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 2, for the consideration of a Report of the Standing Orders Committee, be postponed until Tuesday next.

25. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Aliens Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Friday next.

26. *Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Friday next.

27. *Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Friday next.

28. *Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "shall," to insert the words "knowingly and wilfully." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "such last-mentioned person," and insert the words "the person whose name appears on such prospectus." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "Act" in line 2 of the second paragraph. (*Mr. Buckland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "Act," to insert the words "knowingly and." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Liability of Directors and Others for Statements in Prospectuses and other Documents soliciting Applications for Shares or Debentures."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

29. *Order of Business.*—*Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 7, 8, and 9, for the second reading of the Land Bill, the Bankruptcy Bill, and the Coal-mines Bill, be postponed till to-morrow.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

30. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 1891.

On motion of Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until this day.

Wednesday, the 24th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill.*—A Petition was presented for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either above or below ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for supplying the City of Christchurch and Suburbs with Electrical Energy.

   An indorsement by the Examiner of Standing Orders on Private Bills, stating that the Standing Orders on Private Bills had been complied with, having been read;

   Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Taylor accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

   (65.) Land Transfer and Deeds Registration: Annual Report of Department for 1890–91.

   (66.) Mr. W. B. Edwards, Further Papers relating to the Appointment of.

   (67.) Native-land Laws Commission: Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendices.

   The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

   (68.) Education Department: Return of Appointments made under Section 4 of the Civil Service Reform Act.

   The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

   (69.) New Zealand Railway Employés, Return relative to the Removal of.

   Ordered, That Papers numbered 65, 66, 67, 68, and 69 be printed.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of William Hanlon and James Donaldson; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petitions of the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Masterton and the Wairarapa South County Council; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

   Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports upon the Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Bill; the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Bill; the North Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill; and the Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Bill: and the same were read, as follow:—

Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments which are shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

North Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the schedule, as amended, which is shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

8. *Christchurch District Drainage Act* 1875 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

9. *North Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill.—Ordered*, That the North Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

10. *Christchurch City Reserves Act* 1877 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

11. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Fergus moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

12. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have given leave to the Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson to attend, in order to his being examined before a Select Committee of the House of Representatives on the Petition of Charles Stapp, Colonel New Zealand Volunteers, if he shall think fit so to do.

13. *Rainfall in New Zealand.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return, in continuation of Return H.–42, 1890, showing the annual rainfall at Auckland, Napier, New Plymouth, Hokitika, Canterbury, and Dunedin, from the date at which observations were first commenced to the year 1890, inclusive.

14. *Stock Department Unauthorised Expenditure.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House (1) giving, in detail, the "thousands of pounds spent in each year by the Inspectors of the Stock Department without any control whatever from the Head Office in Wellington," as stated by the Minister of Lands at Palmerston

South; (2) the names of the Inspectors who (as this House has been assured by the Minister of Lands) "actually dwelt in their own houses and charged rent for them," the amounts so paid, and the dates of such payments; (3) also the names of the Inspectors who "were actually charging and being paid for the hire of their own horses," and the dates and amounts so paid: such Return to cover the financial years 1889-90 and 1890-91.

15. *Agricultural and Pastoral Societies.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of any circular addressed by the Minister of Agriculture to the several agricultural and pastoral associations, or other similar bodies, throughout the colony, inviting an expression of their opinion on questions of interest to the agricultural and pastoral industries; and also of any replies to such circular.

16. *Sheep Inspectors.*—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing, in columns, (1) the number of Sheep Inspectors, agents, or other employés dispensed with in the North Island; (2) the salaries paid them; (3) the compensation paid; (4) the number of Inspectors, agents, or other employés replacing those dispensed with—(*a*) those Inspectors, agents, or other employés previously in the department, (*b*) those Sheep Inspectors, agents, or other employés newly appointed; (5) the total cost of the Sheep Department in the North Island; (6) the total receipts from the sheep-tax in the North Island.

17. *Locomotive Boilers.*—On motion of Mr. Earnshaw, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a tracing of the locomotive boilers lately ordered by the Railway Commissioners from Home, with a separate tracing showing the specialty parts which could not be made in the colonies.

18. *New Zealand Flax.*—On motion of Mr. E. M. Smith, *Ordered*, That all correspondence between Mr. William Courtney and the Government having any reference to New Zealand flax, or the working-up of the same, be laid before this House.

19. *Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act* 1889 *Extension Bill.*—Mr. Joyce moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to extend "The Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act, 1889."

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend "The Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act, 1889."

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. Joyce do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Joyce accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

20. *Private Schools Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Private Schools; and that Mr. G. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. G. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the sixteenth day of July next, and to be printed.

21. *Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale of Bread; and that the Honourable Mr. Ward do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ward accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

22. *Post Office Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Post Office Acts; and that the Honourable Mr. Ward do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ward accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

23. *Licensing Acts Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Joyce moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to further amend "The Licensing Act, 1881," and other Acts amending the Same.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend "The Licensing Act, 1881," and other Acts amending the Same.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. Joyce do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Joyce accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of July next, and to be printed.

24. *Mr. Hamlin's Withdrawal from Private Bill Committees.*—On motion of Mr. Lawry, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Hamlin be removed from the Committee of Selection, Standing Orders on Private Bills Committee, Joint Committee on Bills, and Committee on Standing Orders.

25. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Harkness, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twelve of the clock, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, adjourned.

Thursday, the 25th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill.*—A Petition was presented for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and

to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either above or below Ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for supplying the City of Wellington with Electrical Energy.

An indorsement by the Examiner of Standing Orders on Private Bills, stating that the Standing Orders on Private Bills had been complied with, having been read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill.

Mr. Duthie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

2. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill.*—A Petition was presented for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either above or below Ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for supplying the City of Auckland and Suburbs with Electrical Energy.

An indorsement by the Examiner of Standing Orders on Private Bills, stating that the Standing Orders on Private Bills had been complied with, having been read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill.

Mr. Shera accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

3. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(70.) Debentures issued under "The Roads and Bridges Construction Act, 1882," converted.

(71.) Applications made by Local Authorities for Loans, Annual Return of.

(72.) Securities held in the Colony and England on behalf of the Government.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 70, 71, and 72 be printed.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Thomas Wallace; Mary Moore; Stephen Spalding; the North Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board; the Waipara Road Board; the Wanganui County Council; Charles Stapp; and Hugh Johnston Stewart: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of the North Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, the Waipara Road Board, the Wanganui County Council, Charles Stapp, and Hugh Johnston Stewart, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Death of the Honourable Captain Fraser.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Bryce, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn until half after seven of the clock this day, as a mark of respect to the late Honourable Captain Fraser, Member of the Legislative Council, whose death had been announced to the House.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

7. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day having been read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Pinkerton, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now further adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie adjourned.

Friday, the 26th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of George C. Best; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of this House:—

(73.) Locomotive Boilers lately ordered from England, Drawings of. Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(74.) Mokihinui and Lyell Road Bridges, Memorandum for Acting Engineer-in-Chief relative to Contracts for.

(75.) Buller River Bridge, near Longford: Report by Assistant Engineer, Westport.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 74 and 75 be printed.

4. *Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Perceval be added to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills.

5. *Committee of Selection.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Perceval be added to the Committee of Selection.

6. *Joint Committee on Bills.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Perceval be added to the Joint Committee on Bills.

7. *Naval and Military Claims Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of old soldiers and Volunteers: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, Captain Russell, Mr. Valentine, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Joyce, Mr. R. Thompson, and the Mover; three to be a quorum.

8. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Hall-Jones, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 30th Day of June, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill;

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

2. *Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill;

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Macarthur for one week on account of ill-health.

4. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

   (76.) Public Trust Office: Remarks by the Controller and Auditor-General on the Report of the Commissioners thereon.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

   (77.) Annual Rainfall of the Colony, Return of. Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

   (78.) Rarotonga Island Liquor Traffic, Correspondence between Sir W. Fox and Others relative to. Return to an Order dated 16th June, 1891.

   (79.) Volunteers, Strength of, and Capitation paid to. Return to an Order dated 23rd June, 1891.

   (80.) Police Removals, Details and Cost of. Return to an Order dated 30th January, 1891.

   (81.) Riversdale–Switzers Railway, Details of Expenditure of £20,000 voted for Construction of. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

   (82.) Public Works Department: Officers in Otago, and their work.

   (83.) Accommodation at Sheep Stations for Shearers and Station-hands, Report on, by the Police.

   Ordered, That Papers numbered 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, and 82 be printed.

   On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That Paper numbered 83 be referred to the Printing Committee.

5. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of John W. Matthews; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

7. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Joyce, from the Joint Statutes Revision Committee, brought up Reports upon the Criminal Code Bill, the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill, the Repeals Bill, and the Partnership Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

Criminal Code Bill:

The Joint Statutes Revision Committee have the honour to report that they have duly considered the Criminal Code Bill, which is a Bill for codifying the existing law. Provisions which cannot be considered as fairly coming within the scope of a codifying Bill have been struck out, such as the words in italics in sections 137 and 138. The Committee recommend that, subject to the amendments shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto, the Bill be proceeded with.

Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill:

The Joint Statutes Revision Committee have the honour to report that they have duly considered the various clauses of the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill, and passed them without amendment. The Committee recommend that the Bill (a copy attached hereto) be proceeded with.

Repeals Bill:

The Joint Statutes Revision Committee have the honour to report that they have duly considered the Repeals Bill, and recommend that, subject to the amendments shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto, the Bill be proceeded with.

Partnership Bill:

The Joint Statutes Revision Committee have the honour to report that they have duly considered the Partnership Bill, and recommend that, subject to the addition respecting the date of coming into operation, as shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto, the Bill be proceeded with.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of James Suisted and 60 others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

9. *Deferred-payment Tenure changed to Grazing-runs.*—On motion of Mr. Valentine, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the number of pastoral deferred-payment settlers who exchanged their holdings for small grazing-runs under "The Land Act, 1887," giving also the names of settlers and amounts payable, including rents, under the respective systems upon their holdings.

10. *Friendly Societies Acts Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Acts and the Provident Societies Acts; and that Sir G. Grey do prepare and bring it in.

Sir G. Grey accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the ninth day of July next, and to be printed.

11. *Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 3).*—Mr. G. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of giving leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. W. C. Smith reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. W. C. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. G. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. G. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the twenty-third day of July next, and to be printed.

12. *Small-birds Nuisance Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Destruction of Sparrows or other Injurious Birds; and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

13. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the financial proposals of the Government are in accordance with the general wishes of the people, providing, as they do, for the repeal of the property-tax, and substituting in lieu thereof a graduated land-tax and income-tax; that the principle of the change in the incidence of taxation therein indicated is satisfactory to this House, and will promote the well-being of all classes in the colony."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 1st Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(84.) Three-and-a-half-per-cent. Conversion Loan, 1891: Correspondence.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(85.) Census of New Zealand, 1891, Return of.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of this House:—

(86.) Auckland Municipal Accounts, Mr. Audit Inspector O'Hara Smith's Report on. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 84 and 85 be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Paper numbered 86 be referred to the Printing Committee.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Septimus Bacon and others; Isabella D. Hamlin; James Beattie; H. Kinnaird Hovell; the Ashburton Borough Council; the Ashburton County Council; the Horowhenua County Council; the Borough of Carterton; and R. G. Knight: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of the Ashburton Borough Council, the Ashburton County Council, the Borough of Carterton, the Horowhenua County Council, and R. G. Knight, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of E. F. Tizard; Paponga te Pikikotuku; Hohaia Pawhau; and Huhana Takapuna te Hehewa: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of E. F. Tizard, Paponga te Pikikotuku, and Hohaia Pawhau, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

5. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Buckland moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

6. *New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee have leave to order certain Papers to be printed.

7. *Old Soldiers' Claims.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That all Petitions relating to the claims of old soldiers, and which have been referred to the Waste Lands Committee, be referred to the Naval and Military Claims Committee, specially set up to consider them.

8. *Native Petitions Undealt-with.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That all Petitions referred to the Native Affairs Committee in previous sessions, and undealt-with, be referred to the Native Affairs Committee of the present session.

9. *Surveys, North Island Trunk Railway.*—On motion of Mr. Fisher, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the sums actually expended, and the further liabilities incurred, if any, for surveys made in connection with the North Island Trunk Railway from any portion of the Taranaki Provincial District; Return to specify cost of all surveys ordered from 8th October, 1887, to 23rd January, 1891.

10. *Dismissal of Mr. Rogers from Kumara Water-race.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Fergus, *Ordered*, That all correspondence relating to the dismissal of Mr. Rogers from his position of workman on the Kumara Water-race be laid before this House.

11. *Bonuses paid to Civil Servants.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House showing the amount paid out of the Consolidated or Public Works Fund by way of bonus to any officer in the service of the colony during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1891. Return to show date of payment, the name of officer, the amount received by each, and upon whose authority payment was made.

12. *Locomotive Boilers ordered from England.*—On motion of Mr. Earnshaw, *Ordered*, That all correspondence, if any, relating to the ordering of four locomotive boilers from England, that has passed between the Railway Commissioners and the Minister for Public Works be laid upon the Table, together with the following information: whether the aforesaid boilers were publicly tendered for or not in the Home market; the cost of the boilers, and the cost of similar boilers made in Addington workshops; and why the boilers were not tendered for in New Zealand.

13. *Cook Strait Cable Repairs.*—On motion of Mr. Macdonald, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the cost of the service rendered by the steamers employed in connection with the cable in Cook Strait; such Return to show the annual cost during the past five years.

14. *Government Railways Act* 1887 *Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Government Railways Act, 1887;" and that Mr. Rees do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Rees accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July instant, and to be printed.

15. *Legislative Council Appointments Cancellation Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to disqualify certain Members of the Legislative Council under their Present Appointments; and that Mr. Rees do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Rees accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of July instant, and to be printed.

16. *Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act* 1887 *Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Duncan moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act, 1887."

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act, 1887."

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. Duncan do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Duncan accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

17. *Waimate Hospital District Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the County of Waimate as a Separate Hospital and Charitable-aid District; and that Mr. Duncan do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Duncan accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

18. *Adjournment.*—Mr. O'Conor moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

19. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Private Bill intituled "The Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

20. *Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

21. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Amendment proposed thereto, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the financial proposals of the Government are in accordance with the general wishes of the people, providing, as they do, for the repeal of the property-tax, and substituting in lieu thereof a graduated land-tax and income-tax; that the principle of the change in the incidence of taxation therein indicated is satisfactory to this House, and will promote the well-being of all classes in the colony;"

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed to-morrow, after the consideration of Local Bills.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 2nd Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(87.) Six Principal Articles of Export, Return of the Value of, for the Past Twenty Years. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

(88.) Commissioner Spence's Retirement and Ranger Campbell's Appointment in Southland, Correspondence and Papers relating to. Return to an Order dated 17th June, 1891.

(89.) Milford Sound Penal Settlement, Particulars of. Return to an Order dated 17th June, 1891.

(90.) Police Prosecutions under "The Licensing Act, 1891," Correspondence relative to. Return to an Order dated 30th January, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(91.) Marine Department, Appointments to, under Section 4 of "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886."

Ordered, That Papers numbered 87 and 90 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Rosa Palmer; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

4. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Houston moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

5. *Proposed Postal Reductions.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House,—(1.) A Return of the estimated loss of revenue consequent upon the proposed reduction from 2d. to 1d. on the inland-letter rate, and from 1d. to ½d. on each newspaper posted in New Zealand for Australia; also a statement showing how the loss of revenue consequent upon such reduction is likely to be recovered in three years. (2.) A Return showing the number of inland and town letters posted in New Zealand during 1890 for delivery in the colony; also the number of letters posted in New Zealand for delivery in the Australian Colonies, including Tasmania, during the same year. (3.) A Return showing the proportion of domestic to business letters estimated to be posted in the colony during twelve months.

6. *Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserves Exchange Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserves Exchange Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

7. *North Dunedin Cemetery Reserve Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the North Dunedin Cemetery Reserve Bill;

Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Hogg	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	Mills, J.	Swan
Carroll	Kapa	Palmer	Taylor.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Parata	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Perceval	Fish
Earnshaw	Macdonald	Pinkerton	Hutchison, W.

NOES, 17.

Blake	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Buchanan	Moore	Saunders	Harkness
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Thompson, R.	Rhodes.
Lawry	O'Conor		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

8. *Christchurch District Drainage Act* 1875 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Bill;

Mr. Perceval moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

9. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Legislative Council Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

10. *Legislative Council Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That the Legislative Council Bill be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Amendment proposed thereto, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the financial proposals of the Government are in accordance with the general wishes of the people, providing, as they do, for the repeal of the property-tax, and substituting in lieu thereof a graduated land-tax and income-tax; that the principle of the change in the incidence of taxation therein indicated is satisfactory to this House, and will promote the well-being of all classes in the colony;"

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Tanner, *Ordered*, That the Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this debate be resumed this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 3rd Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(93.) Public Trust Office: Reply to the "Remarks on the Report of the Commissioners."

The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—

(92.) Judgment of the Court of Appeal in the case of Te Moauroa and others *versus* the Public Trustee and another.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 92 and 93 be printed.

2. *Privilege.*—Mr. Rees drew the attention of the House to an article in the *Evening Press* newspaper of the 2nd July, headed "Mr. Jackson Palmer."

Ordered, That the article be read by the Clerk.

The same was read as followeth :—

MR. JACKSON PALMER.

When one regards the Members of the House of Representatives he is often puzzled to know why many of them have been called upon to leave their former spheres of action. This happened to us in a superlative degree when we regarded that extremely commonplace young man, Mr. Jackson Palmer. He succeeded a gentleman (Mr. Monk) who, though possessed of many faults, was at least a man of extremely good taste and fine feeling. He was sympathetic, and despised meanness of sentiment and conduct. The constituency which had the honour to own him as a representative, acting in that spirit of contrariness and with that love of change which unfortunately seizes voters, has seen fit to send in his place Mr. Jackson Palmer, a gentleman very properly and naturally unknown to fame, who, not being an improvement in any way on his predecessor, is, in respect of the good qualities which we have mentioned, a very strong contrast to him. We shall not say anything about his personal appearance, because we never like to refer to such a matter unless we are able to do so by way of commendation. An extremely poor speaker; utterly deficient as a grammarian, as can be proved by his utterances and an ambitious Bill dealing with a subject that he does not understand, which he has had the hardihood to introduce; a man without an idea worthy of being clothed in language superior to the poor stuff he uses; it is difficult to discover the motives which can have actuated the intelligence, if they have any, of his constituents. We understand that Mr. Palmer is a solicitor, and if his electors are opposed to Sir George Grey's Law Practitioners Bill it may be that to this he owes his election. For, they could well argue, if we can show the House of Representatives the kind of man who can now join the legal ranks, it will see that further legislation in facilitating admission is unnecessary. Be that as it may, Mr. Palmer has already had his use—one which is, no doubt, congenial, and which no one, unless he is deficient in taste, will envy him. He has settled down into the Paul Pry of the exceedingly valorous, pious, and straightforward Minister of Justice. He has distinguished himself in this way on several occasions, the last being when he asked if Mr. Justice Richmond had sat in the Edwards case at the instance of the Government. Mr. Palmer could not have taken a better way to show weakness of intellect amounting almost to imbecility. Fancy the Government asking Mr. Justice Richmond to sit after they had ascertained that from the commencement he had been of opinion that Mr. Justice Edwards's appointment was valid. It was not part of the Government plan that either Justices Williams or Richmond should sit, but every one knows, and Mr. Jackson Palmer ought to have known (if he knows anything), and he ought to have guessed if he had any sense of the fitness of things, that the Chief Justice and the Judges themselves order the conduct of their own Court. The Minister of Justice, too, if it were not that his success as a lawyer equalled that of his management of the large landed syndicate composed of his relatives, whom he has discovered to be social pests, ought to have known how the sittings of the Court of Appeal are conducted. He might also have been able to obtain from his colleague the Attorney-General, if he had found him possessed even of a momentary ability to tell exactly what had occurred, that Mr. Justice Edwards's counsel had suggested to the Chief Justice that it was a case which ought to be heard by a full Bench. The Chief Justice at once acquiesced, and even the counsel for the Crown could find no ground to object, much as Sir Robert Stout would have liked to see Justices Williams and Richmond off the Bench for the occasion, so that he might see Mr. Justice Edwards paid out for the very trenchant criticism which, on two occasions, he had to pass on Sir Robert's professional conduct. Every one who has an atom of the manliness which is a minus quantity in the Minister of Justice and Mr. Jackson Palmer, will approve of the conduct of the Chief Justice in asking a full Bench to sit, and we do not doubt that if any people trouble themselves about the question they will look upon the covert attack in it as that of an attempted sting by a very contemptible creature of a lion in politics, society, and law. Mr. Jackson Palmer, if he has any power of discriminating, ought to see that the one quality which becomes his want of other qualities is modesty. Let him cultivate it, and cease to be the tool of the Minister of Justice, to whom open warfare and ability to take blow in return for blow are strangers.

Mr. Rees moved, and the Question was proposed, That the article in the *Evening Press* newspaper of Thursday, 2nd July, 1891, headed "Mr. Jackson Palmer," is a breach of the privileges of this House.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. J. W. Thomson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Wilson
Buchanan	Lawry	Perceval	Wright.
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Rhodes
Fergus	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Russell	Thomson, J. W.
Fisher			

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Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Meredith	Shera
Buick	Hutchison, G.	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Kapa	Parata	Tanner
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Taylor
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fish	McGuire	Saunders	Hogg
Grey, Sir G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Rees.
Hall-Jones			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the article in the *Evening Press* newspaper of Thursday, 2nd July, 1891, headed "Mr. Jackson Palmer," is a breach of the privileges of this House.

Mr. Rees moved, and the Question was proposed, That John Kirkbride, the proprietor of the *Evening Press* newspaper, be ordered to attend at the Bar of the House on Tuesday next, at half after seven of the clock p.m., to answer for his breach of the privileges of the House.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Resolved*, That this House desires to express its sympathy with the Member for Waitemata, and regrets that such an untruthful and libellous article in reference to him should have been published in the *Evening Press*.

3. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Criminal Code Act, 1891," and "The Companies (Memorandum of Association) Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *Criminal Code Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to establish a Criminal Code be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. *Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to give Further Powers to Companies with respect to Certain Instruments under which they may be constituted or regulated be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 3.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to organize and regulate the Civil Service of New Zealand, and to make better Provision in respect thereof," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th June, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in a Message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the draft of a Bill to organize and regulate the Civil Service of New Zealand, and to make better Provision in respect thereof.

And he moved the House accordingly.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

7. *Civil Service Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to organize and regulate the Civil Service of New Zealand, and to make Better Provision in respect thereof; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

8. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Amendment proposed thereto, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the financial proposals of the Government are in accordance with the general wishes of the people, providing as they do for the repeal of the property-tax, and substituting in lieu thereof a graduated land-tax and income-tax; that the principle of the change in the incidence of taxation therein indicated is satisfactory to this House, and will promote the well-being of all classes in the colony;"

And the Question and Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 2.

Tellers.
Hall-Jones
Smith, W. C.

NOES, 53.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Carroll	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Macdonald
Blake	Dawson	Hogg	Mackenzie, M. J. S.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Duncan	Hutchison, G.	Mackintosh
Buchanan	Duthie	Hutchison, W.	McKenzie, Hon. J.
Buckland	Earnshaw	Kapa	Meredith
Buick	Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, J.	Mills, C. H.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Guinness	Lawry	Mills, J.

Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Smith, E. M.	Thompson, T.
Newman	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Swan	Thomson, J. W.
O'Conor	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Taipua	Wright.
Palmer	Russell	Tanner	*Tellers.*
Parata	Saunders	Taylor	Carncross
Pinkerton	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Thompson, R.	Fish.
Rees	Shera		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Tuesday, the 7th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill;

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. T. Thompson, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Lawry on urgent private business.

   On motion of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Macarthur on account of ill-health.

4. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

   (94.) Annual Sheep Returns for the Year ended 31st May, 1890.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

   (95.) State Forests Lands withdrawn in Wellington and Marlborough.

   (96.) Civil Service Appointments: Return of Skilled Persons appointed under Section 4 of the Civil Service Reform Act.

   (97.) Mutual Life Association of Australasia: Returns for Half-year ended 31st December, 1889.

   (98.) Government Insurance Department: Report of Commissioners for the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(99.) Mr. William Courtney: Correspondence with the Government relative to New Zealand Flax. (Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.)

(100.) Auckland Hospital Inquiry: Return of Expenditure in connection therewith. (Return to an Order dated 23rd June, 1891.)

(101.) Akaroa and Little River Railway, Particulars of Sales of Land set apart as Endowments for. (Return to an Order dated 30th January, 1891.)

(102.) Stock Department: Particulars of Changes of Officers in North Island, and Receipts from Sheep-tax. Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 94 and 98 be printed.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Hayward Brothers; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of the Pahiatua County Council; William Olliver; Thomas Patterson; Robert McOwen; Leonard Monk; and Annie Nettingham and 34 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of the Pahiatua County Council, William Olliver, Thomas Patterson, Robert McOwen, and Leonard Monk, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petition of Annie Nettingham and 34 others be referred to the Select Committee on the Labour Bills.

7. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of James Hazlett and Robert Glendinning; E. W. Eichbaum and 60 others; Henry Ellisson; Martin Power; and J. and A. Campbell: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of James Hazlett and Robert Glendinning, and E. W. Eichbaum and 60 others, together with the Reports of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

8. *Joint Committee on Bills.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Joint Committee on Bills, brought up a Report on the Valpy Land Boundaries Repeal Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Joint Committee on Bills have the honour to report that they have considered the Valpy Land Boundaries Repeal Bill, referred to them by Mr. Speaker; and they are of opinion that the same is a Private Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Valpy Land Boundaries Repeal Bill.—Ordered*, That the Order made on the twenty-third day of June for the second reading of the Valpy Land Boundaries Repeal Bill on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July next, be rescinded, and the Bill withdrawn.

10. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

11. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Whanga Wetini and 62 others; Hirini Kahotea and 101 others; Hori Karaka and another; Epeniha Ratapu and others; Riria Tini Rongoa (No. 2); Nepe te Apatu and 166 others; Te

Wiremu te Poro Kauiti and 58 others; W. Kahui Kararehe; Riria Tini Rongoa (No. 1); Hapimana Tunupaura and 6 others; Kahui Kararehe; Rihana Honia and 76 others; Toha Rahurahu and others; and Ropiha Tamararo and 36 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Whanga Wetini and 62 others, Hirini Kahotea and 101 others, Hori Karaka and another, Epeniha Ratapu and others, Riria Tini Rongoa (No. 2), Nepe te Apatu and 166 others, Te Wiremu te Poro Kauiti and 58 others, W. Kahui Kararehe, and Riria Tini Rongoa (No. 1), together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

12. *Civil Service Bonuses.*—On motion of Mr. Houston, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the amount paid by way of bonus to any officer in the service of the colony during the financial years 1887, 1888, and 1890; the Return to show date of payment, name of officer, amount received by each, and upon whose authority the payment was made.

13. *Resident Magistrates' Travelling-allowances.*—On motion of Mr. Houston, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House showing the amounts paid to the several Resident Magistrates in the North Island as travelling-allowances for the financial years 1888, 1889, 1890, and 1891; Return to show amounts paid to each.

14. *Collingwood–Mokihinui Road.*—On motion of Mr. O'Conor, *Ordered*, That a Return, accompanied by a tracing, be laid before this House to show the position of the arterial road constructed between Collingwood and Mokihinui, in regard to the length, locality, and cost of parts constructed; and also showing the like particulars, as nearly as possible, in regard to parts not constructed.

15. *Charitable Aid Rates.*—On motion of Mr. O'Conor, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, as nearly as possible, and in tabular form, the valuation upon property, the population of each charitable-aid district, and the amount contributed by each of such districts, either by rate or contribution from local revenue, for the purposes of hospital or charitable aid.

16. *Government Railways Act* 1887 *Repeal Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Government Railways Act, 1887;" and that Mr. Palmer do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Palmer accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July instant, and to be printed.

17. *Labour Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 178 be suspended, and that a Select Committee, consisting of twelve members, be appointed, to which shall be referred, after their recond reading, the Shop-hours Bill, the Factories Bill, the Employers' Liability Bill, the Truck Bill, and the Industrial Conciliation Bill; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. Fish, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pinkerton, Captain Russell, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

18. *West Coast Reserves Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the subject of the "confirmed leases" on the west coast of the North Island, and the remedies proper to be devised in the circumstances, with power to sit with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate report; the Committee

to have power to call for persons and papers, and to be at liberty to use the evidence taken before a Joint Committee in the session of last year; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, Mr. Parata, the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover; to report in three weeks.

19. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 4.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Moneys;" and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 7th July, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee recommend that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in a Message from His Excellency transmitting the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Moneys."

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

20. *Public Revenues Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Moneys, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

21. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Promoters' and Directors' Liability Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Partnership Act, 1891," "The Repeals Act, 1891," and "The Indecent Advertisements Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

22. *Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made in the Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill by the Legislative Council be considered on Friday next.

23. *Partnership Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Law relating to Partnership be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

24. *Repeals Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to repeal certain Acts be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

25. *Indecent Advertisements Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to suppress Indecent Advertisements be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the thirtieth day of July instant.

26. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the following words proposed to be inserted in lieu of the words "Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," struck out, be so inserted: namely, "the financial proposals of the Government are in accordance with the general wishes of the people, providing as they do for the repeal of the property-tax, and substituting in lieu thereof a graduated land-tax and income-tax; that the principle of the change in the incidence of taxation therein indicated is satisfactory to this House, and will promote the well-being of all classes in the colony;"

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed this day at half after two of the clock, after the Questions on the Order Paper for the day have been answered.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned until this day.

Wednesday, the 8th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(103.) Macquarie Islands, Papers relative to the Annexation of.

(104.) Maori Census, 1891, Papers relative to.

(105.) The Late Mr. Thomas Mackay's Unfinished Report upon the Native-land Laws.

(108.) Audit Office: Letter from the Auditor-General relative to the Late Public Trust Office Commissioners' Memorandum.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(106.) Westport and Greymouth Harbour Board Reconstitution, Papers relative to. Return to an Order dated 17th June, 1891.

(107.) Stock Department: Details of Expenditure by Inspectors, and other Charges. Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

(109.) Stock Department: Prosecutions under the Rabbit Nuisance Acts during Last Year. Return to an Order dated 17th June, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 103, 104, 105, and 108 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Edwin Harrow; Major J. J. Atkinson; George Burgess; and the Hobson County Council: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Edwin Harrow, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of George McLean; Henry Smythies; and Samuel Morrison: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of George McLean be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of A. McKay, Hori Ropiha and 75 others; Tiahuia Tawhiao; Mary A. F. Ensor; Enoka Hohepa; Te Whatahoro; Petera Pukuatua; Aroa Haereiti and 9 others; Mete Kingi and 6 others; Karaitiana te Rango and 6 others; Taniora Love; Porou Wiremu and 40 others; Kahui Kararehe; H. T. Whatahoro and 10 others; Toha Rahurahu and 200 others; Hoani Ruru and 32 others; and Hoani Ruru and 24 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of A. McKay, Hori Ropiha and 75 others, Tiahuia Tawhiao, Mary A. F. Ensor, Enoka Hohepa, Te Whatahoro, Petera Pukuatua, Aroa Haereiti and 9 others, Mete Kingi and 6 others, Karaitiana te Rango and 6 others, Taniora Love, and Porou Wiremu and 40 others, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. T. Mackenzie, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. J. Mills, on urgent private business.

7. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Guinness moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

8. *Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill Committee.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Select Committee on the Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

I have the honour to report, in compliance with the Standing Orders, that Mr. Macdonald, one of the members of the Committee on the above Bill, was not present at a meeting of the Committee held this day.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Country Telephone-lines.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing all telephone-lines (outside towns and suburbs) that have been constructed by the Department since January, 1890, showing in each case the length of line, the cost of construction, and the amount of subsidy demanded.

10. *"New Zealand Gazette," Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return, specifically, of the cost of paper, printing, publishing, and editing (if any) of the *New Zealand Gazette* for the year ending the 31st March last, deducting therefrom the amount derived (1) from subscribers, and (2) from advertisements other than Government advertisements.

11. *Hurunui Village Settlement.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence which has taken place between the Government, or any officer of the Government, and the Midland Railway Company on the subject of the acquisition of lands to add to the Hurunui Village Settlement.

12. *Local Bodies' Accounts and Audit Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Keeping and Audit of the Accounts of Local Authorities; and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

13. *Slaughterhouse Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Slaughterhouse Act, 1877;" and that Mr. Rees do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Rees accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of July instant, and to be printed.

14. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—On motion of Mr. T. Thompson, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to enable the Auckland Harbour Board to vest certain Lands in Her Majesty the Queen for the Use of the Admiralty, and to adjust Disputes and Differences as to Boundaries and Rights of Water-frontage between the said Auckland Harbour Board and Owners of Land bounded by High-water Mark in the Harbour of Auckland.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. T. Thompson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. T. Thompson accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

15. *Gold Duty Abolition and Mining Property Rating Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of giving leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Gold Duty Abolition and Mining Property Rating Act, 1890."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Gold Duty Abolition and Mining Property Rating Act.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. R. H. J. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. R. H. J. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of July instant, and to be printed.

16. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Fergus moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

17. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the following words proposed to be inserted in lieu of the words "Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," struck out, be so inserted: namely, "the financial proposals of the Government are in accordance with the general wishes of the people, providing as they do for the repeal of the property-tax, and substituting in lieu thereof a graduated land-tax and income-tax; that the principle of the change in the incidence of taxation therein indicated is satisfactory to this House, and will promote the well-being of all classes in the colony;"

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

Mr. Duthie moved, That the words proposed to be inserted be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Government" in the first line, and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "would be more in accordance with the interests of the public if, in view of the surplus of £257,660 estimated to be available by the Financial Statement, and the proposal to reduce the postal rates, any relief given were in reduction of the duties on the necessaries of life."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Blake	Hutchison, G.	Parata	Tanner
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Perceval	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kapa	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Rees	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Macdonald	Saunders	
Fisher	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Fish
Hogg	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Guinness.

NOES, 16.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine.
Buckland	Moore	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Taipua	Duthie
Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Wright.
Mackenzie, M. J. S.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted in lieu of the words omitted from the Original Question be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question, as amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the financial proposals of the Government are in accordance with the general wishes of the people, providing as they do for the repeal of the property-tax, and substituting in lieu thereof a graduated land-

tax and income-tax; that the principle of the change in the incidence of taxation therein indicated is satisfactory to this House, and will promote the well-being of all classes in the colony.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day, after the consideration of the Local Bills.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until this day.

Thursday, the 9th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in Return to Orders of this House:—

(110.) Kumara Water-race, Correspondence relative to the Dismissal of Mr. Rogers from. Return to an Order dated 1st July, 1891.

(111.) New Zealand Railways: Cost of Removal of Terminal Station from Woodville to Danevirke. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

(112.) New Zealand Railways: Papers and Correspondence relative to the Importation of New Locomotive Boilers. Return to an Order dated 1st July, 1891.

(113.) Cook Strait Cable: Cost of Maintenance and Repairs for the Past Five Years. Return to an Order dated 1st July, 1891.

(114.) Agricultural and Pastoral Associations, Circular sent to, with Replies thereto. Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

(117.) Civil Service Retrenchments: Return of Reductions in Public Service, Details and Correspondence relating to. Return to Orders dated 18th and 23rd June, 1891.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(115.) New Zealand Railways: Additional Correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and Minister for Public Works on the Subject of the Importation of Locomotive Boilers.

(116.) Police Force: Seniority and Religion of certain Officers.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 111, 112, 113, 115, and 116 be printed.

3. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Rewi Maniapoto; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of James Jones and others; James Drinnan and others; E. A. Haggen and others; W. Dymock and others; and John Carroll and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of James Jones and others, James Drinnan and others, and E. A. Haggen and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

5. *Police Inspectors' Retrenchments.*—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1.) The names of Police Inspectors recently retrenched, the ages of each, the length of service, and the dates upon which they were promoted to the rank of Inspector; also the record of their conduct whilst occupying the position of Inspectors, the latter to show what charges, if any, have been made against any or either of them, and the result of such inquiries. (2.) The same particulars regarding the Inspectors retained in the service.

6. *Government Life Insurance Agreements.*—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a copy of the agreement recently entered into by the Government Life Insurance Department and other life assurance companies trading in New Zealand.

7. *Government Shorthand Reporting during Recess.*—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the amount of money paid during the past five years by the Government for reporting the proceedings of Commissions and other matters during the various recesses of Parliament; such Return to include any moneys so paid or owing during the last recess.

8. *Land for Settlement Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Acquisition of Private Lands for Purposes of Settlement.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in the Land for Settlement Bill.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

9. *Native Land Administration Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Maori Usage and Custom concerning Native Lands, and assimilate the Laws relating to the Administration of Native Lands to the Laws relating to the Administration of Crown Lands; and that Mr. Kapa do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Kapa accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of July instant, and to be printed.

10. *Adjournment.*—Mr. T. Mackenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

11. *Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to empower the Wanganui Harbour and River Conservators Board to convey Part of an Endowment in Exchange for the Signal-station Reserve at the Mouth of the Wanganui River."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

12. *North Dunedin Cemetery Reserve Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the North Dunedin Cemetery Reserve Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to appropriate a certain Portion of the Town Belt of Dunedin to and for the Purposes of a Public Cemetery."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Christchurch District Drainage Act* 1875 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

14. *Christchurch City Reserves Act* 1877 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

15. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Smith, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now further adjourned until this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until this day.

Friday, the 10th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Pinkerton, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Dawson on account of urgent private business.

3. *Railway Commissioners' Letter.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Commissioners of the New Zealand Railways, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

New Zealand Government Railways,
Head Office, Wellington, 10th July, 1891.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report that, in compliance with an Order of the House passed on the motion of Mr. Earnshaw, a Return, comprising correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and the Minister for Public Works, and other information relating to the ordering of four locomotive-boilers from England, was duly deposited by the Commissioners with the Clerk of the House on the 8th instant, in accordance with Standing Order No. 362.

Upon examination of the Return laid upon the Table of the House yesterday, the Railway Commissioners have ascertained that two of the letters furnished by them, and numbered 9 and 10, have been omitted. These letters are considered by the Commissioners to form an essential part of the correspondence, and they therefore beg to enclose copies.

I have, &c.,
JAMES MCKERROW,
Chief Commissioner of Railways.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the said letter be returned by Mr. Speaker to the Commissioners, together with the explanation given by the Honourable the Minister for Public Works, as recorded in *Hansard*.

4. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table in Return to an Order of this House:—

(118.) Local Governing Bodies in New Zealand, Names, Revenue, and Current Expenses of. Return to an Order dated 4th July, 1890.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(119.) New Zealand Defences: Return showing Estimated Liabilities on Orders sent to the Agent-General.

(120.) Whangarei–Kamo Railway: Letter from Agent-General forwarding proposal by Mr. R. R. Hunt for the Construction of Extension to Grahamstown and Waiotu Creek.

(121.) Ranger Campbell, Telegrams relative to Charges made against the Character of.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 119 and 120 be printed.

5. *House Committee.*—Mr. G. Hutchison, from the House Committee, brought up a Report upon the "Bellamy's accounts," and the same was read, as followeth:—

I have the honour to report, by direction of the Committee, that immediately after their appointment they proceeded to inquire into the management and financial position of Bellamy's. The inquiry has taken some time, but no delay that could be avoided has occurred. On the 6th instant your Committee placed before the Government the following statement, which expresses the result of the inquiries and the opinion of the Committee on the subject:—

			£ s. d.
Overdraft and accrued interest as at the 9th June, 1891 ...			1,113 13 9
Sundry debts owing			595 6 4
			1,709 0 1
Less accounts owing ...	£160 7 8		
" stock, glassware, &c. ...	1,030 3 11		
			1,190 11 7
Leaving a net deficiency of			£518 8 6

The amount of cash taken at the bar and for victualling during the first twenty-one days of the session of 1890 was as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Victualling	88	19	6
Bar	121	15	0
Or a total of	£210	14	6

The cash taken for a similar period of the present session is—

	£	s.	d.
Victualling	85	7	6
Bar	99	13	6
Or a total of	£185	1	0

It will thus be seen that the deficiency in the takings of this session as against that of 1890 is—for victualling, £3 12s., or equal to 4 per cent.; and for the bar £22 1s. 6d., or equal to a deficiency of 22 per cent. The total deficiency on the two accounts is £25 13s. 6d., and it may be fairly assumed that the relative position will be maintained during the whole of the session.

The total takings for the session of 1890 was—for the victualling department, £584 4s. 3d.; and for the bar, £730 7s. 6d.: thus it may be assumed that the takings for this session respectively for victualling and for the bar will be approximately £545 and £600; thus leaving a loss on the victualling of from £30 to £40, and a reduction of profit on the bar of about £70, leaving a profit on this department of about £110.

The deficiences which have caused the present overdraft commenced in 1885, when a loss of £77 17s. 11d. occurred. In 1886 there was a loss of £8 11s. 2d; in 1887, £469 3s.; and in 1889, £142 15s. 6d. The loss in 1885-6 was caused, it is alleged, by the employment of a permanent cook at £150 per annum, and the large loss in 1887 by two sessions being held in that year, and from keeping all the servants on at full pay during the whole period. In 1888 there was a small profit of £6 18s. 7d., and the loss in 1889 is alleged to have arisen through a great falling-off in business, and from the fact that the staff was kept at its old strength. In this year the House Committee made a vigorous attempt at reform, mainly through the instrumentality of Mr. James Mills, M.H.R., with the result that the session of 1890 left a profit of about £184. It does not appear possible to further reduce the staff, and it appears that with proper management and supervision no loss need be apprehended in future, but, on the contrary, a small profit may be expected. It may be interesting to the Committee to know how far other colonial Legislatures subsidise Bellamy's, and from a perusal of the estimates of these for 1889 we find that New South Wales voted £1,985; Queensland, £1,074; South Australia, £720; and Victoria, £625; and, in addition, votes were passed for plate, cutlery, &c.

It is right to correct the impression which is abroad that members of Parliament are indebted to a very considerable amount on old accounts: only £10 or £15 is likely to be the loss under this head.

To balance the profit and loss account as it existed when the Committee was appointed £580 would suffice, but this would leave about as much still outstanding on overdraft, and the Committee are not prepared to accept the responsibility of any debt. In round figures, £1,000 would suffice to clear the overdraft, and leave liabilities which would probably be more than represented by stock and other available assets. The House Committee of the Legislative Council have suggested that £1,000 be borrowed from the Treasury at 4 per cent., with the prospect of its being gradually paid off. The House Committee of the House of Representatives do not see their way to accept the responsibility implied in borrowing any sum. They are only a sessional Committee, and have, within the time over which they may have control, no prospect of repaying such an advance. The receipts from Bellamy's will, from the fact of the reduction in the number of members, and from other causes, not show the apparent profit of some former sessions. The victualling—apart from the bar—is kept on foot for the convenience of a comparatively small number of members; and if plant, rent of premises, coals, gas, management, and incidental expenses be reckoned, must be considered as not self-supporting. The bar-trade is less, and likely to remain less, in proportion to numbers than before. It, however, would probably clear itself, but with a stock of some £600 or £800 to commence with, and probably left with good debts at the end of the session without diminution—possibly with some gain. The Committee of the House of Representatives are willing, if the Government will provide for the indebtedness at the beginning of the present session, to do their best to regulate both departments of Bellamy's so as to hand them over at the end of the session without loss, and possibly in a better condition financially than at the beginning of the session. The Committee have, pending some adjustment of the business, abstained from dealing with the overdrawn bank account, the cash taken having been held in hand or paid into the account opened during the recess for the purpose of dealing with current expenses.

The Committee await the decision of the Government as to the future action they may be prepared to take.

The reply was to-day received, stating, in terms, that, "upon consideration, the Government think the subject is one which should be dealt with by Parliament." The Committee accordingly report the facts to the House.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table, be printed, and be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of G. Sew and others; Ah Kew and others; Ratepayers of Waimate; Walter Walsh; G. H. Weitzell and others; and Joseph Thompson: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Ratepayers of Waimate, G. Sew and others, and Ah Kew and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

7. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Mrs. Ann Robertson; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

8. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of William Fraser and others; James Atkinson; James Bourke; James Loader; and James Hill: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of William Fraser and others, James Atkinson, James Bourke, and James Loader, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

9. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of S. Willoughby, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shera moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on the Petition of S. Willoughby be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

10. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Mitchelson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

11. *Defence Office Clerks.*—On motion of Captain Russell, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a nominal Return of all persons employed in the clerical department of the Defence Office, specifying the votes out of which they are paid.

12. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates under consideration.

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £156,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Postal and Telegraph Subsidies for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Aliens Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "enrolment," to insert the words "or indorsement." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Section seven of "The Aliens Act, 1880," is hereby repealed, and, in lieu thereof, it is enacted as follows:—

If any person who is resident in New Zealand, who has previously obtained any certificate or letters of naturalisation in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or any part thereof, or in any British colony or possession, desires to be naturalised in New Zealand, he shall submit such certificate or letters of naturalisation to the Governor, together with a statutory declaration, to be subscribed by the applicant, to the effect that he is the person named in the said certificate or letters of naturalisation, and that the same has been obtained without any fraud or intentional false statement, and that the signature and seal (if any) thereto are, to the best of his belief and knowledge, genuine;

And thereupon the Governor may, at his discretion, without requiring from the applicant any further residence in New Zealand, or (if the applicant has previously taken a similar oath) the oath prescribed under the aforesaid Act, direct the Colonial Secretary to indorse upon such certificate or letters a memorandum, in the form or to the effect in the Schedule hereto, and a note of such certificate or letters and memorandum, with the particulars of the applicant's name, age, and nationality, shall be enrolled in the same manner as in the case of the issue of letters of naturalisation in the colony.

The person named in the said certificate or letters of naturalisation shall, for all purposes, from the date of the aforesaid memorandum, be deemed to be naturalised within the colony as if letters of naturalisation, under the seal of the colony, had been issued to the said person. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "person," to insert the words "not being of the Chinese race." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following Schedule be added to the Bill:—

"MEMORANDUM TO BE INDORSED ON LETTERS OF NATURALISATION.

"*Accepted, noted, and registered in New Zealand.*

"THE within-named is hereby naturalised for all purposes within the Colony of New Zealand from the date of this memorandum.

"A.B.,

"Colonial Secretary of New Zealand.

"Dated at Wellington, New Zealand,
this day of , 18 ."

(*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Schedule read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

14. *Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to prevent the Disclosure of Official Documents and Information."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

15. *Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, after the word "owner," to insert the word "agent." (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Imbecile Passengers Act, 1882.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 14th day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Harkness, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Macarthur for one week on account of ill-health.

2. *New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave be granted to the New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee to postpone bringing up their report for three weeks.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(122.) Kumara Water-race and Sludge-channel: Receipts and Expenditure from 1884 to 1891. Return to an Order dated 17th June, 1891.

(123.) Country Telephone-lines, Length and Cost of, and Subsidies paid to. Return to an Order dated 8th July, 1891.

(124.) Civil Service Retrenchment: Particulars of Reductions and Fresh Appointments. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

(125.) Police Inspectors: Particulars of Services of Inspectors dismissed and those retained. Return to an Order dated 9th July, 1891.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 125 be printed.

4. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Rawina o te Mokororo; Hori Kerei Taiaroa; the late S. D. Taiwhanga, M.H.R.; Te Oti Ohoia; Kararo and 6 others; Te Otene Takoto and 19 others; and Watene Nehu and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Rawina o te Mokororo and Hori Kerei Taiaroa, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Elizabeth McDonald; James McNeill; and William Riddle: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

7. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of James Simpson; George Moore and others; and George McLean: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of George Moore and others, and George McLean, together with the Reports of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

8. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Duthie, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report upon the Truck Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Labour Bills Committee, to whom the Truck Bill was referred, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and they recommend that the Bill as printed be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Middle Island Half-caste Grants.*—On motion of Mr. Parata, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing names of half-castes, Middle Island, whose claims to land have been settled; also, names of those still unprovided-for.

11. *Police and Prison Appointments.*—On motion of Captain Russell, *Ordered*, That a nominal Return be laid upon the Table of this House of the men appointed to the police and gaols since the 24th January, 1891, specifying those who have been transferred from the Permanent Forces.

12. *Artillery and Torpedo Corps Appointments.*—On motion of Captain Russell, *Ordered*, That a nominal Return be laid upon the Table of this House of all persons appointed to, promoted in, or discharged from the Artillery and Torpedo branches of the Permanent Forces, from any cause whatever, since the 24th January, 1891, specifying the trades or special qualifications of all men enrolled since that date.

13. *Constable Campbell.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Fergus, *Ordered*, That all the papers connected with an inquiry held before Mr. Price, the then Magistrate at Invercargill, into the conduct of Constable Campbell for ill-treating a prisoner be laid before this House.

14. *Kamo, Puhipuhi, and Kawakawa Railway.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, *Ordered*, That the whole of the correspondence that passed between the late Government, Mr. R. Hunt, and Mr. Kery, or other persons, together with all papers, relative to the extension of a railway between Kamo, Puhipuhi, and Kawakawa, be laid before this House.

15. *Railway Commissioners' Correspondence.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Chief Commissioner of New Zealand Railways, which he read to the House as followeth:—

New Zealand Government Railways,
Head Office, Wellington, 14th July, 1891.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, returning the Commissioners' communication in reference to the omission of certain papers from the correspondence laid upon the Table of the House in connection with the ordering of locomotive-boilers, together with *Hansard* report of the explanation given to the House.

The Commissioners have to express their regret for any inadvertence in sending the Return through the wrong channel, though they conclude that it would have been equally their duty to report the matter had the Return in the form they rendered it failed to reach the House through any other channel.

With regard to the explanation furnished, the Commissioners have to remark that the Honourable the Minister for Public Works sent for the Chief Commissioner on Thursday, the 9th instant, and expressed his disapproval of the Return. The Chief Commissioner did not concur, because the question of boiler-making was involved with that of additions to opened lines; and if the correspondence is perused it will be seen that the Minister's letter of the 30th June, *re* additions to opened lines, had been regarded and was dealt with by the Commissioners as in connection with their letter of the 26th June, and that their reply thereto dealt with it in this order, and that its omission from the correspondence would have left a gap which would have required explanation, as it would have rendered a portion of the correspondence unintelligible. The Chief Commissioner did not understand that the Minister proposed to detach any part of the Return, and did not agree to any such action. The Chief Commissioner did not understand that the Minister was going to make an additional Return; indeed, the Minister's reply of the 9th July was laid on the Table of the House before the Commissioners received it, so that, although it contains a serious error, the Commissioners had not an opportunity to point it out to the Minister before it was laid on the Table.

The Commissioners respectfully submit that it is not right that any person should vary, alter, or curtail in any way whatever any Return which they may have the honour to make to the order of the House while such Return is in course of transmission; and they would also respectfully suggest that the original documents should be replaced in the Return.

I have, &c.,
JAMES MCKERROW,
Chief Commissioner of Railways.

16. *Privilege.*—The Honourable Mr. Bryce moved, and the Question was proposed, That the abstraction by the Honourable Mr. Seddon of a certain Paper from Return numbered 112 (D) is a breach of the privileges of this House.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Rees moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the action taken by the Minister for Public Works in reference to the correspondence ordered to be laid upon the Table of the House is in accordance with the usual constitutional practice."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Shera
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Perceval	Taylor
Hogg	Mackintosh	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Houston	McGuire	Rees	
Hutchison, G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Earnshaw
Kapa	O'Conor	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Fish.

NOES, 21.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Wilson
Buchanan	Lawry	Saunders	Wright.
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Thompson, T.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.	Harkness
Fergus, Hon. T.	Moore	Valentine	Mackenzie, M. J. S.
Fisher	Newman		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved, That the action taken by the Minister for Public Works in reference to the correspondence ordered to be laid upon the Table of the House is in accordance with the usual constitutional practice.

17. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Aliens Act Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act relating to the Children of Naturalised Persons, and the Charge for Letters of Naturalisation."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

18. *Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Promoters' and Directors' Liability Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

19. *Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Friday next.

20. *Bankruptcy Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bankruptcy Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

21. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Coal-mines Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

22. *Mining Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mining Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 15th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Te Aroha Election.*—The Clerk laid upon the Table the following letter from the Clerk of the Writs:—

SIR,— Clerk of the Writs' Office, Wellington, 15th July, 1891.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a certificate notifying the return of William Fraser as a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Te Aroha.

I have, &c.,
G. S. COOPER, Clerk of the Writs.

The Clerk, House of Representatives, Wellington.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(126.) New Zealand Accident Insurance Company: Annual Return for 1890.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(127.) Hurunui Village Settlement, Correspondence with Midland Railway Company and Others relative to. Return to an Order dated 8th July, 1891.

(128.) Government Life Insurance Department: Copy of Agreement with other Life Assurance Offices in Australasia. Return to an Order dated 9th July, 1891.

(129.) Agricultural and Pastoral Associations: Additional Replies to Circular sent by Minister of Agriculture. Return to an Order dated 17th June, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(130.) New Zealand Railways: Further Correspondence relative to ordering Locomotive-boilers from England.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 130 be printed.

4. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports upon the Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension Bill, and the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with. The Committee suggest that an additional clause be inserted to the effect that the granting of the land should be contingent upon the Society of Arts undertaking to shift the dwellings now upon it, making good all damage, and with that proviso, and with the amendments in the schedule shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto, the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act* 1889 *Extension Bill.—Ordered*, That the Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act Extension Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

6. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

7. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of John McMenamen; James Neil; W. Wear; J. A. McNicoll and 39 others; W. H. Wynn-Williams and 39 others; and Walter Williams: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of John McMenamen, James Neil, and W. Wear, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

8. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of John Forrester; and Annie Ferguson and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Annie Ferguson and others, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

9. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Wiremu Poakatahi; and Te Aroa Haereiti: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Wiremu Poakatahi, together with the Report of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

10. *Labour Conference.*—On motion of Mr. Moore, *Ordered*, That the Papers sent by the Labour Conference to the Government be printed.

11. *Valpy Crown Grant.*—On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House copies (1) of the plan delineated on the Crown grant of the land sold to one William Henry Valpy, situated within the boundaries of what is now the Borough of Caversham; (2) of the plan delineated on the title to said land since issued by the Land Transfer Depart-

ment in Dunedin; and (3) of the plan as the said land is described in "The Valpy Crown Grant Boundaries Definition Act, 1890;" together with copies of any report or reports, memorandum or memoranda, of the District Land Registrar at Dunedin, addressed to the late Government, bearing on this land or on the promotion of the aforesaid Act of 1890.

12. *Copying-clerks.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the earnings during the year ending the 30th March, 1891, of each copying-clerk engaged in the Deeds Registry Office, distinguishing the amounts so earned while paid at the rate of 3d. per folio from the amounts earned at the reduced rate of 2d. per folio; also showing the date at which such reduction took effect.

13. *Coal-loading at Westport.*—On motion of Mr. O'Conor, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House of all correspondence relative to the erection of cranes for loading coal at Greymouth: also the cost of the same, their power, and the cost of converting the coal-wagons into hoppers; particularly showing the advice which led to the abandonment of the previously-established system of loading coal by shoots, and the substitution of cranes for that purpose: also a full Return showing why the system condemned at Greymouth has been adopted and extended at Westport, contrary to the plans of Sir J. Coode. The Return to show the cost of coal-staiths and shoots at Westport, with the cost of repairs thereto through inferior timber being used, the cost of removing stones from the berthage which descended thereto from the river-bank, the cost of sheath-piling, why that was authorised, and by whom, and why sheath-piling was omitted in the contract now in execution, with all correspondence in regard thereto, and a tracing showing the river-bank, slopes, depth of water obtainable in the berthage, and Sir J. Coode's recommendations in regard to the river-bank.

14. *Defence Stores Purchase.*—On motion of Captain Russell, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return giving details of the expenditure of £12,273 under the item on the Volunteer vote of "Purchase of arms and ammunition," stating, in case of stores ordered from England, the dates on which orders were forwarded, and the dates on which payments were made, and specifying what stores were ordered for issue on payment to Volunteers, and the amounts received.

15. *Under-Secretary for Defence.*—On motion of Captain Russell, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a copy of a memorandum, dated 10th March, 1891, in which the late Under-Secretary for Defence requested to be relieved of the command of the Permanent Forces; as also of a memorandum, dated 12th March, 1891, relating to retrenchment of officers of the Defence Department.

16. *Fisheries Conservation Act* 1884 *Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884;" and that Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wright accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of July instant, and to be printed.

17. *Consolidated Stock Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in the Consolidated Stock Bill.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

18. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue and amend "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889;" and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

19. *Gaming and Lotteries Bill.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Gaming and Lotteries Bill be discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the thirtieth day of July instant.

20. *Petition of Alhambra Football Club.*—On motion of Mr. Pinkerton, *Ordered*, That the House will allow to be withdrawn the Petition presented by the members of the Alhambra Football Club, Dunedin, praying the House that it will not allow the North Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill to pass.

21. *School-books.*—On motion of Mr. Earnshaw, *Resolved*, That, in the economic interest of our system of national education, the Government take into their consideration the advisability of providing school-books and requisites to scholars at first cost. 2. That the Government take into their consideration the necessity of producing a national school-book or -books dealing in a practical manner with agriculture, minerals, customs of the people, natural history, and configuration, &c., of New Zealand.

22. *Distribution of Parliamentary Papers.* — Mr. Valentine moved, and the Question was proposed, That all parliamentary papers, &c., bearing upon agricultural and pastoral matters, and copies of *Hansard*, as published, be forwarded to all farmers' clubs and similar public institutions throughout the colony.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

23. *Shop-hours Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Shop-hours Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifth day of August next.

24. *Divorce Extension and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Divorce Extension and Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, the fifth day of August next.

25. *Government Railways Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Government Railways Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of July instant.

26. *Government Railways Act* 1877 *Repeal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Government Railways Act 1877 Repeal Bill;

Mr. Palmer moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Pinkerton, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

27. *Coroners' Juries Abolition Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Coroners' Juries Abolition Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the sixth day of August next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 16th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(131.) Education: Land set apart as an Endowment for Primary Education.

3. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. O'Conor, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Henry Howe; Edward Arthur and another; and D. Dubeig and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Edward Arthur and another, and D. Dubeig and others, together with the Reports of the Goldfields and Mines Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Rawiri Nanuariki and 72 others; Arihi to Nahu and 6 others; Wi Parata and 22 others; Rewai Rangimataeo and 165 others; Aranui Parekawa and 32 others; Matiu Tauhara and 110 others; and Te Pohe Whakatara: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Rawiri Nanuariki and 72 others, together with the Report of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Frederick Hinds; George F. Harris; and F. Innes: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Frederick Hinds, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Duthie, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Shop-hours Bill, and the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

The Shop-hours Bill:

The Labour Bills Committee, to whom the above-mentioned Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments thereon as set forth in the attached copy of the Bill.

The Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill:

The Labour Bills Committee, to whom the above-mentioned Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments thereon as set forth in the attached copy of the Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Shop-hours Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That the Shop-hours Bill be committed on Friday next.

8. *Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill be committed on Friday next.

9. *Truck Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That the Truck Bill be committed on Friday next.

10. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Duncan moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

11. *Naval and Military Claims Committee.*—Captain Russell, from the Naval and Military Claims Committee, brought up a Report recommending that the Petitions of T. McDonnell, J. A. Wilson, R. P. Hodge, and C. A. Humfrey be referred to the Public Petitions Committee; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of T. McDonnell and J. A. Wilson be referred to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, and the Petitions of R. P. Hodge and C. A. Humfrey be referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

12. *Petition of A. Uhlenberg and Others.*—On motion of Mr. McGuire, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. Uhlenberg and 931 other ratepayers in the New Plymouth Harbour Rating District, already referred to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, be referred to the New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.

13. *Christchurch District Drainage Act* 1875 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subsection to the clause:—

(*h.*) No by-laws made by the Board shall come into operation until the same be confirmed by order of the Governor in Council, who may direct an inquiry into the same, at such time and place, and before such persons, and after giving such notices, as he shall think fit, and, with or without

such inquiry, he may allow or disallow the said by-laws, as he shall think fit: Provided that if, at any time before the confirmation of any by-law, any local body, as defined in "The Local Elections Act, 1876," having jurisdiction within any district in which any by-law is intended to be in force, shall, by notice in writing to the Colonial Secretary, object thereto, the Governor shall, by Order in Council, either disallow such by-law or cause a public inquiry to be held in some convenient place by such person or persons as he may appoint, when all persons interested may have the opportunity of being heard; and after such inquiry the Governor in Council shall either disallow such by-law or give one month's notice of his intention to allow the same by advertisement in some newspaper or newspapers circulating in the district affected thereby. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

14. *Christchurch City Reserves Act* 1877 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Christchurch City Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words between the word "may" in line 1 and the word "for" in line 6, and to insert the words "erect baths and washhouses on the said parcel of land" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Tanner.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 24.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kapa	Perceval	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Lawry	Pinkerton	Taylor
Dawson	Macdonald	Rees	Thompson, T.
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Reeves, R. J. H.	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Carncross
Hogg	Palmer	Shera	Fish.
Houston			

NOES, 30.

Blake	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Thomson, J. W.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Valentine
Buchanan	Kelly, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Buick	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	
Duthie	Meredith	Swan	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Tanner	Harkness
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Thompson, R.	Rhodes.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the clause, to omit the words "during such term." (*Mr. Tanner.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "twenty-one," and to insert the word "seven" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

15. *Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act* 1887 *Extension Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1887 Extension Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

16. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

17. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Act, 1891," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

18. *Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendment.

19. *Snider Ammunition.*—Captain Russell moved, and the Question was proposed, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing the quantity of Snider ammunition in store on the 1st July, 1891, stating what portion is set aside as a reserve, and the amount issued to Volunteers as annual allowance, as also on payment, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1890.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

20. *Ammunition in the Colony.*—Captain Russell moved, and the Question was proposed, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing the number of service-cartridges and projectiles of field-guns issued to Volunteers from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1890, as annual allowance; and a similar Return of expenditure of ammunition of heavy and quick-firing guns used for practice by the Permanent Force and Volunteers, specifying the quantities issued or used for each pattern of gun; and also the number of cartridges and projectiles in the colony, or ordered, for each heavy, field, and quick-firing gun, mounted, in store, or on issue.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

21. *Distribution of Parliamentary Papers.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That all parliamentary papers, &c., bearing upon agricultural and pastoral matters, and copies of *Hansard*, as published, be forwarded to all farmers' clubs and similar public institutions throughout the colony.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

22. *Law Practitioners Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Law Practitioners Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the thirteenth day of August next.

23. *Private Schools Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Private Schools Bill;

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 18.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, C. H.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buick	Hall-Jones	Parata	
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Perceval	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.	Hutchison, G.
Duncan	McGuire	Valentine	Rees.

NOES, 33.

Blake	Harkness	Newman	Swan
Buchanan	Hogg	Pinkerton	Tanner
Buckland	Houston	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Rhodes	Thompson, T.
Duthie	Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Lawry	Saunders	Mackenzie, M. J. S.
Fisher	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Shera	Meredith.
Guinness	Moore		

So it passed in the Negative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after two of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 17th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(133.) New Zealand Institute, Transactions and Proceedings of.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of this House:—

(132.) Police and Prison Appointments and Transfers from Permanent Forces since 24th January, 1891. Return to an Order dated 14th July, 1891.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 133 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Dennis Doyle; Alexander Fordyce; C. C. Fleming and others; Henry King and others: Michael Hennessey and others; Edward Loughnan; John F. Boyd; Henry Gell; H. B. Huddleston; Baker Brothers; and James Laney: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of C. C. Fleming and others, Henry King and others, Dennis Doyle, and Alexander Fordyce, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petitions of John F. Boyd and Henry Gell be referred to the Naval and Military Claims Committee.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Michael Hennessey and others, and Edward Loughnan, be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petitions of Manu Karioi; Nakora and others; Nga Pawa; Kahui Kararehe; Manaia Hukanui; Mere Pataka Tuhai; Kahui Kararehe; Eruera Rotoia and others; Pou Eratuha and others; Te Whareaitu and others; Ngarangi Kaititia and others; Nga Pawa; and Inuwaitai de Thierry: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Joint West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee.

5. *Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill Committee.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

In the matter of the Bill intituled "The Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Act, 1891," your Committee have the honour to report that they find the allegations of the preamble proved to their satisfaction. They have also considered the various clauses of the Bill, and passed them without amendment.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill Committee.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

In the matter of the Bill intituled "The Wellington Electric Lighting Act, 1891," your Committee have the honour to report that—

1. They find the allegations contained in the preamble proved to their satisfaction.

2. They have gone through the various clauses of the Bill, and have amended clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 53, and 78, and have added eight new clauses to the Bill and amended the schedules, with a view to the fuller protection of the public and to conferring larger powers on the local authority, and providing for purchase of the undertaking by that authority.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of the Lyttelton Harbour Board; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Petitioners complain that the Railway Commissioners have taken, by Proclamation under section 10 and subsequent sections of "The Public Works Act, 1882," No. 5 grain-shed, situate at Lyttelton, and the land whereon it stands, and have obtained from the District Land Registrar at Christchurch a certificate of title to the said land.

Petitioners also claim £3,300 expended by the Board on the Gladstone Sheds, or restore the sheds to the Harbour Board.

Petitioners also ask the consent of the Crown should be given to the assignment of the lease of No. 2 or Grain Agency Shed to the said Board, or that a new lease be given to the Board which will enable it when necessary to collect for account of the Railway Department freight and charges due on goods delivered into the shed.

Petitioners pray that the House will be pleased to pass a law to give effect to the prayer of the petitioners.

I have the honour to report,—

1. That, after evidence had been given by representatives of the Harbour Board and Mr. Maxwell, one of the Railway Commissioners, a conference was agreed upon, at which it was arranged to submit the following recommendations (*inter alia*) to the Public Accounts Committee as a basis of settlement:—

(*a.*) That it be agreed that No. 5 shed be re-vested in the Harbour Board, with provision for leasing the same to the Railway Commissioners for ten years, at such rental as may be fixed by the Public Accounts Committee, not to exceed £1,500 a year, as suggested by the representatives of the Harbour Board, nor to be less than £1,000, as recommended by the Railway Commissioners. The lease to run from the 1st July, 1889.

(*b.*) That a sum of £3,300 be accepted by the Harbour Board in full satisfaction of all claims on the Gladstone Sheds.

(*c.*) That the lease of No. 2 Grain Agency Shed be transferred to the Harbour Board, with full powers to the Board to fulfil all engagements and enjoy all privileges.

2. That the Public Accounts Committee, under the above order of reference, recommend that the annual rental of No. 5 shed be fixed at £1,250 a year.

3. That the Government be asked to bring in and carry through a Bill to give effect to the above arrangement.

Ordered to lie upon the Table, and to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

8. *West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Ordered*, That the names of Mr. Pinkerton and Mr. Carroll be added to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the subject of the confirmed leases on the west coast of the North Island.

9. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 5.

The Governor, on behalf of Her Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the payment of salaries, wages, and contingencies for the year ending the 31st March, 1892.

Government House,
Wellington, 15th July, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Message recommending provision for payment of salaries, &c., referred.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

The Colonial Treasurer having stated that it would be for the convenience of the public service that the Resolution should be considered forthwith, and a Bill to give effect thereto passed through all its stages;

Ordered, That Standing Order No. 385 be suspended for this day, in order that the Reports of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means may be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, presently, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. *Ways and Means.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act, "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891," and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole one hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds, out of the Consolidated Fund, to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following resolution :—

Resolved, That out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act, "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891," and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole one hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds, out of the Consolidated Fund, to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Ballance and the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 2).*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two; which was read a first and a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Public Revenues Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Revenues Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

14. *Partnership Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Partnership Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

15. *Repeals Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Repeals Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

16. *Local Bodies' Accounts and Audit Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Local Bodies' Accounts and Audit Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

17. *Criminal Code Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Criminal Code Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Friday next.

18. *Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

19. *Lunatics Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lunatics Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

20. *Juries Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Juries Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

21. *Small-birds Nuisance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Small-birds Nuisance Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Live-stock Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 21st Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Member sworn.*—William Fraser, Esquire, Member for Te Aroha, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

2. *Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable Jacob Joseph, of the City of Wellington, Esquire, to purchase from the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington a Piece of Land, part of Chew's Lane, in the City of Wellington."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without amendment.

3. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill;

Mr. Duthie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report be agreed to.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Carroll, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Taipua on account of family bereavement.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Guinness for one week, on account of family bereavement.

On motion of Mr. Harkness, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Macarthur for a fortnight, on account of ill-health.

5. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(134.) New Zealand Defences: Nominal Roll of the Clerical Staff, with Particulars of Payments to. Return to an Order dated 10th July, 1891.

(135.) *New Zealand Gazette:* Cost of Printing, and Receipts towards defraying Same. Return to an Order dated 8th July, 1891.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

(136.) New South Wales Strikes, Report of Royal Commission appointed by New South Wales Government on.

(138.) Public Trust Office: Return of Law-costs and other Charges in connection therewith.

The following Paper was laid on the Table by Mr. Perceval, with the leave of the House :—

(137.) Volunteers: Rough Details of a Scheme for Reorganization, prepared by Captain M. Bowron.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 136 and 137 be printed.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Francis Stevens; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the said Petition, together with the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

7. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of G. P. Mutu and 5 others; Rangipito and another; Hikaka Taonui and 50 others; Rawharitua; Hauauru Potama Taonui and 77 others; Te Rina Mete Kingi and others; Waatu Tohu; John Clarke and others; Mihipeka Tatana; Te Ahirau Waitai and others; Arani Parekawa and others; Amihana Huata and 203 others; and Michael Mullooly: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of G. P. Mutu and others, Rangipito and another, Hikaka Taonui and 50 others, Rawharitua, Hauauru Potama Taonui and 77 others, Te Rina Mete Kingi and others, Waatu Tohu, and John Clarke and others, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

8. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Public Trustee; and the same was read, as followeth :—

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the business of the Public Trust Office, beg to report that the Committee has agreed to the following resolutions :—

1. That it would be to the advantage of the public service that the office of Public Trustee be filled by some other person than Mr. Hamerton.

2. That, failing Mr. Hamerton's resignation, the Government be requested to take proceedings to remove him from his office under the Public Trust Act.

3. That this Committee recommend that a superannuation allowance be made to Mr. Hamerton from the 1st August, 1891, of the same amount as if he had retired from the public service in June, 1880, upon certificate under "The Civil Service Superannuation Act, 1858," section 1.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Saunders moved, and the Question was proposed, That the said Report be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Fish moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "be," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "taken into consideration by this House on this day week."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Public Trustee be referred to the Government for consideration.

10. *Railway Ballast-metal.*—On motion of Mr. Carncross, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before the House showing how many yards of ballast-metal for railway purposes have been conveyed from Logan's Point to Mosgiel between the 1st January, 1891, and the 1st July, inclusive, and the cost thereof to the Government.

11. *Nelson Harbour Receipts and Expenses.*—On motion of Mr. Harkness, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before the House giving the receipts of the Nelson Harbour for pilotage, light-dues, and rents received from the foreshore, for the last three years, ending the 31st March, 1891, together with the expenditure for the same period.

12. *Ministers' Travelling-allowances.*—On motion of Mr. Buckland, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House of the travelling-expenses of Ministers from the date of their taking office to the 30th June last, including the cost of special trains. Such Return to include the travelling-expenses of Ministers for the three months previous to present Ministers taking office.

13. *Waste Lands Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 178 be suspended, and that the name of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston be added to the Waste Lands Committee.

14. *Noxious Weeds Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That a Committee of ten members be appointed to consider all questions pertaining to noxious weeds, gorse, briar, tea-tree, tauhinu, &c.; with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, and to report generally as to the necessity for, and the best means of, eradicating such destructive growths: the Committee to consist of Mr. Blake, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Houston, Mr. Lawry, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Saunders, the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, and the Mover; three to be a quorum.

15. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Fish, and Mr. Pinkerton to attend in order to their being examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Local Bills upon the North Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Fish, and Mr. Pinkerton have leave to attend the said Committee, if they shall think fit so to do.

Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891 (No. 2)," which they return to the House of Representatives as one of their Bills of Supply.

16. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auctioneers Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Friday next.

17. *House Committee's Report on Bellamy's.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the House Committee on Bellamy's;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Report.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Government place upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum sufficient to pay off Bellamy's overdraft at the bank. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "Government," and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "take over the assets and liabilities of Bellamy's, and hand over the premises to a Committee of Members, upon the stock being taken over at a valuation, with a view to the formation of a Members' Club." (*Mr. E. J. O'Conor.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Resolution, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 44.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.
Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, C. H.	Saunders
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Mills, J.	Shera
Buchanan	Harkness	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hogg	Moore	Swan
Carncross	Joyce	Parata	Valentine
Carroll	Kapa	Pinkerton	Wilson
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Rees	Wright.
Duthie	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Fish
Fisher	Mackintosh	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Mackenzie, T.
Fraser			

NOES, 19.

Buckland	Kelly, J.	Smith, W. C.	Thomson, J. W.
Hamlin	McGuire	Tanner	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Houston	Newman	Taylor	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Thompson, R.	Meredith
Hutchison, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Thompson, T.	O'Conor.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Resolution be agreed to;

Another Amendment proposed: At the end of the Resolution to add the following words: "and that the Committee be instructed to abolish Bellamy's without delay." (*Mr. Hamlin.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Buckland	Joyce	O'Conor	Thompson, T.
Buick	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Thomson, J. W.
Hall-Jones	McGuire	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Taylor	Hamlin
Hutchison, G.	Newman	Thompson, R.	Meredith.
Hutchison, W.			

NOES, 45.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Mills, J.	Shera
Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Smith, E. M.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Harkness	Parata	Swan
Buchanan	Hogg	Pinkerton	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kapa	Rees	Valentine
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carroll	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wilson
Dawson	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Wright.
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mackintosh	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Fish
Fisher	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.
Fraser	Mills, C. H.		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again put, That the Resolution be agreed to, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 44.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.
Blake	Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Rolleston, Hon. W.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Mills, J.	Saunders
Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Shera
Buckland	Harkness	Moore	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hogg	O'Conor	Valentine
Carncross	Kapa	Parata	Wilson
Carroll	Macdonald	Pinkerton	Wright.
Dawson	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rees	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Hall-Jones
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Rhodes.
Fish			

NOES, 19.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Thomson, J. W.
Hamlin	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Houston	McGuire	Taylor	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, W.	Meredith	Thompson, R.	Hutchison, G.
Joyce	Newman	Thompson, T.	Tanner.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the providing for Bellamy's should in future be done by contract, under direction of the House Committee. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Blake	Grey, Sir G.	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hogg	Parata	Swan
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	Taylor
Carncross	Joyce	Rees	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carroll	Kapa	Reeves, R. H. J.	
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fish	Mackintosh	Saunders	Hall-Jones
Fisher	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.

NOES, 29.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Kelly, J.	O'Conor	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Palmer	Valentine
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Rhodes	Wilson.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McGuire	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.
Harkness	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Tanner	Wright.
Houston	Moore		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. *Legislative Council Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legislative Council Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Land Bill.

19. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land Bill;

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 1891.

Captain Russell moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hogg	Moore	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Houston	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.
Fisher	Hutchison, G.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Kapa	Shera	Buchanan
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	Russell.
Harkness			

NOES, 28.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Tanner
Blake	Joyce	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Buick	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Lawry	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Dawson	McGuire	Reeves, R. H. J.	Fish
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Smith, W. C.
Earnshaw			

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 22nd Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(139.) Reports from Officers in Native Districts.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in Return to an Order of this House:—

(140.) Permanent Forces: Artillery and Torpedo Corps: Return of Appointments, Promotions, and Discharges. Return to an Order dated 14th July, 1891.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 139 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of James G. Fox; and John Leonard: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

4. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Public Revenues Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the Public Revenues Bill, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, together with the amendments, as shown in the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Public Revenues Bill.—Ordered*, That the Public Revenues Bill be committed on Friday next.

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report upon the Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act 1887 Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act 1887 Amendment Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill, that the Standing Orders have been complied with, and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Bill.—Ordered*, That the Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

8. *Sugar used for Brewing.*—On motion of Mr. Guinness, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the quantity of sugar used by brewers during the year 1890 for the manufacture of beer.

9. *Distillation Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Distillation Act, 1868;" and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

10. *Unauthorised Expenditure.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the "Unauthorised Expenditure Account" (Paper numbered 15) be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

11. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No. 6.*

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Land and Income for the Purposes of Taxation," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd July, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends the House to make provision in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message No. 6, enclosing the draft of the Land- and Income-assessment Bill.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

12. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to regulate the Assessment of Land and Income for the Purposes of Taxation, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

13. *University of Otago Council Election Bill.*—On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the University of Otago Council Election Bill be discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the twenty-third day of July instant.

14. *Fines for breaking By-laws.*—On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Resolved*, That, in order to the due enforcement of municipal by-laws, without that enforcement being rendered oppressive, it shall be provided that, where there is nothing of a criminal or offensive character involved, the offender shall have liberty to pay a fine into Court without costs, thus saving the time required to attend a Court, where one may not unfrequently have to wait for hours until his or her case is called on—a serious fine in itself to many persons; and that this House instructs the Government to submit a Bill to amend the Police Offences Act in this direction.

15. *New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill be discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the sixth day of August next.

16. *Government Business on Wednesdays.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That for the remainder of the Session Government business take precedence of all other business on Wednesdays, after the twenty-second day of July instant.

17. *Westport Harbour Board Correspondence.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Westport Harbour Board or the Railway Commissioners, together with the recommendations and memoranda by the Marine and District Engineers, in reference to sheath-piling on the Westport Coal-staiths Contract, be laid before this House.

18. *Goldfields and Mines Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 178 be suspended, and that the names of Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie and Colonel Fraser be added to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

19. *Native Affairs Committee.*—On motion of Sir G. Grey, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Shera be added to the Native Affairs Committee.

20. *Circulation of Parliamentary Papers.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That all parliamentary papers, &c., bearing upon agricultural and pastoral matters, and copies of *Hansard*, as published, be forwarded to all farmers' clubs and similar public institutions throughout the colony.

The Honourable Mr. Richardson moved the amendment of "the Previous Question."

And the Question being put, That the Question be not now put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

21. *Uncontrolled Expenditure in Stock Department.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House giving in detail—(1) the several amounts, if any, expended for the past financial year by the Inspectors of the Stock Department without Ministerial authority (2) or control; (3) the number and amounts of rabbit-poisoning contracts, if any, let privately, and without Ministerial approval, giving also the names of the Inspectors who let, and of the contractors who accepted, such contracts, for the same period as above; (4) the names of the Inspectors, if any, who are responsible for the expenditure of £6,643 9s. 5d. (year 1890–91) shown on page 2 of the Return No. 107 (H), now on the table of the House; (5) all Inspectors, if any, not included in the Return quoted, who have been paid for the use of their own houses or their own horses, and, if so, when and by whom paid, also for the last past financial year.

22. *Tourists' Routes between Sounds and Lakes.*—Mr. T. Mackenzie moved, and the Question was proposed,—(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should adopt some definite and energetic means of rendering the magnificent natural scenery of New Zealand better known and more accessible to tourists and others. (2.) That, in order to carry out the foregoing Resolution with as much effect and as little expense as possible, a report be obtained from competent persons as to the most practicable and interesting route between Milford Sound and Lake Te Anau, thence to Lake Wakatipu, and through to Mount Cook, *viâ* Lakes Wanaka and Hawea.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

23. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Aliens Act Amendment Act, 1891," and "The Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Act, 1891," without amendment.

24. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Aliens Act Amendment Bill be considered on Friday next.

25. *Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill be considered on Friday next.

26. *Marriage Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend "The Marriage Act, 1880," be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

27. *Licensing Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill;

Mr. Joyce moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Buckland	Harkness	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.
Carncross	Hogg	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Tanner
Duthie	Houston	Moore	Thompson, R.
Fisher	Hutchison, G.	O'Conor	Thomson, J. W.
Grey, Sir G.	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Wright.
Guinness	Kapa	Rees	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Kelly, J.	Saunders	Buick
Hall-Jones	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Joyce.

NOES, 28.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, T.
Blake	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Valentine
Bryce, Hon. J.	Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buchanan	Mackintosh	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wilson.
Carroll	McGuire	Russell	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Mills, C. H.	Shera	Dawson
Fergus, Hon. T.	Perceval	Swan	Palmer.
Fish			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the sixth day of August next.

28. *Legislative Council Appointments Cancellation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legislative Council Appointments Cancellation Bill;

Mr. Rees moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1891.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on this day week.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 23rd Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(141.) Public Debt of the Colony, Particulars of. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

(142.) Agricultural and Pastoral Associations: Additional Replies to Circular sent out by Minister of Agriculture. Additional Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

(143.) Copying-clerks, Land and Deeds Registry Offices, Return of Amounts paid to. Return to an Order dated 15th July, 1891.

(144.) Late Under-Secretary for Defence, Copy of Memoranda relative to Dismissal of. Return to an Order dated 18th July, 1891.

The following Paper was presented pursuant to Act:—

(145.) Retiring-allowances granted to Civil Servants, Schedule of.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(146.) Labour Conference, Report of, on the various Labour Bills and the Eight Hours Bill.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 141 and 146 be printed.

3. *Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill Committee.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Select Committee on the Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

In the matter of the Bill intituled "The Christchurch Electric Lighting Act, 1891," your Committee have the honour to report that they find the allegations of the preamble proved to their satisfaction, and have also considered the various clauses of the Bill, and made amendment therein with a view to the better protection of the public, and also for the purpose of conferring larger powers upon the local authority.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *New Zealand Bank Bill Committee.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Select Committee on the New Zealand Bank Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

In the matter of the Bill intituled "The New Zealand Bank Act, 1891," your Committee have the honour to report that they find the allegations of the preamble proved to their satisfaction. They have also considered the various clauses of the Bill, and amended the 3rd clause by striking out the proviso, as it is already contained in the resolutions as set forth in the preamble, and have made a slight amendment in the schedule.

Attached is a copy of a cablegram from the Agent-General to the Premier, in proof of the fact that more than one-third of the actual paid-up capital of the bank was represented at the meetings held on the dates specified therein.

Copy of cablegram from the Agent-General to the Premier:—

Bank of New Zealand Bill.—Please inform Chairman of Committees, House of Representatives, I am forwarding by next mail statutory declaration of President and Secretary of Bank of New Zealand that more than one-third actual paid-up capital of bank was represented at meetings held respectively 18th September and 4th February last; also that meetings held 28th August, 15th September, 14th January, and 4th February were duly convened and held in accordance with provisions of the Bank of New Zealand's deed of settlement.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of W. J. Keys and W. C. Harvie; James Gough and others; James Hamblyn; William Bennett; and Harold Crowley and another: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

6. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

7. *Government Life Assurance Department.*—On motion of Mr. Rees, *Ordered*, That a Return be furnished by the Government Life Assurance Department giving full detailed particulars, properly classified under several heads, such as "Salaries," &c., of its expenses or expenditure accounts from the commencement of the office to the 1st July instant, with any remarks thought necessary by the department, in separate columns.

8. *Water-supply Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable County Councils, and, in certain cases, Road Boards, to construct and maintain Works for Water-supply, and to make Provision for the Cost thereof; and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

9. *Christchurch District Drainage Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Christchurch District Drainage Act Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

10. *Christchurch City Reserves Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Christchurch City Reserves Act Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Christchurch City Reserves Act, 1877.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

11. *Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act* 1889 *Extension Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act Extension Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. T. Thompson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to extend 'The Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act, 1889.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

12. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Auckland Harbour Board to vest certain Land in Her Majesty the Queen for the Use of the Admiralty, and to adjust Disputes and Differences as to Boundaries and Rights of Water-frontage between the said Auckland Harbour Board and Owners of Land bounded by High-water Mark in the Harbour of Auckland."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Duncan moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harkness moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "be," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "referred to the Public Accounts Committee."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 40.

Blake	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Saunders
Buick	Houston	Mills, J.	Shera
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Tanner
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Taylor
Dawson	Joyce	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Earnshaw	Kapa	Perceval	Thomson, J. W.
Fish	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fisher	McGuire	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Duncan
Guinness	Meredith	Rhodes	Smith, E. M.
Hall-Jones			

NOES, 15.

Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.
Buckland	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	Harkness
Fergus, Hon. T.	Moore	Swan	Thompson, R.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

14. *Licensing Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Licensing Act Amendment Bill;

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 21.

Carncross	Hamlin	Rees	Taylor
Dawson	Hogg	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, T.
Duthie	Kelly, W.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Lawry	Shera	Fish
Fraser	Macdonald	Swan	Hutchison, G.
Grey, Sir G.	Mills, C. H.		

NOES, 28.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Joyce	O'Conor	Tanner
Buchanan	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Buick	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Pinkerton	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wright.
Hall-Jones	Meredith	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Mills, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Buckland
Houston	Newman	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Earnshaw.
Hutchison, W.			

So it passed in the Negative.

15. *University of Otago Council Election Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the University of Otago Council Election Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the thirteenth day of August next.

16. *Slaughterhouses Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Slaughterhouses Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on this day week.

17. *Government Railways Act Repeal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Government Railways Act Repeal Bill be now read a second time;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward, *Ordered*, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, the sixth day of August next.

18. *Municipal Fire Insurance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Municipal Fire Insurance Bill;

Mr. W. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Grey, Sir G.	Joyce	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Taylor.
Hall-Jones	Macdonald	Palmer	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Mackenzie, T.	Rees	Earnshaw
Hutchison, G.	Mackintosh	Tanner	Hutchison, W.

NOES, 23.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Fisher	Mills, C. H.	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Harkness	Mills, J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Houston	Newman	Wright.
Dawson	Kapa	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Swan	Buckland
Fish	Meredith	Thompson, T.	Moore.

So it passed in the Negative.

19. *Book-purchasers Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Book-purchasers Protection Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the twentieth day of August next.

20. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—*Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 7 and 8, for the second reading of the Licensing Act Amendment Bill and the Gaming and Lotteries Acts Repeal Bill, be postponed until Thursday next.

21. *Friendly Societies Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Friendly Societies Acts Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the twentieth day of August next.

22. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

23. *Public Bodies' Powers Act Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Public Bodies' Powers Act be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Rees adjourned.

Friday, the 24th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(147.) Printing and Stationery Department: Annual Report.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(148.) Mr. W. B. Edwards: Legal and other Costs incurred relative to Proceedings taken against. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

(149.) Postal Revenue: Estimate of Reductions consequent upon Proposed Alterations; also, Proportion of Domestic to Business Letters. Return to an Order dated 2nd July, 1891.

(150.) Resident Magistrates' Travelling-allowances: Return of Payments from 1888 to 1891. Return to an Order dated 7th July, 1891.

(151.) Hospital and Charitable-aid Districts: Particulars of Population, and Amounts contributed by. Return to an Order dated 7th July, 1891.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(152.) South Canterbury Rabbit-fence: Report of the Commissioners appointed to inspect.

(153.) Hurunui Rabbit Board Fence: Report of the Commissioners appointed to inspect.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 147, 152, and 153 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Major Gascoyne; Mary Steadman Aldis and others; Patrick Casey; and Frank Bird: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Major Gascoyne, and Mary Steadman Aldis and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell; and S. Willoughby: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

5. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of William Chesterman; William Perry; James McInnes; and George Goldie: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petition of William Chesterman, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petitions of William Perry and James McInnes be referred to the Naval and Military Claims Committee.

6. *Adjournment.*—Mr. E. M. Smith moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

7. *Copying-clerks, Land Transfer Department.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table, supplementary to Return No. 143, showing the earnings during the year ending the 30th March, 1891, of each copying-clerk engaged in the Land Transfer Department while paid at the rate of 3d. per folio.

8. *North Island Trunk Railway.*—On motion of Mr. Fisher, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) the amount spent upon the North Island Trunk Railway; (2) the amount spent in each year, and the items or works upon which such expenditure was incurred; and (3) amount still available for expenditure out of the amount raised for the construction of the line.

9. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No. 7.*

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of Members of the General Assembly," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

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Wellington, 24th July, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends the House to make provision in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message No. 7, enclosing the draft of a Bill "to provide for the payment of Members of the General Assembly."

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

10. *Payment of Members Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to provide for the Payment of Members of the General Assembly, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—*Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 1 to 10 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 11.

12. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Land Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the proposal to create a State tenantry, by granting leases from the Crown in perpetuity without the option of purchase, is a change opposed to the best interests of the colony."

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

The Honourable Sir J. Hall moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed, That strangers be ordered to withdraw.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Tanner
Buick	Hogg	Meredith	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Joyce	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Lawry	Smith, E. M.	Fish
Fraser	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.	Rees.

NOES, 15.

Buchanan	Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Hutchison, G.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mackenzie, T.	Swan	Buckland
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Thomson, J. W.	Valentine.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The galleries of the House were accordingly cleared.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Moore moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.
Buckland	Harkness	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Hutchison, G.	Swan	Moore
Fisher	Mackenzie, T.	Thomson, J. W.	Wright.

NOES, 28.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Tanner
Buick	Hall-Jones	Pinkerton	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Rees	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Joyce	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Houston
Earnshaw	Meredith	Smith, W. C.	Kelly, W.
Fish			

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed.

The Honourable Mr. Fergus moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Tanner
Buick	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Houston	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Joyce	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Smith, E. M.	Pinkerton
Earnshaw	Kelly, W.	Smith, W. C.	Rees.
Fish	Mackintosh		

NOES, 10.

Buchanan	Mackenzie, T.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.	Buckland
Fisher	Shera		Hutchison, G.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed, That strangers be readmitted.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 33.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Meredith	Smith, E. M.
Buchanan	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hutchison, G.	Pinkerton	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Rees	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Fish
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Shera	Hall-Jones.
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.		

NOES, 8.

Harkness	Swan	Valentine	*Tellers.*
Mackenzie, T.	Thomson, J. W.	Wright.	Buckland
			Fisher.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Debate resumed.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

13. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And notice having been taken that twenty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker.

And twenty Members not being present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without putting the Question, at six of the clock a.m.

The following Members were present when the House was adjourned: The Honourable Mr. Ballance, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Buckland, the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Lawry, Mr. T. Mackenzie, the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, Mr. Moore, the Honourable Mr. Richardson, the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Swan, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Mr. Valentine, and Mr. Wright.

Tuesday, the 28th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *New Zealand Bank Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the New Zealand Bank Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to further amend 'The New Zealand Bank Act, 1861.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

2. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the amendments made by the Select Committee on the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill be agreed to;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Macdonald moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof:—

". . . . with a view to the consideration of the subjoined proposed new clauses, the Bill be recommitted to the former Committee, that the Committee be revived, and that they have leave to sit and proceed thereon:—

"1. This Act shall not come into force unless the burgesses of the City of Wellington shall, within three months from the passing of the Act, express their approval of it, and their desire that its provisions should be adopted.

"2. That such approval shall be expressed by the Corporation publishing in the borough once in each week for four successive weeks a notice setting forth—

"(1.) The name of the Act, and the nature of the works proposed to be undertaken under its authority;

"(2.) The names of the parties receiving the concession, and the amount or nature of the consideration the citizens are to receive from such parties for the rights ceded to them under the Act;

and calling a meeting of the burgesses to consider the said Act, and after such meeting taking a poll of the burgesses in the same manner as is provided for by sections one hundred and seventy-nine to one hundred and eighty-three, inclusive, of Part IX. of 'The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886,' in reference to loans."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 28.

Blake	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Meredith	Shera	Valentine
Carroll	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, E. M.	Wilson.
Dawson	Moore	Swan	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Taylor	Duthie
Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thompson, R.	Perceval.
Lawry			

NOES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Kelly, W.	Rees
Buick	Hall-Jones	McGuire	Saunders
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hamlin	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Carncross	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Duncan	Houston	Mills, J.	Tanner.
Earnshaw	Hutchison, G.	Newman	*Tellers.*
Fish	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Fisher
Fraser	Kapa	Pinkerton	Macdonald.
Grey, Sir G.			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, with a view to the consideration of the subjoined proposed new clauses, the Bill be recommitted to the former Committee, that the Committee be revived, and that they have leave to sit and proceed thereon:—

1. This Act shall not come into force unless the burgesses of the City of Wellington shall, within three months from the passing of the Act, express their approval of it, and their desire that its provisions should be adopted.

2. That such approval shall be expressed by the Corporation publishing in the borough once in each week for four successive weeks a notice setting forth—

(1.) The name of the Act, and the nature of the works proposed to be undertaken under its authority;

(2.) The names of the parties receiving the concession, and the amount or nature of the consideration the citizens are to receive from such parties for the rights ceded to them under the Act;

and calling a meeting of the burgesses to consider the said Act, and after such meeting taking a poll of the burgesses in the same manner as is provided for by sections one hundred and seventy-nine to one hundred and eighty-three, inclusive, of Part IX. of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," in reference to loans.

3. *Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill;

The same was accordingly read.

Mr. Taylor moved, and the Question was proposed, That the amendments made by the Committee in the Bill be agreed to.

Mr. Macdonald moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof:—

". . . . with a view to the consideration of the subjoined proposed new clauses, the Bill be recommitted to the former Committee, that the Committee be revived, and that they have leave to sit and proceed thereon:—

"1. This Act shall not come into force unless the burgesses of the City of Christchurch shall, within three months from the passing of the Act, express their approval of it, and their desire that its provisions should be adopted.

"2. That such approval shall be expressed by the Corporation publishing in the borough once in each week for four successive weeks a notice setting forth—

"(1.) The name of the Act, and the nature of the works proposed to be undertaken under its authority;

"(2.) The names of the parties receiving the concession, and the amount or nature of the consideration the citizens are to receive from such parties for the rights ceded to them under the Act;

and calling a meeting of the burgesses to consider the said Act, and after such meeting taking a poll of the burgesses in the same manner as is provided for by sections one hundred and seventy-nine to one hundred and eighty-three, inclusive, of Part IX. of 'The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886,' in reference to loans."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Blake	Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	Valentine
Carroll	Mackenzie, T.	Shera	Wilson.
Dawson	Meredith	Smith E. M.	
Duthie	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Moore	Tanner	Perceval
Hutchison, G.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.	Taylor.

NOES, 23.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, W.	Rees
Buick	Guinness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Saunders
Carncross	Hamlin	Mills, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Newman	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Kapa	Parata	Fish
Fisher	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Macdonald.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, a Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Rees moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Buick	Guinness	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Carncross	Hogg	Macdonald	Thompson, R.
Duncan	Houston	McKenzie, Hon. J.	
Fish	Hutchison, G.	Newman	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Earnshaw
Grey, Sir G.	Kapa	Pinkerton	Rees.

NOES, 35.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Mills, J.	Swan
Blake	Hamlin	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Tanner
Buchanan	Harkness	Moore	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Carroll	Lawry	Russell	Wilson.
Dawson	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Smith, E. M.	Perceval
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Meredith	Smith, W. C.	Taylor.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. Taylor moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Earnshaw moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

4. *Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read and negatived.

Clauses 4 to 12 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

For the purposes of "The Employers' Liability Act, 1882" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), and this Act, the expression "workman" means any person, male or female, whether under or over the age of twenty-one years, who, under contract with an employer, whether made before or after the passing of the said Act or this Act, contracts personally to do or perform any work or manual labour of any kind, whether technical, skilled, or unskilled, and whether such contract be oral or in writing, express or implied.

A "seaman" as defined by this Act is also included in the expression "workman" hereinbefore contained; but such expression does not include a domestic servant of either sex.

The definition of the expression "workman" in the said Act is hereby repealed. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

5. *Truck Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Truck Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "the" to insert the word "first," and after the word "of" to insert the word "November;" and in line 3, after the word "ninety" to insert the word "one." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 11 read and agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, to omit the word "twenty," and insert the word "five" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words between the word "offence" in line 10, and the words "a penalty" in line 12. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words in lines 13 and 14. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words in lines 4 and 5. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 21 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

A workman may give an order on his wages to a storekeeper for goods to be supplied by such storekeeper, provided the storekeeper has no interest, direct or indirect, in the work for which wages are to be paid; and the employer may, if he has paid such order, deduct the amount of the same from any wages payable to such workman, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 18.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson.
Buchanan	Hamlin	Rolleston, Hon. W.	
Carroll	Kapa	Swan	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Moore	Thomson, J. W.	Mackenzie, T
Fisher	Parata	Valentine	Mills, J.

NOES, 40.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Smith, E. M.
Buckland	Harkness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hogg	Meredith	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Newman	Taylor
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	O'Conor	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Kelly, W.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Fish	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Kelly, J.
Fraser	Macdonald	Shera	Mills, C. H.
Guinness			

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

The term "employer" shall mean and include the owner or lessee of any kauri-gum lands who may be receiving a royalty on or purchasing the gum found on such lands from the persons employed in gum-digging. (*Mr. J. Kelly.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

6. *Shop-hours Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Shop-hours Bill;

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do presently leave the Chair, in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Duthie moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the Bill be committed this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 58.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McGuire	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Buchanan	Harkness	Meredith	Swan
Buick	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Moore	Taylor
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Kapa	Parata	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Perceval	Valentine
Earnshaw	Kelly, W.	Rees	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wilson.
Fisher	Macdonald	Rolleston, Hon. W.	
Fraser	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Mackenzie, T.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Joyce
Guinness	Mackintosh	Shera	Pinkerton.

NOES, 4.

	Tellers.
Hamlin	Buckland
Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Duthie.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

7. *Bills for Committal.*—The Orders of the Day being read for the committal of the Partnership Bill, the Repeals Bill, the Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill, the Juries Act Amendment Bill, and the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will presently resolve itself into the said Committees.

8. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Stock-driving Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

9. *Stock-driving Bill.*—On motion of Dr. Newman, *Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to regulate the Driving of Stock and in Prevention of Theft thereof be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the thirtieth day of July instant.

10. *Shop-hours Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Shop-hours Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, after the word "city" to omit the word "or," and after the word "borough" to insert the words "or town district;" in lines 6 and 7, to omit the words "that goods are no longer sold or offered for sale," and insert the words "closed against admission of the public for purposes of trade for the remainder of the day" in lieu thereof; in line 11, after the word "place," to insert the words "or vehicle;" in line 14 to omit the words "occupier as before defined of a shop," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "person, company, or association employing persons in any shop, or occupying any shop, building, or place intended as or about to be used as a shop, and includes any agent, manager, foreman, or other person acting or apparently acting in the general management or control of any such shop, and also includes any hawker." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 1 and 2, after the word "shops" to omit the words "carrying on business," and after the word "borough" to insert the words "or town district." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the words "or town district," to insert the words "proclaimed for that purpose by the Governor." (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In the same place, to insert the words "or within a distance of one mile from the limits of a city, borough, or town district." (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the words "chemists' shops," to insert the words "milk-shops, and herbalists'." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "tobacconists," to insert the words "and hairdressers." (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subsection (2), to omit the word "nine," and insert the word "ten" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After subsection (2), to insert the following subsection:—

On the evening of the working-day next preceding Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Her Majesty's Birthday, and the Prince of Wales's Birthday, at the hour of ten of the clock; and. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment in new subsection proposed: In line 2, after the words "New Year's Day," to insert the words "at the hour of eleven of the clock, and on the evening of the working-day next preceding." (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In the last line of the clause, to omit the word "two," and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "borough," to insert the words "or town district." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "nine," and insert the word "ten" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "evening," to insert the words "and may make the night for closing as aforesaid different for certain trades, upon being requested so to do by a majority of the persons engaged in such particular trade." (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the word "two," and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "borough," to insert the words "or town district;" and in line 4, to omit the words "the occupier of," and after the word "shop" to insert the word "keeper." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "twenty-five," and insert the word "ten" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "shop," to insert the words "nor at any work in connection with the shop." (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 3 and 4, to omit the word "fifty-eight," and insert the word "sixty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Swan.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "shopkeeper," to omit the words "of the shop." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "shopkeeper," to omit the words "of such shop." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "the three last-preceding sections," and insert the words "this Act" in lieu thereof; in line 2, to omit the words "are at home—that is to say;" in line 3, to omit the words "of the same family dwelling there, or to members;" and in line 4, to omit the words "dwelling in a house to which the shop is attached." (*Mr. R. Thompson.*)

And the Question being put, That the words "the three last-preceding sections" stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 26.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Tanner
Buick	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Newman	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Joyce	Rees	
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Mackenzie, T.	Smith, E. M.	Fish
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.	Pinkerton.

NOES, 16.

Blake	Hamlin	Meredith	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Houston	Moore	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kapa	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Shera
Duthie	Lawry	Swan	Thompson, R.
Fisher			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Mr. Hamlin.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 6.

		Tellers.
Buckland	Moore	Duthie
Mackenzie, T.	Swan.	Hamlin.

NOES, 35.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Blake	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Tanner
Buick	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Rees	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fish	Lawry	Shera	Earnshaw
Fisher	Mackintosh	Smith, E. M.	Joyce.

So it passed in the Negative.

Other amendments negatived.

And the Question being put, That this clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 11.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Houston	Swan	Buckland
Fisher	Lawry	Thompson, T.	Moore.

NOES, 29.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Harkness	Meredith	Tanner
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Rees	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Mackenzie, T.	Smith, E. M.	Hall-Jones
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.	Mills, C. H.
Fish	McKenzie, Hon. J.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "persons," and insert the word "females" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words between the word "being" in line 1 and the word "or" in line 3, and to insert the words "a shopkeeper" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "the occupier of a shop," and insert the words "a shopkeeper" in lieu thereof; and in line 5, to omit the word "occupier," and insert the word "shopkeeper" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendments proposed: To omit the words "occupier of a shop" wherever they occur, and insert the word "shopkeeper" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendments proposed: To omit the words "occupier of a shop" wherever they occur, and insert the word "shopkeeper" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendments proposed: In subsection (1), to omit all the words between the word "month" in line 1 and the word "after" in line 3; and in subsection (3), to omit the words "occupier of a shop" wherever they occur, and insert the word "shopkeeper" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 18 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

If in any shop any trade or business is carried on, or any goods are dealt in, of such descriptions or kinds as would, under the provisions of this Act, necessitate such shop being closed during certain hours, then such shop shall be closed for all purposes during such hours as may be directed by this Act. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Moore	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Shera	Fish
Duthie	Lawry	Smith, E. M.	Pinkerton.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh		

NOES, 8.

Hamlin	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Houston	Swan	Blake
Rees	Tanner.	Buckland.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Nothing in this Act shall prevent the sale or repair at any hour of any parts or fittings of any agricultural implement or machinery which may be necessary to render such implement or machinery fit for use. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Chemists' and druggists' shops shall be closed either at eight or nine o'clock in the evening, whichever of one or other of these hours shall be agreed to by a majority of those in trade, and the Council of the city or borough shall ratify the closing-hour thus agreed upon by the said majority; and any chemist or druggist failing or neglecting to close at the specified hour shall be liable to the penalties incurred under this Act. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

This Act shall not apply to the occupier of any shop supplying any article to any person lodging in such shop, or for provisioning any mail-steamer, or supplying anything in case of sickness. (*Mr. Joyce.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 8.

			Tellers.
Blake	Hall-Jones	Lawry	Shera
Duncan	Joyce	Smith, E. M.	Thompson, T.

NOES, 28.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fish	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.
Buckland	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Meredith	Swan
Buick	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Moore	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Rees	Smith, W. C.
Duthie	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Taylor.
Earnshaw			

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered this day.

11. *Partnership Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Partnership Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. *Repeals Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Repeals Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.
Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. *Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. *Juries Act Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Juries Act Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. *Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after three of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until this day.

Wednesday, the 29th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Christchurch Electric Lighting Bill be now read a third time;

And the Question being again proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a third time, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 26.

Blake	Joyce	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Lawry	Russell	Valentine
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Shera	Wilson.
Carroll	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	
Duthie	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Swan	Perceval
Houston	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Tanner	Taylor.

NOES, 17.

Buick	Fraser	Kelly, W.	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Guinness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Hamlin	Parata	Newman
Fish	Hutchison, G.	Pinkerton	Rhodes.
Fisher	Kapa		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either above or below Ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for supplying the City of Christchurch and Suburbs with Electrical Energy."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. W. Kelly, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Palmer, on account of illness.

4. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(154.) Crown Lands Department: Annual Report.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(155.) Land Transfer Department: Return of Amounts Paid to Copying-clerks for the Past Financial Year. Return to an Order dated 24th July, 1891.

(156.) Sugar used for Brewing Purposes during 1890, Return of. Return to an Order dated 22nd July, 1891.

(157.) Middle Island Half-castes: Particulars of Satisfied and Unsatisfied Claims to Land. Return to an Order dated 14th July, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table, with the leave of the House :—

(158.) Banking Account of the Colony, Correspondence relative to Applications for a Share of.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 154 and 158 be printed.

5. *Joint Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Joyce, from the Joint Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report upon the Trustee Bill; and the same was read, as followeth :—

The Joint Statutes Revision Committee, to whom was referred the Trustee Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, subject to the amendments shown upon the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of G. S. Brodrick; Henry Cavell; Annie de Carle; Edward Hammond; Charles Townley Browne; Robert Paul Hodge; Charles Eailly; and William Harris: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of G. S. Brodrick, Henry Cavell, Annie de Carle, Edward Hammond, and Charles Townley Browne, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Mr. T. Thompson also brought up the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee upon the Petition of the Hobson County Council; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the said Report do lie upon the table.

Mr. Houston moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee on the Petition of the Hobson County Council be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

7. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of W. H. Tucker; Hoani Kerei Kawakura; Wi Naihira Teihoka and others; John W. Matthews; George Jay and 22 others; Petera Pukuatua and 4 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. H. Tucker, Hoani Kerei Kawakura, Wi Naihira Teihoka and others, and John W. Matthews, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petition of George Jay and 22 others be referred to the Joint West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee.

8. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report upon the Palmerston North Hospital District Bill; and the same was read, as followeth :—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Palmerston North Hospital District Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Palmerston North Hospital District Bill.—Ordered*, That the Palmerston North Hospital District Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

10. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Mary Elizabeth White; Robert S. Ross and 67 others; Robert Mackay and 8 others; Richard Miller; and Joseph Sandlant: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Mary Elizabeth White, Robert S. Ross and 67 others, and Robert Mackay and 8 others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

11. *Joint West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Wilson, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Joint West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee have leave to postpone bringing up their Report till the 14th of August next.

12. *Employers' Liability Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Employers' Liability Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Employers' Liability Act, 1882.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Truck Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Truck Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to prohibit the Payment of Wages in Goods or otherwise than in Money."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

14. *Shop-hours Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Shop-hours Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act for limiting the Hours of Business in Shops."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

15. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Aliens Act Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That the amendments be disagreed with.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments; the Committee to consist of Mr. Guinness, the Honourable Sir J. Hall, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon.

16. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 11, and that Orders of the Day Nos. 6, 7, and 8 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 9.

17. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Auctioneers Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendments proposed: In line 5, after the word "license-fee," to insert the words "or such proportionate part of such sum as hereinafter mentioned;" and to omit all the words between the word "clerk," in line 6, and the word "authorise," in line 9, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "which shall for the period of its continuance." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendments proposed: In line 6, after the word "license-fee," to omit the word "of," and insert the words "not exceeding" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the words "said account," to insert the words "divided equally among the local bodies where he conducts sales." (*Dr. Newman.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mills, J.	Russell	Hamlin
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	O'Conor	Thomson, J. W.	Newman.
Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson.	

NOES, 35.

Blake	Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Swan
Buckland	Harkness	Moore	Tanner
Buick	Houston	Parata	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Rees	Thompson, T.
Duthie	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mackintosh	Shera	Macdonald
Grey, Sir G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "resides," and insert the words "conducts the greatest portion of his sales outside the borough where his business premises are located" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

And the Question being put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Blake	Grey	Moore	Tanner
Buckland	Harkness	Parata	Taylor
Buick	Houston	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Rees	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Kapa	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Valentine
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Lawry	Shera	
Duthie	Macdonald	Smith, E. M.	*Tellers.*
Fish	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.	Kelly, J.
Fraser	McKenzie, J. Hon.	Swan	Mills, C. H.

NOES, 16.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Newman	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wilson.
Buchanan	O'Conor	Russell	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Saunders	Mackenzie, T.
Hamlin	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Mills, J.
Meredith			

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the proviso to the clause. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "auctioneer," to insert the words "whose license has not been forfeited or cancelled." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the word "some," and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "six," and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 9, to omit the word "ten," and insert the word "twenty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. T. Thompson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 11, after the word "and," to insert the word "a." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 3 and 6, to omit the words "twenty-four hours," and insert the words "ten days" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Bryce.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "seven," and insert the word "eight" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

And the Question being put, That the word "seven" stand part of the clause, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "eight" be inserted, it passed in the Negative.

Amendment proposed: To insert the word "six" in lieu of the word omitted. (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "saving," to insert the words "on any day set apart for a half-holiday, when he shall not sell after one o'clock." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause:—

Provided that land, plans of which have been exhibited in the auction-room for at least two clear days prior to the date of the sale, may be sold without limit to time; also, that tallow, wool, books, and works of art sold only from catalogue after daylight inspection may be sold without limit as to time. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment proposed: In line 5 of the proposed proviso, to omit the words "and works of art." (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Proviso as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words between the word "within" in line 1 and the word "render" in line 3. (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "one month," and insert the words "fourteen days" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the words "account of," to insert the words "and pay over." (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "as far as practicable." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the clause, to add the following words: "and shall, less the auctioneer's costs and charges, and advances (if any) made by such auctioneer, be available only for payment to the person on whose behalf the property was sold; and any auctioneer who wilfully and knowingly neglects to keep all moneys arising from sales by auction apart from other moneys of his business shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds: Provided that this clause shall not apply to sales of property belonging to the auctioneer himself, or to any firm in which he is a partner." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "forty-eight hours," and insert the words "three days" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 24 read and agreed to.

Clause 25 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "under this Act," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "under sections seventeen, eighteen, and twenty-two of this Act his license shall be *ipso facto* forfeited, and any auctioneer convicted of an offence under any other section of this Act." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 28 read and agreed to.

Clause 29 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "law," in line 3. (*Honourable Mr. Bryce.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 30 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Every license shall take effect from the date of the issue thereof, and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next following such date. Every license granted under this Act which shall have a currency of less than eleven months before its expiry shall be charged only a part of the fee of forty pounds proportionate to the time of the currency of the license. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

No person holding a pawnbroker's license under any Act in reference to pawnbrokers shall be competent to hold an auctioneer's license. (*Mr. Macdonald.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

First Schedule read and agreed to.

Second Schedule read. Amendments proposed: To insert heading, "Certificate for Issue of License," and in line 1 to omit "in the holden at," and insert "District of" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Third Schedule read. Amendments proposed: To insert heading, "Form of License;" and before line 1 to insert the words "District of;" and to omit all the words between the word "belong" in line 4 and the word "Clerk" in line 7, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "This license shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December ensuing next after the date hereof, and no longer, provided it be not forfeited or cancelled in the meantime. Dated the day of ,18 ." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Fourth Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To insert heading, "List of Licensed Auctioneers." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Fifth Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

18. *Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Adulteration Prevention Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Sale of Bread."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

19. *Juries Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Juries Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 again read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

20. *Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to give further Powers to Companies with respect to certain Instruments under which they may be constituted or regulated."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without amendment.

21. *Partnership Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Partnership Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to declare and amend the Law of Partnership."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without amendment.

22. *Repeals Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Repeals Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subsection to the clause:—

Further, all legislation of the Imperial Parliament, prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, inimical to that liberty of speech and freedom of action which are necessary to the orderly development of political, economic, and social life among the people of the colony shall cease to have any force or effect in New Zealand; specially, it is enacted hereby that such Acts as treat of alleged sedition, conspiracy, combination, intimidation, or other alleged offences of speaking or writing by wage-earners against profit-earners are void and of no effect in New Zealand. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act for promoting the Revision of the Statute Law by repealing Divers Acts and Parts of Acts which have ceased to be in Force or have become Unnecessary."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without amendment.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves adjourned.

Thursday, the 30th Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(159.) North Island Trunk Railway Surveys, Cost of. Return to an Order dated 1st July, 1891.

(160.) Kamo, Puhipuhi, and Kawakawa Railway Extension, Correspondence relative to, with Messrs. Hunt, Kerry, and Others. Return to an Order dated 14th July, 1891.

(161.) Agricultural and Pastoral Associations: Additional Replies to Circular sent by Minister of Agriculture. Additional Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 159 and 161 be printed.

3. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Duthie, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report upon the Factories Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Labour Bills Committee, to whom the Factories Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments thereon as set forth in the attached copy of the Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Factories Bill.—Ordered*, That the Factories Bill be committed to-morrow.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Joseph Jessop; T. W. Humphreys; Hugh Jones; John Johnston; Eliza M. Battley; William James; J. H. Taylor; Sarah Lockhead; C. R. Heath; Wong Choi Fong and others; and T. W. Beckett and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Wong Choi Fong and others, and T. W. Beckett and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill Committee.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill Committee, brought up a second Report on the Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee, to whom the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill was recommitted with a view to the consideration of certain new clauses submitted to them by the House of Representatives, have the honour to report that they have examined the Mayor of Wellington and have taken other evidence with reference to the proposed new clauses, and, having carefully considered the matter, are of opinion that these clauses should not be inserted in the Bill, but that the former report of the Committee should be agreed to.

Attached to this report are some of the reasons which actuated the Committee in arriving at this conclusion :—

1. That this Bill was advertised in the *Gazette*, and also in all three of the Wellington daily papers, in manner required by the Standing Orders on Private Bills. That the Corporation of the City of Wellington support the Bill, and the Harbour Board approved of its provisions, and that no petition of any kind has been presented to either House against any of its provisions by any person or persons whomsoever.

2. That the law at present affecting electric lighting in New Zealand is contained in "The Electric Lines Act, 1884." That under that Act the Governor in Council may make regulations to control works used for electric-lighting purposes, and to secure the public safety. That by section 3 of "The Wellington Electric Lighting Bill, 1891," the Governor in Council forms the Board of Control; and that no new principle of legislation is introduced into the Bill requiring the consideration of the burgesses or ratepayers.

3. That the Bill authorises the company to sell electricity to such inhabitants of Wellington as desire to have electric light or power, but that it creates no monopoly of any kind whatever in favour of the company as against the burgesses or ratepayers of the city.

4. That the company is prohibited by the Bill from selling its undertaking or any part thereof to any other company or person, and from purchasing or acquiring any other electrical undertaking; but that the Corporation is, on the other hand, empowered by the Bill to purchase the company's undertaking at the end of ten, fourteen, or twenty-one years, or any subsequent complete period of seven years. Such purchase can, however, only be made with the assent of the burgesses or ratepayers.

5. That the Bill does not authorise the company to use, either for public or private purposes, any portion whatever of the city water-supply in which the burgesses or ratepayers are interested. That the company has, on the other hand, agreed with the Corporation, upon the company commencing operations under the Act, to take over upon demand, and drive by steam, the Wellington public-lighting installation, at present driven by the water-supply belonging to the burgesses or ratepayers.

6. That no expense or burden of any kind is or can be cast upon the burgesses or ratepayers by the operation of the Bill itself. That the only possibility of any burden or expense being incurred would be in the event of the Corporation deciding, under the powers reserved to them in the Bill, to purchase the undertaking of the company. That in such event statutory provision is already made for an appeal to the burgesses or ratepayers under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886;" and that until then there is no advantage in or necessity for any such appeal.

7. That the Bill is of a length and character which requires prolonged and careful study to enable its provisions to be fairly grasped—study which the ordinary ratepayer could scarcely be expected to give. That the Corporation of Wellington have considered its provisions, both in Committee and in Council, and have introduced amendments through your Committee. That the Government have also considered the Bill, and have introduced amendments through your Committee; and that amendments have also been introduced at the instance of your Committee themselves.

Under the circumstances aforesaid, it appears to your Committee that the interests of the public have been fully and sufficiently represented and secured, and, as no new principle of legislation is introduced, no monopoly granted, no public property sought to be used, and no public loan attempted to be raised, that it would not be to the public advantage, but would constitute a bad and dangerous precedent, to take a poll of the burgesses or ratepayers upon the details of such a Bill without having any definite or general issue to place before them.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of R. R. Meredith; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

8. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 8.

The Governor transmits for the consideration of the House of Representatives the accompanying reports from Commissioners of Crown Lands upon claims made under "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889."

Government House,
Wellington, 30th July, 1891.

9. *Naval and Military Land Claims Committee.—Ordered*, That the enclosure contained in His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 8 (Paper No. 162) be referred to the Naval and Military Land Claims Committee.

10. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

11. *Mangaonoho Railway Contract.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That copies of complaints made by the contractor against the Inspector of the Mangaonoho section of railway, together with all correspondence thereon, be laid before this House.

12. *Bankruptcy Legislation.*—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Ordered*, That the Report of the Palmerston North Chamber of Commerce on the proposed Bankruptcy Bill be laid before this House.

13. *Allen Disqualification Removal Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove the Disqualification imposed upon William Shepherd Allen; and that Colonel Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

Colonel Fraser accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

14. *Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to revive and amend "The Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Act, 1884;" and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

15. *Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act* 1886 *Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. T. Thompson, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act, 1886."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act, 1886."

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. T. Thompson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. T. Thompson accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and referred to the Local Bills Committee.

16. *Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill in extension of "The Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Amendment Act, 1884;" and that Captain Russell do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Russell accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

17. *Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to further amend "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886."

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves (for the Honourable Mr. Ballance) accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

18. *Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886;" and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

19. *Palmerston North Hospital District Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Palmerston North Hospital District Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

20. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Buchanan moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

21. *Persecution of the Jews in Russia.*—On motion of Sir G. Grey, *Resolved*, That a memorial be addressed to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias, respectfully praying that all exceptional and restrictive laws which afflict his Jewish subjects may be repealed, and that equal rights with those enjoyed by the rest of His Majesty's subjects may be conferred upon them; that the said memorial be signed by the Speaker, and be by him transmitted to His Majesty.

22. *Prison Expenditure.*—Mr. W. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the expenditure, general administration, and present state of the gaols in the colony, with a view to their readjustment to the necessities and retrenchments of existing circumstances; with power to call for persons and papers: the Committee to consist of the following ten members, three of whom shall be a quorum—namely, the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, Mr. Fish, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. Hogg, Mr. T. Thompson, Mr. Earnshaw, the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

23. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Bryce moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

24. *Indecent Advertisements Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Indecent Advertisements Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the thirteenth day of August next.

25. *Gaming and Lotteries Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Gaming and Lotteries Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the twentieth day of August next.

26. *Legislative Council Appointments Cancellation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Legislative Council Appointments Cancellation Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "Esquires" to insert the following names: "the Honourable Courtenay William Aylmer Thomas Kenny, the Honourable George Bentham Morris, the Honourable Robert Pharazyn, the Honourable Joseph Shephard, the Honourable Samuel Edward Shrimski, the Honourable William Swanson, the Honourable Hori Kerei Taiaroa, the Honourable Launcelot Walker, and the Honourable Ropata Wahawaha." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

The Chairman ruled the proposed amendment to be inadmissible, on the ground that it did not come within the scope of the Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Resolved*, That the Chairman report progress in order to obtain the opinion of the Speaker, and ask leave to sit again presently.

To report progress accordingly.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had directed him to report progress, in order to ascertain Mr. Speaker's opinion in a matter which had arisen in Committee.

Mr. Speaker, having given his opinion that the amendment proposed was within the scope of the Bill, declared the House again in Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

The Chairman having resumed the Chair;

Another amendment proposed in a previous part of the clause: To omit all the names between the word "Act," in line 1, and the word "are," in line 4. (*Captain Russell.*)

And the Question being put, That the names proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Buick	Hall-Jones	Kelly, W.	Smith, W. C.
Dawson	Hogg	Mackintosh	Tanner
Duncan	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Fish	Hutchison, G.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Fisher	Hutchison, W.	Rees	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Joyce	Saunders	Meredith
Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, J.	Smith, E. M.	Shera.

NOES, 20.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hamlin	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.
Buckland	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	Mackenzie, M. J. S.
Duthie	Newman	Swan	Moore.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker again resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on this day fortnight, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

27. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative, and the House adjourned accordingly at ten minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning.

Friday, the 31st Day of July, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill;

Mr. Duthie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the amendments made by the Committee in the Bill be agreed to.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Bridget Bailey; and Thomas Inger: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Bridget Bailey, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of W. Page; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

5. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(163.) Education: Industrial Schools, Paper on.

Ordered to be printed.

7. *Stock-driving Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Rhodes, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 33, for the second reading of the Stock-driving Bill, be discharged, and the Bill referred to the Joint Live-stock and Rabbits Committee.

8. *Wellington and Manawatu Railway.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House showing the terms on which the Crown is entitled to purchase the Wellington and Manawatu Railway.

9. *Dunedin Princes Street Native Reserve.*—On motion of Mr. Parata, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House showing (1) the names of the persons who received compensation on account of the Dunedin Princes Street Native Reserve; (2) the amounts paid to each individual; (3) the dates and places where such payments were made; and (4) the names of the officers who made the said payments.

10. *Unemployed.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, *Ordered*, That a weekly Return be laid upon the Table of this House showing the "unemployed" who have been employed upon Government works, such Return to cover the period from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1890.

11. *Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Prohibition Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors into the Colony of New Zealand; and that Mr. McGuire do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. McGuire accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

12. *Native Land Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Land and Personal Property owned by Natives; and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

13. *Thorndon Esplanade Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest the Control and Management of certain Lands at Thorndon in the Mayor and Council of the City of Wellington; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

14. *Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to grant further Borrowing-powers to the Greymouth Harbour Board.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant further Borrowing-powers to the Greymouth Harbour Board.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

15. *McCabe Land-grants Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to make Grants of certain Lands in Pukekohe West which have been resumed by Her Majesty as Derelict.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to make grants of certain Lands in Pukekohe West which have been resumed by Her Majesty as Derelict.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

16. *Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the Lands now held for the Purposes of the Botanic Garden of Wellington shall be vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the Borough of the City of Wellington; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

17. *Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill in further amendment of "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885;" and that Mr. Harkness do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Harkness accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

18. *Australasian Federation.*—The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House will, at its rising this day, adjourn until Monday next, at half after seven of the clock p.m., for the discussion of Resolutions dealing with Australasian Federation.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Blake	Hutchison, G.	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buchanan	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Shera
Buckland	Kapa	Parata	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Kelly, W.	Perceval	Taipua
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wilson.
Earnshaw	McGuire	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Russell	Hall-Jones
Hogg	Meredith	Saunders	Thompson, R.
Houston			

NOES, 17.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Mills, J.	Swan	Valentine.
Duthie	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Taylor	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	Newman	Thompson, T.	Fish
Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Mackenzie, T.
Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday next, at half after seven of the clock p.m., for the discussion of Resolutions dealing with Australasian Federation.

19. *Government Business on Thursdays.*—The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed, That for the remainder of the Session Government business shall take precedence on Thursdays.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Honourable Mr. Rolleston moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Blake	Fish	Meredith	Tanner
Buckland	Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Buick	Hogg	Mills, J.	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Perceval	Valentine
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	
Duncan	Mackintosh	Russell	*Tellers.*
Duthie	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hall-Jones
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Smith, W. C.

NOES, 17.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Moore	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	Newman	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	O'Conor	Shera	Hutchison, G.
Harkness	Rees	Swan	Mackenzie, T.
Joyce	Rhodes		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That for the remainder of the Session Government business shall take precedence on Thursdays.

20. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Aliens Act Amendment Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Reasons for disagreeing with amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Aliens Act Amendment Bill:—

1. The House of Representatives disagrees with amendment in section 3 because it is of opinion that it is undesirable to give additional facilities for the naturalisation in New Zealand of persons of the Chinese race who may have been naturalised in other colonies.

2. With regard to the proviso to section 4, the House of Representatives disagrees with the amendment for the following reason: The present law makes a distinction in the amount of fees to be paid by Chinese and by other foreigners for the enrolment of letters of naturalisation, the fee in the former case being £1, and in the latter 2s. 6d.

The House of Representatives sees no reasons why this principle, which was adopted by Parliament after careful consideration, should now be departed from, which would be the effect of acquiescing in the amendments of the Legislative Council.

And the reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the said reasons, together with the Bill and amendments.

21. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Auctioneers Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to regulate the Licensing of Auctioneers."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

22. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed till after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

23. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

24. *Counties Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Counties Act Amendment Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Cadman moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, the 3rd Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Australasian Federation.*—Sir G. Grey moved, and the Question was proposed,—(1.) That a form of federation shall be adopted which will enable adjacent British colonies to federate for their common welfare, such federation to be validated, if necessary, by an Act of the British Parliament. (2.) That a system of federation should also be adopted to enable all parts of the British Empire to join in a common federation, whilst each retained its own autonomy. (3.) That treaties should be concluded between English-speaking nations for a defensive alliance, and for remitting all differences and matters of common interest to a General Conference composed of delegates from each of the contracting parties, who shall each agree to take within its own jurisdiction all measures necessary to give effect to the decision of the General Conference.

A Debate arose thereupon.

2. *Adjournment.*—And notice being taken that twenty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker.

And twenty Members not being present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at eleven of the clock p.m., without a Question first put.

The following Members were present when the House was told: namely, Mr. Speaker, Colonel Fraser, Mr. Hogg, Mr. W. Kelly, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Parata, the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, Captain Russell, Mr. Saunders, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. J. W. Thomson, and the Honourable Mr. Ward.

Tuesday, the 4th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Wellington Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the amendments made by the Select Committee on the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill be agreed to;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. W. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now further adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Kelly, J.	Rees	
Fisher	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Macdonald	Saunders	Earnshaw
Guinness	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hutchison, W.

NOES, 36.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Joyce	Newman	Taipua
Buchanan	Kapa	O'Conor	Taylor
Buckland	Lawry	Perceval	Thompson, R.
Buick	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. E.	Valentine
Carroll	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wilson.
Dawson	Mills, J.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Shera	Duthie
Harkness	Moore	Swan	Smith, E. M.
Houston			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof:—

". . . . the Report of the Committee on the Wellington Electric Lighting Bill be not agreed to, and that the Committee of Selection be instructed to select a new Committee to consider the Bill, especially in relation to the advisability or otherwise of introducing the following new clauses:—

"1. It shall be unlawful for the Corporation of the City of Wellington to contract to supply the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) with water from the Wainuiomata water-system for the purpose of providing electric energy, or to permit or allow any portion of such water to be supplied or used for such purpose.

"2. This Act shall not come into force unless the burgesses of the City of Wellington shall, within three months of the passing of the Act, express their approval of it, and their desire that its provisions should be adopted.

"3. That such approval shall be expressed by the Corporation publishing in the borough once in each week for four successive weeks a notice setting forth—

"The name of the Act, and the nature of the works proposed to be undertaken under its authority;

and calling a meeting of the burgesses to consider the said Act, and after such meeting taking a poll of the burgesses in the same manner as is provided for by section sixty-two of 'The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886,' in the words following, namely:—

"But at such poll each burgess shall have only one vote, and there shall be only one polling-booth, at some central part of the borough: Provided also that the result shall be determined by a simple majority of votes recorded on either side, as in the case of an election for Mayor."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 33.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Meredith	Saunders	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Mills, J.	Shera	Thomson, J. W.
Hamlin	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, E. M.	Valentine
Harkness	Moore	Swan	Wilson.
Joyce	O'Conor	Taipua	*Tellers.*
Kapa	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Tanner	Duthie
Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Taylor	Perceval.
Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.		

NOES, 24.

Buick	Hogg	Mackintosh	Rhodes
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Parata	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Fish
Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Rees	Fisher.
Guinness			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorise the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either above or below ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other works and things for supplying the City of Wellington with Electrical Energy."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Harkness, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Macarthur for a fortnight on account of illness.

4. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Fish, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that leave may be given to the Honourable Mr. Ormond, the Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson, the Honourable Mr. Pharazyn, and the Honourable Mr. Buckley to attend in order to give evidence before the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—On motion of Mr. W. Kelly, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that leave may be given to the Honourable Mr. Ormond to attend and give evidence before the Native Affairs Committee.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of J. Townley and another; C. F. Mitchell; J. T. Young and others; and Bridget Ready: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of J. Townley and another, together with the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Resolved, That C. F. Mitchell be granted permission to withdraw his Petition.

7. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of P. T. Fair; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

8. *Joint Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Joyce, from the Joint Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report upon the Bankruptcy Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Joint Statutes Revision Committee report that they do not think that such a Bill as the Bankruptcy Bill can be dealt with to the satisfaction of the Legislature by the Joint Statutes Revision Committee.

The Committee venture to recommend that the Bill be referred to a small Special Joint Committee of both Houses, on which the commercial element should be more strongly represented than it is on the present Committee.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report upon the Mining Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

10. *Mining Bill.—Ordered,* That the Mining Bill be committed to-morrow.

11. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Local Authorities' Accounts and Audit Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom the Local Authorities' Accounts and Audit Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the same, and beg to recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, together with the amendments as set forth in the attached copy of the Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Local Authorities' Accounts and Audit Bill.—Ordered,* That the Local Authorities' Accounts and Audit Bill be committed on this day fortnight.

13. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(166.) Mr. Commissioner Mackay's Report on Middle Island Native Claims.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of this House:—

(164.) Bankruptcy Bill, Report of the Palmerston North Chamber of Commerce on. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(165.) Ventilation of the Chamber of the House of Representatives, Report on, by Messrs. Chatfield and Jacobsen, architects.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 165 and 166 be printed.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 166 be translated into the Maori language.

14. *Adjournment.*—Mr. T. Mackenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

15. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Trustees Act 1883 Amendment Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Police Offences Act 1884 Amendment Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Adulteration Prevention Amendment Act, 1891," without amendment.

16. *Trustees Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Law relating to the Duties, Powers, and Liability of Trustees be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

17. *Christchurch District Drainage Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Christchurch District Drainage Act Amendment Bill be considered on Friday next.

18. *Police Offences Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend "The Police Offences Act, 1884," be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time.

19. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land- and Income-assessment Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Dr. Newman moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House the tax upon the unimproved value of land belonging to absentees should be increased."

Debate continued.

On motion of Mr. Harkness, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill;

Mr. Shera moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Palmer moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(167.) Native Land Court: Work performed by the Judges in the North Island during the Year ending 31st July, 1890. Return to an Order dated 22nd August, 1890.

(168.) Public Trust Office: Details of Dealings with Intestate Estates in Wellington District, with Auctioneers' and other Charges. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

(169.) Ngakawau and Mokihinui Railway, Copy of Agreements for Construction of. Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.

(170.) Collingwood–Mokihinui Road: Particulars and Plan of Locality. Return to an Order dated 7th July, 1891.

(171.) Defence Expenditure: Details relative to £12,273 expended for purchase of Arms and Ammunition. Return to an Order dated 15th June, 1891.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Daniel Falloon; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Henry Charles Young; John A. Wilson (No. 1); John A. Wilson (No. 2); and Kate Macdonald: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Henry Charles Young, together with the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports upon the Stratford County Districts Adjustment Bill, and the Auckland Harbour Board Loan Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

Stratford County Districts Adjustment Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill, that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act 1886 Amendment Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill, that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Stratford County Districts Adjustment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Stratford County Districts Adjustment Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

8. *Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

9. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Wilson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

10. *Police Offences Act Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Duncan, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Police Offences Act Amendment Bill be set down for second reading to-morrow.

11. *Licensing Act* 1881 *Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensing Act 1881 Amendment Bill be discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

12. *Gaming and Lotteries Acts Repeal Bill.*—On motion of Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Gaming and Lotteries Acts Repeal Bill be discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

13. *Gold Duty Abolition and Mining Property Rating Act Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Gold Duty Abolition and Mining Property Rating Act Amendment Bill be discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

14. *Thorndon Esplanade Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order made on the thirty-first day of July for the second reading of the Thorndon Esplanade Bill be rescinded, and the Bill referred to the Local Bills Committee.

15. *Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order made on the thirty-first day of July for the second reading of the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill be rescinded, and the Bill referred to the Local Bills Committee.

16. *Wellington Botanic Gardens Vesting Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order made on the thirty-first day of July for the second reading of the Wellington Botanic Gardens Vesting Bill be rescinded, and the Bill referred to the Local Bills Committee.

17. *Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Acts Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Harkness, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order made on the thirty-first day of July for the second reading of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Acts Amendment Bill on Thursday, the sixth day of August, be rescinded, and the Bill referred to the Local Bills Committee.

18. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 9.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to alter certain Duties of Customs and Excise, and to amend the Law relating thereto," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th July, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends the House to make provision in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message No. 9, enclosing the draft of a Bill to alter certain Duties of Customs and Excise, and to amend the Law relating thereto.

And the Resolution being read a second time,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

19. *Customs and Excise Duties Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in the Customs and Excise Duties Bill; and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

20. *Rabbit Nuisance Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1890;" and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

21. *Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890;" and that the Honourable Mr. Ward do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ward accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

22. *Wairoa Harbour Endowment Bill.*—On motion of Captain Russell, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to vest certain land as an Endowment for the Wairoa Harbour.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Land as an Endowment for the Wairoa Harbour.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Captain Russell do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Russell accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

23. *McLean Land Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to authorise a Grant of Land to George McLean, of Hawera.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise a Grant of Land to George McLean, of Hawera.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

24. *River Boards Act Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The River Boards Act, 1884;" and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

25. *Maoris at Coal Creek.*—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Ordered*, That all papers and correspondence in relation to the proposed settlement by Maoris in the Coal Creek district be laid before this House.

26. *Bankruptcy Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That the Order of the 14th July last, referring the Bankruptcy Bill to the Statutes Revision Committee, be rescinded, and that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of five members; the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council, and to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Duthie, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Rees, and the Mover.

27. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have given leave to the Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson, the Honourable Mr. Buckley, the Honourable Mr. Ormond, and the Honourable Mr. Pharazyn to attend in order to their being examined before a Select Committee of the House of Representatives upon Public Petitions upon the Petition of Lieutenant-Colonel McDonnell, if they shall think fit so to do. Also,—

The Legislative Council have given leave to the Honourable Mr. Ormond to attend in order to his being examined before a Select Committee of the House of Representatives upon Native Affairs, if he shall think fit so to do. Also,—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to Mr. E. M. Smith to attend in order to his being examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Labour Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. E. M. Smith have leave to attend the said Committee, if he shall think fit so to do.

28. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Land- and Income-assessment Bill be now read a second time;

And the Amendment proposed thereto, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House, the tax upon the unimproved value of land belonging to absentees should be increased;"

And the Question and Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On the motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now further adjourned until this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 6th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(172.) Department of Justice: Prisons Branch: Annual Report, with Particulars of the Operation of the First Offenders' Probation Act.

Ordered to be printed.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Alpheus Hayes; G. E. Nicholson and others; James Harrison and others; James Isbister and others; James Bennet and others; R. J. Feltus; and John Bell: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of James Bennet and others, Alpheus Hayes, G. E. Nicholson and others, James Harrison and others, and James Isbister and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Joint Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Joyce, from the Joint Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report upon the Libel Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Joint Statutes Revision Committee have the honour to report that they have duly considered the Libel Bill, and recommend that the Bill, together with the amendments as shown in the attached copy, be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Valentine, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Valentine for one week, on urgent private business.

6. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—On motion of Mr. T. Thompson, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Public Petitions A to L Committee have leave to sit this evening, notwithstanding the sitting of the House.

7. *Unemployed.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the number of unemployed for whom relief-work has been found in each month from January to June last, inclusive, with the amount paid monthly on this account; the Return to include July, if the information for that month is complete.

8. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Land- and Income-assessment Bill be now read a second time;

And the Amendment proposed thereto, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House, the tax upon the unimproved value of land belonging to absentees should be increased;"

And the Question and Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 45.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hutchison, G.	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Parata	Taylor
Carncross	Kapa	Perceval	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Fish
Grey, Sir G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Hall-Jones.
Hogg	Meredith		

NOES, 15.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hamlin	Russell	Wilson.
Buchanan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Rhodes	Taipua	Buckland
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine	Newman.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 41.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera
Blake	Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hogg	O'Conor	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Palmer	Taylor
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Joyce	Perceval	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Kapa	Rees	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Lawry	Saunders	Pinkerton
Fish	Macdonald	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.
Fraser	Mackintosh		

NOES, 16.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Russell	Buchanan
Hamlin	Newman	Swan	Duthie.
Hutchison, G.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

9. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Aliens Act Amendment Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

10. *Aliens Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on their amendments in the Aliens Act Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendments in section 3 for the reasons—(1.) That if allowed to stand as passed by the House of Representatives the Act might—almost certainly would—be disallowed in England as injuriously affecting Imperial interests and treaty obligations with China, a friendly nation. (2.) Because, in "The Aliens Act, 1880," there is nothing affecting the Chinaman exceptionally from other "alien friends," whilst the retention in the section of the words "not being of the Chinese race" would deprive persons of that race who have, previously to their coming to this colony, "obtained any certificate or letter of

naturalisation in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or any part thereof, or in any British colony or possession," of privileges secured to them by Imperial treaty and by positive law, without any cause or sufficient reason being shown for the change. It may be quite true, as alleged by the House of Representatives, that "it is undesirable to give additional facilities for the naturalisation of persons of the Chinese race who may have been naturalised in other colonies;" but the Legislative Council has failed to understand how the taking-away in the manner now proposed of rights and privileges heretofore secured by public faith and statute law can properly be said to afford to persons of the Chinese race "additional facilities" for naturalisation.

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendment in section 4 for the reason that the proviso puts a vexatious, because exceptional and useless, impost upon the Chinaman seeking to obtain letters of naturalisation. The obligation of paying £1 for the mere act of enrolment of letters in the office of the Colonial Secretary, whilst all other "alien friends" are exempt from charge, will not prevent the Chinaman from obtaining the document if he desire to do so; but the impost will be felt to be a degradation and a brand of inferiority, and may have the effect of making a discontented and perhaps a disaffected citizen—an undesirable result for the money. That proviso was inserted in "The Aliens Act, 1882," when in Committee, the only recorded reason for it being a fear that naturalised Chinamen, endowed with the electoral franchise, might be corrupted by unscrupulous candidates for parliamentary honours. Experience has shown that the danger was imaginary, and to continue to mulct a Chinaman in a penalty for an offence which he has not committed, and may have no intention to commit, appears to the Legislative Council to be, under existing conditions at least, unnecessary.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House still disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the said Bill; and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments; and that the Honourable Sir J. Hall, Mr. Guinness, and the Mover be the Managers at the said Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Aliens Act Amendment Bill, and hath appointed three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of such Conference.

11. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—*Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 2 to 4, inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

12. *Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

13. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—*Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 6 to 10 and 2 to 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 11.

14. *School Committees Election Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the School Committees Election Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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15. *Mining Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Mining Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 13, page 7, after the word "tools," to insert the words "pipes, fluming, water-gates, and valves." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 18A read and agreed to.

Clause 19 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "claim," to insert the words "licensed holding, special claim." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 22 read and agreed to.

Clause 23 postponed.

Clause 24 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "person," to insert the words "not under the age of fourteen years." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Further amendment proposed: To omit the word "fourteen," and insert the word "sixteen" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Wright.*)

Further amendment negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 28 read and agreed to.

Clause 29 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, after the word "made," to insert the words "by the person in whose name a duplicate right is to be issued." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 48 read and agreed to.

Clause 49 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "being the holder of a miner's right," and in lines 3 and 4 to omit the words "by virtue of such miner's right." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 49A read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, after the word "claim," to insert the words "if he becomes the holder of a miner's right he shall be entitled to." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 49B read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "Every tributer working in, and," and after the word "employed" to insert the words "on contract;" in line 5, after the word "Act," to insert the words "and be entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred by the preceding section;" and in line 8, after the word "pounds," to insert the words "and if he becomes the holder of a miner's right, he shall be entitled to register such lien in the Warden's Court in the district in which the claim is situate." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 49C and 49D postponed.

Clause 49E read. Amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2, to omit the words "of not less than ten pounds in value." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned.

Friday, the 7th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(173.) Railway Ballast carried from Logan's Point to Mosgiel (Otago) from 1st January to 1st July, 1891. Return to an Order dated 21st July, 1891.

(174.) Rainfall in New Zealand, Return of, from 1864 to 1890, with Diagrams. Additional Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(175.) Ventilation of the Parliament Buildings: Interim Report of Messrs. Chatfield and Jacobsen, Architects.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 174 and 175 be printed.

3. *New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee.*—Mr. G. Hutchison, from the New Plymouth Harbour Board Committee, brought up an Interim Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee desire to recommend that the address of Mr. Oliver Samuel before the Committee may be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up reports upon the Petitions of James Bodkin and others; Jessie Kelly; and Hugh Brown: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of James Bodkin and others, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of G. F. Such and 59 others; Maurice Ready; and Elizabeth A. Madigan: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of G. F. Such and 59 others, together with the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Mr. Fish also brought up a Report upon the Petition of Major W. G. Mair, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Honourable Sir J. Hall moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee, to report on the legal position of Major Mair's claim to a pension."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee upon the Petition of Major W. G. Mair be referred back to the Committee to report on the legal position of Major Mair's claim to a pension.

6. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Sir J. Hall moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

7. *Native-land Laws Commission.*—On motion of Mr. Buckland, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of all moneys paid on account of the late Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subject of the Native-land laws.

8. *Revenue and Expenditure during July*, 1890 *and* 1891.—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing, in the following particulars, the receipts and expenditure of the Consolidated Fund for the months of July, 1891 and 1890 respectively: (1) Receipts of ordinary revenue from (*a*) Customs, (*b*) stamps, (*c*) post and telegraph, (*d*) property-tax, (*e*) beer duty, (*f*) railways, (*g*) registration and other fees, (*h*) marine, (*i*) miscellaneous, and (*j*) territorial revenue; (2) expenditure of each of the thirteen classes under annual appropriation, including services not provided for.

9. *Law Practitioners Bill.*—On motion of Sir G. Grey, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day made on the 16th July for the committal of the Law Practitioners Bill on the 13th instant be rescinded, and the Bill set down as the first Order of the Day for committal on Thursday, the 20th instant.

10. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in "The Aliens Act Amendment Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Employers' Liability Act Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill be considered on Tuesday next.

12. *Adjournment.*—Dr. Newman moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

13. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land- and Income-assessment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendments proposed: In line 7, after the word "business," to insert a comma; and in line 8, after the word "employment," to insert a comma. (*Honourable Mr. Bryce.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: In line 12, to omit the word "ten," and insert the word "fifteen" in lieu thereof. (*Dr. Newman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 13, after the word "school," to insert the words "and all land upon which is erected a residence for a teacher appointed under 'The Education Act, 1877.'" (*Mr. Guinness.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In line 16, after the word "museum," to insert the words "or any savings-bank." (*Mr. Shera.*)

Amendment negatived.

Other amendments proposed: In line 16, after the word "museum," to insert the words "or any School of Mines;" in line 18, to omit the word "a," and insert the words "the ground or" in lieu thereof, and after the word "society" to insert the words "being the property of the society;" and in lines 18 and 19 to omit the words "or friendly society," with a view to insert those words in a new subsection. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After subsection (*e*) of subsection (1), to insert the following subsection:—

(*e*1.) A place of meeting for the purposes of a friendly society. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the new subsection: "or of any building society registered under the Acts in force relating to building societies." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kapa	Moore	Taipua
Buick	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Tanner
Cadman	Kelly, W.	Parata	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Lawry	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Carroll	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Hogg	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Wilson.
Houston	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	
Hutchison, G.	McKenzie, J.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, W.	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Hall-Jones
Joyce	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Mills, J.

NOES, 18.

Blake	Earnshaw	Newman	Taylor.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Grey	O'Conor	
Buckland	Guinness	Richardson	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Saunders	Fish
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Swan	Fisher.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the new subsection: "carrying on business exclusively as building societies." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the new subsection: "or masonic lodges." (*Mr. R. Thompson.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kapa	Mills, J.	Shera
Buckland	Kelly, J.	Moore	Smith, E. M.
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	Lawry	Parata	Thomson, J. W.
Hall-Jones	Mackenzie, T.	Pinkerton	Wilson.
Houston	Mackintosh	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, G.	McKenzie, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Buchanan
Joyce	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.

NOES, 19.

Blake	Grey	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Tanner
Bryce, Hon. J.	Guinness	Meredith	Thompson, T.
Buick	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	O'Conor	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Hogg	Saunders	Fish
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Taipua	Taylor.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the new subsection: "or Caledonian Societies." (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the new subsection: "and the property of societies registered under 'The Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1877.'" (*Mr. Tanner.*)

Amendment negatived.

New subsection (*el*) as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2 of subsection (*f*), to omit the word "aid," and insert the word "institutions" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to subsection (*f*): "and charitable institutions not carried on for gain or profit." (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to subsection (*f*): "or any institution constituted under any Savings-bank Act." (*Mr. Shera.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Joyce	Mills, J.	Tanner
Carroll	Kapa	Newman	Thompson, T.
Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Houston	Mackenzie, T.	Smith, W. C.	Hall-Jones
Hutchison, G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Taipua	Shera.

NOES, 26.

Blake	Fish	Mills, C. H.	Saunders
Bryce, Hon. J.	Fisher	O'Conor	Taylor
Buchanan	Hamlin	Parata	Wilson.
Buick	Hogg	Pinkerton	
Carncross	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Mackintosh	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Buckland
Earnshaw	Meredith	Russell	Moore.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (*h*). (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

The Chairman ruled the amendment inadmissible, as involving additional taxation.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1 of subsection (*a*) of subsection (2), before the word "revenues," to insert the word "general." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1 of subsection (*d*) of subsection (2), after the words "friendly societies," to insert the words "and building societies." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kapa	Moore	Smith, W. C.
Buchanan	Kelly, J.	Parata	Taipua
Cadman	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Hamlin	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Meredith	Shera	Mills, J.
Hutchison, G.	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.	Palmer.

NOES, 19.

Blake	Duncan	Mackenzie, T.	Swan
Bryce, Hon. J.	Earnshaw	Newman	Tanner.
Buckland	Grey, Sir G.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Buick	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Russell	Fish
Carncross	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Saunders	Taylor.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the same line, to insert the words "and the Auckland Savings-bank." (*Mr. Shera.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 18.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Kapa	Newman	
Cadman	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Smith, W. C.	Hutchison, G.
Grey, Sir G.	Mackenzie, T.	Thompson, T.	Shera.

NOES, 25.

Blake	Hogg	Rhodes	Taipua
Bryce, Hon. J.	Mackintosh	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Taylor
Buchanan	Meredith	Russell	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Mills, C. H.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Moore	Smith, E. M.	Earnshaw
Fish	Parata	Swan	Kelly, J.
Hamlin	Pinkerton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (*e*) of subsection (2), and insert the following subsection in lieu thereof:—

(*e.*) By the owner or occupier of land in New Zealand, or from the use or produce of such land derived by such owner or occupier, or from mortgages of such land, except where otherwise specially provided. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 11th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(176.) Education: Reports of Native Schools.
(177.) Education: Reports of Inspectors of Schools.
(178.) Inspection of Stock: Annual Reports of Inspectors.
(179.) Rabbit Nuisance: Annual Reports of Inspectors.
(180.) Three-and-a-half per Cent. Conversion Loan, 1891: Further Correspondence.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(181.) Revenue and Expenditure of Consolidated Fund for the Months of July, 1890 and 1891 respectively. Return to an Order dated 7th August, 1891.

(182.) Mangaonoho Section of Railway Contract, Copies of Complaints made by Contractors against Inspector on. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1891.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(183.) Waikato Coal-mines, Report on, by Inspector N. D. Cochrane.
(184.) Audit Department: Letter from the Controller and Auditor-General relative to increasing the Audit Staff.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 182, and 183 be printed.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 184 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

3. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Thomas Quill, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

The Honourable Mr. Fergus moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

4. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up a Report upon the Land Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

5. *Land Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land Bill be committed to-morrow.

6. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Peter Doull; the Mayor and Councillors of Picton; and Septimus Bacon and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Peter Doull, and the Mayor and Councillors of Picton, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

8. *Joint Live-stock and Rabbits Committee.*—Mr. Lawry, from the Joint Live-stock and Rabbits Committee, brought up a Report upon the Stock-driving Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Live-stock and Rabbits Committee, to whom the Stock-driving Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they do not consider it advisable to proceed further with the Bill this session.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Shera, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, that leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Rees, on urgent private business.

10. *Adjournment.*—Mr. W. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

11. *Land- and Income-assessment.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return (in continuation of part Table No. 8, page 10, B.–15, 1890) showing owners of land classified according to value of land owned by them, under the following divisions (as included in Schedule B of the Land- and Income-assessment Bill), as under: £20,000 and under £30,000, £30,000 and under £40,000, £40,000 and under £50,000, £50,000 and under £70,000, £70,000 and under £90,000, £90,000 and under £110,000, £110,000 and under £130,000, £130,000 and under £150,000, £150,000 and under £170,000, £170,000 and under £190,000, £190,000 and under £210,000, £210,000 and over.

12. *Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to amend the Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

13. *Messages.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as follow :—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 10.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the following amendments to the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Land and Income for the Purposes of Taxation :"—

In Schedule B, at the end of the schedule defining the scale of taxation, insert the words, "Provided that in the case of persons who have been absent from or resident out of the Colony for a period of three years or over that period prior to the passing of the annual Act imposing the tax, the scale of taxation hereinbefore set forth shall be increased by twenty per centum in each case where it is applicable;"

To omit the second paragraph of Schedule B, as printed, and to insert—"And all graduated tax as aforesaid shall be assessed and levied on the amount of the assessed value of the land less all improvements thereon;"

In Schedule D, at the end of the paragraph in section 1 containing "definition of income derived from business," add the words, "and shall include income so derived or received from any pastoral lands of the Crown in New Zealand held by any person under lease or license issued by or on behalf of the Crown;"—

And on Her Majesty's behalf recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 11th August, 1891.

Also,—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 11.

The Bills intituled—

"The Imprest Supply Act, 1891;"
"The Imprest Supply Act (No. 2), 1891;"
"The Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1891;"
"The Companies (Memorandum of Association) Act, 1891;"
"The Promoters' and Directors' Liability Act, 1891;"
"The Official and Colonial Defences Secrets Act, 1891;"
"The Partnership Act, 1891;"
"The Wanganui Heads Signal-station Reserve Exchange Act, 1891;"
and
"The Wellington Chew's Lane Encroachment Act, 1891,"

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal assent, he has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 7th August, 1891.

Ordered, That Message No. 10 from His Excellency the Governor be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendations contained in a Message from His Excellency the Governor proposing certain amendments in Schedules B and D of the Land- and Income-assessment Bill.

And the Resolution being read a second time,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Resolution be referred to the Committee on the Land- and Income-assessment Bill.

14. *Aliens Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon brought up the following Report from the Conference on the Aliens Bill:—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference on the Aliens Bill have the honour to report that they have met the Managers on behalf of the Legislative Council, and they have been unable to come to an agreement.

15. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to the Honourable Mr. Cadman to attend, in order to his being examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Public Petitions, upon the Petition of Major Mair.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Cadman have leave to attend the said Committee, if he shall think fit so to do.

Also,—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to the Honourable Mr. Ballance to attend, in order to his being examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Public Petitions, upon the Petition of Lieutenant-Colonel McDonnell.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Ballance have leave to attend the said Committee, if he shall think fit so to do.

Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Private Bill intituled "The New Zealand Bank Act, 1891," without amendment.

16. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Land- and Income-assessment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 19 read. Amendment proposed: To prefix the following paragraph to the clause:—

(1.) Upon the completion of the assessment-rolls the Commissioner shall cause to be given to each person or company whose name appears thereon as liable to taxation a notice in writing of the making of the assessments. (2.) Such notice shall be in such form and contain such particulars as may be prescribed. But the omission to give any such notice shall not invalidate any assessment. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the clause:—

No person holding any office under this Act shall be capable of holding the office of Reviewer in conjunction therewith. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 21 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the last three lines of subsection (2), and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "shall make such order as to costs as it shall deem just." (*Mr. Guinness.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words at the end of the clause: "and in respect of land the decision of the Board shall be recorded on the roll, and such roll shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 22 read and agreed to.

Clause 23 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2, to omit the words "or addition to." (*Honourable Mr. Bryce.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 24 read and agreed to.

Clause 25 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2 of subsection (2), to omit the word "fourteen," and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 26 and 27 read and agreed to.

Clause 28 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "current," to insert the words "and preceding." (*Honourable Mr. Bryce.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "for the then current year." (*Mr. Wright.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 29 read and agreed to.

Clause 30 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, to omit the word "fourteen," and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that the person or company affected shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Review to determine such fair actual value." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 31 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "person," to insert the words "at any time during a triennial period." (*Mr. Valentine.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the last paragraph of the clause. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 32 and 33 read and agreed to.

Clause 34 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "service," in line 4. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 35 to 42 read and agreed to.

Clause 43 read. Amendment proposed: At the end of subsection (1) to add the following words: "unless such person shall prove that such failure or neglect was not wilful." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 44 to 48 read and agreed to.

Schedule A read. Amendment proposed: In line 4 of paragraph 1, before the word "improvements," to insert the word "all." (*Mr. Shera.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the word, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Russell
Buchanan	Harkness	Moore	Valentine
Buckland	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Wright.
Duthie	Lawry	Palmer	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Macarthur	Rhodes	Fisher
Guinness	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Shera.

NOES, 35.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Meredith	Tanner
Blake	Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Buick	Joyce	Parata	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kapa	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Saunders	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	McGuire	Smith, E. M.	Fish
Hamlin	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.	Houston.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6 of paragraph 1, to omit the word "debt." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7 of paragraph 1, after the word "value," to insert the words "but the limit of three thousand pounds shall not apply to factories, fixed machinery, farm-buildings, fencing, planting, fertilising, draining, or irrigation, clearing from timber, scrub, or fern, laying down in grass, or pasture, or orchard, or any other improvement made for agricultural or horticultural purposes; all of which, for the purposes of this Act, shall be and hereby are exempted from taxation, without regard to the total value of the same which may be owned by any one person." (*Mr. Saunders.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 26.

Blake	Hamlin	Moore	Thomson, J. W.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Harkness	Newman	Valentine
Buchanan	Hutchison, G.	Rhodes	Wright.
Buckland	Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	
Duthie	Lawry	Russell	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Macarthur	Saunders	Mackenzie, T.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, R.	Meredith.

NOES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kapa	Parata	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Guinness	McGuire	Shera	Earnshaw
Hogg	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Hall-Jones.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 13 and 14 of paragraph 1, to omit the words "but the effect or benefit of such improvements shall be visible and," and to insert the words "and any other improvements whatsoever, the benefit of which is" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the proviso to paragraph 1. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5 of paragraph 2, after the word "pounds" to add the words "after which the amount of such exemption shall diminish by one pound for every two pounds that the assessed value of the property increases, so as to leave no exemption on assessed values of more than two thousand five hundred pounds." (*Mr. Saunders.*)

Amendment agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 12th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

   (185.) Middle Island Native Claims, Further Reports by Commissioner Mackay relative to.

   Ordered to be printed.

3. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Thomas Speer; Robert Ray and others; and G. C. Hawson: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of Thomas Speer, and Robert Ray and others, together with the Reports of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a second Report upon the Petition of the Hobson County Council; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

5. *Naval and Military Claims Committee.*—Captain Russell, from the Naval and Military Claims Committee, brought up Reports recommending that the Petitions of Thomas Scott, Walter Rutherford, Stephen Earl, and Michael Kane be referred to the Public Petitions Committee; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

   Ordered, That the Petitions of Thomas Scott and Walter Rutherford be referred to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee; and that the Petition of Stephen Earl be referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

6. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act, 1877 Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

In 1874 the Oamaru Harbour Board was constituted by Provincial Ordinance of Otago, authority being given to borrow to the extent of £100,000 at 6 per cent., on the security of any lands for the time being vested in the Board, and of the rents thereof, and of the dues chargeable or receivable by the Board under "The Oamaru Harbour Board Ordinance, 1874."

The Board proceeded to borrow on mortgage the full amount authorised, of which the Post Office advanced, at 5½ per cent. interest, out of the trust funds £35,000, afterwards reduced to £33,000 by part payment of sinking fund. The balance of the £100,000 was borrowed privately at 6 per cent. interest.

In 1878 further powers were given by the General Assembly to the Board to borrow on debentures another £100,000, and that amount was raised at 6 per cent. interest.

In 1882 further power was given by the General Assembly for the Board to borrow another £50,000 on the security of their endowments and on a special rate on property within the Oamaru Harbour District, and that amount was raised at 5 per cent. interest.

In 1887 further powers were given by the General Assembly to borrow £40,000 on an additional special rate.

Against this there was advanced in 1888, out of the Post Office trust funds, the further sum of £30,000, at 5 per cent., against the deposit of the debentures for £40,000, of which debentures for £6,400 were afterwards handed back. This advance appears to have been made on the condition that the Board should undertake to introduce in the session of that year a Bill to repeal "The Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act, 1887," and to authorise the raising of a loan of £65,000, of which £32,000 was to be expended on harbour improvements, and £33,000 to be applied to paying off the mortgages to that amount held on behalf of the Post Office Account (part of the first loan of £100,000). The Government agreed, if the Bill was passed, to take up the proposed loan at par, the money to be applied as follows: (*a.*) To paying off the mortgages for £33,400, held in the Post Office Account. (*b.*) To the repayment of the advance of £30,000 which was then being made. (*c.*) The balance to be paid over to the Harbour Fund Account. It was part of the arrangement that in the event of legislative authority not being obtained the advance of £30,000 was to be repaid at twelve months' notice. The Bill was introduced but not passed. The Post Office—besides the balance of £33,000 still outstanding on mortgages under the loan of 1874—remains the creditor of the Board for the £30,000 advanced in 1888.

Interest is now overdue to the Post Office, under both advances, amounting to £3,315, besides which sinking funds to the amount of £5,000 under the original advance are also in arrear. The Board appears to have duly met its obligations to the other creditors.

The Board has lodged the £6,600 debentures handed back by the Post Office—part of the issue of £40,000 under the Act of 1887—with its bankers as security for an overdraft at present of about £3,000.

The revenue of the Board last year amounted to £20,125, and the expenditure (including interest £16,325, and sinking fund £1,000) amounted to £20,107. This year, by reason of the railway "cutting" freights, and decreased rents from endowments, the income is estimated as likely to be from £1,000 to £1,500 less than last year, while the expenditure—if current engagements are to be kept—cannot be materially reduced. It may be estimated that the Board will be £1,000 more to the bad at the end of this year than last, while it will be seen that last year it was unable to pay in full its current engagements.

It now appears, by the Bill before the House, that the Board is desirous of obtaining authority to arrange for further advances against the balance of the loan—in other words, it desires to make some other arrangement in respect of the six thousand six hundred pounds' worth of debentures held by the bank against the present overdraft, and also to use the margin of £3,400 held by the Post Office in nominal excess of its last advance of £30,000.

The Board also desires by the Bill authority to hypothecate its dredge and other plant.

The rating-powers of the Board are not exhausted by a probable further revenue of £2,700 per annum, which, if collected, would, after allowing for the probable shrinkage in revenue from the competition of the railway, suffice to keep its current engagements on foot, but without providing for the arrears of interest and sinking fund.

The position of the Board appears to be such as to render it advisable for Parliament to abstain from encouraging further financial operations by the Board outside the means it already possesses, or may under the powers already conferred legitimately exercise. The Committee therefore recommend that the Bill referred to it be not further proceeded with.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Palmer moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "and that it be an instruction to the Postmaster-General to take steps to recover the moneys due from the Oamaru Harbour Board to the Post Office trust funds."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Oamaru Harbour Board Loan Act 1877 Amendment Bill be referred to the Government for consideration; and that it be an instruction to the Postmaster-General to take steps to recover the moneys due from the Oamaru Harbour Board to the Post Office trust funds.

7. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Buckland moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

8. *Allen Disqualification Removal Bill.*—On motion of Colonel Fraser, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Allen Disqualification Removal Bill be discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the twentieth day of August instant.

9. *West Coast Settlement Reserves Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Taipua, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the West Coast Settlement Reserves Bill be discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the twentieth day of August instant.

10. *Female Suffrage Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Female Suffrage Bill be discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the twentieth day of August instant.

11. *Artificial Manures Adulteration Bill.*—On motion of Mr. T. Mackenzie, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Artificial Manures Adulteration Bill be discharged, and made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the twentieth day of August instant.

12. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Public Trust Office; and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

13. *Workmen's Lien Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Better Provision for securing the Payment of Wages due to Workmen, and for other Purposes; and that the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

14. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—*Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 1 to 42 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 43.

15. *New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

16. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Land- and Income-Assessment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule A under consideration.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7 of paragraph 2, to omit the words "such value," and insert the words "the value of such land" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In lines 8 and 10 of paragraph 2, to omit the word "one," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Saunders.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1 of paragraph 4, after the word "land," to insert the words "other than in Part VI. of 'The Land Act, 1885.'" (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After paragraph 5, to insert the following paragraph:—

Where lands or mortgages are vested in a company or person as trustee for religious, charitable, or educational purposes for the benefit of different beneficiaries, such lands, for the purposes of this Act, shall be valued according to the interest of each class of beneficiaries, and the tax shall be assessed and levied on the value of the interest of each such class separately. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1 of paragraph 1 of subsection (2), after the word "company," to insert the words "other than a banking company." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 43.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	McGuire	Shera
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Buckland	Hogg	Meredith	Tanner
Buick	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Joyce	Moore	Valentine
Duncan	Kapa	O'Conor	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Parata	Wright.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Macdonald
Fraser	Mackintosh	Saunders	Smith, W. C.

NOES, 16.

Blake	Macarthur	Richardson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Russell	Harkness
Hamlin	Palmer	Thompson, R.	Rhodes.
Hutchison, G.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: After the words inserted, to insert the words "or a building and investment company." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: After the words inserted, to insert the words "or any savings-bank constituted under any Act of the General Assembly." (*Mr. Shera.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Buchanan	Houston	Mills, J.	Smith, W. C.
Buckland	Hutchison, G.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Taipua
Fisher	Hutchison, W.	Newman	Thomson, J. W.
Fraser	Kapa	O'Conor	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Grey, Sir G.	Lawry	Palmer	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	Shera
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackenzie, T.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.

NOES, 31.

Blake	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hogg	Moore	Thompson, R.
Buick	Joyce	Parata	Valentine
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Wilson
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Duthie	Mackintosh	Russell	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	McGuire	Saunders	Fish
Hamlin	Meredith	Tanner	Rhodes.

And the numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting-vote with the Noes.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words between the word "therein," in line 4, and the word "whether," in line 6, of paragraph 3 of subsection (2). (*Mr. Valentine.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hutchison, G.	Meredith	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	O'Conor	Taylor
Carncross	Kapa	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Parata	Thompson, T.
Fisher	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Lawry	Reeves, R. H. J.	
Guinness	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Saunders	Duncan
Hogg	McGuire	Shera	Fish.

NOES, 18.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Hamlin	Newman	Wright.
Buchanan	Harkness	Rhodes	
Buckland	Macarthur	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	Moore
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.	Valentine.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7 of paragraph 3 of subsection (2), after the word "manner," to add the words, "Any owner who may be called upon to pay tax on account of land upon which any debt may be secured by deed may call upon the holder of such deed, not being a banking company, to register the same as a mortgage. In the event of such holder neglecting to register as aforesaid he shall be liable for his proportion of the tax due in respect of such land as if his security had been a registered mortgage." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the schedule, to add the words, "Every person or company being mortgagees shall be entitled to deduct any debts owing by him or them in respect of money advanced on mortgage." (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment negatived.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Schedule B read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the words "as defined in Schedule A, exceeds," and insert the words "is of" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: After the word "penny," in each line of the third column of the scale of taxation, to insert the words "in the pound sterling;" and in the last line of the second column, to fill up the blank with the words "and over." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After the scale of taxation to insert the following proviso:—

Provided that, in the case of any person who has been absent from or resident out of the colony for a period of three years or over that period prior to the passing of the annual Act imposing the tax, the scale of taxation set forth in this schedule shall be increased by twenty per centum in each case where it is applicable. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Further amendments proposed: In line 1 of the proposed proviso, to omit the words "has been," and insert the words "shall be" in lieu thereof; and in line 2, to omit the word "colony," and insert the words "provincial district" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. W. Kelly.*)

Further amendments withdrawn.

Further amendment proposed: In line 3 of the proposed proviso, to omit the words "prior to the passing of the annual Act imposing the tax," and insert the words "after the passing of this Act" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Further amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4 of the proposed proviso, to omit the words "in this schedule," and insert the words "in Schedules A and B" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

The Chairman ruled the amendment inadmissible, as involving an increase of taxation.

Proviso agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the last paragraph but one of the schedule, and to insert the following in lieu thereof:—

And all graduated tax as aforesaid shall be assessed and levied on the amount of the assessed value of the land less all improvements thereon. "Improvements" include houses and buildings, fencing, planting, draining of land, clearing from timber, scrub, or fern, laying down in grass or pasture; but the effect or benefit of such improvements shall be unexhausted at the time of valuation. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Further amendment proposed: In lines 3 and 4, to omit the words "but the effect or benefit of such improvements shall be," and to insert the words "and any other improvements whatsoever, the benefit of which is" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the schedule, to add the following words: "in so far as such graduated tax is concerned." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

And the Question being put, That the schedule as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Blake	Hogg	Meredith	Swan
Buick	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Taylor
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Duncan	Joyce	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Saunders	
Fish	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Lawry	Shera	Pinkerton
Fraser	Mackintosh	Smith, E. M.	Reeves, R. H. J.

NOES, 13.

Buchanan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Buckland
Hamlin	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.	Wright.
Macarthur	Moore		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Schedule C read. Amendments proposed: In line 9 of paragraph 1, to omit the words "from the use or produce of land," and at the end of the paragraph to add the following words: "and shall also include profits made or income derived by or from the use or produce of land, and in the case of banking companies or building and investment companies shall include income derived or received from mortgages." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to paragraph 1:—

Provided that every person or company engaged in business as owner or charterer of shipping shall be assessed for taxation upon its income on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by regulations, and such assessment shall be subject to all rights of objection and review as provided by this Act. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following additional proviso to paragraph 1:—

Provided also that in the case of insurance companies regulations may prescribe means for determining what portion of the income of such companies shall be deemed to be the income of such companies in New Zealand, and such income only shall be liable to be assessed for income-tax under this Act. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit paragraph 2, and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

In any case where a company has at any time heretofore borrowed or shall at any time hereafter borrow money on debentures, such company shall be deemed to be the agent of every holder of such debentures, whether such holder be or be not resident in New Zealand, and such company shall be liable to pay tax accordingly on behalf of every holder of such debentures, and shall be entitled to deduct in each year from any instalment of interest payable by it upon the amount of such debentures any tax so paid, whether coupons for such interest have been issued with such debentures or not. But no such debenture-holders shall be allowed any deduction by way of exemption from assessment. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the Question being put, That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the schedule, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the insertion of the new paragraph, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Parata	Tanner
Buick	Joyce	Pinkerton	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Saunders	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Meredith	Shera	Earnshaw
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.	Smith, W. C.
Hogg	Palmer		

NOES, 14.

Blake	Hutchison, G.	Moore	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Macarthur	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Buchanan
Fisher	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	Buckland.
Hamlin	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Wright.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Schedule D read. Amendment proposed: At the end of paragraph 1, to add the following words: "and shall include income so derived or received from any pastoral lands of the Crown in New Zealand held by any person under lease or license issued by or on behalf of the Crown." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Schedule E read and agreed to.

Schedule F read. Amendment proposed: To omit subsection (*c*) of paragraph 2. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (*d*) of paragraph 2. (*Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the schedule, to add the following paragraph:—

Any person who has effected or may hereafter effect an insurance on his own life for his own benefit, or for the benefit of his wife and children, or one or some of them, with any company or association carrying on the business of life insurance, shall be entitled to deduct from his income as an outgoing the amount of premiums paid in any year in respect of such insurance: Provided that no greater deduction than fifty pounds shall be allowed in any year in respect of all premiums paid for such insurance. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Further amendment proposed: In line 7 of the proposed paragraph, to omit the word "fifty," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "the amount of premium actually paid on the sum assured up to a limit of two thousand pounds." (*Mr. Wright.*)

Further amendment negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 13th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(186.) The New Zealand Institute: Twenty-third Annual Report.

(187.) The Botanic Garden Board: Twenty-second Annual Report.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of this House:—

(188.) Valpy Crown Grant, Copies and Particulars relative to. Return to an Order dated 15th July, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 186 and 187 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell; S. J. Mill and 722 others; and William Simpson: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell, and S. J. Mill and 722 others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Naval and Military Claims Committee.*—Captain Russell, from the Naval and Military Claims Committee, brought up a General Report and a Report upon the Petition of Joseph Ames and other members of the Wellington Colonial Defence Force; and the same were read and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–6 and I.–6A.)

Ordered, That the said Reports be printed and referred to the Government for consideration.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Mrs. Clements and another; and Merehira Paerau: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

6. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Selectors' Land Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

7. *Selectors' Land Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Selectors' Land Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill be committed to-morrow.

8. *Joint Bankruptcy Bill Committee.*—Mr. T. Mackenzie, from the Joint Bankruptcy Bill Committee, brought up a Report on the Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Joint Bankruptcy Bill Committee have the honour to report that they have duly considered the Bankruptcy Bill, and they recommend that the Bill, subject to the amendments shown on the attached copy of the Bill, be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Bankruptcy Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bankruptcy Bill be committed to-morrow.

10. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Auctioneers Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Auctioneers Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Auctioneers Bill be considered to-morrow.

12. *Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act* 1889 *Extension Act*, 1891.—On motion of Mr. Perceval, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in "The Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension Act, 1891," be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments in the Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension Bill.

13. *Grape-vines Importation.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That the question of the importation of grape-vines be referred to the Noxious Weeds, &c., Committee for consideration, and to report to the House.

14. *Quarantine Regulations.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That the whole question of quarantine regulations relating to live-stock be referred to the Stock Committee for consideration, and to report to the House.

15. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Duthie moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

16. *Government Legal Expenses.*—On motion of Mr. Macdonald, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) the amount paid by the Government during the past three years to persons other than those engaged in the Government Buildings for legal services in connection with the drafting of Bills and other legal work; (2) the names of the persons who have received payment for such services, the total amount of such payment in each case, and a brief statement as to the nature of the services rendered.

17. *Mount Cook Prison.*—On motion of Mr. Macdonald, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the cost of the Mount Cook Prison, specifying as far as possible the details of such cost; also as to the amount which will be required to complete the prison, and when such expenditure will be incurred.

18. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 12.

The Governor, on behalf of Her Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make further provision for the payment of salaries, wages, and contingencies for the year ending the 31st March, 1892.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th August, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

19. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The Honourable Mr. Richardson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "a Return be laid before this House showing in the following particulars the differences between the estimates of expenditure for the year 1891–92 and the appropriations of 1890–91 (Paper B.–7): viz., (1) the non-recurrent votes for each year; (2) the number of officers for each year; (3) the number of officers receiving over £200 whose salaries it is now proposed to increase or decrease, and the amount of such increases or decreases. Each class in the annual appropriations on the estimates to be shown separately."

The amendment was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Message of His Excellency recommending provision for payment of salaries, &c., referred.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

The Colonial Treasurer having stated that it would be for the convenience of the public service that the resolution should be considered forthwith, and a Bill to give effect thereto passed through all its stages;

Ordered, That Standing Order No. 385 be suspended for this day, in order that the Reports of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means may be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, presently, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

20. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act, "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891," "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891 (No. 2)," and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two hundred and fifty thousand pounds—that is to say, two hundred thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Fund, and fifty thousand pounds out of the Public Works Fund—to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, by way of Imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act, "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891," "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891 (No. 2)," and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two hundred and fifty thousand pounds—that is to say, two hundred thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Fund, and fifty thousand pounds out of the Public Works Fund—to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Ballance and the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

21. *Imprest Supply Bill* (*No.* 3).—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two; which was read a first and a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

22. *Marriage Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Marriage Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

23. *Distillation Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Distillation Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

24. *Customs and Excise Duties Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Customs and Excise Duties Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

25. *Trustees Act* 1883 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Trustees Act 1883 Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

26. *McLean Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the McLean Land Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

27. *River Boards Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the River Boards Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

28. *Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

29. *Public Bodies' Powers Act* 1887 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

30. *Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Imbecile Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 15.

31. *Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments in the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill.

32. *Factories Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Factories Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to insert the word "first" in the blank; and in line 2, to insert the word "January" in the blank, and to omit the word "ninety-one" and insert the word "ninety-two" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "one," and insert the word "five" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Wright.*)

And the Question being put, That the word "one" stand part of the clause, it passed in the Negative.

Amendment to insert the word "five" in lieu thereof withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: To insert the word "three" in lieu of the word omitted. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 10, after the word "engaged," to insert the words "and in the case of cities, boroughs, and town districts means any office, building, or place in which one or more persons are engaged." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: To omit all the words after the word "used," in line 14, to the end of the paragraph, and insert the words "for the purpose of manufacture" in lieu thereof; and in line 20, to omit the words "and shops." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the words "New Zealand," to insert the words "or any portion thereof;" in line 2, after the word "into," to insert the word "such;" to omit all the words between the word "districts," in line 2, and the word "as," in line 4; and in line 4, to omit the words "the Governor thinks," and insert the words "he shall think" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "and shops." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "fourteen," and insert the word "twenty-one" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "payment," to insert the words "to him." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words between the word "hereto," in line 4, and the word "be," in line 7, and insert the words "The said fee shall" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 26 read and agreed to.

Clause 27 read. Amendment proposed: In line 15, to omit the word "six," and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 28 read. Amendments proposed: In line 12, to omit the words "not exceeding" and "nor less than." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 29 read and agreed to.

Clause 30 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, after the word "health," to insert the words "That where ten or more persons are employed the owner shall provide a supply of fresh drinking-water." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Further amendment proposed: To omit the words "That where ten or more persons are employed" from the proposed amendment, and, after the word "owner," to insert the words "or occupier of any factory or workroom." (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 9, to omit the word "Board," and insert the word "Inspector" in lieu thereof; and in line 11, to omit the words "Chairman of such Board," and insert the word "Inspector" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 31 read. Amendment proposed: In line 20, after the word "shall," to insert the words "after fourteen days' notice." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 21, to omit the words "fail or." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 25, to omit the words "five pounds," and insert the words "one pound" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 32 to 34 read and agreed to.

Clause 35 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 6 and 7, to omit the words "on the recommendation of the Board." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 13, after the word "foundries," to omit the word "flour-mills." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 21.

Blake	Fisher	Lawry	Thompson, R.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Meredith	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Hamlin	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Harkness	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Mackenzie, T.
Duncan	Houston	Swan	Moore.
Duthie	Joyce		

NOES, 24.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Buick	Kelly, J.	Russell	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Saunders	Wright.
Carncross	Newman	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fish	Parata	Shera	Earnshaw
Fraser	Pinkerton	Smith, W. C.	Tanner.
Hall-Jones			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed: In line 14, after the word "saw-mills," to insert the word "flax-mills." (*Mr. W. Kelly.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 14, after the word "flax-mills," to insert the word "freezing-rooms." (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 16, after the word "establishments," to insert the word "shearing-sheds." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words at the end of the clause: "and dairy and cheese factories." (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After the word "cheese-factories," to add the words "and breweries." (*Mr. Dawson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 36 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, after the word "work-room," to insert the words "which shall be that commonly used by the work-people in entering the building;" in line 4, to omit the word "unlocked," and insert the words "unfastened so as to afford ready means of ingress and egress" in lieu thereof; and in line 6, to omit the word "unlocked," and insert the words "unfastened so as to afford ready means of ingress and egress" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 37 read. Amendments proposed: To omit all the words between the word "shall" in line 2 and the word "be" in line 4, and insert the words "except on half-holidays" in lieu thereof; in line 5, to omit the word "five," and insert the words "four and a half" in lieu thereof; and to omit the proviso at the end of the clause. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 38 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "no," to insert the words "females or;" and after the word "persons," to insert the words "under sixteen years of age." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 39 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "the," and insert the words "such females or" in lieu thereof; in line 8, after the word "any," to insert the words "room or;" and in line 11, after the word "such," to insert the words "room or." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 40 read and agreed to.

Clause 41 read. Amendment proposed: In line 12, to omit the word "twelve," and insert the word "six" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

And the Question being put, That the word "twelve" stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 9.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Buchanan	Hamlin	Swan.	Harkness
Fisher			Moore.

NOES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Meredith	Shera
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Newman	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hogg	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Lawry	Saunders	Earnshaw
Fish	Mackenzie, T.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Tanner.
Fraser			

So it passed in the Negative.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 42 to 48 read and agreed to.

Clause 49 read and negatived.

Clause 50 read and agreed to.

Clause 51 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "female or any male," and insert the word "boy" in lieu thereof; in lines 3 and 4, to omit the words "in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale," and to add the following words at the end of the clause: "No person shall employ any female between the hours of six in the afternoon and eight in the morning, or more than eight hours in any one day." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 52 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "twenty," and insert the word "ten" in lieu thereof; and in line 11, to omit the word "no," to omit the word "or" and insert the word "and" in lieu thereof, and to omit the words "more than" and insert the words "any period not exceeding" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 53 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "be educated up to," and insert the words "have passed" in lieu thereof; and in line 12, to omit the words "three consecutive," and insert the word "four" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 54 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Meredith	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hall-Jones	Parata	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carroll	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Fish	Kelly, W.	Smith, E. M.	Tanner.

NOES, 20.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, R.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Harkness	Russell	Wright.
Buchanan	Houston	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Lawry	Shera	Mackenzie, T.
Duthie	Rhodes	Swan	Moore.
Fisher			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 55 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "occupation of the;" and in line 2, to omit the word "occupier," and insert the words "line of trade" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 9, after the word "person," to insert the words "and such certificate of birth shall be given by the Registrar without fee." (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 56 read and agreed to.

Clause 57 read and negatived.

Clause 58 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "no boy under fourteen years of age and." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "eighteen," and insert the word "sixteen" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

And the Question being put, That the word "eighteen" stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Buick	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Fisher
Earnshaw	Pinkerton	Smith, W. C.	Tanner.
Hall-Jones			

NOES, 24.

Blake	Harkness	Rhodes	Thompson, R.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hogg	Russell	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	Houston	Saunders	Wright.
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Lawry	Smith, E. M.	Fish
Duthie	Moore	Swan	Mackenzie, T.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "sixteen," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "boy or." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 59 read and agreed to.

Clause 60 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, after the word "years," to insert the words "except piece-workers;" in line 7, to omit the word "two," and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof; in line 14, to omit the word "two," and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof; and in line 18, to omit the word "one," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subsection to the clause:—

Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prevent the employment of females in printing-offices on Saturdays or any other half-holiday up to the hour of half-past four in the afternoon, nor the substitution of two other days for Easter Monday and Her Majesty's birthday in the case of female type-setters. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Further amendment proposed: In line 2 of the proposed new subsection, after the word "females," to insert the words "or persons under the age of eighteen years." (*Mr. Carncross.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 61 to 66 read and agreed to.

Clause 67 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "or," to insert the words "in the case of females or persons under sixteen years of age are." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clauses 68 to 76 read and agreed to.

Clause 77 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subsection (8). (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 78 to 81 read and agreed to.

First Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To omit lines 1 and 2; in lines 3 and 4, to omit the words "and not more than sixty;" and in line 8, to omit the numerals "10," and insert "5" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 9, to omit the numeral "5," and insert "1" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Second and Third Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide for supervising and regulating Factories and Work-rooms."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves adjourned until this day.

Friday, the 14th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table in Return to an Order of this House:—

   (189.) Agricultural and Pastoral Associations: Additional Reply to Circular sent by Minister of Agriculture. Further Return to an Order dated 14th August, 1891.

3. *Joint West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee.*—Mr. Wilson, from the Joint West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee, brought up a Report on the West Coast confirmed leases; and the same was read, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–7.)

   Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Government.

4. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of James Gray; Thomas Andrew and 41 others; and John Forsyth: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of James Gray, and Thomas Andrew and 41 others, together with the Reports of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

5. *Joint Electric Lighting Committee.*—The Honourable Sir J. Hall, from the Joint Electric Lighting Committee, brought up a Report upon the lighting by electricity of the Parliament Buildings; and the same was read, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–14.)

6. *Adjournment.*—Mr. R. H. J. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

   And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

7. *Milford Sound Road-works.*—On motion of Mr. T. Mackenzie, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing approximately the amount of road-work done by prisoners at Milford Sound, together with a plan indicating the proposed line of road.

8. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Imprest Supply Act, 1891 (No. 3)," which they return to the House of Representatives as one of their Bills of Supply. Also—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Libel Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

9. *Libel Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. *Patea Harbour Endowment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to vest certain land in the Patea Harbour Board.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Land in the Patea Harbour Board.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. G. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. G. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

11. *Rabbit Nuisance Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

12. *Workmen's Lien Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Workmen's Lien Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

13. *Consolidated Stock Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Consolidated Stock Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

14. *Marriage Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Marriage Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, to omit the word "male." (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "parties," to insert the words "one or." (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

15. *Distillation Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Distillation Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Distillation Act, 1868.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

16. *Customs and Excise Duties Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Customs and Excise Duties Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to alter certain Duties of Customs and Excise, and to amend the Law relating thereto."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Trustees Act* 1883 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Trustees Act 1883 Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2 of subsection (3), to omit the word "January," and insert the word "October" in lieu thereof; and in line 3, to omit the word "ninety-two," and insert the word "ninety-one" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subsection (*c*). (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendments proposed: After the numerals "1883" in line 2, to insert the words "or any Act repealed thereby;" and at the end of the clause to add the following words: "and every such vesting order, whether made before or after the passing of this Act, shall be valid, notwithstanding that the person or persons in whom the same purports to vest any property was not or were not appointed by the Court." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendments agreed to.
Clause as amended agreed to.
Clause 21 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Duties, Powers, and Liabilities of Trustees."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill with amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

18. *Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence therein.

19. *Public Bodies' Powers Act* 1887 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "Act," to insert the words "or this Act." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Public Bodies' Powers Act, 1887.'"

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill with an amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.

20. *River Boards Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the River Boards Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read and negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

The Board may, out of the funds of the Trust, pay to members such reasonable actual travelling-expenses as it may think fit. Such payment to be made only to members living at a distance of over five miles from the ordinary place of meeting. (*Mr. Valentine.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

21. *Public Revenues Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Public Revenues Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In line 13, after the word "agreement," to insert the words "The word 'Government' shall, for the purposes of this section, include the Railway Commissioners." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 23 read and agreed to.

Clause 24 read. Amendments proposed: In line 7, to omit the words "one month's;" and in line 8, after the word "situated," to insert the words "once a week for four successive weeks." (*Mr. Wright.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 25 read and agreed to.

Clause 26 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "public," to insert the words "or any other." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 27 to 52 read and agreed to.

Clause 53 read. Amendments proposed: In line 6, after the word "be," to insert the word "forthwith;" and in line 7, after the word "Parliament," to insert the words "if Parliament be then in session; and, if not, then within ten days after the commencement of the then next session." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 54 to 64 read and agreed to.

Clause 65 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "debt," to insert the words "or for the purpose of the conversion of the public debt." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 66 to 87 read and agreed to.

Clause 88 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, after the word "person," to insert the words "or local authority;" in line 4, after the word "person," to insert the words "or local authority;" in line 7, after the word "Majesty," to insert the words "or in the case of a local authority to cause the same to be deducted from any subsidy or other money due or payable to such local authority;" and at the end of the clause to add the following paragraph: "'Local authority' shall have the meaning defined by 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1888.'" (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 89 to 93 read and agreed to.

Schedules read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

22. *Selectors' Land Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Selectors' Land Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: At the end of the first paragraph, to add the words "or a settler under the farm-homestead settlement system, or a lease under the Nelson Land Regulations;" and at the end of the second paragraph, to add the words "and as if the word 'eighty-nine' had been originally enacted therein instead of the word 'eighty-eight.'" (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, after the word "lease," to insert the words "or deferred-payment license;" and in line 9, to omit the word "eighty-eight," and insert the word "eighty-nine" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2 of subsection (1), after the word "first," to insert the words "valuation or;" and after the word "revaluation," to insert the words "as the case may be." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1 of subsection (2), to omit the words "not more than." (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3 of subsection (2), to omit the words "together with an undertaking to pay all the expenses attending the inquiry into the case." (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Amendment negatived.

Other amendments proposed: In line 2 of the last paragraph of the clause, before the word "second," to insert the words "revaluation or the;" after the word "revaluation" to insert the words "as the case may be;" and to omit the words "five pounds deposited," and insert the word "deposit" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.
Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

23. *Electoral Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee further to consider the Electoral Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 3 under consideration. Amendment again proposed: In line 23 of page 5, to omit the words "does not include," and insert the words "includes" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do leave the Chair. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Blake	Hogg	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Shera	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Tanner	Fish
Fisher	Parata	Taylor	Smith, W. C.
Fraser			

NOES, 18.

Buchanan	Joyce	Pinkerton	Wright.
Buick	Kelly, J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	
Earnshaw	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Buckland
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Thompson, R.	Harkness.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

24. *Mining Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee further to consider the Mining Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 50 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after two of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 18th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—
(190.) Equitable Insurance Association of New Zealand: Annual Statement for 1890.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—
(191.) Landowners holding upwards of Twenty Thousand Pounds' Worth of Land, classified as in Schedule B of the Land- and Income-assessment Bill. Return to an Order dated 11th August, 1891.
(193.) Native-land Laws Commission, Return of the Cost of. Return to an Order dated 7th August, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—
(192.) Warships: Return of Name, Nationality, and Date of Visit of Men-of-War to the Four Chief Ports of New Zealand from 1885 to Date.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 191 and 192 be printed.

3. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Consolidated Stock Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the Consolidated Stock Bill, have the honour to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Consolidated Stock Bill.—Ordered*, That the Consolidated Stock Bill be committed to-morrow.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Hirini te Ruapa and 2 others; Toa Rangatira and 27 others; and H. Materoa and 46 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)
Ordered, That the Petitions of Hirini te Ruapa and 2 others, and Toa Rangatira and 27 others, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of William McKeever; J. A. McLachlan and 59 others; Hugh McGregor and 16 others; G. W. Riley and 25 others; P. S. Brown (as Chairman of the Whangarei County Council); and Major W. G. Mair: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)
Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

7. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Harkness, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Lawry, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Palmer, on account of illness.

8. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

9. *Truant Schools.*—On motion of Mr. Lawry, *Ordered*, That all correspondence that has taken place relating to any truant school or schools in this colony be laid before this House.

10. *Wanganui River Trust Bill.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Resolved*, That this House will, forthwith, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to conserve the Natural Scenery of the Upper Waters of the Wanganui River, and for the Protection of the Navigation of the said Waters.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in a Bill to conserve the Natural Scenery of the Upper Waters of the Wanganui River, and for the Protection of the Navigation of the said Waters.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. G. Hutchison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. G. Hutchison accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

11. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 10.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill to amend "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and on Her Majesty's behalf recommends that provision be made accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 18th August, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency the Governor's Message transmitting the draft of a Bill to amend "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886."

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

12. *Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, according to Order, presented a Bill to further amend "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886;" which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

13. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Wright moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

14. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Truck Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Private Bill intituled "The Christchurch Electric Lighting Act, 1891," without amendment.

15. *Truck Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Truck Bill be considered to-morrow.

16. *River Boards Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the River Boards Act Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The River Boards Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Public Revenues Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Public Revenues Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Moneys."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

18. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to continue and amend 'The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

19. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Auctioneers Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

20. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Land- and Income-assessment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the Bill be recommitted for the further consideration of clause 16, and to consider the following amendments in the Schedules:—

In Schedule A, section 2, in the second line of the first proviso to that section, to omit the words "the value of such land," and to restore the words "such value."

Under head "Tax on Mortgages," after section 1, to insert the following proviso:—

"Provided that no company now or hereafter registered in New Zealand under any Act of the General Assembly whose sole or principal business is the business of a loan, building, and investment company, and the head office and management of which is situated and conducted in New Zealand, shall be liable to pay by way of tax on mortgages a sum that shall be greater than an income-tax of one shilling and sixpence in the pound sterling on the income from mortgages owned by such company in the year in respect of which such tax is payable."

To strike out all the words in italics in the definition of "Mortgage," and to insert the following new clause, to stand as section 4:—

"If any owner of land shall be required under this Act to pay tax on account of his land which may be subject to any mortgage, such owner may require the mortgagee, not being a banking company, to register such mortgage in accordance with law; and if the mortgagee shall for the space of twenty-one days after being so required neglect to register such mortgage he shall be liable to such owner for the tax paid on account of such mortgage as if such mortgage had been duly registered."

The definitions of "mortgage" and "mortgagee" to stand as section 5.

In Schedule B, in the last item of the scale of graduated tax, in the second column, to strike out the words "and over" and to insert the words "or exceeds that sum."

In Schedule C, in the second paragraph of section 1, to strike out the words in italics, "and shall also include profits made or income derived by or from the use or produce of land."

In Schedule F, in section 6, after the word "income," in the fourth line from the top of the section, to insert "derived or received from such business or employment."

And in the last line of the section, after the word "on," to insert the word "such."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Recommitted for further consideration of clause 16, and consideration of certain amendments in Schedules A, B, C, and F, as shown in Supplementary Order Paper No. 41.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: After subsection (2), to insert the following subsection:—

(3.) All savings-banks constituted under any Act of the General Assembly shall not be liable to taxation under this Act. (*Mr. Shera.*)

And the Question being put, That the subsection be added to the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Macdonald	Smith, W. C.
Buchanan	Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Swan
Buckland	Houston	Newman	Taipua
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	Rees	Thomson, J. W.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Kapa	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Shera
Grey, Sir G.	Macarthur	Smith, E. M.	Thompson, T.

NOES, 30.

Blake	Fraser	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, R.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hamlin	Moore	Valentine
Buick	Hogg	Pinkerton	Wilson
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Rhodes	Wright.
Dawson	Joyce	Rolleston, Hon. W.	
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Meredith	Saunders	Fish
Earnshaw	Mills, C. H.	Tanner	Mackenzie, T.

So it passed in the Negative.

Schedule A read. Amendment proposed: In line 10 of paragraph 2, to omit the words "the value of such land," and insert the words "such value" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After paragraph 1 of subsection (2), to insert the following proviso: "Provided that no company now or hereafter registered in New Zealand under any Act of the General Assembly whose sole or principal business is the business of a loan, building, and investment company, and the head office and management of which is situated and conducted in New Zealand, shall be liable to pay by way of tax on mortgages a sum that shall be greater than an income-tax of one shilling and sixpence in the pound sterling on the income from mortgages owned by such company in the year in respect of which such tax is payable." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Further amendment proposed: In line 1 of the proposed proviso, after the word "no," to insert the words "person or." (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 21.

Blake	Fisher	Moore	Valentine
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Wilson.
Buchanan	Hamlin	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Hutchison, G.	Russell	Rhodes
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Swan	Wright.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.		

NOES, 38.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Mackintosh	Shera
Buick	Houston	Meredith	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Carncross	Joyce	O'Conor	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Kapa	Parata	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Thomson, J. W.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Rees	
Fraser	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Macarthur	Saunders	Earnshaw
Hall-Jones	Macdonald	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Further amendment proposed: In line 7 of the proposed proviso, before the word "income," to insert the word "gross." (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Further amendment negatived.

And the Question being put, That the proviso stand part of the schedule, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hutchison, W.	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Meredith	Saunders
Carncross	Kapa	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Moore	Smith, E. M.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	O'Conor	Taylor
Earnshaw	Lawry	Parata	Thompson, T.
Fisher	Macarthur	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Macdonald	Rees	Hall-Jones
Hogg	Mackintosh	Reeves, R. H. J.	Smith, W. C.
Houston			

NOES, 18.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Russell	Wright.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hutchison, G.	Swan	
Buchanan	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Newman	Valentine	Mackenzie, T.
Duthie	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wilson	Rhodes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: After paragraph 3 of subsection (2), to insert the following paragraph:—

If any owner of land shall be required under this Act to pay tax on account of his land which may be subject to any mortgage, such owner may require the mortgagee, not being a banking company, to register such mortgage in accordance with law; and if the mortgagee shall for the space of twenty-one days after being so required neglect to register such mortgage he shall be liable to such owner for the tax paid on account of such mortgage as if such mortgage had been duly registered. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Further amendment proposed: In lines 3 and 4 of the proposed paragraph, to omit the words "not being a banking company." (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Further amendment negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In the definition "mortgage," to omit all the words after the word "manner," in line 5. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as further amended agreed to.

Schedule B read. Amendment proposed: In the last line of the scale of taxation, to omit the words "and over," and insert the words "or exceeds that sum" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as further amended agreed to.

Schedule C read. Amendment proposed: In lines 11 and 12, to omit the words "and shall also include profits made or income derived by or from the use or produce of land." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as further amended agreed to.

Schedule F read. Amendments proposed: In line 4 of paragraph 6, after the word "income," to insert the words "derived or received from such business or employment;" and in line 6, before the word "land," to insert the word "such." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as further amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with further amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had considered the clause and schedules recommitted, and had made further amendments in the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill do pass.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Mills, C. H.	Tanner
Buick	Hall-Jones	Pinkerton	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Saunders	
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Lawry	Shera	Fish
Fraser	McGuire	Smith, E. M.	Houston.

NOES, 14.

Buckland	Macarthur	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Swan	Wright.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Thomson, J. W.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Land and Income for the Purposes of Taxation."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after three of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 19th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—
(194.) State Forest Lands, Auckland, Description of Proposed Withdrawals from.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of this House:—
(195.) Unemployed working on Government Works, Weekly Return of, from 1st January to 30th June, 1890. Return to an Order dated 31st July, 1891.

3. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petition of A. Stewart and others; and upon the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill: and the same were read, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)
Ordered, That the Petition of A. Stewart and others, together with the said Report, be referred to the Government.

4. *New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill.—Ordered*, That the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill be committed to-morrow.

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report upon the McCabe Land-grants Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the McCabe Land-grants Bill, have the honour to report that they have considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with; and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *McCabe Land-grants Bill.—Ordered*, That the McCabe Land-grants Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

7. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of T. Forgie and others; T. J. Edwards and others; W. Fowler; W. Harrison and others; S. Earl; D. Carnachan; H. B. Huddleston (Report No. 2); and J. Freeman and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of T. Forgie and others, T. J. Edwards and others, W. Fowler, and W. Harrison and others, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petition of S. Earl be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

8. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of F. Mackenzie and others; T. Quill (Report No. 2); J. M. McCaskell; J. W. Thomas and D. Brown; and J. J. W. White: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of F. Mackenzie and others, and T. Quill (Report No. 2), together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Case of Mr. G. W. Ell.—Mr. Fish also brought up a Report on the Petition of the Reverend J. J. Lewis and others, and M. Trevey and others, relative to the case of Mr. G. W. Ell, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government.

Mr. Rees moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "and be printed."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question, as amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, be referred to the Government, and be printed. (Appendix I.–2.)

9. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon certain correspondence relative to the payment of interest by the New Plymouth Harbour Board; and the same was read, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9F.)

10. *New Plymouth Harbour Committee.*—Mr. G. Hutchison, from the New Plymouth Harbour Committee, brought up a General Report; and the same was read.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government with the view to effect being given to the recommendations of the Committee.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed next Wednesday afternoon.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Richardson, *Ordered*, That the Report and evidence be printed. (Appendix I.–8.)

11. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report upon the Coal-mines Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

12. *Coal-mines Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Coal-mines Bill be committed to-morrow.

13. *Adjournment.*—Mr. R. H. J. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

14. *Wellington Boys' Institute Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington to lease certain Lands situate in the City of Wellington to any Society or Institute established, or to be established, in the said City for affording Instruction and Recreation to Boys and Youths, or to any Trustees for any such Society or Institute; and that Mr. Duthie do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Duthie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

15. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled "The Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment Act, 1891."

16. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That all the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1.

17. *Private Members' Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Thursday, the twentieth day of August instant, be set aside for Private Members' business.

18. *Government Loans to Local Bodies Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Government Loans to Local Bodies Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

19. *Truck Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Truck Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

20. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Auctioneers Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to, with the exception of clauses 9 and 18.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in clauses 9 and 18 of the Auctioneers Bill; the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Macdonald, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon.

21. *Marriage Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Marriage Act Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the Bill be recommitted for the further consideration of clause 2.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Recommitted for further consideration of clause 2.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 8 and 9, to omit the words "or by two duly-recognised office-bearers thereof." (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with further amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had considered the clause referred, and had made a further amendment in the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Marriage Act, 1880.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence in the amendments made therein.

22. *Consolidated Stock Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Consolidated Stock Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

23. *Lunatics Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Lunatics Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subsection (1). (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (5). (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3 of subsection (6), to omit the word "forty-two," and insert the word "twenty-one" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5 of subsection (6), to omit the word "Inspector-General," and insert the words "Colonial Secretary" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (7). (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6 of subsection (8), to omit the word "and," and insert the word "or" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3 of subsection (10), to omit the word "Inspector-General," and insert the words "Colonial Secretary" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (11). (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (18). (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read and negatived.

Clauses 6 to 15 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

In section 5, subsection (2), of the principal Act, omit all the words after "such person," and insert the following in lieu thereof: "is *primâ facie* found to be a lunatic, he shall make an order for the confinement of such person in some suitable apartment in a hospital, if such hospital is in the immediate neighbourhood; or, failing such suitable hospital accommodation, then in some suitable room or rooms fitted up for this purpose in connection with or contiguous to the Courthouse of the district, in which room or rooms the person so examined may be confined for not less than seven nor more than fourteen days after the first examination by the medical officers appointed for that purpose, during which time further and frequent investigation shall take place; and no warrant for committal to an asylum shall be issued until lunacy has been clearly demonstrated."

Clause 130 of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted, "That the Governor shall appoint at least six Official Visitors to each public lunatic asylum in the colony—men of good repute, in whom the relatives of the patients and the public can repose confidence." (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Clauses read a first and a second time, and negatived.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Lunatics Act, 1882.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

24. *Legislative Council Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legislative Council Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed till after the consideration of the next Order of the Day.

25. *Mining Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Mining Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 50 read and agreed to.

Clause 51 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subsection (2). (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 52 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "shall," and insert the word "may" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 53 read and agreed to.

Clause 54 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "situated," to insert the words "or, in the case of residence-sites, if the same shall be unoccupied for a longer period than is allowed by this Act, and during such period shall have no building erected thereon." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 55 read and agreed to.

Clause 56 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "occupied," to insert the words "and registered." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the clause, to add the words "and each and every such interest so created or appropriated." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the clause, as amended, to add the words "shall be registered." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 57 read and agreed to.

Clause 58 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 10 and 11, to omit the words "whether or not it be registered at the time of amalgamation," and insert the words "provided it is registered before such amalgamation" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 59 read. Amendment proposed: In line 10, to omit the word "forty-four," and insert the word "forty-five" in lieu thereof (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 60 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "fifty," and insert the words "one hundred" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 61 to 64 read and agreed to.

Clause 65 read. Amendment proposed: In line 12 of subsection (3), to omit the word "four," and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. R. H. J. Reeves.*)

Amendment negatived.

Other amendments proposed: In line 16 of subsection (3), after the word "Inspector," to insert the words "or Warden;" in line 18, to omit the word "publicly," and after the word "application" to insert the words "by posting notices on the ground and outside the Warden's Court;" in line 20, to omit the words "twice and;" and in line 21, after the word "Inspector," to insert the words "or Warden." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 66 to 70 read and agreed to.

Clause 71 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the word "more," and insert the word "less" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 11 and 12, to omit the words "for a second period not exceeding four months, and thereafter the Warden shall not grant any further protection," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "not exceeding four months at any one time, provided the ground upon which protection is asked for be substantiated upon oath to the satisfaction of the Warden." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 72 read and agreed to.

Clause 73 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the word "or," and after the word "holding" to insert the words "or special claim." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7, after the word "claim," to insert the word "grant." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 74 and 75 read and agreed to.

Clause 76 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "any," to insert the word "claim," and after the word "or" to insert the word "special;" and in line 8, before the word "licensed" to insert the word "claim," and after the word "or" to insert the word "special." (*Colonel Fraser.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 77 read. Amendments proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "or;" and after the word "holding," to insert the words "or special claim." (*Colonel Fraser.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 11, after the words "take up," to insert the words "or hold." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 78 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "damage," to insert the words "in the Warden's Court." (*Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clauses 79 to 91 read and agreed to.

Clause 92 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "with," to insert the words "or without." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 93 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "every," to omit the word "Warden," and insert the words "Warden's Court" in lieu thereof; and after the word "shall," to omit the words "sitting as a Warden without Assessors." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 94 to 115 read and agreed to.

Clause 116 read. Amendment proposed: To add to list of claims the following words: "Reduction in the number of men employed." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 116A read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "three," and insert the word "six" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 117 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "posted," to insert the words "in some conspicuous place." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 118 read and agreed to.

Clause 119 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "date," to insert the words "and time." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 120 and 121 read and agreed to.

Clause 122 read. Amendments proposed: In line 12, after the word "lodged," to insert the words "at least two days;" and at the end of the clause, to add the words "and a copy thereof served upon the applicant by the objector." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 123 to 125 read and agreed to.

Clause 126 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "with the consent of the Governor;" and to add the following words at the end of the clause: "on condition that all arrears of rent due up to the date of surrender are paid." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 127 and 128 read and agreed to.

Clause 129 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "shall," and insert the word "may" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. R. H. J. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 130 and 131 read and agreed to.

Clause 132 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "any licensee of land," and insert the words "the holder of any licensed holding, claim, special claim, mining right, or license for any" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "license-fee," to insert the words "or rent." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "his license, such license," and insert the words "the same" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 133 read and agreed to.

Clause 134 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8, to omit the words "grant mining-right or certificate;" and in line 4, to omit the word "licensee," and insert the words "former owner." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 135 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 2, 4, and 7, to omit the words "grant mining-right or certificate;" and in line 5, to omit the word "licensee," and insert the words "former owner" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 136 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the word "licensee," and insert the words "former owner" in lieu thereof; after the

word "effect," in line 2, to insert the words "or within such further time as the Warden, in his discretion, may appoint, on application made to him in that behalf;" in line 7, after the words "of any" to insert the word "race," and after the word "water-race" to insert the word "tunnel;" and to add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that, on application, the Warden may extend the period for the removal of such plant, engines, tools, or materials." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 137 to 140 read and agreed to.

Clause 141 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "every," to insert the words "licensed holding;" and in line 8, after the word "such," to insert the words "licensed holding." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 142 to 148 read and agreed to.

Clause 149 read. Amendments proposed: In line 9, to omit the word "or;" and in line 10, after the word "holding," to insert the words "claim or special claim." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 150 to 158 read and agreed to.

Clause 158A read and negatived.

Clauses 159 to 176 read and agreed to.

Clause 177 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "sixty," and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to

Clauses 178 to 216 read and agreed to.

Clause 217 read. Amendment proposed: In line 12, after the word "condition," to insert the words "that the licensee shall reside upon such area and." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 218 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 1 and 2, to omit the words "agricultural lease and;" and in line 3, to omit the words "lessee or." (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 219 to 222 read and agreed to.

Clause 223 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, to omit the word "increased." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 224 to 241 read and agreed to.

Clause 242 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subsection (2). (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 243 to 253 read and agreed to.

Clause 254 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "agree," to insert the words "in writing." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 255 to 259 read and agreed to.

Clause 260 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to subsection (1):—

Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Court, on the matter being investigated or adjudicated on, to award to the defendants such compensation

as the Court thinks fit for the time during which the defendants have been prevented from working their claim or licensed holding in obedience to such injunction. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 261 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "holding," to insert the words "or special claim." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 262 read. Amendment proposed: In line 11, after the word "in," to omit the word "such," and insert the word "some" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. R. H. J. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 263 to 267 read and agreed to.

Clause 268 read. Amendments proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "seven," and insert the word "ten" in lieu thereof; and in lines 7 and 8, to omit the word "pronounced," and insert the words "entered in the Registry and signed" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 269 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "be given," and insert the words "have effect" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 270 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "mentioned," in line 11. (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 271 to 284 read and agreed to.

Clause 285 read. Amendments proposed: To omit subsections (7) to (10), and insert the following subsections in lieu thereof:—

(7.) Upon the application of any person desirous of prosecuting a suit in the Warden's Court, the Clerk of the Court, or the Warden if there is no Clerk, shall enter in a plaint-book to be kept for the purpose in his office a plaint, in writing, in the form or to the effect in Form No. 1 in the Sixth Schedule, which shall state the names and the last known places of abode of the parties, and the substance of the action intended to be brought, or the relief intended to be sought, and, where the claim is a money demand, the amount sought to be recovered.

Every one of such plaints shall be numbered in every year according to the order in which it shall be entered, and, where the party does not sue in his own right, there shall be stated the character in which he sues.

In any case where the Christian name or surname of either party is not known he may be designated by any name or names which he may have acquired by usage or reputation.

(8.) The intending plaintiff shall at the same time deliver to the Warden or Clerk of the Court, to be filed for the use of the Court, a full and explicit statement of the ground or cause of complaint; and, if there be more than one ground or cause of complaint, each shall be stated substantively and numbered in paragraphs consecutively, and there shall be set forth the relief claimed.

(9.) The plaintiff shall, together with the aforesaid particulars of his claim, deliver so many copies thereof as there are defendants to the suit, and one of such copies shall be annexed to and served with each summons, and be deemed a part thereof.

(10.) The summons, with the particulars of claim annexed, shall be in the form or to the effect of Form No. 2 of the Sixth Schedule. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 5 of subsection (12), after the word "upon," to insert the words "the site of the dwelling so destroyed or removed or upon;" in lines 7 and 8, to omit the words "or upon the site of the dwelling so destroyed or removed;" after the first paragraph, to insert the following paragraph: "In the case of any defendant person or persons, whether incorporated or not, non-resident in the colony and not having a registered office in New Zealand, then and in such case the summons shall be posted upon the claim or any mining right last known to have been held by the defendant;" and in line 9, to omit the words "such cases," and insert the words "cases under the two preceding subsections" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 286 read and agreed to.

Clause 287 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "Warden," to insert the words "or assessors;" and in line 2, to omit the word "his," and insert the word "the" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 288 to 292 read and agreed to.

Clause 293 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "three," and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof; in line 8, to omit the words "one hundred," and insert the word "fifty" in lieu thereof; in line 7, to omit the words "two hundred," and insert the word "seventy-five" in lieu thereof; and in line 8, to omit the words "two hundred," and insert the word "seventy-five" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 294 to 297 read and agreed to.

Clause 298 read. Amendment proposed: In line 17, to omit the word "shall," and insert the words "need only" in lieu thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 299 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2, to omit the words "windlass, gin, ropes, chains, or other tackle." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 299A read and agreed to.

Clause 299B read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, after the word "shall," to insert the words "before the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two;" in line 6, after the word "employer," to insert the words "or employers;" in line 3 of subsection (1), after the word "mine," to insert the words "as captain or boss of a shift for a period of two years;" and after the word "mine," in line 5 of subsection (1), to omit all the words to the end of the subsection. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 300 read. Amendments proposed: In line 11, after the word "said" to insert the words "mine-manager or," and after the word "such" to insert the word "mine-manager;" and in line 13, after the word "any" to insert the words "mine or." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 301 read. Amendments proposed: In line 8, after the word "capacity," to insert the words "and any person who shall knowingly employ any mine-manager or engine-driver during the period of disqualification, or without a certificate, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day that such mine-manager or engine-driver is so employed;" and at the end of the clause to add the following proviso: "Provided that this section shall not apply to persons acting as managers to sluicing- or dredging-claims." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 302 read and agreed to.

Clause 303 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, after the word "any," to insert the words "Warden, Resident Magistrate, or." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 304 and 305 read and agreed to.

Clause 306 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, to omit the word "six," and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words of the clause after the word "levels," in line 7. (*Mr. Guinness.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 307 to 314 read and agreed to.

Clause 315 read. Amendment proposed: In line 17, after the numerals "1882," to insert the words "or any amendment thereof." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 316 to 329 read and agreed to.

Clause 330 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "not." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 331 and 332 read and agreed to.

Clause 333 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "company," to insert the words "not registered in the colony, and." (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2, to omit the words "such mining right," and insert the words "claim, special claim, or licensed holding" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 334 to 342 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned.

Thursday, the 20th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Jewish Subjects of Russia.*—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of a letter from Mr. Speaker to Lieutenant-General De Richter, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor of Russia, forwarding an Address of the House of Representatives on behalf of the Russian Jews. (Paper 198.)
   Ordered to be printed. (Appendix A.–6.)

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—
   (196.) Rakaia Bridge: By-laws regulating Traffic.
   (197.) Nightcaps Coal Company: Copy of Agreement with the Railway Commissioners.
   Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Captain C. A. Humfrey; and Rebecca Brinkley: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)
   On motion of Captain Russell, *Ordered*, That the Report upon the Petition of Captain C. A. Humfrey be printed.

5. *Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the Operation of the Law respecting Access and Use of Light to Buildings derived from Lands of the Crown; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.
   The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

6. *Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to purchase the Trafalgar Park; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.
   The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

7. *Thorndon Esplanade Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of giving leave to bring in a Bill to vest the Control and Management of certain Lands at Thorndon in the Mayor and Council of the City of Wellington.
   The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
   Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in the Thorndon Esplanade Bill.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. Duthie do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Duthie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

8. *Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in a Bill to provide that the Lands now held for the Purposes of the Botanic Garden of Wellington shall be vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the Borough of the City of Wellington.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in the Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill.

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. Duthie do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Duthie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

9. *Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act, 1890;" and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance (for the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie) accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

10. *Palmerston North Hospital District Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Palmerston North Hospital District Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Hospitals and Charitable Institution Act, 1885.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

11. *Stratford County District Adjustment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Stratford County District Adjustment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act for the Readjustment of the Boundaries of Road Districts within the Stratford County and other Adjoining Counties."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

12. *Auckland Harbour Board Loan Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland Harbour Board Loan Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act, 1886.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Christchurch District Drainage Act* 1875 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

14. *McCabe Land-grants Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the McCabe Land-grants Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Grants of certain Lands in Pukekohe West which have been resumed by Her Majesty as derelict."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

15. *Mondays Sittings.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House will, at its rising on Friday, adjourn until Monday, the twenty-fourth day of August instant, at half after two of the clock p.m., for the purpose of dealing with the Female Suffrage Bill and the Electoral Bill.

16. *Commission on Grievances.*—Mr. McGuire moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Government should set up a special Commission to inquire and report to this House upon the merits or demerits of all cases, with the view to the final disposal, one way or the other, of those standing grievances which remain unsettled from year to year, and which are entailing expense, and in many cases injustice, to those seeking redress, in a prompt and business manner.

The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

17. *Settlements for the Aged Poor.*—Mr. O'Conor moved, and the Question was proposed, That, in the interest of settlement, to give a home to, and effect economy in the maintenance of, aged, decrepit, and destitute persons, also to give employment and a hopeful prospect to the industrious unemployed, it is desirable that large blocks of suitable land be set aside and placed under competent management, where, under proper regulations, persons may combine to clear, cultivate, and improve the land, and to receive instruction in the practice of suitable industries; the State to find the first outlay and cost of the establishment, and give credit for maintenance of the home; the produce to be devoted to the maintenance of workers, additions to stock, &c., and maintenance of the home, and at the expiration of a given time—say, six years—two-thirds of the land, with stock and improvements, to be allotted to the workers in just proportions on perpetual lease, at a rent estimated upon land-value without improvements.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

18. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have disagreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled "The Trustees Act 1883 Amendment Act, 1891," so far as regards the second amendment in clause 20, and transmit herewith their reasons for so disagreeing, together with the Bill and amendments. To the other amendments of the House of Representatives in the said Bill the Legislative Council have agreed. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Distillation Act Amendment Act, 1891," with amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

19. *Trustees Act* 1883 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for disagreeing to the second amendment of the House of Representatives in the 20th clause of the Trustees Act 1883 Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

1. The proposed amendment is dangerous, as purporting to validate all past appointments, whether made rightly or wrongly, and without any inquiry as to the propriety of such appointments. Further, the validating of future appointments is unprecedented.

2. Provision might be made empowering the Supreme Court in special cases, after full inquiry, to validate appointments made before the passing of this Act, if satisfied as to the *bona fides* of the applicant.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its amendment in clause 20 of the Trustees Act Amendment Bill, to which the Legislative Council have disagreed.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House doth not insist on the said amendment.

20. *Distillation Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Distillation Act Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

21. *Law Practitioners Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Law Practitioners Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "male;" and after the word "person," to insert the words "whether male or female." (*Mr. T. Thompson.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 9, to omit the words "without fee." (*Mr. Guinness.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

No person shall be entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a solicitor unless he shall have been bound by a contract in writing as clerk, and shall have duly served under such contract as clerk to a practising solicitor in New Zealand for a period of three years. (*Mr. Guinness.*)

Clause read a first time.

And the Question being put on the second reading of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Blake	Hamlin	Russell	Wright.
Buchanan	Harkness	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Carneross	Mackenzie, T.	Thomson, J. W.	Guinness
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Valentine	Rhodes.

NOES, 40.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hutchison, G.	Moore	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buckland	Hutchison, W.	Newman	Shera
Buick	Kapa	O'Conor	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Duncan	Macdonald	Pinkerton	Tanner
Earnshaw	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rees	Taylor
Fisher	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wilson.
Fraser	McGuire	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Fish
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Saunders	Thompson, T.
Hogg			

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to regulate the Admission of Persons to Practice in the Courts of Law."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

22. *Book-purchasers Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Book-purchasers Protection Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act for the Protection of Persons purchasing Books from Book Agents and Others."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

23. *Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "be," to insert the words "or shall have been." (*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "body," to insert the words "and their employers." (*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "advantage," to insert the words "within the meaning of subsection (1) of section 7 of 'The Friendly Societies Act, 1882.'" (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 8, after the word "month," to insert the words "after the passing of this Act or." (*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that at such general meeting members may decide that their association or society shall not be registered under 'The Friendly Societies Act, 1882,' or 'The Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1877;' and in such case the provisions of this Act shall not apply to such association or society." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "of the employés so forming themselves into any such association or society: Provided that this section shall not apply to societies already registered under 'The Friendly Societies Act, 1882,' or 'The Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1877.'" (*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause, as amended: "But nothing herein contained shall prevent an employer who contributes to the funds of such association or society being a member of the committee of management, or an officer of such association or society." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

And the Question being put on the addition of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 9.

Buchanan	Rhodes	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Buckland
Harkness			Mills, J.

NOES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fish	Joyce	Shera
Blake	Fisher	Kelly, J.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Fraser	Kelly, W.	Taylor
Carncross	Grey, Sir G.	Meredith	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Hall-Jones	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Hutchison, G.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Hogg
Earnshaw	Hutchison, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Rees.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "one," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof; in lines 6 and 7, to omit the words "imprisonment with hard labour for six months;" in line 7, to omit the words "one hundred," and insert the word "fifty" in lieu thereof; and in line 8, after the word "pounds," to add the words "for each offence." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 6 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Where any association or society, which has already been formed, comes under the operation of this Act, it shall be lawful for the committee and officers for the time being of such society to bring their society into liquidation, and, after providing for all ascertained liabilities, to divide the proceeds between employer and employed in proportion to the amounts severally contributed. (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Acts and the Provident Societies Acts."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

24. *Gaming and Lotteries Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Gaming and Lotteries Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read and negatived.

Clause 4 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the word "games;" after the word "lotteries" to insert the word "and;" and before the word "other" to insert the word "all." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (1). (*Mr. Meredith.*)

And the Question being put, That the subsection proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 21.

Blake	Fisher	Kelly, J.	Swan
Buckland	Fraser	Pinkerton	Taylor.
Carncross	Grey, Sir G.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Hogg	Rhodes	Lawry
Dawson	Houston	Shera	Russell.
Fish	Hutchison, G.		

NOES, 14.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Mills, J.	*Tellers.*
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Harkness	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Meredith
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Rees.
Earnshaw	Joyce	Tanner.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Other amendments proposed: In line 1 of subsection (1), after the word "determining," to insert the words "by machine or other appliance;" and to omit subsection (4). (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 6, before the word "any," to insert the words "and any person taking part in." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to

Clauses 6 to 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, before the word "wagering," to insert the words "gaming or;" in line 3, to omit the words "betting or;" in line 7, after the word "won," to insert the words "upon any wager;" and in line 8, to omit the word "such," and insert the word "any" in lieu thereof; and to omit the words "or bet." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 read and agreed to.

Schedule read. Amendments proposed: After line 1 of the second column, to insert the words "6 George II., cap. 35;" and after line 8 of the same column, to insert the words "5 George IV., cap. 85," and "5 and 6 William IV., cap. 41." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after two of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 21st Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of E. Cooke and others; W. H. Clark; T. Firman; the Hawera County Council; the Bishop of Christchurch and others; Sarah E. Packer and others; E. M. Coad and others; Mrs. Morrison and others; J. H. A. Baker and others; E. P. Richmond and others; Mary Spring and others; J. Morris and others; Mrs. Fletcher and others; and S. Goodall: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of T. Firman be referred to the Naval and Military Claims Committee.

Ordered, That the Petitions of E. Cooke and others, and W. H. Clark, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

3. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Duthie, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report upon the Workmen's Lien Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Labour Bills Committee, to whom the above-mentioned Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments set forth in the attached copy of the Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Workmen's Lien Bill.—Ordered*, That the Workmen's Lien Bill be committed on Tuesday next.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Rutu Peehi; Eruera Whakaahu; Rewi Karuarua and 6 others; W. H. Taipari; Wiremu Poakatahi; Timoti Karetai and 8 others; Waaka Rangaunu and 41 others; Inuwaiti de Thierry; Te Otene Takota and others; Rako Eruera Wiremu Kingi: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Rutu Peehi, Eruera Whakaahu, Rewi Karuarua and 6 others, W. H. Taipari, Wiremu Poakatahi, Timoti Karetai and 8 others, Waaka Rangaunu and 41 others, and Inuwaiti de Thierry, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Simon Fraser; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

7. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the proposed increase in the staff of the Audit Department; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

8. *Adjournment.*—Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

9. *Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Order made on the twentieth day of August instant, for the second reading of the Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment Bill, be rescinded, and the Bill referred to the Local Bills Committee.

10. *Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for vesting certain Land in the Lyttelton Harbour Board, and to amend the Law relating to such Board; and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

11. *Public Trustee.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the following respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in accordance with the provisions of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872:"—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, having fully considered the matters mentioned in or referred to in the report of a certain Commission appointed by your Excellency, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony,

to inquire into the condition and working of the Public Trust Office, and otherwise as in such Commission mentioned, are of opinion that the office of Public Trustee, now held by Robert Chisenhall Hamerton, Esquire, may with advantage to the public service be filled by some other person; and, in order that effect may be given to this expression of opinion, we request that your Excellency the Governor of New Zealand may be pleased, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to remove the said Robert Chisenhall Hamerton from his said office, in accordance with the provisions of the fifth section of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872."

Captain Russell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," in the first line, and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "as no distinct charges have been formulated against Robert Chisenhall Hamerton, and as no evidence on oath has been taken by this House, or any Committee of this House, on the question of the management of the Public Trust Office, this House is of opinion that the removal of Robert Chisenhall Hamerton from office held 'during good behaviour,' and without an opportunity of being heard at the Bar of the House, would be irregular and unconstitutional."

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That all the Orders of the Day be postponed, in order to proceed with the Interrupted Debate.

Debate resumed.

On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next.

12. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1891," without amendment.

13. *Payment of Members Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Payment of Members Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Honourable Mr. Bryce moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," and the addition of the words "this day six months" at the end thereof.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

And the Question being put, That the word "now," stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 33.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	Kapa	Reeves, Hon. W. P.
Buick	Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Guinness	Kelly, W.	Shera
Carncross	Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.
Carroll	Hamlin	Mills, C. H.	Taylor.
Dawson	Hogg	Parata	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Houston	Perceval	Pinkerton
Earnshaw	Hutchison, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Rees.
Fish	Joyce		

NOES, 24.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	McGuire	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.
Duthie	Meredith	Saunders	Valentine.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Tanner	Moore
Harkness	Rhodes	Thompson, R.	Wright.
Macarthur			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 33.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.
Buick	Guinness	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Shera
Carncross	Hogg	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Carroll	Houston	Perceval	Taylor.
Dawson	Hutchison, G.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Rees	Fish
Earnshaw	Joyce	Reeves, R. H. J.	Mills, C. H.
Fisher	Kapa		

NOES, 22.

Bryce, Hon. J.	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	McGuire	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Duthie	Mills, J.	Saunders	
Fergus, Hon. T.	Moore	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Tanner	Harkness
Macarthur	Rhodes	Thompson, T.	Valentine.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. Fergus moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Tuesday next," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the words "Tuesday next" stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Monday, the 24th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Female Suffrage Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Female Suffrage Bill;

The Honourable Sir J. Hall moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 33.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.
Bryce, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Saunders
Buchanan	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Buckland	Hutchison, W.	Moore	Tanner
Buick	Joyce	O'Conor	Wright.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Palmer	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Perceval	Hall, Hon. Sir J.
Duthie	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	Pinkerton.
Earnshaw	Mackenzie, T.		

NOES, 8.

Blake	Dawson	Kapa	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Fisher	Valentine.	Fish
			Swan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after one of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Tuesday, the 25th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(201.) Hokonui Railway and Coal Company: Agreement with the Railway Commissioners.

(202.) Federation and Annexation: Proceedings of British Resident at Rarotonga.

(203.) Customs Duties: Comparative Tables of Duties collected during the Years 1887 and 1890.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(204.) Primary Education, Descriptions of Lands proposed to be set apart for.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(205.) Milford Sound Penal Settlement: Road-work done by Prisoners (with Plan). Return to an Order dated 14th August, 1891.

(206.) Wellington Land Board: Sales under Ballot System, and List of Successful Candidates. Return to an Order dated 23rd June, 1891.

(207.) Dunedin Princes Street Native Reserve: List of Persons receiving Compensation. Return to an Order dated 31st July, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 201, 202, and 203 be printed.

3. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petition of Mary Guy, and upon the McLean Land Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.-5.)

Mr. R. Thompson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Petition of Mary Guy, together with the Report of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. Rhodes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "favourable."

And the Question being put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mary Guy, together with the Report of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4. *McLean Land Bill.—Ordered*, That the McLean Land Bill be withdrawn.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Pererika Ngahuruhuru and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of J. Molloy and others; J. M. McLaren; R. A. Trotter and others; Janet and C. P. McDonald; D. M. MacGoun; and G. A. Tapper: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. Molloy and others, J. M. McLaren, R. A. Trotter and others, Janet and C. P. McDonald, and D. M. MacGoun, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

7. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Perceval, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill be revived, and that leave be given to the Committee to sit again on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of August instant, at eleven of the clock a.m.

Mr. Perceval also reported that Mr. Fish, Mr. Shera, and Mr. Fisher, three of the Members selected to serve upon the Committee on the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, had not attended a meeting of the said Committee.

9. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with certain of their amendments in the Auctioneers Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The House of Representatives hath concurred in the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Auctioneers Bill, with the exception of the amendments made in sections 9 and 18, and herewith submit the following reasons for disagreeing with the amendments made in the said clauses:—

Section 9: The amendments made in this section would (1) limit the fees almost exclusively to the boroughs, whilst the other local authorities having the maintenance of roads over which stock and goods are brought to the auction-rooms and sale-yards would not receive anything like a fair amount wherewith to defray cost of maintenance of the said roads; (2) auctioneers in many cases transact business in the country districts equally with the towns; (3) that under section 14 of "The Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875," the revenue derived from auctioneers' licenses was payable to the municipality or road district in which the auctioneer had his usual residence; (4) that under the law now in force—"The Financial Arrangements Act, 1876," subsection (2) of section 23—it is enacted that auctioneers' fees are payable to the county or borough in which the said auctioneer has his usual place of business, or, if no such place, then to where he has his usual place of residence. That the fees, by the amendment now made, being made payable solely to the fund of the borough or district wherein the

licensee has his principal or sole place of business, deprives local authorities from receiving the fees which, under the existing law, they now receive; the words "principal or sole place of business" being more restrictive than the term used in the Financial Arrangements Act, namely, "usual place of business."

Section 18: The new clause 18 enacts that, whether the auctioneer has received the proceeds of sale or not, he must, within seven days after receiving written notice so to do, pay over the balance of proceeds. In case of sales of real properties this would be harassing, the rule being that a deposit of twenty-five per cent. of the purchase-money is paid, and one month given to complete title. The amendment would otherwise be restrictive and oppressive in its operation.

And the reasons being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said reasons.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

10. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Wilson, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Captain Russell on urgent private business.

11. *Adjournment.*—Mr. G. Hutchison moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

12. *Railway Sleepers.*—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Ordered*, That the Railway Commissioners be requested to lay before this House any correspondence with them in relation to the importation of sleepers and foreign timbers.

13. *Takahue Village Settlement.*—On motion of Mr. Houston, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House the report of Mr. Menzies on the village settlement of Takahue.

14. *Native Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Native Land Bill;

The same was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Select Committee.

15. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Private Bill intituled "The Wellington Electric Lighting Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1891."

16. *Mining Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Mining Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed clause 23 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "if such land be Crown land, and out of the goldfields revenue, payable to the Native owners of the land or the private owners of the land, if the said land be Native land or private land; and in no case shall the Inspector be personally liable for such costs." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 49C read and negatived.

Postponed clause 49D read and negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

53. No sale or transfer or other disposal of any licensed holding, special claim, or mining right, and no other encumbrance or lien of any kind, shall take precedence of a lien or liens for wages for a period not exceeding six months, duly registered under the provisions of the two preceding clauses. But all such sales, transfers, or other disposals, and all encumbrances or liens of any other description, shall be deemed to be and to have been made and executed subject to all registered liens for wages as aforesaid.

So long as any unsatisfied registered lien for wages exists, the Warden may at any time, upon the application of the person or persons to whom such wages are due upon any such registered lien, make an order that the claim, licensed holding, special claim, or mining right or share or interest over which such lien is registered, shall be sold by public auction, and, after payment of expenses, the net proceeds of such sale shall be paid towards the satisfaction of the lien, and the balance, if any, shall be paid, according to the legal priorities, to any other person entitled thereto.

53A. Any contract or agreement hereafter made between the owner or lessee of any mine and any tributer shall be void, and such tributer shall not be deemed to be a workman employed as required by this Act, or by regulation in that behalf, unless it is stipulated in such contract or agreement that the tributer shall for each and every day *bonâ fide* worked have a first claim upon all earnings equal in value to half the current rate of wages in the locality in which such mine is situate, and such earnings, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties, shall be ascertained and computed every three months. And in cases where the contract or agreement has been taken to work out a certain specified block of ground, then such computation, unless otherwise expressly stipulated, shall be computed when the said block of ground has been worked out. And it shall be competent for any tributer from time to time to deduct from the earnings in his possession an amount equal to half the current rate of wages for the time worked. If the earnings of the mine be in the possession of the owner, lessee, agent, or manager, and if, after demand in writing has been made, the mine-owner, lessee, agent, or manager fails, refuses, or neglects within two days after receipt of such demand to pay over to the tributer or tributers any moneys and earnings which it is herein enacted shall be the property of the tributer, the same may be recovered as a debt due by such owner or lessee to the tributer or tributers: Provided that in case the earnings for the time worked do not amount to a sum equal in value to half the rate of wages current in the locality in which such mine is situate, the tributer or tributers shall not, unless otherwise expressly agreed upon in writing, have any further claim upon the mine-owner or lessee other than the earnings or value thereof so produced.

73. If any person to whom a license has been granted for a licensed holding fails to take up the same within thirty days after the grant thereof by the Warden, and to pay the rent due in respect thereof, such license shall be cancelled by the Warden as null and void; and the licensed holding shall be open for application as if no such license had been granted.

74. If any person to whom a license for a special claim has been provisionally granted by the Warden, and approved by the Minister, fails to take up the same within thirty days after notice is sent to him by registered letter by the Registrar that such license is ready for issue to him, and to pay the rent due in respect thereof, such license shall be cancelled by the Warden as null and void; and the special claim shall be open for application as if no such license had been issued.

166. If any person shall have *bonâ fide* purchased and registered the transfer of any licensed holding, claim, special claim, water-race, or other mining right, and no action, suit, or proceeding shall have been commenced for the forfeiture or cancellation thereof within six months after such transfer has

been registered, the title to such claim, special claim, water-race, or other mining right shall be held to be valid, notwithstanding the same had become liable to be forfeited.

208. The holder of any agricultural lease within any part of the Ohinemuri Block of land who has paid all rents due on the same to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, shall be entitled to have a Crown grant issued to him for the land comprised in such agricultural lease without further payment: Provided that the Native title has been extinguished, and that the Warden, after investigation, does not consider such land to be auriferous, argentiferous, or to be required for mining purposes.

261. It shall be lawful for any person under the age of twenty-one years who is the holder of a miner's right to prosecute or defend any suit in a Warden's Court in the same manner as if such person were of full age; and any person under the age of twenty-one years and over the age of fourteen years may be sued in the Warden's Court in the same manner as if such person were of full age.

297A. No action or proceeding in any matter within the jurisdiction of a Warden's Court or District Court shall, where any such Warden's Court or District Court exists, be brought or prosecuted in the Supreme Court.

316A. Eight hours' work shall constitute a day's work, and forty-eight hours' work a week's work; and no person in charge of steam-machinery used in connection with any mine, or for the treatment of the products of any mine, shall be employed for more than eight consecutive hours at any time, and there shall be an interval of at least four hours before such person resumes his work. Such period of eight hours shall be exclusive of any time occupied in raising steam and in drawing fires, and in exhausting steam, in connection with the machinery in charge of such person, and exclusive of meal-hours, and of any time in which such person is employed in case of breakage or other emergency.

Every person in charge as aforesaid who is guilty of negligence by which any property is destroyed or damaged shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

If any such person as aforesaid shall be employed during seven consecutive days in every week, he shall be entitled to not less than twelve half-holidays, or six full holidays, during the year.

321A. If the owner, agent, or manager of any mine fails to keep such plan as is prescribed by the preceding section, or wilfully refuses to produce or allow to be examined or copied such plan, or conceals any part of the workings of his mine, or produces an imperfect or inaccurate plan, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Part of this Act.

An Inspector may, by notice in writing (whether a penalty for such offence has or not been inflicted), require the owner, agent, or manager to cause an accurate plan, such as is prescribed by this section, to be made within a reasonable time at the expense of the owner of the mine, on a scale of not less than two chains to one inch, or on such other scale as the plan then used in the mine is constructed.

If the owner, agent, or manager fail within twenty days, or such further time as may be shown to be necessary, after the requisition of the Inspector to make such plan, or cause it to be made, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Part of this Act.

If the Inspector have reason to think that any plan produced to him as aforesaid is incorrect, he shall report the fact to the Minister, who, if he thinks fit, may cause a check-survey to be made; and, if thereupon the plan aforesaid prove to be incorrect in any material respect, the owner, agent, or manager of the mine in which the said survey-check is made shall be liable to pay all costs and charges for making such check-survey, or in connection therewith, and such costs and charges may be recovered as a debt due to the Crown.

The owner of any mine shall, if requested in writing by any Inspector or other person, mark on such plan the progress of the workings of the mine up to the time of such production, and shall allow the Inspector to examine and take a copy or tracing thereof.

350. For the purposes of this Act and "The Mining Companies Act, 1886," and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," every joint-stock company or corporation duly incorporated in Great Britain and Ireland, and which is formed for mining purposes within the meaning of "The Mining Companies Act, 1886," shall be deemed to be a foreign company and liable to the provisions of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884."

Every such foreign company or corporation incorporated for mining purposes as aforesaid carrying on business in New Zealand at the date of the passing of this Act shall, before the expiration of six months from that date, comply with the provisions of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884;" and if any such company or corporation shall fail or neglect so to do, on the expiration of such period of six months it shall be incapable of carrying on business in New Zealand, and such company or corporation, and every director, secretary, manager, or other person acting in the management thereof, shall be liable to a penalty of five pounds for every day after the expiration of the aforesaid period during which such failure or neglect continues. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Clauses read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

First and Second Schedules read and agreed to.

Third Schedule read and negatived.

Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Schedules read and agreed to.

Seventh Schedule amended and agreed to.

Eighth Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Mines and Mining."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Public Trustee.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the following respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872:"—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, having fully considered the matters mentioned in or referred to in the report of a certain Commission appointed by your Excellency, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, to inquire into the condition and working of the Public Trust Office, and otherwise as in such Commission mentioned, are of opinion that the office of Public Trustee, now held by Robert Chisenhall Hamerton, Esquire, may with advantage to the public service be filled by some other person; and, in order that effect may be given to this expression of opinion, we request that your Excellency the Governor of New Zealand may be pleased, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to remove the said Robert Chisenhall Hamerton from his said office, in accordance with the provisions of the fifth section of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872;"

And the Amendment proposed thereto, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That" in the first line, and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "as no distinct charges have been formulated against Robert Chisenhall Hamerton, and as no evidence on oath has been taken by this House, or any Committee of this House, on the question of the management of the Public Trust Office, this House is of opinion that the removal of Robert Chisenhall Hamerton from office held 'during good behaviour,' and without an opportunity of being heard at the Bar of the House, would be irregular and unconstitutional;"

And the Question and Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

The Amendment was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Joyce moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "and" in line 8, and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "that upon his tendering his resignation of the office of Public Trustee a Bill should be at once brought in authorising the payment to him of a pension of £250 per annum."

Debate continued.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

Sir G. Grey moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Buick	Earnshaw	Houston	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Fish	Mills, C. H.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Fraser	Taylor	Meredith
Dawson	Hall-Jones	Thompson, R.	Saunders.
Duncan			

NOES, 20.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Lawry	Rees	Thomson, J. W.
Blake	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Buchanan	McGuire	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, E. M.	Duthie
Fisher	Moore	Swan	Joyce.
Harkness			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted;

Mr. Duncan moved, That the words proposed to be inserted be amended by the omission of the figures "£250," and the insertion of the figures "£200" in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put, That the figures "£250," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the words proposed to be inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 21.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Harkness	Moore	Thomson, J. W.
Blake	Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Buchanan	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Smith, E. M.	Fisher
Duthie	McGuire	Swan	Rees.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.		

NOES, 13.

Carroll	Hall-Jones	Taylor	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Houston	Thompson, R.	Duncan
Earnshaw	Meredith	Thompson, T.	Fish.
Fraser	Saunders		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the following respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872:"—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, having fully considered the matters mentioned in or referred to in the report of a certain Commission appointed by your Excellency, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, to inquire into the condition and working of the Public Trust Office, and otherwise as in such Commission mentioned, are of opinion that the office of Public Trustee, now held by Robert Chisenhall Hamerton, Esquire, may with advantage to the public service be filled by some other person, and that, upon his tendering his resignation of the office of Public Trustee, a Bill should be at once brought in authorising the payment to him of a pension of £250 per annum.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after two of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 13.

The Governor transmits for the consideration of the House of Representatives the accompanying Reports from the Commissioners of Crown Lands upon claims made under "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889." (Paper No. 208.)

Government House,
Wellington, 25th August, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with its enclosure, do lie upon the Table.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Thomas Haycock; Lindsay Jackson; A. A. Fantham; and A. W. Carkeek: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Thomas Haycock, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports upon the Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment Bill, the Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill, the Wellington Boys' Institute Bill, and the Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find that it is a Local Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with; and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill, that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the schedule as amended, which is shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Wellington Boys' Institute Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find that it is a Local Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with; and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that after due consideration they find it is a Local Bill, and recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the schedule as amended, which appears upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto; but they beg to bring to the notice of the House that Standing Order No. 353 has not been complied with.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

6. *Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill.—Ordered*, That the Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

7. *Wellington Boys' Institute Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington Boys' Institute Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

8. *Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill.—Ordered*, That the Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

9. *Expenditure North of Auckland.*—On motion of Mr. Buckland, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table a Return of all moneys expended on roads, bridges, wharves, and post and telegraph lines north of Auckland during the last ten years; such Return to be merely in a lump sum.

10. *Native Land Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 178 be suspended, and that a Select Committee of fifteen members be appointed to consider the Native Land Bill; such Committee to have leave to confer and sit with any similar Committee that may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate report; the Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records; five to be a quorum; to report in ten days: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Bryce, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Houston, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Kapa, Mr. W. Kelly, the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. Parata, Mr. Rees, the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Shera, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Taipua, and the Mover.

11. *Report of New Plymouth Harbour Committee.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Report of the New Plymouth Harbour Committee do lie upon the Table, and that it be referred to the Government with the view to effect being given to the recommendation of the Committee;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Duthie moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Government," in the third line, and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "together with the following expressions of opinion: That this House cannot agree with the proposal of the Committee to communicate with the bondholders of the New Plymouth Harbour Board. It also fails to see that any claim has been created on the colony through the return of a portion of the confiscated lands, in fulfilment of well-understood promises and otherwise, to the original Native owners, or by any alteration in the conditions of disposal of the waste lands of the Crown. The Government of the colony, while granting a fourth of the proceeds of the waste lands of the Taranaki Provincial District as a harbour endowment, always retained its full right to control and alter the conditions of disposal. Recognising, however, the inconvenience that has arisen to the Board from the disposal of this land on deferred payment or by perpetual lease, and if with the following concessions the Board is able to satisfactorily recast its finances, this House would consent, on the application of the Board, and after the approval of all parties concerned is obtained, to pay over the proportion ultimately accruing to the Board of all land already disposed of on terms, less £5,115 and any other amount due by the Board to the colony, and, further, to advance £50,000, to be repaid, with interest at 4½ per cent. per annum, out of the first proceeds of future sales of the Board's endowments; all moneys so advanced to be used in reduction of the Board's present indebtedness."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report of the New Plymouth Harbour Committee do lie upon the Table, and that it be referred to the Government.

12. *Messages.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Lunatics Act Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

13. *Lunatics Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Lunatics Act Amendment Bill be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land Bill;

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after three of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie adjourned until this day.

Thursday, the 27th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Privilege.*—Complaint having been made to the House by the Honourable Mr. G. F. Richardson of certain words used in Debate on the previous day by the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie;

The Honourable Mr. G. F. Richardson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the following words, made use of in Debate in this House on the 26th instant by the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, Minister of Lands, in allusion to the late Minister of Lands, the Honourable Mr. G. F. Richardson, and to the lease of Runs Nos. 28 and 28A—viz., "If secrets were unveiled on the floor of this House in connection with that mistake about Runs 28 and 28A, and Runs 228 and 228A, they would not be found to the credit of the honourable member;" and, further, "That the late Honourable Robert Campbell stated that he had squared the then Minister of Lands, the Honourable Mr. G. F. Richardson"—constitute a serious charge against the character of a late Minister of the Crown and a Member of this House. That a Committee of five members be appointed to inquire into the said statements, and to report the evidence they may take, and their opinion thereon to this House; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to report within seven days; three to be a quorum.

In accordance with Mr. Speaker's ruling the mover withdrew the words "and, further, 'That the late Honourable Robert Campbell stated that he had squared the then Minister of Lands, the Honourable Mr. G. F. Richardson.'"

A Debate arose thereupon.

Words taken down.—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, the following words used in Debate by the Honourable Mr. Bryce were ordered to be taken down: "That the Honourable the Premier ought to be ashamed of himself."

The words were taken down accordingly.

By order of Mr. Speaker the galleries were cleared.

The Honourable Mr. Bryce, having explained that he did not question the correctness of the words taken down, but that he had added the words "in relying upon a technicality," withdrew.

Mr. O'Conor moved, and the Question was proposed, That the explanation of the Honourable Member for Waikato is sufficient, and satisfactory to the House.

Mr. Rees moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "this House regrets that the words taken down were used by the Honourable Member for Waikato, although qualified as they were by the subsequent words used by the Honourable Member."

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. J. W. Thomson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

The Honourable Mr. G. F. Richardson moved, and the Question was proposed, That strangers be readmitted.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 26.

Buchanan	Kapa	Rees	Valentine
Duthie	Macarthur	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wilson
Fisher	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Shera	Wright.
Grey, Sir G.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Taipua	
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Newman	Thompson, T.	Buckland
Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Thomson, J. W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.

NOES, 28.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kelly, J.	O'Conor	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Kelly, W.	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackintosh	Perceval	Tanner
Carncross	McGuire	Pinkerton	Taylor.
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Meredith	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Fish
Houston	Mills, C. H.	Saunders	Hutchison, W.
Joyce			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted from Mr. O'Conor's motion stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Buchanan	Lawry	Rhodes	Valentine
Buckland	Macarthur	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Fisher	Mills, J.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Taipua	Harkness
Kapa.	Newman	Thomson, J. W.	O'Conor.

NOES, 33.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hutchison, G.	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Shera
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Perceval	Tanner
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Rees	Taylor.
Duncan	Mackintosh	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Fish
Grey, Sir G.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Saunders	Pinkerton.
Houston	Meredith		

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. Macarthur, *Ordered*, That strangers be readmitted.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed by Mr. Rees to be inserted be so inserted;

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the words proposed to be inserted be amended by the omission of the whole of the words, and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "the honourable member for Waikato be informed by Mr. Speaker that the words he has admitted to have used are objectionable words, and that the honourable member be given an opportunity of explaining or retracting the same, or offering an apology for the use thereof to the satisfaction of the House."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed by Mr. Rees to be inserted be so inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 33.

Buick	Houston	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Carncross	Joyce	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Dawson	Kapa	Parata	Tanner
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Perceval	Taylor.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Pinkerton
Hall-Jones	McGuire	Saunders	Rees.
Hogg	McKenzie, Hon. J.		

NOES, 24.

Buchanan	Lawry	Rhodes	Valentine
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Duthie	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Fisher	Moore	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Taipua	Hutchison, G.
Hamlin	O'Conor	Thomson, J. W.	Macarthur.
Harkness			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House regrets that the words taken down were used by the Honourable Member for Waikato, although qualified as they were by the subsequent words used by the Honourable Member.

The Honourable Mr. Bryce having been recalled, Mr. Speaker communicated to him the resolution of the House.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Pinkerton moved the amendment of "the Previous Question."

And the Question being put, That this Question be not now put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Mackintosh	Saunders
Blake	Hogg	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Joyce	Palmer	Tanner
Carroll	Kapa	Parata	Taylor.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Rees	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Hutchison, W.
Earnshaw	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Pinkerton.
Fish			

NOES, 22.

Buchanan	Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Buckland	Macarthur	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Duthie	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	
Fisher	Mackenzie, T.	Taipua	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Thomson, J. W.	Harkness
Hamlin	Moore	Valentine	Newman.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

2. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Land- and Income-assessment Act, 1891," "The McCabe Land Grants Act, 1891," and "The Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act 1886 Amendment Act, 1891," without amendment.

3. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Land Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to insert in the blank the word "November;" and in line 2, to insert in the blank the word "one." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In line 6 of page 6, after the word "includes," to insert the word "drainage;" and in line 7, before the word "laying," to insert the words "ploughing for and." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 9 of page 7, after the word "water-races," to insert the words "making embankments." (*Mr. Joyce.*)

Further amendment proposed: To add the words "or protective works of any kind" to the proposed amendment. (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "have the right to" (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hall-Jones	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, W. C.
Buchanan	Hamlin	Moore	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Harkness	Palmer	Taylor
Carncross	Houston	Parata	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Hutchison, G.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wright.
Duthie	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	
Earnshaw	Lawry	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Fish	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Buckland
Fraser	McGuire	Shera	Valentine.

NOES, 11.

Buick	Mackenzie, T.	Steward	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Newman	Swan	Meredith
Kelly, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Rhodes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subsection to the clause:—

Notwithstanding any survey of a road taken as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor at any time, with the consent of the owner, to alter the position of any such road or to deviate from the line first laid out, and it shall not be necessary to close the original road under the Public Works Act; and the Crown grant or other instrument of title may be amended accordingly by indorsement under the provisions of "The Crown Grants Act, 1883." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Further amendment proposed. In line 3 of the proposed subsection, after the word "owner," to insert the words "on the recommendation of the local authority, and in the absence of reasonable objection after due notice has been given." (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 21 read and agreed to.

Clause 22 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8 of page 12, after the word "may," to insert the words "after consultation with the Native owners." (*Mr. Parata.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 29 read and agreed to.

Clause 30 read. Amendments proposed: In line 8, after the word "addition," to insert the word "thereto;" and in lines 9 and 10, to omit the words "the value to be determined by the Commissioner." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 31 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "within," to insert the words "or near to." (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "pounds," to insert the words "or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months." (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 11, after the word "or," to insert the words "with warrant." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 12, after the word "person," to insert the words "bearing such warrant if." (*Honourable Mr. Richardson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 32 to 35 read and agreed to.

Clause 36 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "encourages," and insert the word "instigates" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "commit," to insert the words "or who the Board shall have reason to believe has at any time prior to the coming into operation of this Act committed, or aided, incited, or instigated any other person to commit." (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 37 read and agreed to.

Clause 38 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "members," in line 4. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 39 to 45 read and agreed to.

Clause 46 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subsection to the clause:—

(9A.) There shall be kept at the Principal Land Office, in a convenient form for reference, every letter, application, report, and communication received by the Board, and copies of those written by order of the Board; also copies of every order made by the Board and by the Commissioner; and a convenient index shall be made thereto; all of which shall be open to inspection by any person at all reasonable times on payment of a fee of one shilling for each inspection. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 47 and 48 read and agreed to.

Clause 49 postponed.

Clause 50 read and agreed to.

Clause 51 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, after the word "conditions" to insert the word "of," and after the word "license" to insert the words "and on;" in line 4, to omit the words "for the purposes of," and insert the words "on any matters incidental to the" in lieu thereof; and in line 11, after the word "him," to insert the words "in writing." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned until this day.

Friday, the 28th Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(209.) Timaru Harbour, Reports and Discussions on the.

(210.) New Zealand Police Force: Annual Report.

(211.) Irrigation, Papers and Books relating to.

(215.) Wairarapa Lakes, and Lands Adjacent: Report on Native Claims, by Commissioner Mackay.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(213.) Westport Harbour Board: Correspondence relative to Sheath-piling on Westport Coal-staiths Contract. Return to an Order dated 22nd July, 1891.

(214.) Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company: Terms upon which the Government is entitled to Purchase. Return to an Order dated 31st July, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(212.) Lincoln Agricultural College: Report of the Director.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 209, 210, 212, 214, and 215 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Charles Seaton; Mrs. Ann Robertson; John Tennent and others; W. B. Martin

and others; Mrs. Blair and others; J. C. Mackay and others; and A. H. Stobo; and upon 114 Petitions relating to the Licensing Act: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Charles Seaton, Mrs. Ann Robertson, J. Tennent and others, and W. B. Martin and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill Committee.*—Mr. Perceval, from the Committee on the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

In the matter of the Bill intituled "The Auckland Electric Lighting Act, 1891," your Committee have the honour to report that they find the allegations of the preamble proved to their satisfaction.

They have also to report that, inasmuch as the Mayor and Council of the City of Auckland have not approved of the Bill in the form in which it was introduced, your Committee have amended the Bill, which, as now reported, simply authorises the local authorities to enter into contracts which shall be subject to confirmation by the ratepayers.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Joseph Hatch; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Tamehana-te-Karu and others (No. 1); G. Jay and others; Hoani Meihana and others; and Tamehana-te-Karu and others (No. 2): and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

7. *New Plymouth Hospital Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Vesting of certain Education Reserves and a Portion of a Public Street within the Borough of New Plymouth in the Taranaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, for the purposes of a Hospital; and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

8. *Mondays Sittings.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That for the remainder of the session this House will meet on Mondays at half after two of the clock p.m. for the consideration of Government business only.

9. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Land Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 52 read. Motion made, and Question proposed, That this clause be postponed. (*Mr. Valentine.*)

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 53 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3 of subsection (1), after the word "application," to insert the words "excepting under Parts V. and VI." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subsection (2), to omit all the words after the word "land," in line 1. (*Mr. Hogg.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5 of subsection (3), after the word "of," to insert the words "more than one." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 54 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2 of subsection (2), to omit the word "twentieth," and insert the word "twenty-eighth" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 55 to 62 read and agreed to.

Clause 63 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "may," to insert the words "subject to the approval of the Minister." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 64 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 8 and 10, to omit the word "compensation," and insert the word "valuation" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 65 to 71 read and agreed to.

Clause 72 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1 of subsection (3), after the word "renewal," to insert the words "or transfer." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 73 read and agreed to.

Clause 74 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1 of subsection (3), after the word "transferee," to insert the words "or sub-lessee;" and at the end of subsection (5), to insert the following paragraph: "Before consenting to any application for the purchase of land under section 16 of 'The Land Act Amendment Act, 1887,' the Board may in like manner require a statutory declaration to the same effect as the foregoing." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 75 to 77 read and agreed to.

Clause 78 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "licenses," to insert the words "assignments or transfers." (*Mr. Guinness.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 79 to 81 read and agreed to.

Clause 82 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "order," to insert the words "whose husband does not hold the maximum area of land allowed by this Act." (*Mr. Guinness.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

			Tellers.
Buchanan	Lawry	Shera	Guinness
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Macarthur	Valentine	Rhodes.
Hutchison, G.	Mackenzie, T.	Wilson	
Hutchison, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.	

NOES, 37.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Carncross	Fish	Houston
Blake	Dawson	Fraser	Joyce
Buckland	Duncan	Harkness	Kelly, J.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Earnshaw	Hogg	Macdonald

Mackintosh	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.	Thompson, T.
McGuire	Pinkerton	Steward, Hon. W. J.	Thomson, J. W.
McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rees	Tanner	*Tellers.*
Mills, C. H.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Taylor	Hall-Jones
Moore	Saunders	Thompson, R.	Meredith.
Newman	Smith, E. M.		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Meredith	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Newman	Taylor
Carncross	Joyce	O'Conor	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Lawry	Rees	Thomson, J. W.
Earnshaw	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	
Fish	Mackintosh	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	McGuire	Smith, E. M.	Mills, C. H.
Harkness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Steward, Hon. W. J.	Smith, W. C.

NOES, 12.

Buchanan	Hutchison, W.	Valentine	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Moore	Wilson	Hutchison, G.
Guinness	Shera	Wright.	Rhodes.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 83 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause:

Provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to any original grantee of any such scrip, order, or other authority as aforesaid, who shall be entitled to exercise not more than one such authority in the purchase of land, notwithstanding any such limitation of area as aforesaid. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 84 read. Amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "encourages," and insert the word "instigates" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 8, to omit the word "five," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the clause, it passed in the Negative.

Further amendment proposed: To insert the word "one" in lieu of the word omitted.

Further amendment negatived.

And the Question being put on the insertion of the word "two" in lieu of the word omitted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 8, after the word "years," to insert the words "with or without hard labour." (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 85 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the first paragraph, and the words "any person who is the holder of any land less in quantity than as aforesaid shall be competent" at the beginning of the second paragraph, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "No person who owns two thousand acres or upwards of freehold land in the colony, whether such land was acquired by purchase, marriage, or under a settlement or will, or by virtue of an intestacy, shall be capable of acquiring or becoming the holder in any part of the colony of any land under this Act other than under Parts V.

or VI. thereof. Any person who owns less than two thousand acres of land in the whole, inclusive of not more than six hundred acres of first-class land, shall be competent." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Further amendment proposed: In line 1 of the proposed amendment, after the word "owns," to insert the words "or who has within the two previous years owned." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Further amendment withdrawn.

Further amendment proposed: In line 1 of the proposed amendment, after the word "owns," to insert the words "or who has within the previous forty days owned." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Further amendment proposed: In line 7 of the proposed amendment, after the words "six hundred," to insert the words "and forty." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2 of the third paragraph, before the word "value," to omit the word "a," and insert the words "an unimproved" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3 of the same paragraph, after the word "less," to insert the word "unimproved." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 86 read. Amendments proposed: In line 7, to omit the word "five," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof; and after the word "years" to insert the words "with or without hard labour." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 87 to 91 read and agreed to.

Clause 92 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, after the word "lease," to insert the words "or license." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 93 read and agreed to.

Clause 94 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "seven days," and insert the words "one month" in lieu thereof; and in line 4, to omit the word "three," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 95 and 96 read and agreed to.

Clause 97 postponed.

Clauses 98 to 102 read and agreed to.

Clause 103 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the word "five," and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 104 and 105 read and agreed to.

Clause 106 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the words "apply to," to insert the words "the sale of leases of." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 107 read and agreed to.

Clause 108 read. Amendment proposed: In line 6, after the word "may," to insert the words "with the consent of the Minister." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the word "twenty," and insert the word "fifty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 10 and 11, to omit the words "Provided that no such land shall be sold at a less price than." (*Mr. Valentine.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 40.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Blake	Hutchison, G.	Parata	Steward, Hon. W. J
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Rees	Swan
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Reeves, R. H. J.	Taipua
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Tanner
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Taylor
Duncan	Mackintosh	Saunders	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fish	Meredith	Shera	Mills, C. H.
Fraser	O'Conor	Smith, E. M.	Pinkerton.
Hogg			

NOES, 14.

Buchanan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Moore	Thomson, J. W.	Mackenzie, T.
Harkness	Newman	Wilson	Valentine.
Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 11, to omit the words "two pounds," and insert the words "one pound" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 109 read and agreed to.

Clause 110 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "sale or selection," and insert the words "lease as provided in section 112" in lieu thereof; and to omit all the words between the word "determine" in line 6 and the word "and" in line 9. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 111 read and agreed to.

Clause 112 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, after the words "Part III.," to insert the words "Part V." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 113 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "may," to insert the words "on the recommendation of the Board." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, after the word "seal-fishing," to insert the words "or oyster-fishing." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Further amendment proposed: Between the words "oyster" and "fishing," to insert the words "or other." (*Dr. Newman.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 114 and 115 read and agreed to.

Clause 116 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "But the non-payment of any rates on Crown land for which the lessee or licensee is liable under any law shall be deemed to be a breach

of the conditions of his lease or license, for which such lease or license shall be liable to forfeiture under section ninety-two, as in the case of forfeiture for non-payment of rent. If any lessee or licensee of Crown lands shall fail to pay to a local authority any rate on Crown lands for which he is liable, for fourteen days after demand thereof by such authority, the said authority may apply to the Board for redress, and the Board may declare such lease or license to be absolutely forfeited. The provisions of this section shall apply to all lessees or licensees under this Act or under any Act heretofore in force." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Further amendment proposed: In line 9 of the proposed amendment, after the word "may," to insert the words "if such rate remain unpaid for thirty days." (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 117 read and agreed to.

Clause 118 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "or maintenance." (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fish	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Steward, Hon. W. J.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Palmer	Taylor
Carncross	Joyce	Parata	Thompson, T.
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Lawry	Saunders	Duncan
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Smith, E. M.	Kelly, J.

NOES, 22.

Blake	Hutchison, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Buchanan	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Russell	
Hamlin	Newman	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Hogg	O'Conor	Thomson, J. W.	Mackenzie, T.
Hutchison, G.	Rhodes	Valentine	Tanner.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "bridges," to omit the words "leading to or." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Parata	Tanner
Dawson	Lawry	Pinkerton	Taylor
Duncan	Mackintosh	Rees	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Fish	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Shera	Buick
Hall-Jones	O'Conor	Smith, E. M.	Joyce.
Houston			

NOES, 21.

Blake	Hogg	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Buchanan	Macarthur	Russell	Wilson.
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Moore	Steward, Hon. W. J.	Hutchison, G.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Thomson, J. W.	Wright.
Harkness	Rhodes		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7, after the word "lease," to insert the words "or for cash." (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In the last line of the clause, to omit the word "Commissioner," and insert the words "Land Board" in lieu thereof; and to add the following words to the clause: "as being for the benefit of the selectors from whose lands such moneys are derived." (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 119 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words of subsection (2) after the word "lands" in line 1, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "as follows: (*a*) leased since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and before the coming into operation of this Act, for fifteen years; (*b*) to be leased after the coming into operation of this Act for twenty years." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 120 read. Amendments proposed: In line 8, to omit the words "the committee of the association, or to;" and to omit the last paragraph of the clause, and insert the following paragraph in lieu thereof: "Where any land in respect whereof any money to be allocated as aforesaid is acquired in freehold, then the whole amount of the aliquot parts of the rents or payments which would become payable under this Act in respect of the said land had it not been purchased shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue to the local authority which under this section would be entitled to such aliquot parts." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 121 read. Amendments proposed: In line 7, to omit the words "Commissioner of Crown Lands," and insert the words "Land Board" in lieu thereof; and to omit the word "he," and insert the word "it" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 122 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "directed," and insert the word "authorised" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "construction," to insert the words "or maintenance." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "roads," to insert the words "and bridges." (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 123 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 2, 6, and 8, to omit the words "or association." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 124 and 125 read and agreed to.

Clause 126 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "at," to insert the words "or after." (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 127 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "any notification as aforesaid may." (*Mr. Valentine.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Newman	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Joyce	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Parata	Tanner
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Taylor
Duncan	Mackintosh	Rees	Thompson, R.
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Carncross
Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Saunders	Guinness.

NOES, 14.

Blake	Hutchison, G.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Buchanan	Lawry	Swan	Richardson, Hon. G. F.
Grey, Sir G.	Macarthur	Thomson, J. W.	Valentine.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackenzie, T.	Wright.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "may," to insert the words "on the recommendation of the Board and approval of the Minister." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 4 and 5, to omit the words "exclusively for cash or." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 128 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "occupied," and insert the word "selected" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "or partly open." (*Honourable Mr. Richardson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Other amendments proposed: In line 5, after the word "and," to insert the words "thereafter such residence shall be continuous;" in lines 6 and 7, to omit the words "such residence shall be continuous;" and in lines 9 and 10, to omit the words "such residence shall be continuous for the term of the lease," and insert the words "for a term of fifteen years" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 129 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, after the word "of," to insert the words "either or." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 130 read and agreed to.

Clause 131 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, after the word "following," to insert the word "substantial;" and after the words "of a," to omit the word "substantial," and insert the word "permanent" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Amendments negatived.

Other amendments proposed: To add to paragraph (*f*) of subsection (2) the following words: "and in bush land, in addition thereto, shall put substantial improvements of a permanent character on the land in his occupation to the value of ten shillings for every acre of such land;" and in the last line but one of the clause, after the words "conditions of," to insert the words "occupation and." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 132 read. Amendments proposed: In line 5, to omit the word "forty," and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof; and in line 6, to omit the word "twenty," and insert the word "ten" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 133 read and agreed to.

Clause 134 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the word "or," and insert the word "of" in lieu thereof; in line 3, after the word "Board," to insert the words "on compliance with the provisions of section seventy-four or;" and in lines 7 and 8, to omit the words "and on compliance with the provisions of section seventy-four." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 135 read and agreed to.

Clause 136 read. Amendments proposed: In line 9, to omit the word "ten," and insert the word "fourteen" in lieu thereof; in line 15, to omit the words "one-tenth," and insert the words "one-fourteenth" in lieu thereof; after subsection (3), to insert the following subsection: "The price to be paid for deferred-payment land shall be the same as that for cash lands, with twenty per centum added thereto;" and in the last line of the clause, after the word "be," to insert the words "liable to be." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 137 read and agreed to.

Clause 138 read. Amendment proposed: In line 10, after the word "one," to insert the words "whether such new allotment adjoins the original allotment or not." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 139 read. Amendment proposed: At the end of the clause, to add the words "less the costs in connection with such sale." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 140 and 141 read and agreed to.

Clause 142 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "expiration," to insert the words "not less than ten years;" in line 2, after the word "license," to insert the words "up to that time;" and in line 3, after the word "fulfilled," to insert the words "and upon payment of the balance of purchase-money," and to omit the word "shall" and insert the word "may" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 143 read. Amendment proposed: At the beginning of subsection (1), to insert the words "where the selector shall elect to take a lease without the right of purchase hereinafter provided." (*Mr. J. W. Thomson.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Blake	Mackenzie, T.	Shera	Wright.
Buchanan	Palmer	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Thompson, R.	Hutchison, G.
Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Valentine.

NOES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Mackintosh	Saunders
Buick	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Meredith	Tanner
Carncross	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Taylor.
Carroll	Joyce	Parata	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Guinness
Fraser	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1 of subsection (1), to omit the words "for a term of fifty years," and insert the words "a perpetual lease" in lieu thereof. (*Sir G. Grey.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 25.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Parata	Tanner
Buick	Houston	Pinkerton	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Lawry	Smith, E. M.	Guinness
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.	Mills, C. H.
Hall-Jones	Meredith		

NOES, 17.

Blake	Kelly, W.	Shera	Wright.
Buchanan	Mackenzie, T.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mackintosh	Thompson, R.	Hutchison, G.
Grey, Sir G.	Rhodes	Valentine	Palmer.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subsections to the clause:—

(3.) Where the selector shall elect to take a lease containing therein a right to purchase, the yearly rent in respect of such lease shall be an amount equal to five per centum of the cash price of such land, and shall be payable as in subsection two of this section is provided in the case of a lease without the right of purchase.

(4.) The selector shall in his application elect whether he shall have contained in his lease a right of purchase; and, if he so elect, then his lease shall contain a right to purchase after he shall have complied for at least six years with the conditions of his lease. Except as to the rate charged for rent, and the right of purchase, his lease shall be the same as a lease issued without the right of purchase. (*Mr. J. W. Thomson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subsection to the clause:—

(3.) The lessee, at the time of the falling-due of any of the half-yearly payments of interest under his lease after the completion of the improvements required under section one hundred and thirty-one, and before the expiration of twelve years from the commencement of his tenancy, may, with the consent of the Board, surrender his lease and obtain from the Board in exchange a license to hold the same land under sections from one hundred and thirty-six to one hundred and forty-two, both inclusive, except that no further deposit shall be required, and that the price of the land shall be the cash price under the preceding subsection (2). (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

And the Question being put on the addition of the subsection, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Buchanan	Palmer	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.	Blake
Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine	Hutchison, G.
Mackenzie, T.	Shera	Wright.	

NOES, 26.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Meredith	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Newman	Taylor.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Parata	
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mackintosh	Saunders	Hall-Jones
Guinness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Pinkerton.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 144 and 145 read and agreed to.

Clause 146 read. Amendment proposed: In line 10, after the word "one," to insert the words "whether such new allotment adjoins the original allotment or not." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 147 read. Amendment proposed: In line 10, to omit the word "three," and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 148 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "seven," and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 149 to 159 read and agreed to.

Clause 160 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3 of subsection (3), to omit the word "five," and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof; and after the word "allotment" to insert the words "or under Part III. of this Act;" and to add the following paragraph to subsection (4): "(*d.*) No such lease shall be liable to be seized or sold by legal process for debt or in bankruptcy." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 161 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "the last two preceding sections," and insert the words "section one hundred and sixty" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made further progress with the Land Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after two of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie adjourned.

Monday, the 31st Day of August, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council still insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Auctioneers Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

2. *Auctioneers Bill.—Ordered,* That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on their amendments in the Auctioneers Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendment in section 9 for the reasons—

1. That under the Financial Arrangements Act Municipal and County Councils have been led to rely upon auctioneers' license-fees as a certain item of revenue, no portion of which can be fairly taken away without compensation or some corresponding advantage.

2. That, in cases where the private residence of the auctioneer is outside the local district in which his principal or sole place of business is situated, his contribution to the local rates is all that can reasonably be required to be made.

In respect to the new clause, section 18, the Legislative Council is of opinion that, under ordinary conditions, no inconvenience to the auctioneer will occur, whilst circumstances may occasionally arise under which the protection thus afforded to the interest of the vendor would be found to be desirable and valuable.

Resolved, That the reasons be disagreed with.

Ordered, That a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Macdonald, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon be appointed Managers of such Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Auctioneers Bill, and hath appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf; and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

3. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 14.

The Bills intituled—

"The Imprest Supply Act, 1891 (No. 3);"
"The Employers' Liability Act Amendment Act, 1891;"
"The Adulteration Prevention Acts Amendment Act, 1891;"
"The Repeals Act, 1891;"
"The Canterbury Society of Arts Reserve Act 1889 Extension Act, 1891;" and
"The New Zealand Bank Act, 1891,"

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal assent, he has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th August, 1891.

4. *Resignation of the Member for Waikato.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from the Honourable Member for Waikato, resigning his seat in the House:—

SIR,— Wellington, 31st August, 1891.

I hereby resign my seat in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Waikato. I have, &c.,

JOHN BRYCE.

The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Wellington.

5. *Issue of a New Writ.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Writs to make out a new writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Electoral District of Waikato, in the room of John Bryce, Esquire, resigned.

The Honourable Mr. Rolleston moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "and that the following resolution, passed by the House on Thursday, the 27th August, referring to that honourable gentleman, be expunged from the Journals of the House: namely, 'That this House regrets that the words taken down were used by the Honourable Member for Waikato, although qualified as they were by the subsequent words used by the Honourable Member.'"

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 26.

Buchanan	Hamlin	Newman	Valentine
Buckland	Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Duthie	Kapa	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Lawry	Russell	
Fisher	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Mackenzie, T.	Taipua	Hutchison, G.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Thomson, J. W.	O'Conor.

NOES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Meredith	Shera
Buick	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Joyce	Perceval	Tanner
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Rees	Taylor.
Earnshaw	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	
Fish	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mackintosh	Saunders	Hall-Jones
Guinness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Pinkerton.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Writs to make out a new writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Electoral District of Waikato, in the room of John Bryce, Esquire, resigned.

6. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

7. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Land Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 162 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, after the word "second-class," to insert the word "pastoral." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 163 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "auction," and insert the words "allocation by ballot" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Mackintosh.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "an upset," and insert the word "a" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 164 read. Amendment proposed: In the last line but one, after the word "sub-lessees," to insert the words "by marriage or." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 165 and 166 read and agreed to.

Clause 167 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2 of subsection (*a*), after the words "such lease," to insert the words "but on compliance with the provisions of section seventy-four the lessee may transfer his lease;" in line 1 of subsection (*d*), after the word "may," to insert the words "with the approval of the Board;" and in lines 1 and 2 of subsection (*f*), to omit the words "The Mining Act, 1886," and insert the words "the provisions of any law relating to mining in force at the time when such lease was or is granted." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 168 to 170 read and agreed to.

Clause 171 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "adult," and after the word "family" to insert the words "not being under the age of seventeen years." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the clause, to omit the words "but the rent shall remain as provided in this Part of this Act." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 172 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4 of subsection (*b*), to omit the word "three," and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 173 read. Amendments proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "auction," and insert the words "allocation by ballot" in lieu thereof; in line 1 of subsection (*a*), and in line 1 of subsection (*b*), to omit the word "upset;" in lines 3 and 4 of subsection (*b*), to omit the words "fall of the hammer," and insert the word "allocation" in lieu thereof; and in line 2 of subsection (*c*), to omit the word "fourteen," and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 174 and 175 read and agreed to.

Clause 176 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "sale by," and to omit the word "competition," and insert the words "allocation by ballot" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 177 to 181 read and agreed to.

Clause 182 read. Amendment proposed: To omit lines 2 and 3, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "on the recommendation of the

Board, with the approval of the Governor, be disposed of for occupation as runs under this Part of this Act, for any term not exceeding twenty-one years in any case." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "secure," to insert the words "as far as possible." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the clause, to add the following words: "whether such low country be or be not contiguous to any other portion of the run, and may declare the high and low country together to form one run." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 183 and 184 read and agreed to.

Clause 185 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3, to omit the words "For any person or company to hold more than one run of any kind whatsoever under this Part of this Act, or." (*Mr. Valentine.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	O'Conor	Tanner
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Parata	Taylor
Dawson	Lawry	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Duncan	Mackenzie, T.	Rees	Thompson, T.
Fish	Mackintosh	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Meredith.
Hogg			

NOES, 13.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Buchanan	Harkness	Russell	Valentine
Buckland	Mills, J.	Wilson.	Wright.
Carroll	Richardson, Hon. G. F.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 186 read. Amendments proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "town and suburban;" and at the end of the clause to add the words "as provided in section fifty-eight." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 187 to 192 read and agreed to.

Clause 193 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 2 and 3, to omit the words "shall be deemed to be a chattel interest for all purposes;" and in line 4, to omit the words "such interest." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 194 read and agreed to.

Clause 195 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, to omit the words "by selling at public auction;" and in lines 4 and 5, to omit the words "and not otherwise." (*Mr. Valentine.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 196 to 198 read and agreed to.

Clause 199 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8 of subsection (1), after the word "shall," to insert the words "exclusive of the value of a rabbit-proof fence." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 200 to 202 read and agreed to.

Clause 203 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words at the end of the clause: "which shall be exempt from the right of determination as provided in section one hundred and eighty-four." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 204 to 206 read and agreed to.

Clause 207 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the words "one month," and insert the words "not exceeding three months" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 208 to 210 read and agreed to.

Clause 211 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "twelve months," and insert the words "three years" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 212 to 214 read and agreed to.

Clause 215 read. Amendment proposed: To add at the end of the clause the words "and for rope-walks." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 216 to 222 read and agreed to.

Clause 223 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 3 and 4, to omit the words "Crown lands in respect whereof it is issued, including forest lands;" in line 8, to omit the words "forest lands and;" in line 3 of subsection (1), to omit the words "forest lands or;" and in line 3 of subsection (2), to omit the words "Crown lands," and insert the words "State forest" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 224 read. Amendment proposed: In line 11, after the word "gravel-pits," to insert the word "shingle-beds." (*Mr. Houston.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 18, after the word "parks" to omit the word "or," and after the word "domains" to insert the words "or commons;" and in the last line but one, to omit the word "pleasing." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 225 to 234 read and agreed to.

Clause 235 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the last paragraph. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 236 read and negatived.

Clause 237 read. Amendments proposed: After line 28, to insert the words "1878, No. 45—The Railways Construction Act. In part—namely, section ten;" in line 31, to omit the numerals "1883" where they occur, and insert the numerals "1888" in lieu thereof; in line 35, before the word "paragraph," to insert the words "In part—namely;" in lines 37 and 38, to omit the words "except sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine;" and after line 39, to insert the words "1890, No. 6—'The Education Reserves Leasing Act, 1890.'" (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 49 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "and in the event of any such refusal the Board shall cause an entry to be made in its minutes of the ground on which such refusal was based. The Board may summon witnesses and other persons, and require the production of books and documents, and may take evidence on oath of any persons in relation to any matters within their jurisdiction, and for this purpose shall have and may exercise all the powers and authorities conferred by 'The Commissioners' Powers Act, 1867,' upon a Board appointed by the Governor in Council." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 97 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

89A. In every case of the forfeiture of any lease or license, the Commissioner may send to the District Land Registrar a notice of such forfeiture, which shall be a sufficient authority for the said Registrar to enter upon the register a note of the said forfeiture and of the cancellation of the lease or license, as the case may be. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

100A. All the lands known as the Ellesmere Lake lands, as the same are described in the Second Schedule of "The Railways Construction Act, 1878," and which have not been sold or otherwise disposed of under section ten of the Act last mentioned, or under section six of "The Ellesmere Lake Lands Act, 1888," are hereby declared to be Crown lands subject to the provisions of this Act; and all proceeds arising from any disposal of such lands after the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be land revenue.

There shall be excepted from the operation of this section all the lands first described in the schedule to "The Taumutu Native Commonage Act, 1883," containing seven hundred acres, more or less, and the lands comprised within the Native Reserves eight hundred and seventy-eight, eight hundred and eighty-nine, and eight hundred and six, as if they had never been included in the aforesaid Second Schedule. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "of," to insert the words "'The Ellesmere and Forsyth Reclamation and Akaroa Railway Trust Act, 1876,' and in the Second Schedule of." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 7, 8, and 9, to omit the words "and all proceeds arising from any disposal of such lands after the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be land revenue," and to insert the following proviso in lieu thereof: "Provided that such lands may not be disposed of except under the system known under this Act as perpetual lease; and all moneys received on account of leases of the said Ellesmere Lake lands shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue into the Public Account to the credit of the Public Works Fund, and shall be applied in manner following: Firstly, in repayment to the Public Works Fund of all moneys heretofore paid out of such fund in or towards the construction of the railway from Lincoln to Little River, and the balance shall be applied in manner as provided by section eleven of 'The Railways Construction Act, 1878,' with respect to moneys received under section ten of that Act." (*Mr. Joyce.*)

Further amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2 of the proposed proviso, to omit the words "such lands may not be disposed of except under the system known under this Act as perpetual lease; and." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed proviso, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	McGuire	Shera
Blake	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hogg	Meredith	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Lawry	Saunders	Joyce
Fish	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Tanner.

NOES, 9.

Buchanan	Hutchison, G.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Russell.	Moore
Harkness			Valentine.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Further amendment proposed: In line 6 of the proposed proviso, after the word "repayment," to insert the words "of the expenses of survey and administration of the said lands; secondly, in repayment of such works as may be necessary for the reclamation of the said lands; thirdly, in repayment." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Further amendment proposed: To add the following words to the proposed proviso: "The Governor may, if in his discretion he shall think fit, exchange any part of such land for other land of equal value which he may consider better adapted for settlement purposes." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

And the Question being put on the addition of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 26.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fish	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Blake	Fraser	Moore	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Valentine.
Buckland	Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Russell	Buick
Earnshaw	Lawry	Saunders	Mills, C. H.

NOES, 13.

Duncan	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Taylor	Joyce
Hogg	Meredith	Thompson, T.	Tanner.
Hutchison, G.	Palmer		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Further amendment proposed: To add the following additional proviso to the proposed proviso: "Provided that not more than one-third of such lands shall be so exchanged, and the area of lands so taken in exchange shall be dealt with under the perpetual-lease system." (*Mr. Joyce.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Proviso as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill :—

112A. The following provisions shall have operation in respect of the Westport Colliery Reserve, as the same is defined in the Fourth Schedule to "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877," and shall be read as part of that Act; that is to say,—

(1.) The Governor, by Order in Council, gazetted, to be issued as soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, shall define such further portions of the aforesaid reserve in addition to the portions

thereof already set apart for railway purposes by an Order in Council of the twenty-third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (*Gazette*, 1876, page 200), as are likely to be required for railway purposes or other public purposes, and shall set apart such further portions for the aforesaid purposes accordingly.

(2.) With respect to lands included within any such first-mentioned Order in Council as set apart for railway or other public purposes, every lessee of land which is not immediately required for railway purposes shall continue to hold his lease, subject to the conditions upon which the same was granted, but subject to the power of the Governor to take the land comprised therein as aforesaid.

The provisions of section eighteen of the last-named Act shall apply in respect of all the aforesaid leases and to the respective holders thereof, and to the compensation to be paid for any land taken for railway or other purposes, in the same manner as in the said section provided with respect to land set apart by the Order in Council of the twenty-third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, in the said section mentioned.

(3.) With respect to lands not included within either of the aforesaid Orders in Council,—

(*a.*) Every lessee of any part of the said reserve may, at any time within twelve months after the commencement of this Act, apply to the Land Board for a revaluation of the land comprised in his lease.

The Board, subject to the approval of the Governor, but not before the gazetting of the Order in Council first above mentioned in subsection one of this section, may cause a valuation to be made of the remainder of the said land without improvements, and, on the surrender of the original lease, may grant the lessee a new lease of the land comprised in his original lease, at a rent based upon the aforesaid valuation, for a term of twenty-one years, with the right of renewal for another term of twenty-one years, subject to a new valuation being made of the land, without improvements, at the expiration of every such term.

In case any valuation is disputed by the lessee, the same shall be determined by arbitration under section twenty.

(*b.*) Every lessee as last aforesaid who does not obtain a renewal of his lease under the last-preceding subsection shall continue to hold his lease on the terms on which the same was originally granted, and on the expiration or determination thereof, and on the expiration or determination of every future lease to be made of the portion of the said reserve mentioned in this subsection, the following provisions shall take effect:—

(1.) The improvements made by the lessee or his tenant on the land comprised in any such lease shall be valued, in such manner as the Board shall direct.

(2.) The rental of each lease shall be fixed by the Board.

(3.) The right to the lease shall be disposed of by public auction.

(4.) If the lessee shall not become the purchaser, the purchaser of the lease shall pay to the Receiver of Land Revenue, or other officer appointed by the Board, as a premium or foregift, the value of the improvements, to be so fixed as aforesaid; and in default of such payment the person entitled to such value may recover the same in a summary manner from the person who ought to have paid the same.

(4.) The Board may from time to time dispose of by lease any unlet portions of the colliery reserve not set apart for railway or other public purposes, for any term of twenty-one years, subject to the right of renewal as mentioned in paragraph (*a*) of the last-

preceding subsection, at such rent and on such conditions and covenants as they think fit; and every such lease shall be disposed of at public auction.

Section seventeen of "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877," is hereby repealed.

123A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section four of "The North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Act, 1889," it shall be lawful to pay to the local authorities, for the purpose of making roads and bridges, the thirds and fourths hereinbefore mentioned as they accrue from lands disposed of within the areas described in the Second Schedule to the said Act.

131A. Any holder of bush lands or swamp lands on deferred payments under section one hundred and fourteen of "The Land Act, 1885," or in any special settlement under regulations made under Part V. of such Act, and any holder of a perpetual lease of such land under section one hundred and forty-eight of such Act, shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of section twenty-one of "The Land Act Amendment Act, 1887," if within six years from the date of his license or lease he has brought or shall bring into cultivation twice the amount of land required by the herein first above-mentioned sections or regulations respectively, and in addition thereto has put or shall put substantial improvements of a permanent character on the land in his occupation to the value of one pound for every acre of such land. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clauses read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

158A. A block of five thousand acres may be set apart to be owned and worked on co-operative principles. The Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, and repeal regulations for fixing terms and conditions upon which this land shall be managed. (*Dr. Newman.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

160A. The Colonial Treasurer may from time to time, in accordance with any regulations which the Governor in Council is hereby authorised to make, amend, or revoke in part or in whole, make advances of money to occupiers of land under section one hundred and sixty of this Act for the purpose of enabling them to erect houses on their respective allotments.

223A. The Commissioner also may issue, in such form as he thinks suitable, annual licenses, at a fee of five shillings each, authorising the holders thereof to search over any Crown lands in respect whereof it is issued, and to dig for and remove kauri-gum therefrom. All such license-fees shall be deemed to be county revenue.

232A. The Governor may from time to time grant leases for any term not exceeding sixty-three years of any Crown lands in the vicinity of thermal or mineral springs, and whether such lands have been reserved or not; and may prescribe the terms and conditions of such leases, and may provide for dividing any such lands into towns, streets, squares, or other subdivisions as he shall think best suited for the purpose of letting the said lands. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clauses read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

232B. The Governor in Council may from time to time, by Proclamation, which may from time to time be altered, amended, or revoked, declare that any lands now or hereafter reserved as an endowment for any body or for any purpose shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, and whether the same be vested in any corporate body or person whomsoever:

Provided always that no such Proclamation shall have any effect unless it be issued at the request or upon the recommendation of the body or person in whom such reserves are vested, or who have the administration of the revenue arising therefrom.

(1.) Upon such Proclamation being issued, the lands comprised therein may be leased by the Board upon the same terms and conditions in all respects as the Board is hereby empowered to lease Crown rural lands, and all rents received by the Receiver of Land Revenue under such leases shall by him, on receipt thereof, be paid over to the body or person by law for the time being entitled to receive the same.

(2.) Every lease granted under the last-preceding section hereof, where the land is vested in any corporate body or person, shall be executed by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board in the name of the body or person in whom the lands dealt with by the lease are vested.

(3.) The Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, declare that any lands now or hereafter reserved for any educational purposes shall be sold subject to the provisions of this Act:

Provided always that no such Proclamation shall have any effect unless it be issued at the request or recommendation of the body or person in whom such reserves are vested, or who have the administration of the funds derived from the sale thereof.

(4.) Upon such Proclamation being issued, the Board may forthwith proceed to sell the lands mentioned in such Proclamation in like manner in all respects as if they were Crown lands of a similar character or class.

(5.) Upon any sale made under the last-preceding section of any reserves which are vested in any body or person, the Commissioner, on behalf of the Board, may execute a transfer or conveyance thereof in the name and on behalf of the body or person in whom the same are so vested as aforesaid.

(6.) The proceeds of any such sale as authorised in the last but one preceding section shall, after deducting all expenses of survey and other expenses incurred by the Board or by the Government in connection with such land, not exceeding in the whole five shillings per acre, be paid over by the Receiver of Land Revenue to the body or person by law for the time being entitled to receive the same.

(7.) The proceeds so paid over under the last-preceding section shall, unless other provision has been made by some other Act for the disposal thereof, be applied by the corporate body or person who receives the same in the purchase of other lands, to be held on the same trusts and subject to the same powers and conditions as those on which the lands by the sale of which the proceeds were realised were held, or may be invested by lending the same on mortgage of freehold lands in the colony, or the securities of the New Zealand Government, in which case the moneys shall likewise be held on the same trusts and subject to the same powers and conditions as aforesaid, and the interest derived from such mortgages or securities shall be applied in like manner as the rents derived from the lands would have been. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendments proposed: In line 1 of subsection (2), before the word "section," to insert the word "sub;" in line 1 of subsection (5), before the word "section," to insert the word "sub;" in lines 1 and 2 of subsection (6), to omit the words "the last-but-one-preceding section," and insert the words "subsection four" in lieu thereof; and in line 1 of subsection (7), before the word "section," to insert the word "sub." (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

232C. Notwithstanding anything contained in the last eight sections of this Act, in case any endowment or educational reserve, other than those mentioned in the next following section, has been leased prior to the passing of this Act, then on the expiration of such lease the person or body in whom is vested the administration of such reserve may grant to the present lessee, in priority, a new lease, with or without right of renewal, of so much of the land comprised in his former lease as shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres, subject to the payment of such rental under the new lease as shall be assessed by arbitrators to be appointed in manner provided by section seventy of this Act. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendment proposed: To omit the first four lines, and the words "of such lease" in the fifth line, and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "on the expiration of every lease of any endowment or educational reserve which has been leased prior to the commencement of this Act." (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

232D. Upon the expiry of any existing lease or license of any educational reserve vested in Commissioners by virtue of "The Educational Reserves Act, 1877," every such reserve (unless the same be dealt with under any one of the nine last preceding sections of this Act) shall be offered for lease by public auction or public tender, provided always that not less than sixty days before submitting the same to public competition in manner aforesaid the Commissioners in whom such reserve is vested shall notify the Governor of the intention so to do, and shall state in such notification whether such reserve is to be offered in one or more allotments, and the area thereof; and it shall be lawful for the Governor either to approve the same, or, if it shall appear to him to be desirable in the interest of settlement so to do, to direct that such reserve shall be subdivided into allotments or holdings of such smaller area as he shall by Order in Council direct. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendment proposed: To omit the first four lines and the word "Act" in the fifth line, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "Every portion of any educational reserve vested in Commissioners by virtue of 'The Education Reserves Act, 1877,' which, upon the expiry of any existing lease or occupation license thereof, shall not be sold under the authority of subsection (3) of section 232B, or be again leased under the provisions of the last-preceding section." (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

232E. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act other than this Act, any rural lands for the most part covered with bush, which have been reserved, or vested in, or granted to any Educational Board, School Commissioners, Trustees, or other body of persons for education purposes, or as endowments for primary or secondary education, or for any high school, may be leased for any period not exceeding thirty years, subject in all cases to the provisions of any Act authorising the leasing of education reserves; and any lease of such lands already granted may be extended for thirty years from the date when such lease was originally granted, and upon such terms as the lessors of such lands respectively shall think fair.

232F. At the request of the persons in whom any land as an educational reserve or educational endowment may be vested, the Land Board may exercise the functions conferred upon it by Part VII. of this Act, for the issue of licenses for cutting, felling, or removing timber from such land; subject that the fee to be paid for any such license shall be adequate to the value of the timber to be removed from the said land.

All regulations affecting the cutting or removing of timber on forest lands shall apply to the cutting or removing of timber on the aforesaid lands, and all moneys received by the Receiver of Land Revenue for timber on the aforesaid lands shall be paid over to the persons in whom the said lands are vested, to be applied by them in the manner as may be provided with respect to the proceeds of the sale of educational endowments.

232G. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The University Endowment Act, 1868," it shall be lawful for the Governor to grant leases of lands reserved under the said Act, for any term not exceeding thirty years.

232H. The body or person in whom any reserve is vested as an endowment for any purpose shall, within three months of the date of the disposal for cash of any such reserve or portion thereof, pay over to the County Council or Road Board of the district within which such lands are situated an amount computed at a rate not exceeding five shillings an acre of the land so disposed of; and, in the event of any part of such endowments being disposed of on deferred payment or perpetual lease, the provisions of section one hundred and eighteen of this Act shall determine the contribution to be paid to the local authority, to be expended in the construction of roads within or to open up such lands.

232I. The Board constituted under "The Clutha River Conservators' Board Act, 1875," shall be deemed to have had conferred on it, as from the date of the passing thereof, power to apply any proportion of the rents, license-fees, or other moneys arising from the lands in that Act mentioned, or any accumulation thereof respectively, in payment for the survey of such lands or in road-making for the improvement thereof: Provided that all sums to be hereafter expended in such road-making shall be subject to the approval of the Governor, and shall not exceed the sum of five shillings per acre.

232J. Section twelve of "The River Boards Act 1884 Amendment Act, 1885," shall be deemed to have, and to have had from the passing thereof, retrospective operation so as to have permitted and to permit the Trustees therein named to deal, as in the said section mentioned, with one-third of the price of land which had been sold, as therein mentioned, prior to the passing of that Act. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clauses read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

From and after the passing of this Act the payments under Parts III. and IV. of "The Land Act, 1885," shall be reduced to those of the similar tenures under this Act. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and negatived.

Schedule A read and agreed to.

Schedule B read. Amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2 of paragraph 3, to omit the words "and for the purpose of cultivation." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Schedule C read. Amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2 of paragraph 3, to omit the words "and for the purpose of cultivation." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Schedule D read and agreed to.

Schedule E read. Amendments proposed: In line 2 of paragraph 1, after the word "lease," to insert the words "or license;" in line 1 of paragraph 2, after the word "lease," to insert the words "or license;" in line 1 of paragraph 3, after the word "lease," to insert the words "or license;" in line 2 of paragraph 3, after the word "colony," to insert the words "for a longer period than twelve months from the present time;" and in line 3 of paragraph 3, after the word "lease," to insert the words "or license." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Schedule F read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty minutes after one of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Tuesday, the 1st Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill;

Mr. Shera moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report be agreed to.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Moore	Swan
Buckland	Hutchison, G.	Perceval	Taipua
Carncross	Joyce	Rees	Tanner
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. J. H.	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Valentine
Duthie	Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.	Houston
Hamlin	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, W. C.	Shera.

NOES, 15.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Pinkerton	Wright.
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Newman	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Palmer
Fish	Parata	Taylor	Thompson, T.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Report was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise the New Zealand Electric Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing Mains either above or below Ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for supplying the City of Auckland and Suburbs with Electrical Energy."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(216.) Education: Correspondence relative to Truant Schools. Return to an Order dated 18th August, 1891.

(217.) Coal Creek District: Papers and Correspondence relative to proposed Maori Settlement. Return to an Order dated 5th August, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(218.) Mines Statement, by the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Minister of Mines.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 218 be printed.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Macarthur for one week, on account of illness.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of G. Patterson and 437 others; W. Rutherford; Jane McGuire; J. Morrison; T. H. Smith; and G. Mackie: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of G. Patterson and 437 others, and W. Rutherford, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of A. S. Collins; W. Brown and others; Elizabeth Carroll; C. R. G. Gibson; R. J. Feltus; C. A. Fitzroy; A. H. Nathan and others; W. Beaumont and others; E. Hesketh and others; and W. Hotchkiss and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of A. S. Collins, W. Brown and others, and Elizabeth Carroll, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

7. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of E. Fitzgerald and others; J. Dobson and others; J. Watt and others; A. R. Cornes and T. Millett; and C. M. Cameron: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of E. Fitzgerald and others, J. Dobson and others, J. Watt and others, and A. R. Cornes and T. Millett, together with the Reports of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

8. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Tanguru Tuhua and 61 others; Rewiri-te-Wakaiti; Timoti Karetai and 6 others; and John Rochfort: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Tanguru Tuhua and 61 others, and Rewiri-te-Wakaiti, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. Rochfort be referred to the Petitions Classification Committee.

9. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petitions of Kawhena Rangitu; A. Peebles; W. White; and S. Neill: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Report be referred to the Government.

10. *Public Trustee's Application for Assistance.*—On motion of Mr. Duncan, *Ordered*, That a copy of all correspondence be laid before this House that has passed between Mr. R. C. Hamerton, Public Trustee, and the Colonial Treasurer, relating to assistance required by that officer to enable him to perform the duties of such office in a proper and efficient manner.

11. *Payments to Members in Excess of Honorarium.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return, in continuation of I.–10, Vol. iv., Appendix, 1886, showing the amounts paid by the Treasury, or any other departments connected with the public service, to each member of the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, for services rendered and otherwise during the financial years ending the 31st March, 1886 to 1891, over and above the amount of honorarium, together with the names of Members and the amounts paid in each case where the amount has exceeded the amount of honorarium.

12. *Auxiliary Naval Squadron.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House copies of all reports received by the Agent-General or by the Government of the trials of machinery, guns, and speed, with any other particulars, of the ships of the auxiliary naval squadron, for which payment is proposed to be made under "The Naval Defence Act, 1887."

13. *Sheriffs and their Fees.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing (1) the names of the several Sheriffs appointed under "The Sheriffs Act, 1883," having the powers and privileges, duties and responsibilities of Sheriffs in England; (2) the official position of the Sheriffs; (3) the total salaries received by them; (4) the proportion of salary in each instance referable to the office of Sheriff; (5) the proportion of poundage and fees payable in addition to salary (if any); (6) the amount divisible on such proportion as on the basis of poundage and fees received last year; (7) the amount and nature in each instance of security on foot on the 25th August, 1891, under section 7 of the Act.

14. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 15.

The Bills intituled—

"The Consolidated Stock Act, 1891;"

"The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1891;"

"The Public Bodies' Powers Act 1887 Amendment Act, 1891;"

"The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1891;"
"The Truck Act, 1891;"
"The Distillation Act Amendment Act, 1891;"
"The Trustees Act 1883 Amendment Act, 1891;"
"The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1891;" and
"The Christchurch Electric Lighting Act, 1891,"
as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal assent, he has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st August, 1891.

15. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the whole House upon the Land Bill;

The same was accordingly read.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be recommitted for the further consideration of clauses 163 to 176 inclusive, and the consideration of new clause 236.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and also clauses 55 and 56" at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it passed in the Negative.

Sir G. Grey moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "also clause 143 and clauses 147 to 151" at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Buckland	Hamlin	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thompson, T.
Duthie	Joyce	Russell	Valentine
Fergus, Hon. T.	Kapa	Shera	Wright.
Fisher	Lawry	Swan	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Moore	Taipua	Hutchison, G.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Palmer	Thompson, R.	Rees.

NOES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hogg	Newman	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Houston	O'Conor	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Parata	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Perceval	Thomson, J. W.
Carroll	Mackintosh	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Hall-Jones
Earnshaw	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Pinkerton.
Fish			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Land Bill be recommitted for the further consideration of clauses 163 to 176 inclusive, and the consideration of new clause 236.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Recommitted for reconsideration of clauses 163 to 176, and consideration of a new clause.

Clause 163 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "submitted to public allocation by ballot by the Board," and insert the words "declared by the Board to be open for sale on application" in lieu thereof; and at the end of the clause to add the words "If more than one application for the same run is received on the same day, the priority of right to such run shall be determined by ballot amongst the applicants in such manner as the Board thinks fit." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 164 to 172 read and agreed to.

Clause 173 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 5 and 6, to omit the words "put up to public allocation by ballot," and insert the words "declared open for sale on application by ballot, as provided in section one hundred and sixty-three" in lieu thereof; in subsection (*b*), to omit the words "of sale, and it shall be a condition of sale that the purchaser shall pay one half-year's rent on the allocation," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "and it shall be a condition of application that the applicant shall, together with his application, deposit the amount of one half-year's rent, which shall be returned to him if he fails to obtain the run." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 174 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the word "selling," and insert the words "disposing of" in lieu thereof; in line 3, to omit the word "sale," and insert the word "disposal" in lieu thereof; and in lines 5 and 6, to omit the words "of the intention to sell, or open for application," and insert the word "thereof" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 175 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the word "sold," and insert the words "disposed of" in lieu thereof; in line 11, to omit the words "a purchaser of," and insert the words "an applicant for" in lieu thereof; and in line 12, to omit the word "purchaser," and insert the word "applicant" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 176 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "for," to reinsert the word "sale;" in lines 1 and 2, to omit the words "public allocation by ballot," and insert the words "on application" in lieu thereof; and to omit all the words after the words "not disposed of" in line 2, and insert the words "such lease shall be open at any time for sale on application at the upset rental" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

236. Whereas by arrangement with the Native proprietors the Governor was authorised to dispose of, by lease, certain lands within the districts defined under "The Thermal-Springs Districts Act, 1881," and whereas certain interests of the proprietors in the aforesaid lands have in the meanwhile been acquired in freehold by Her Majesty, the remaining Native owners not having yet consented to part with their freehold interests therein, and doubts exist whether the Governor can make a valid lease of the said lands under the circumstances:

Be it therefore enacted that where Her Majesty has acquired more than one-half of the interests of the Native proprietors in any parcel of land within the aforesaid districts, then it shall be lawful for the Governor, in Her Majesty's name, to grant a lease of such lands for not exceeding ninety-nine years, as if they were Crown lands, subject to the payment to the respective owners of the outstanding Native interests therein such proportion of the rents received as should be paid to them under the arrangement aforesaid. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendment proposed: To omit the second paragraph of the clause, and insert the following paragraph in lieu thereof:—

Be it therefore enacted that every existing lease of any of the aforesaid lands heretofore granted by the Governor, as agent for the Natives, under "The Thermal-Springs Districts Act, 1881," is hereby confirmed and validated according to the terms thereof, notwithstanding any interest acquired by Her Majesty in or over any of the lands comprised in such lease. (*Mr. Carroll.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended added to the Bill.

To report the Bill with further amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had considered the clauses referred, and had made further amendments in the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Law regulating the Sale or other Disposal of the Lands of the Crown in New Zealand."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

16. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 16.

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Land and Income for the Purposes of Taxation," with the following amendments for the consideration of the House:—

In paragraph (*c*) of sub-clause (1) of section 17, in the first line of the paragraph, strike out the word "in," where it first occurs, and insert the word "for," and after the word "ninety-two" in the said paragraph, insert "and returns and assessments may be required and made under this Act, although the year to which they respectively relate has not arrived."

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Wellington, 1st September, 1891.

17. *Land- and Income-assessment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Land- and Income-assessment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill and the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House hath agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence.

18. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The River Boards Act Amendment Act, 1891," and "The Book-purchasers Protection Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Auctioneers Act, 1891," to which the House of Representatives have disagreed.

They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of twelve o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the second day of September, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

19. *Legislative Council Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legislative Council Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

20. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Electoral Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed.

21. *Workmen's Lien Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Workmen's Lien Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "ninety-one," and insert the word "ninety-two" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 11 read and agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendments proposed: In line 5, to omit the word "four-fifth," and insert the word "three-fourth" in lieu thereof; and in line 8, to omit the word "may" and insert the word "shall" in lieu thereof, and to omit the word "one-fifth" and insert the word "one-fourth" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 28 read and agreed to.

Clause 29 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the last two lines of the clause. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 42 read and agreed to.

Clause 43 read and negatived.

Clause 44 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make better Provision for securing the Payment of Wages due to Workmen and for other Purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

22. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 5, 6, and 7 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day numbered 8.

23. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Coal-mines Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Wednesday, the 2nd Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports upon the Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill, the New Plymouth Hospital Bill, the Wanganui River Trust Bill, the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill, the Waimate Hospital District Bill, and the Thorndon Esplanade Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendment to clause 3, which is shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

New Plymouth Hospital Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed; but the Committee report to the House that no proof has been adduced before the Committee that the School Commissioners have consented to the exchange proposed by the provisions of the Bill.

Wanganui River Trust Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments, which are shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Waimate Hospital District Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Thorndon Esplanade Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the schedules as amended, which are shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

3. *Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

4. *New Plymouth Hospital Bill.—Ordered*, That the New Plymouth Hospital Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

5. *Wanganui River Trust Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wanganui River Trust Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

6. *Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill.—Ordered*, That the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

7. *Waimate Hospital District Bill.—Ordered*, That the Waimate Hospital District Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

8. *Thorndon Esplanade Bill.—Ordered*, That the Thorndon Esplanade Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

9. *Undersized Flounders.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir John Hall, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Marine Department on the subject of a proposed alteration in the limit of the size below which flounders may not be taken in the colony.

10. *Public Trustee.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That copies be laid before this House of all certificates given on or before the 25th August, under section 1 of "The Civil Service Superannuation Act, 1858," as to Mr. R. C. Hamerton, Public Trustee.

11. *Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Reserves in the Corporations of the Boroughs of Tauranga, Palmerston North, Sydenham, Dunedin, Caversham, Invercargill, Queenstown, and Hokitika respectively, and to authorise the Sale of a Portion of the Recreation Reserve at Roxburgh; and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

12. *Native Petitions.*—On motion of Mr. Kapa, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That all Petitions which have been presented to this House relating to the Native Land Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

13. *River Boards Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the River Boards Act Amendment Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

14. *Book-purchasers Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Book-purchasers Protection Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

15. *Lunatics Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Lunatics Act Amendment Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

16. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Electoral Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the next Order of the Day.

17. *Female Suffrage Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Female Suffrage Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress in the Female Suffrage Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Electoral Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 3 as amended postponed.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: After line 7, to insert the following paragraph:—

Appoint such Postmasters in country districts as he shall think fit, to exercise such functions and duties of Deputy Registrars, in respect of receiving claims or otherwise, as he may from time to time prescribe. (*Honourable Mr. Mitchelson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: To omit lines 1 and 2 of subsection (1). (*Mr. Rees.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Swan
Buckland	Hamlin	Meredith	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Harkness	Mills, J.	Thompson, T.
Carroll	Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.
Dawson	Kapa	Moore	Valentine
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Newman	Wright.
Duthie	Lawry	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Fish
Fisher	Mackenzie, T.	Saunders	Shera.

NOES, 23.

Buick	Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Parata	Taylor
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Grey, Sir G.	McGuire	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.	Hogg
Hall-Jones	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.	Rees.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3 of subsection (1), to omit the words "freehold estate," and insert the word "property" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. O'Conor.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 40.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Swan
Blake	Fraser	Meredith	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Hamlin	Moore	Thomson, J. W.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Harkness	Newman	Valentine
Carncross	Houston	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Saunders	Wright.
Duncan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Shera	Lawry
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.	Rhodes.
Fish			

NOES, 20.

Buick	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Carroll	Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Taylor.
Earnshaw	Joyce	Parata	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	O'Conor
Guinness	McGuire	Rees	Tanner.
Hall-Jones			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3 of subsection (1), after the word "estate," to insert the words "or a leasehold estate." (*Mr. Rees.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 33.

Buchanan	Hutchison, G.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Saunders
Buckland	Joyce	Moore	Shera
Carroll	Kelly, J.	O'Conor	Thomson, J. W.
Duthie	Kelly, W.	Parata	Valentine
Fergus, Hon. T.	Lawry	Rees	Wright.
Fraser	Macdonald	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Mills, J.
Harkness	Mackintosh	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Palmer.
Hogg	McGuire		

NOES, 29.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fish	Newman	Taylor
Blake	Fisher	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, R.
Buick	Grey, Sir G.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Guinness	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Houston	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Swan	Hall-Jones
Duncan	Meredith	Tanner	Pinkerton.
Earnshaw	Mills, C. H.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words in subsection (1) after the word "estate," in line 3. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Blake	Harkness	Newman	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Lawry	Rhodes	Valentine.
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Moore
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Shera	Wright.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.			

NOES, 42.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Guinness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Swan
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Tanner
Carncross	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Carroll	Houston	O'Conor	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Joyce	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	
Fish	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Rees
Fraser	Mackintosh	Saunders	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5 of subsection (2), to omit the words "freehold or." (*Mr. Guinness.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "colony" in line 2 of subsection (3). (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2 of subsection (3), after the word "colony," to insert the words "nor vote for more than one candidate at any election." (*Mr. Moore.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Buchanan	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	Wright.
Duncan	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Fish	Rhodes	Thompson, R.	Moore
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Palmer.
Harkness			

NOES, 37.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Blake	Hogg	Newman	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	O'Conor	Swan
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	Parata	Taylor
Carroll	Joyce	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Rees	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duthie	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Buick
Fisher	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Kelly, J.
Fraser	Meredith		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 postponed.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words in the first paragraph after the word "registered" in line 8. (*Mr. O'Conor.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the third paragraph. (*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "and," and insert the word "or" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 12 read and negatived.

Clause 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read and negatived.

Clauses 15 to 17 read and agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: In line 14, after the words "Justice of the Peace," to insert the words "Postmaster or Registrar." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 23 read and agreed to.

Clause 24 read. Amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the word "ten," and insert the word "twenty-one" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 32 read and agreed to.

Clause 33 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "ten," and insert the word "four" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 34 to 50 read and agreed to.

Clause 51 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 4 and 5, to omit the words "a certain time," and insert the words "six calendar months from the time of so sending" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Hogg.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 4 and 5, to omit the words "a certain time," and insert the words "thirty days" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. W. C. Smith.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the clause:—

The names of electors struck off the roll shall be publicly exhibited on a board outside the Registrar's office, and maintained there for a period of at least one month from the time of their being struck off. (*Mr. Hogg.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 52 to 56 read and agreed to.

Clause 57 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "kept," to insert the words "in duplicate." (*Mr. O'Conor.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 58 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2 and in line 3, to omit the words "one shilling," and insert the word "sixpence" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 59 to 62 read and agreed to.

Clause 63 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "defined," to insert the words "and others temporarily absent from their electoral district." (*Mr. Duthie.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 13.

Buckland	Mills, J.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Newman	Shera	Duthie
Lawry	Rhodes	Thompson, T.	Moore.
Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.		

NOES, 28.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.
Blake	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Saunders
Buick	Hamlin	O'Conor	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Houston	Parata	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Joyce	Pinkerton	Kelly, J.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Rees	Smith, W. C.
Fraser			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "defined," to insert the words "or a commercial traveller." (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Dawson	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.
Duthie	Moore	Russell	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Newman	Shera	Fish
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Thompson, R.	Mills, J.
Lawry			

NOES, 25.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Earnshaw	Meredith	Saunders
Blake	Grey, Sir G.	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Buckland	Hogg	Palmer	Taylor.
Buick	Houston	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Cadman, Hon. J. A.	Kelly, J.	Rees	Hall-Jones
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Joyce.
Duncan	McGuire		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "defined," to insert the words "or who is a shearer absent from the said district at the time of an election, in this Part of this Act referred to as an absentee." (*Mr. Moore.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Buckland	Harkness	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Parata	Saunders	Mills, J.
Duthie	Rhodes	Shera	Moore.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.			

NOES, 21.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Kelly, W.	Smith, W. C.
Blake	Hall-Jones	McGuire	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Palmer	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Houston	Pinkerton	Buick
Earnshaw	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Meredith.
Fish	Kelly, J.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 64 to 73 read and agreed to.

Clause 74 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 24.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Buchanan	Harkness	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hogg	Parata	Taylor.
Cadman, Hon. J. A.	Joyce	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Earnshaw
Duncan	Meredith	Saunders	Tanner.
Fisher			

NOES, 17.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Thompson, R.
Buckland	Houston	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Fish
Duthie	Mills, J.	Russell	Mackenzie, T.
Fraser	Moore		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 75 and 76 read and agreed to.

Clause 77 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "registered," to insert the words "or qualified." (*Mr. Buckland.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 78 read. Amendment proposed: In line 12, after the word "candidates," to insert the words "and of the electors nominating them." (*Mr. Saunders.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 11.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Mills, C. H.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Buchanan	Mills, J.	Russell	Carncross
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Parata	Saunders.	Harkness.

NOES, 24.

Blake	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Tanner
Buckland	Hogg	Palmer	Taylor
Buick	Houston	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Shera	Earnshaw
Fish	Mackenzie, T.	Smith, W. C.	Joyce.
Fraser			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the clause:—

And as soon as the time has expired for receiving nominations the Returning Officer of the district shall call by similar advertisement a meeting of electors, and of the candidates who have been nominated, to be held not less than three days before the polling-day at seven *post meridian* in some building in the district which he may deem most convenient for the greatest number of the electors. At such meeting the Returning Officer shall preside as chairman, and shall call in alphabetical order upon each candidate, if present, to address the electors for not more than one uninterrupted half-hour, and afterwards to answer such questions on any public question as may be put to him by any elector. (*Mr. Saunders.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 79 to 111 read and agreed to.

Clause 112 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause:—

Provided that, when the number of votes does not exceed forty, the Deputy Returning Officer shall seal the ballot-box with his own seal, and the seals of those scrutineers who may be present and wish to affix their seals, and, as soon as practicable after the closing of the poll, such Deputy Returning Officer or Officers shall deliver the ballot-boxes, locked and sealed, to the Returning Officer, who, as soon as all such ballot-boxes have been received, shall open them in the presence of the scrutineers, mix the ballot-papers together, and proceed to determine the number of votes in the manner already provided. (*Mr. Buick.*)

And the Question being put on the addition of the proviso, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Joyce	Pinkerton	Tanner.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fish	Macdonald	Saunders	Buick
Hall-Jones	Meredith	Smith, W. C.	Kelly, W.
Hogg			

NOES, 14.

Blake	Duthie	Lawry	*Tellers.*
Buchanan	Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Carncross
Buckland	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Harkness.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Taylor.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Buckland.*)

Motion withdrawn.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 113 to 146 read and agreed to.

Clause 147 read and negatived.

Clauses 148 to 167 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made further progress in the Electoral Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 3rd Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Petition of W. B. Edwards.*—On motion of Captain Russell, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. B. Edwards be printed. (Appendix J.–1.)

3. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table in Return to an Order of this House:—

(219.) Stock Department: Return of Expenditure without Ministerial Authority, and Other Charges. Return to an Order dated 22nd July, 1891.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of R. G. Hawes; C. Brown; Mrs. Eliza Heighton; and A. Grant: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of R. G. Hawes, and C. Brown, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

5. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of the South Rakaia Road Board; J. McCormick; the Havelock Town Board; and G. K. Wakelin and 222 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

6. *Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the second reading of the Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Bill be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, from the Conference on the Auctioneers Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Managers on behalf of the House of Representatives, having met the Managers of the Legislative Council, have agreed to the following amendments in clauses 9 and 18 of the Bill:—

Clause 9.—In clause 9: To omit all the words after the word "same," in line 22, to the end of the first paragraph, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "to the fund of the local authority within which the licensee has his usual place of business, or, if he has no such place, then his usual place of residence, which place shall be mentioned in the license."

Clause 18.—Lines 1 and 14 of the clause: Substitute "fourteen days" for "seven days," and add to the clause the following proviso: "Provided that moneys received by an auctioneer in respect of sales of real property shall be paid by him into a general or separate trust account, as provided by section 19; and it shall not be obligatory upon such auctioneer to pay over the said moneys to the vendor until the sale is completed according to the conditions of sale, notwithstanding a written demand has been made to him for such moneys. But if any such auctioneer shall neglect for seven days after completion of such sale to render such account, or to pay such moneys to the vendor, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, and shall be liable to the penalties in this section hereinbefore provided."

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report be agreed to.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

8. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," with amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Stratford County Districts Adjustment Act, 1891," without amendment.

9. *Public Revenues Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Public Revenues Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

10. *Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act, 1890.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

11. *Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to revive and amend 'The Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

12. *Wellington Boys' Institute Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington Boys' Institute Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington to lease certain Lands situate in the City of Wellington to any Society or Institute established or to be established in the said City for affording Instruction and Recreation to Boys and Youths, or to any Trustees for such Society or Institute."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. E. M. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," and the addition of the words "this day six months" at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "trust," to insert the words "subject to four per centum interest being paid to the Charitable Aid Board of Nelson." (*Mr. O'Conor.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 8 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to purchase the Trafalgar Park."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

14. *Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide that the Lands now held for the Purposes of the Botanic Garden of Wellington shall be vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the Borough of the City of Wellington."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

15. *New Plymouth Hospital Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the New Plymouth Hospital Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise the Vesting of certain Education Reserves and a Portion of a Public Street within the Borough of New Plymouth in the Taranaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, for the Purposes of a Hospital.

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

16. *Wanganui River Trust Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wanganui River Trust Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 11 and 12, to omit the words "respectively may from time to time be included," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "or the portions thereof within the Upper Wanganui River District hereinafter constituted." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In line 19, after the word "to," to insert the words "a point four miles from;" and in lines 20 and 21, to omit the words "and continued respectively for a distance of one mile beyond the said source." (*Dr. Newman.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "contained," to insert the words "shall affect any rights conferred upon the Natives by the Treaty of Waitangi or." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 11 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act for the Conservation of the Natural Scenery of the Upper Waters of the Wanganui River, and for the Protection of the Navigation of the said Waters."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Waimate Hospital District Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Waimate Hospital District Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed till Thursday next.

18. *Thorndon Esplanade Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Thorndon Esplanade Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

11. It shall be lawful for the Council to pay out of the Borough Fund any sum or sums of money not exceeding together forty-five pounds towards defraying the expenses already incurred in planting, ornamenting, and utilising the land comprised in the said First and Second Schedules. (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Schedules read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

19. *Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the word "fifty," and insert the word "thirty-five" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

20. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to Mr. Houston, Mr. Lawry, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon to attend in order to their being examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon the Customs and Excise Duties Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Houston, Mr. Lawry, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon have leave to attend the said Committee if they shall think fit so to do.

Also,—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to the Honourable Mr. Seddon to attend in order to his being examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Goldfields and Mines upon the Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Seddon have leave to attend the said Committee if he shall think fit so to do.

Also,—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Bill intituled "The Land- and Income-assessment Act, 1891," transmitted in Message No. 44 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Factories Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

21. *Factories Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Factories Bill be considered to-morrow.

22. *Female Suffrage Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Female Suffrage Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

This Act shall not come into operation until the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four. (*Mr. Blake.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendment proposed: To omit the word "ninety-four," and insert the word "ninety-two" in lieu thereof. (*Sir G. Grey.*)

And the Question being put, That the word "ninety-four" stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	Reeves, R. H. J.	Valentine
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Fraser	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Hogg	Smith, W. C.	
Carroll	Mackenzie, T.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Taipua	Blake
Duncan	Parata	Taylor	Fish.

NOES, 27.

Buchanan	Hutchison, W.	Newman	Shera
Buckland	Kelly, W.	O'Conor	Tanner
Buick	Macdonald	Pinkerton	Thomson, J. W.
Grey, Sir G.	Mackintosh	Rees	Wright.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Meredith	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Earnshaw
Houston	Mills, J.	Saunders	Kelly, J.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "ninety-two" be inserted, it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To insert the word "ninety-three." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause as amended negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

This Act shall come into operation on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Every woman registered as an elector shall be qualified to be elected a member of the House of Representatives for any electoral district. (*Mr. Carncross.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 30.

Blake	Hogg	Newman	Taylor
Buick	Houston	Parata	Thomson, J. W.
Carroll	Kapa	Reeves, R. H. J.	Valentine
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Rhodes	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	
Fish	Lawry	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	McGuire	Swan	Carncross
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Tanner	Mackenzie, T.

NOES, 24.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Palmer	Saunders
Buchanan	Mackintosh	Pinkerton	Shera
Buckland	Meredith	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, C. H.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Earnshaw
Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Russell	Rees.
Macdonald			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to confer the Electoral Franchise on Women."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

23. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Electoral Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed clause 3 read. Amendment again proposed: In line 23 of page 5, to omit the words "does not include," and insert the word "includes" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Clause as previously amended agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 4th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—
   (220.) Immigration Returns.
   (221.) Sheep Returns: Interim Return, on 30th April, 1891.
   Ordered to be printed.

3. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Blake, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Hon. Dr. Pollen's claim for pension; and the same was read, as followeth:—

   The Papers relating to the retiring-allowance of the Hon. Dr. Pollen having been referred to the Public Accounts Committee, with a request that the Committee will take into their consideration and report upon the Hon. Dr. Pollen's claim for payment of retiring-allowance for the period from the 3rd July, 1873, to the 30th October, 1876, the Committee have the honour to report as follows:—

   The Hon. Dr. Pollen, in 1873, had the right to retire on an annual pension. Instead of retiring he took office on the 3rd July, 1873, as Minister of the Crown, and ceased to draw the salary attached to his Civil Service office, the duties of which, however, he continued to perform. In consequence of the passing, in 1876, of the Disqualification Act, the Hon. Dr. Pollen, on the 30th October in that year, resigned his offices in the Civil Service, but continued Minister until 1877. The Hon. Dr. Pollen then claimed his pension, which, after some time, was fixed at £418 15s. per annum, calculated from the date at which he resigned his offices in the Civil Service. He now claims that his pension should date from the time when he became entitled, in 1873.

   In the circumstances, and following the precedent in the Hon. W. Gisborne's case, the Public Accounts Committee recommend that the Hon. Dr. Pollen be paid the equivalent of the time from the 3rd July, 1873, to the 30th October, 1876, being £1,389 0s. 5d. (*Vide* also Appendix I.–9A.)

   Mr. Saunders moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government for consideration.

   Mr. J. Kelly moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "referred," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "back to the Public Accounts Committee for further consideration."

   And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

   And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

   Ordered, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Honourable Dr. Pollen's claim for pension be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Christiana Callcott; Mary Gillespie; Martin Krippner; J. C. Hunter; and W. Goodlet: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of Christiana Callcott and Mary Gillespie, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of J. Carroll and 10 others; J. G. Woods and 899 others; A. T. Brazil and 19 others; F. Swindley; W. Watts; T. Scott; J. A. Shepherd and 44 others; S. Stephenson; and M. Sullivan: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. Carroll and 10 others, J. G. Woods and 899 others, A. T. Brazil and 19 others, F. Swindley, W. Watts, and T. Scott, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

7. *Value of Unclaimed Lands.*—On motion of Mr. Macdonald, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the estimated value under the Property Assessment Act of all properties in the colony of which the ownership is unknown or doubtful, such Return to specify the total value in each provincial district.

8. *Messages.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as follow:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 14.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Stamp Acts," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st August, 1891.

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 15.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to impose a Property-tax," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 4th September, 1891.

Ordered, That the Messages of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

9. *Stamp Acts Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider His Excellency's Message No. 14, transmitting the draft of a Bill to amend the Stamp Acts; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message No. 14, transmitting the draft of a Bill to amend the Stamp Acts.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

10. *Property-tax Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider His Excellency's Message No. 15, transmitting the draft of a Bill to impose a Property-tax; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message No. 15, transmitting the draft of a Bill to impose a Property-tax.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

11. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That Orders of the Day numbered 1 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

12. *Auctioneers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question that the Report of the Conference on the Auctioneers Bill be agreed to;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the Report of the said Conference.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Auctioneers Bill.

13. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Electoral Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the whole of the words of the clause after the word "Maoris," and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "as herein defined, shall not be qualified to be registered as electors under Part II. of this Act, but shall be qualified to vote at elections of Maori members, as hereinafter provided in Part V. of this Act.

"But it shall be competent for any half-caste who is possessed of a qualification under section six of this Act to apply to be registered under Part II. of this Act, and he may be so registered; but, in such case, he shall not be qualified to vote at any election held under Part V. of this Act.

"Every claim and declaration to be made by a half-caste to be registered under Part II. of this Act shall be made in manner specified in section eighteen." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Every male Maori, as defined in section three, who is twenty-one years of age and upwards, and who is not disqualified under some provisions of this Act or any other Act, is entitled, subject to the provisions of this Act, to vote as an elector at any election of a member of the House of Representatives for the Maori electoral district which he inhabits; and

Every elector under this Part of this Act is qualified to be a member of the House of Representatives for any Maori electoral district of the colony. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill.

Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Licensing Act, 1881," or any other Act, any person who supplies or causes to be supplied to any other person on the day of polling any intoxicating liquor, or any money, ticket, order, or authority to enable such person to obtain any intoxicating liquor,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and not less than five pounds, for each offence. (*Mr. Buick.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Licensing Act, 1881," all publichouses shall be closed on the polling-day of every election; and it shall not be lawful for any person holding a publican's license to sell liquors to any person on any such day. Every person contravening the provisions of this section shall be liable to forfeit his license. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendments proposed: In line 2, after the word "publichouses," to insert the words "within a radius of two miles of any polling-booth;" in line 2, after the word "closed," to insert the words "for the sale or supply of intoxicating liquors," and before the word "election" to insert the word "general;" and in line 3, after the word "sell," to insert the words "or supply intoxicating." (*Mr. Macdonald.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the clause to add the words: "The operation of this clause shall be confined to the City of Wellington only." (*Mr. Carncross.*)

Amendment negatived.

And the Question being put, That the clause as amended be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 13.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Tanner	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Thompson, R.	Buick
Guinness	Mills, J.	Thomson, J. W.	Macdonald
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Saunders		

NOES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kapa	Pinkerton	Swan
Blake	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Taylor
Carroll	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Mackintosh	Rhodes	Valentine
Duncan	Mills, C. H.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Moore	Russell	Carncross
Houston	O'Conor	Shera	Fish.
Hutchison, G.			

So it passed in the Negative.

First Schedule read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, after the words "New Zealand," to insert the words "*or, if a half-caste,* I am a half-caste aboriginal native of New Zealand;" in line 11, to omit the words "in respect of any qualification;" and to omit the note at the end of the Schedule. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Second Schedule read and agreed to.

Third Schedule read and negatived.

Fourth Schedule read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "situation or other description of property, if any;" and in line 6, to omit the words "freehold, Sydney Street."

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Fifth to Eighteenth Schedules agreed to.

Nineteenth Schedule read. Amendment proposed: After "'The Regulation of Elections Act, 1881,'" to insert the words "1886, No. 17—'The Defence Act, 1886,' in part—namely, section 78." (*Mr. Palmer.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the Bill be recommitted for the further consideration of clauses 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 44, 100, 112, 121, 154, and 167.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Recommitted for reconsideration of clauses 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 44, 100, 112, 121, 154, and 167.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: After line 16 of page 5, to insert the words "'Maori' means an aboriginal inhabitant of New Zealand, and includes half-castes, but does not include the children of half-castes." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "qualifications," and insert the word "qualification" in lieu thereof; to omit subsection (1); in subsection (2), to omit all the words between the word "vote" in line 4 and the word "is" in line 7." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the third paragraph. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause:—

Provided that any person duly qualified as an elector, and who has been registered on any electoral roll, but whose name has become removed from such roll through no fault of his own, shall not by reason only of not being registered as an elector be disqualified from becoming a candidate and being elected for any electoral district. But in every such case the said person shall send to the Returning Officer, at the time when he sends his consent to be nominated, a statutory declaration to the effect that he is not disqualified as an elector for the district in respect whereof he was previously registered under the provisions of this Act or any other Act, that he still retains such qualification, and that his name has been removed from the roll of the aforesaid district through no fault of his own. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3, to omit the words "subsections one and two of." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "in respect of a residential qualification;" and in lines 4 and 5, to omit the words "in respect of a residential qualification in," and insert the word "of" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 15 read and negatived.

Clause 16 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "sections" and insert the word "section" in lieu thereof, and to omit the words "or fourteen." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 1 and 2, to omit the words "in respect of a residential qualification;" in line 4, to omit the words "in respect of any qualification;" and in lines 6 and 7, to omit the words "in respect of his residential qualification." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the words "situation of the property, if any, or the." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 26 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "and a copy of every objection not made by the Registrar shall be sent to the Registrar at the time the notice of objection is sent to the person objected to. If the objection be that the person objected to has been convicted of any of the offences mentioned in section eight, the objector shall specify in his notice of objection the Court and the approximate date at which the conviction was had, and, if not so specified, the objection shall not be entertained. The Registrar, upon receiving a copy of any such last-mentioned objection, shall inquire into the truth of such conviction from the Registrar or Clerk of the Court where the person objected to is stated to have been convicted, who shall either contradict the statement or furnish to the such first-mentioned Registrar a certificate, under the seal of the Court, of such conviction, which shall be sufficient warrant to him to erase from the electoral roll the name of the person so certified to have been convicted." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 44 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the words "in respect of a residential qualification." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 100 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 3, 4, and 5, to omit the words "but retains in the same district property of sufficient value to qualify him as an elector for such district, or;" in line 7, to omit the words "alienation of property, or;" and in line 8, to omit the words "as the case may be." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 112 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the proviso previously added to the clause. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following paragraphs to the clause:—

The Deputy Returning Officer at every polling-place where not more than forty votes are recorded at an election shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the poll, open the ballot-boxes in manner and in presence as mentioned in the last-preceding section, and, taking out the ballot-papers without unfolding them, shall count the same and enclose them in a sealed packet to the Returning Officer, sealed with his own seal and the seals of such scrutineers as desire to affix them.

In making his return to the Returning Officer, as provided by section one hundred and fourteen, he shall transmit a note of the number of ballot-papers transmitted as aforesaid, instead of the list of the total number of votes received by each candidate.

The Returning Officer on receiving any such sealed packet of ballot-papers shall open the same in the presence of the scrutineers, mix all the

ballot-papers together, and proceed to determine the number of votes received by each candidate at such polling-place in the same manner as if he had presided thereat. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause 121 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, after the word "received," to insert the words "the votes polled at the smaller polling-places in the district or;" in line 6, after the words "may state," to insert the words "what the approximate number of votes polled at the smaller polling-places, and not received, may be, and;" and in line 14, after the words "if all," to insert the words "the votes from the smaller polling-places, and all." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 154 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words to subsection (11): "Before giving a voting-paper to any half-caste, the Returning Officer shall put the following question to him: 'Are you registered as an elector in respect of a qualification for any electoral district other than a Maori electoral district?' and, if such question is not answered in the negative, he shall not give the applicant a voting-paper." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 167 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "part of an Act," and insert the words "parts of Acts" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with further amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had reconsidered the clauses referred, and had directed him to report the Bill with further amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Qualification and Registration of Electors and the Conduct of Elections of Members of the House of Representatives."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

14. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled "The Auctioneers Act, 1891."

15. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—On motion of Mr. T. Thompson, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that leave be given to the Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson and the Honourable Mr. Buckley to attend and give evidence before the Public Petitions A to L Committee on the Petition of John Lundon.

16. *Legislative Council Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Legislative Council Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1 of subsection (1), to omit the word "thirty-five," and insert the word "twenty-one" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "ten," and insert the word "seven" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Mr. O'Conor.*)

Motion negatived.

And the Question being put, That the word "ten" stand part of the clause, it passed in the Negative.

Further amendment proposed: To insert the word "three" in lieu of the word omitted. (*Sir G. Grey.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the word "three," the Committee divided, and the names were taken as follow:—

AYES, 11.

Grey, Sir G.	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Palmer	Taylor	Hutchison, G.
Mackintosh	Shera	Thompson, T.	Rees.

NOES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Saunders
Blake	Fraser	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Smith, E. M.
Buckland	Hamlin	Parata	Swan
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Harkness	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Houston	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Dawson	Joyce	Rhodes	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Fish
Earnshaw	Mills, C. H.	Russell	Moore.

So it passed in the Negative.

Further amendment proposed: To insert the word "five" in lieu of the word omitted.

And the Question being put on the insertion of the word "five," the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Grey, Sir G.	Lawry	Rees	Taylor.
Hall-Jones	O'Conor	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Palmer	Saunders	Shera
Hutchison, G.	Parata	Smith, W. C.	Thompson, T.
Kelly, J.			

NOES, 33.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Newman	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hamlin	Pinkerton	Swan
Buchanan	Harkness	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mills, C. H.	Russell	Dawson
Earnshaw	Mills, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Fish.
Fraser	Moore		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the insertion of the word "seven," in lieu of the word "ten" omitted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "may," to omit the words "from time to time," and insert the words "after a term of twelve months after expiry of his previous term" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. R. Thompson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7, after the words "before the," to omit the words "passing of this Act," and insert the words "first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one." (*Mr. T. Thompson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the proviso to subsection (6). (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read and negatived.

Clauses 8 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendments proposed: To omit all the words in lines 1 to 4, and the words "Proclamation; and," in line 5; and in lines 5 and 6, to omit the words "as hereinbefore provided." (*Mr. Rees.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Any member of the Legislative Council at the time of this Act becoming law, and who shall voluntarily resign such position, shall thereafter be entitled to a free railway-pass over the New Zealand railways so long as such railways remain the property of the colony, and shall also have access to the Parliamentary Library for the remainder of his life. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Parata	Swan
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Tanner
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Taylor
Dawson	Mackenzie, T.	Saunders	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	McGuire	Shera	Fish
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.	Hall-Jones.
Hogg			

NOES, 20.

Blake	Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Duthie	Lawry	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Grey, Sir G.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Buchanan
Hamlin	Moore	Russell	Thompson, R.
Harkness			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 40.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Blake	Hogg	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.
Buchanan	Houston	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Pinkerton	Swan
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Tanner
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mackintosh	Russell	Fish
Fraser	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hall-Jones.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.			

NOES, 12.

Duthie	Moore	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Palmer	Taylor	Rees
Hamlin	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.	Thompson, R.
Hutchison, W.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to alter the Mode of making Appointments of Members of the Legislative Council of New Zealand, and to regulate Vacancies therein."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill back to the Legislative Council, together with a Message, requesting their concurrence in the amendments made therein.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

17. *Dentists Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Dentists Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

2. The sixth section of "The Dentists Act, 1880," is hereby repealed, and, in lieu thereof, it is enacted that any person being the holder of a certificate (however designated) granted by any person or body in a British possession duly empowered for that purpose, showing that the holder is entitled to practise dentistry in such possession, shall, on proof that he is of good character, and on payment of the registration-fee, be entitled to be registered under "The Dentists Act, 1880," without any further examination.

The proof that the person or body granting the certificate to practise dentistry was duly empowered to do so shall lie upon the person so applying for registration in New Zealand. (*Mr. Joyce.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

4. The Senate shall appoint a Board of Examiners for each of the Cities of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, for the purpose of conducting examinations and granting certificates under the Dentists Acts and this Act. (*Mr. Lawry.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, and the Question was proposed, That the title be "An Act to amend 'The Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Act, 1881.'"

Mr. Joyce moved, That the title be amended by the omission of the words 'The Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Act, 1881," and the insertion of the words "the Acts relating to Dentists" in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Dentists."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

18. *University of Otago Council Election Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the University of Otago Council Election Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "are," and insert the words "were at the time of their graduation" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "and the word 'professors' means professors appointed by the Council." (*Honourable W. P. Reeves.*)

And the Question being put on the addition of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Blake	Fergus, Hon. T.	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.
Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Mills, J.	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Hogg	Moore	Tanner.
Dawson	Houston	Palmer	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Hutchison, W.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Pinkerton.

NOES, 2.

Tellers.
Mackenzie, T.
Rhodes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "ten." (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read and negatived.

Clause 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read and negatived.

Clauses 10 and 11 read and agreed to.

Clause 12 read and negatived.

Clause 13 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

7A. The Council shall convene a meeting of professors whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Council requiring to be filled by a member elected by the professors as hereinafter provided, and at such meeting the professors shall have power to elect one of their own number or some other person to be a member of the Council.

9. Vacancies occurring through the death or resignation of members of the Council in office at the time of the passing of this Act shall be filled by persons elected or appointed, as the case may be, in the following order—that is to say, the first, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh vacancies shall be filled by persons elected by the graduates, the second and fourth vacancies by persons elected by the professors, and the remaining vacancies by persons appointed by the Governor in Council.

9A. Every vacancy occurring through the death or retirement of any member of Council appointed or elected under this Act shall be filled by a person appointed or elected by the authority by which the deceased or retiring member was appointed or elected.

12. Except as provided in section 7A of this Act, no professor may be appointed or elected to be a member of the Council. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Clauses read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to reconstitute the Council of the Otago University."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

19. *Government Loans to Local Bodies Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Government Loans to Local Bodies Bill (No. 2);

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 35.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Cadman, A. J.	Houston	O'Conor	Smith, E. M.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Tanner
Dawson	Joyce	Parata	Thompson, R.
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Perceval	Thompson, T.
Earnshaw	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mackintosh	Saunders	Hall-Jones
Grey, Sir G.	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.

NOES, 15.

Blake	Hamlin	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mills, J.	Russell	Mackenzie, T.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Taylor	Rhodes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "formation," to insert the words "or construction." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "but before any such money is expended upon any block of land it shall be necessary that the said block of land shall be proclaimed as set apart for settlement." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that no such money shall be expended until after its appropriation by the General Assembly." (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report progress. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Motion negatived.

And the Question being put, That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 21.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Pinkerton	Tanner
Carncross	Hogg	Saunders	Taylor.
Carroll	Houston	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Smith, E. M.	Joyce
Earnshaw	Lawry	Smith, W. C.	Kelly, J.
Fraser	Palmer		

NOES, 7.

		Tellers.
Blake	Mackenzie, T.	Moore
Fergus, Hon. T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Rhodes.
Harkness		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 3 to 5 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

4A. There shall be prepared and laid before Parliament within ten days after its first sitting-day next after the end of each financial year a statement showing the block or blocks of land which has or have been proclaimed, together with the report of the Surveyor-General on the value of such block or blocks, and on the necessary works, and the estimate of the cost of such works; and also of the sum or sums expended under this Act in respect of any such block or blocks. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

No money shall be expended under this Act until after its appropriation by the General Assembly. (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 6.

		Tellers.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Rhodes	Harkness
Moore	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Mackenzie, T.

NOES, 21.

Blake	Hall-Jones	Pinkerton	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Saunders	Taylor.
Carncross	Houston	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Hutchison, W.	Smith, E. M.	Joyce
Duncan	Lawry	Smith, W. C.	Kelly, J.
Fraser	Palmer		

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

20. *School Committees Election Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the School Committees Election Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after three of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, the 7th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

(222.) The New Zealand Forces: Annual Report.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(223.) The Public Trustee: Correspondence relative to Assistance required by Mr. Hamerton. Return to an Order dated 1st September, 1891.

(224.) Takahui Village Settlement, Copy of Report on, by Mr. Menzies. Return to an Order dated 25th August, 1891.

(225.) Railway-sleepers and Foreign Timbers, Correspondence relative to Importation of. Return to an Order dated 25th August, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 222 and 225 be printed.

3. *Palmerston North Hospital Land Sales Validation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain Sales of Land made by the Borough Council of Palmerston North under "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1885;" and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

4. *Factories Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Factories Bill;

The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House agrees with the amendments made by the Legislative Council in clauses 9, 13, 23, 27, 29, 58, 60, 72, and 80 of the Bill, but disagrees with the remainder of the amendments; and that Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Tanner, and the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons for disagreeing with the said amendments.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

5. *Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

6. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

7. *Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

8. *Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Joyce	Perceval	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Tanner
Carncross	Lawry	Rees	Taylor
Dawson	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, R.
Duncan	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Houston	Newman	Shera	Hall-Jones.

NOES, 19.

Blake	Hamlin	Moore	Swan
Buchanan	Harkness	Rhodes	Wright.
Carroll	Mackenzie, T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mackintosh	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Buckland
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Russell	Valentine.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

9. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 6, for the second reading of the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill, and Order of the Day No. 7, for the second reading of the Water-supply Bill, be postponed till Wednesday next.

10. *Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

11. *Government Loans to Local Bodies Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Government Loans to Local Bodies Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And the Question being put, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act further to amend 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886;'"

The Honourable Sir J. Hall moved, That the title be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "to," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "enable the Government to expend £50,000 per annum on local public works without the ordinary appropriation by the General Assembly."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Title be "An Act to further amend 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

12. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have given leave to the Honourable Sir H. A. Atkinson and the Honourable Mr. Buckley to attend in order to their being examined before a Select Committee of the House of Representatives on Public Petitions on the Petition of John Lundon, if they shall think fit so to do. Also,—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to Mr. E. M. Smith to attend in order to his being examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Local Bills upon the New Plymouth Hospital Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. E. M. Smith have leave to attend the said Committee, if he shall think fit so to do.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

13. *Post Office Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Post Office Acts Amendment Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Ward moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 26.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kapa	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Parata	Tanner
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Rhodes	
Hogg	McGuire	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Houston	Mills, C. H.	Shera	Buick
Joyce	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.	Hall-Jones.

NOES, 4.

	Tellers.
Fisher	Duncan
Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Fish.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until two of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Tuesday, the 8th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Petition of Rako Wi Kingi.*—On motion of Mr. Macdonald, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Rako Wi Kingi, relative to the Ngarara Block, be referred back to the Native Affairs Committee for further consideration.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

   (226.) Mr. R. C. Hamerton: Copies of any Certificates given to him as Public Trustee under "The Civil Service Superannuation Act, 1858." Return to an Order dated 2nd September, 1891.

   (227.) Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities: Particulars of Payments of a Sum of £33,000 estimated for Payment under "The Civil Service Act, 1886."

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Matiu Meke and others; Teretiu Mahutonga and 6 others; Hone Peti and 4 others; and Rere Arama: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

   Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

5. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of A. G. Fell and others; and F. C. Williams and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

   Ordered, That the Petition of A. G. Fell and others, together with the Report of the Goldfields and Mines Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Constitutional Reform Committee.*—Mr. O'Conor, from the Constitutional Reform Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–10.)

7. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Harkness, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Macarthur on account of illness.

8. *Ventilation of Chamber of House of Representatives.*—On motion of Mr. W. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House, stating (1) The cost incurred in effecting the recent improvements in ventilating the Chamber of the House of Representatives; and (2) the cost of gas consumed in the ceiling of the Chamber for the purposes of ventilation during the past three years; also the cost of fuel for heating the Chamber during the same period.

9. *Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of the Borough of Riverton to vest all their Rights, Powers, Property, and Privileges as a Harbour Board in an Incorporated Company or Body of Persons for a Term of Years, for the Purpose of securing the Construction of further Harbour-works at the Port of Riverton by Private Enterprise; and that Mr. Mackintosh do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Mackintosh accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

10. *Private Tramways Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Private Tramways Act, 1882;" and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

11. *Factories Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That this House agrees with the amendments made by the Legislative Council in clauses 9, 13, 23, 27, 29, 58, 60, 72, and 80 in the Factories Bill, but disagrees with the remainder of the amendments, and that Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Tanner, and the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons for disagreeing with the said amendments;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

12. *Post Office Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Post Office Acts Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 1 and 2 of subsection (3), to omit the words "such day as the Governor in Council may fix," and insert the words "the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three," in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Post Office Acts."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do presently leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Rees moved, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, in order that the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: "seeing it is a matter of paramount importance to secure the most efficient method of administering the public railways of the colony, this House is of opinion that the Vaile system should be fairly tried prior to the expiration of 'The Government Railways Act, 1887.' (2.) That the said system should be tried upon the Auckland railways under the direct supervision of Mr. Samuel Vaile."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, R.
Blake	Hamlin	Moore	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Houston	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buckland	Kapa	Pinkerton	Wright.
Carncross	Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	
Dawson	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Russell	Fish
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Harkness.

NOES, 21.

Carroll	Hogg	Perceval	Taylor
Earnshaw	Hutchison, G.	Saunders	Thompson, T.
Fraser	Hutchison, W.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, J.	Smith, E. M.	Palmer
Guinness	Kelly, W.	Swan	Rees.
Hall-Jones	Mackintosh		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

14. *Public Works Statement.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon laid upon the Table the following Paper with the leave of the House, which was taken as read:—

(228.) Public Works Statement by the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Minister for Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

15. *Supply.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote for Postal and Telegraph Salaries under consideration.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £156,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Postal and Telegraph Salaries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £309 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Cable Subsidies for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Cable Repairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £29,491 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Conveyance of Mails by Sea for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "San Francisco Service, £15,258," by the sum of £5. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Interprovincial Service (San Francisco Service), £3,000," by the sum of £500. (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,191 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Conveyance of Inland Mails for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Carriage of Mails by Railway for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £38,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Postal and Telegraph Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £1,165 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice and Patent Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Motion negatived.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £2,155 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £6,685 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Supreme Court for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit the item, "Clerk, Auckland, £100." (*Mr. Fish.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £6,417 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Bankruptcy for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £42,529 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of District, Resident Magistrates', and Wardens' Courts, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Resident Magistrate, &c., Onehunga, &c., £400," by the sum of £5. (*Mr. Houston.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Resident Magistrate and Registrar, Supreme Court, Napier, &c, £500," by the sum of £50. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 9.

Carncross	Kelly, J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Lawry	Thompson, T.	Fish
Hutchison, W.			Hogg.

NOES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Duncan	Moore	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Palmer	Shera
Buchanan	Hamlin	Parata	Smith, W. C.
Buckland	Harkness	Pinkerton	Taylor
Buick	Houston	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mills, C. H.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Earnshaw
Dawson	Mills, J.	Russell	Swan.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Clerk, Napier, &c., £260, by the sum of £10." (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Clerk at Hastings and Interpreter, £225," by the sum of £25. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 10.

Harkness	Lawry	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, W.	Moore	Thompson, T.	Fish
Kelly, J.	Tanner		Hogg.

NOES, 26.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Duncan	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Swan
Blake	Earnshaw	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Taylor
Buckland	Hall-Jones	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hamlin	Russell	
Carncross	Houston	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mills, J.	Shera	Buick
Dawson	Pinkerton	Smith, E. M.	Mills, C. H.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Criminal Prosecutions for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of "The Coroners Act, 1867," for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £29,370 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Inspector of Prisons, £700," by the sum of £200. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 10.

Fish	Lawry	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Mackenzie, T.	Tanner.	Hogg
Hutchison, W.	Palmer		Pinkerton.

NOES, 24.

Buckland	Joyce	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Swan
Buick	Kelly, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Russell	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Moore	Shera	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Smith, E. M.	Thompson, T.
Houston			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce this item by the sum of £100. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Lawry	Saunders	Fish
Hamlin	Palmer	Tanner	Mackenzie, T.
Hogg			

NOES, 21.

Buckland	Kelly, W.	Russell	Taylor
Buick	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Moore	Shera	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Smith, E. M.	Earnshaw
Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Swan	Joyce.
Houston	Rolleston, Hon. W.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Contingencies and Travelling-expenses, £1,800," by the sum of £500. (*Mr. T. Mackenzie.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £2,775 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Justice Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported, That the Committee of Supply had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered this day.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. *Messages.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as follow:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 16.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives an estimate of the sums required for the under-mentioned services, viz., public works, railways, roads, land-purchases, waterworks, telegraphs, public buildings, lighthouses, and other charges and expenses on the Public Works Fund, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1892, and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,

Wellington, 8th September, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Also,—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 17.

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Licensing of Auctioneers," with the following amendments, for the consideration of the House:—

In clause 1, add "It shall come into force on the first day of November in the now current year."

In clause 7, omit all the words after "following such date," and substitute "there shall be paid the following proportionate parts of the annual license for in respect of every license granted under this Act—that is to say, if such license takes effect at any time during the months of January, February, or March, the full amount of annual license-fee; or, during the months of April, May, or June, three-fourths of the amount of such annual fee; or, during the months of July, August, or September, one-half of the amount of such annual fee; or, during the months of October, November, or December, one-quarter of the amount of such annual fee."

In clause 27, to omit the word "and" after the word "twenty" in the second line, and substitute the word "or."

Government House,

Wellington, 8th September, 1891.

17. *Auctioneers Bill.*—*Ordered,* That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Auctioneers Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to His Excellency's proposed amendments in the Bill, and transmitting the same for their consideration.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half after three of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

(229.) Post and Telegraph Department: Report for the Year 1890.
(230.) Ocean Mail-services, Further Papers relative to.
(231.) Hospitals and Charitable Institutions: Report of the Inspector.
Ordered to be printed.

3. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to the Honourable Mr. Cadman, Mr. Duthie, and Mr. G. Hutchison to attend in order to their being examined, before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Local Bills, upon the Bills set opposite their names. The Honourable Mr. Cadman upon The Thames Recreation Reserve Sale Revivor Bill, Mr. Duthie upon the Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill, Mr. G. Hutchison upon the Wanganui River Trust Bill. Also,—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to Mr. J. W. Thomson to attend in order to his being examined, before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Local Bills, upon the Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Cadman, Mr. Duthie, Mr. G. Hutchison, and Mr. J. W. Thomson have leave to attend the said Committees, if they shall think fit so to do.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of John Lundon, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports upon the Patea Harbour Endowment Bill and the Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill; and the same were read, as follow:—

Patea Harbour Endowment Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they find it is a Local Bill and the Standing Orders have been complied with, except that the Schedule has not yet been verified by the Survey Department; and, owing to the hurried nature of the application, and the necessity of the Committee reporting at this period of the session, they have had no opportunity of investigating the merits of the Bill.

Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill:

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and find it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with: and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Patea Harbour Endowment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Patea Harbour Endowment Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

7. *Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

8. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown in the attached copy of the Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill be committed to-morrow.

10. *Native Land Bill Committee.*—On motion of Mr. W. Kelly, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That extension of time for one week be granted to the Native Land Bill Committee for bringing up their Report.

11. *Live-stock and Rabbits Committee.*—Mr. Lawry, from the Live-stock and Rabbits Committee, brought up a Report upon the Small-birds Nuisance Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Live-stock and Rabbits Committee, to whom the Small-birds Nuisance Bill has been referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments thereon as set forth in the attached copy of the Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Small-birds Nuisance Bill.—Ordered*, That the Small-birds Nuisance Bill be committed to-morrow.

13. *Native Land Bill Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Land Bill Committee, brought up a Report on the Native Land Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider the Native Land Bill have the honour to report that they have taken evidence upon the Bill, and recommend that it be postponed until next session.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

14. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Thomas Hughes and others.

Mr. Guinness moved, and the Question was proposed, that the Report do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question, as amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

15. *Water-supply Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Water Supply Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 27 read and agreed to.

Clause 28 read. Amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the words "twelve months," and insert the words "two years" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 29 to 54 read and agreed to.

Clause 55 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the clause:—

And the Governor, by the same or any subsequent Proclamation, shall determine the number of members of the Water Supply Board, not being in any case less than one nor more than three; to be elected by each road district, or part of a road district, respectively forming part of the water-supply district. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 56 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "seven," and insert the word "five" in lieu thereof;" and in lines 2 and 3, to omit the words "to be elected by the ratepayers of such district," and insert the words "whereof the members to represent each road district or part of a road district shall be elected respectively by the ratepayers of such road district or part of such road district" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 57 and 58 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable County Councils and, in certain cases, Road Boards, to construct and maintain Works for Water-supply, and to make Provision for the Cost thereof."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence therein.

16. *Stamp Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Stamp Acts Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. *Property-tax Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Property-tax Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to impose a Property-tax."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

18. *Land for Settlement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land for Settlement Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

19. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Palmerston North Hospital District Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

20. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill be considered to-morrow.

21. *Borough of Palmerston North Hospital Land Sales Validation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Borough of Palmerston North Hospital Land Sales Validation Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

22. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. E. M. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a Royal Commission with a view to prove that the ironsands and iron-ores of New Zealand can be smelted practically and commercially, thereby being the means of making our own iron and steel from New Zealand ores for the use of the public works and railways at a cheaper rate, and of a better quality, than that which is being imported from other countries."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,315 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department, Head Office, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £341,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Schools for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £14,075 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Schools for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £100. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,436 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Industrial Schools for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of School for Deaf-mutes for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Education Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37,868 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lunatic Asylums for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,704 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Charitable for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,346 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Rotorua Sanatorium for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves adjourned.

Thursday, the 10th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House :—

(232.) Relief Works, Number of Unemployed engaged on, and Amounts paid Monthly to, from January to June, 1891. (Return to an Order dated 6th August, 1891.)

(233.) Properties of Doubtful Ownership, Estimated Value of, under the Property Assessment Act. (Return to an Order dated 4th September, 1891.)

Ordered, That Paper numbered 233 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of E. A. Mackechnie; and D. Grant; and C. Y. O'Conor: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.-2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of E. A. Mackechnie, together with the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Mrs. Farnall's Petition.*—On motion of Mr. Rees, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Mrs. Farnall be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

5. *Adjournment.*—Mr. T. Mackenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

6. *Harbour Board Endowments.*—On motion of Mr. T. Mackenzie, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the endowments in land, railways, or grants in money made to the various Harbour Boards in the colony, and specifying which of such endowments and grants were made by Provincial Governments and which by General Government, and the estimated value of the endowments of land and railways at the time they were made and at the present time.

7. *San Francisco Mail-service.*—On motion of Mr. Duthie, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing for the last four months the dates and hours of arrival of the inward San Francisco mail-steamers at Auckland, the names of the steamers employed carrying the mails from the Manukau south, and the dates and hours of their arrival in Wellington.

8. *Metal used for Railway Purposes in Taieri County.*—On motion of Mr. Carncross, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing how many yards of metal from the Logan's Point Quarry have been used for railway purposes, within the Taieri County, between the 1st day of January, 1890, and the 31st day of August, 1891, inclusive, and the cost thereof to the Government; also, a Return showing how many yards of metal from the Mosgiel Quarry have been used for railway purposes, within the Taieri County, between the 1st day of January, 1890, and the 31st day of August, 1891, inclusive, and the cost thereof to the Government.

9. *Mr. W. B. Edwards, Cost of Proceedings against.*—On motion of Mr. Fisher, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total cost to the State of the recent proceedings in the Court of Appeal in respect of the appointment of Mr. Justice Edwards, or connected therewith, including preliminary opinions as to the validity of the appointment, and any opinions obtained from counsel subsequently to the decision of the Court of Appeal, and including as well the cost of the defence as the costs of the prosecution, distinguishing—(1) the several sums paid to counsel, stating the services in

respect of which such sums have been paid, and the names of the counsel to whom the same have been paid; (2) the sums paid to Mr. H. B. Vogel, stating the services for which such sums have been paid, and whether such sums include any payment in respect to the abortive proceedings commenced by him in the name of one Aldridge, a felon; (3) the costs paid to the Crown Solicitor, and to the solicitors for the defendant, other than for counsel's fees, stating separately the amounts paid to each, and how much of such amounts is for disbursements; (4) the cost of reporting and transcribing the report of the proceedings before the Court of Appeal; (5) cost of passages of *Hansard* reporters; (6) cost of printing report of proceedings before the Court of Appeal, and of the statement of case, affidavits, &c., presented to the Court.

10. *Factories Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons for disagreeing with certain of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Factories Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as followeth:—

1. Clause 3. The number of workers must be limited, in order to bring the largest possible number of workrooms under the provisions of the Act as regards sanitation, hours of labour, &c., and to check the practice of sweating. The exemption of small workrooms is also unfair to the larger factories.
2. Clause 31. No authority can judge of the necessities of each room and trade so well as the Inspector.
3. Clause 35. For sanitary reasons it is desirable to allow as few exemptions as possible.
4. Clause 50. It is advisable to limit the hours between which women may perform their eight hours' work. The clause as altered by the Council is a retrograde step from the present custom and law, against which there have been no complaints.
5. Clause 52. It is very desirable, for the sake of the child himself, and for the sake of the standard of intelligence and skill among future workers, that the educational test should be retained. The State should, as far as possible, assume that a moderate amount of education is essential.
6. Clause 56. The nature of the employment is such that it is likely to injure the health of girls employed at such an early age. Both employers and employed in the trade generally recognise this.
7. Clause 81. An appeal from the decision of the Inspector is perhaps desirable, but it is considered that the local Board of Health is not the proper tribunal to which the appeal should lie.
8. Clause 82. Exceptional treatment should not be accorded to the Government workshops. The example of a Government specially excepting its own establishments is not calculated to insure support from proprietors of other workshops in carrying out the provisions of the Act.
9. Clause 36. No reason is seen for the alteration in the wording of this clause.
10. Clause 51. It is thought that an outside authority, such as the Inspector, should be the judge as to whether the exigencies of trade require overtime to be worked.

And the reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

11. *Native Lands Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Rees, *Ordered*, That a Special Committee be set up to consider the provisions of a Bill to be introduced to deal with certain pressing matters in relation to Native lands: such Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. Carroll, Captain Russell, Mr. Taipua, and the Mover; and to report by Tuesday next; three to be a quorum.

12. *Waimate Hospital District Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Waimate Hospital District Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed until Thursday next.

13. *Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill;

Mr. Mackintosh moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

14. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have disagreed with the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled "The Legislative Council Act, 1891," with the exception of the new clause 11, and transmits herewith their reasons for so disagreeing, together with the Bill and amendments. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Dentists Acts Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

15. *Legislative Council Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for disagreeing with the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Legislative Council Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

Clause 2. Persons of the age of twenty-one years cannot possess the experience, either political or otherwise, necessary to qualify them for the position of a Legislative Councillor.

Clause 3. The principal objection to the existing law was that an appointment for life entailed the holding of a seat after a Councillor had become mentally or physically incapable of discharging his duties. The reduction of the term from ten to seven years tends to give the Council more of a party character, and thus to affect the impartiality which is the essential requisite of a revising Chamber. The amendment in the second paragraph is of a retrospective character, and partial in its application.

Clause 7. The responsibility for the proper conduct of its proceedings rests with the Council itself. The election of the Speaker should therefore be in its own hands.

Clause 10. The appointment of members to the Legislative Council is a prerogative act of the Crown, sanctioned by the Constitution Act. As no specific authority is given by amending Acts to alter or limit the existing power, it may be held to be *ultra vires* of the Assembly as now proposed.

Resolved, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that the House insists on its amendments in the Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Fergus, the Honourable Mr. Seddon, and the Honourable Mr. Ballance be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons for so insisting.

16. *Dentists Acts Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Dentists Acts Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House disagrees with the said amendments, and that Mr. Palmer, Mr. Lawry, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons for so disagreeing.

17. *Paper.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie laid the following letter upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

(234.) Letter from Mr. John Handley to the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie relative to the Land Bill.

18. *Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Wright moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," and the addition of the words "this day six months" at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "now," stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 35.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hamlin	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Blake	Hogg	Meredith	Shera
Buick	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Dawson	Kapa	Parata	Swan
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Rees	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	Guinness
Grey, Sir G.	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Hall-Jones.

NOES, 20.

Buchanan	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Russell	Valentine
Buckland	Moore	Saunders	Wilson.
Carncross	Rhodes	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thompson, T.	Mackenzie, T.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.	Wright.
Lawry			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to grant further Borrowing Powers to the Greymouth Harbour Board."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

19. *Legislative Council Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned by this House for insisting on its amendments in the Legislative Council Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

As to clause 2, subsection (1): The Constitution Act, under which the Council is established, fixed twenty-one as the age at which persons should be eligible for appointment; and no sufficient reason has been shown to warrant a departure from the law which has been in force for so many years, and under which no difficulties have ever arisen.

As to clause 3: Seven years is a long time in the history of a country, and, having regard to the duration of the House of Representatives and the circumstances of the colony, is not an unreasonable term to fix. It secures permanence of tenure for a fixed period, and will tend to keep the Council more in harmony with changes in the public mind. The retrospective provision in this clause is only intended to apply to those members who have been appointed since the last general election.

As to clause 7: When the Constitution Act was passed the Crown, in conferring representative institutions upon the colony, reserved to itself the right to appoint the Speaker of the Council. This right has, on the whole, been exercised wisely; and, moreover, the reasons which require that the members of an elective Chamber shall choose their own President do not apply in the case of a nominated body.

As to clause 10: The authority of the Governor to give the Royal assent to Acts of the General Assembly is conferred by the Crown, and should not be limited by the Parliament of the colony.

And the reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council forwarding the reasons of the House of Representatives for insisting on their amendments in the Legislative Council Bill, together with the Bill and amendments.

20. *Thorndon Esplanade Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Thorndon Esplanade Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to vest the Control and Management of certain Lands at Thorndon in the Mayor and Council of the City of Wellington."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

21. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the figures "1891," in line 2. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the last line of the clause. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendments proposed: In line 9, to omit the word "one," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof; and in the last line but one, to omit the word "twenty," and insert the word "fifty" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendments proposed: In line 7 of paragraph 2, to omit the words "on the moneys arising from one property;" and to omit all the words of the clause after the words "per annum," in line 8. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 40.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hamlin	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	O'Conor	Tanner
Carncross	Houston	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Kapa	Rees	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	McGuire	Saunders	Earnshaw
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Pinkerton.
Guinness			

NOES, 21.

Blake	Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wilson
Buchanan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Swan	Newman
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Valentine	Rhodes
Hutchison, G.	Moore		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 12A read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "the" and the word "so." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendment proposed: In line 14, to omit the words "restricted or limited." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 read and negatived.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "twelve," to insert the words "fifteen, sixteen." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

The Public Trust Office shall have power to purchase any freehold lands, and erect buildings thereon, for the purpose of being wholly or partly occupied for the business of the office. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

In addition to the members of the Board mentioned in section eighteen of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872," the Governor in Council may appoint two persons of special experience; and the Governor may, by Order in Council, fix the fees and allowances to be paid to such additional members out of the Expenses Account of the Public Trust Office. [Proposed by Public Accounts Committee.] (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

Amendments proposed: In line 3, after the word "may," to insert the words "from time to time;" and after the word "appoint," to insert the words "and remove." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendments agreed to.

And the Question being put, That the clause as amended be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Buick	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Carroll	Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Fisher	Kapa	Parata	
Fraser	Kelly, J.	Rees	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McGuire	Reeves, R. H. J.	Macdonald
Hall-Jones	Meredith	Saunders	Shera.

NOES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Newman	Thomson, J. W.
Blake	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	Valentine
Buckland	Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wilson
Dawson	Mackenzie, T.	Russell	Wright.
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mills, J.	Smith, W. C.	Rhodes
Earnshaw	Moore	Swan	Thompson, T.
Hamlin			

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

It shall be lawful to advance trust-moneys upon the security of leaseholds where such leaseholds are for unexpired terms of twenty-one years and upwards. (*Mr. Rees.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

It shall be lawful to advance trust-moneys upon the security of perpetual leaseholds when a valuation exists. (*Mr. Macdonald.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and negatived.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Public Trust Office."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

22. *Stamp Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Stamp Acts Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 again read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words of the clause after the figures "1891," in line 2. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the clause:—

It shall be lawful for the Governor to make, alter, and revoke such regulations for the mode of payment and collection of the duty imposed by this section of this Act as he may think fit. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, before the word "upon," to insert the words "on and after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 1, before the word "upon," to insert the words "on and after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment negatived.

Other amendments proposed: In line 2 of the third paragraph, to omit the words "the Bank of New Zealand," and insert the words "any bank or banks having charge of the banking account of the colony" in lieu thereof; after the word "or" to insert the word "any;" and to omit the word "branch," and insert the word "branches" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendments agreed to.

And the Question being put, That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McGuire	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Swan
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Palmer	Taipua
Carncross	Kapa	Parata	Tanner
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Rees	Thompson, T.
Fisher	Lawry	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Macdonald	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Mackenzie, T.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackintosh	Smith, E. M.	Fish.

NOES, 16.

Blake	Grey, Sir G.	Newman	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Mills, J.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Hutchison, W.
Duthie	Moore	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Meredith.
Fergus, Hon. T.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1 of subsection (1), before the word "mode," to insert the words "granting of permission to use the totalisator, and for the." (*Mr. Palmer.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "metropolitan." (*Mr. R. Thompson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 5 and 7, to omit the word "lease." (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Stamps Acts."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

23. *Payment of Members Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Payment of Members Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "one hundred." (*Mr. Palmer.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the words "and fifty." (*Mr. R. Thompson.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Hamlin	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Carroll	Houston	Parata	Taipua
Dawson	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Kapa	Rees	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Kelly, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Carncross
Fraser	Macdonald	Russell	Fish.
Grey, Sir G.			

NOES, 25.

Blake	Kelly, J.	Moore	Swan
Buchanan	Lawry	Newman	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	McGuire	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Tanner
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Saunders	Thompson, R.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "Council," to insert the words "Provided that no such payment shall be made to any members of the Legislative Council residing within three miles of the Parliament House." (*Mr. R. Thompson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "two hundred," with a view of subsequently also omitting the words "and forty," and inserting the words "one hundred and fifty" in lieu thereof. (*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "two hundred," with a view of subsequently also omitting the words "and forty," and inserting the words "one hundred and fifty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. McGuire.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 32.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	Kapa	Richardson, Hon. G. F.
Buick	Fraser	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Smith, E. M.
Carncross	Guinness	Mackintosh	Smith, W. C.
Carroll	Hamlin	Palmer	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Hogg	Parata	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Houston	Rees	Mills, C. H.
Earnshaw	Hutchison, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Pinkerton.
Fish			

NOES, 23.

Blake	Kelly, J.	Moore	Tanner
Buchanan	Lawry	Newman	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Mackenzie, T.	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Duthie	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Saunders	McGuire
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Swan	Thompson, R.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the words "and forty pounds," and insert the word "guineas" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Duncan.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fraser	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Grey, Sir G.	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Guinness	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Hamlin	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carroll	Hogg	Pinkerton	
Dawson	Hutchison, W.	Rees	*Tellers.*
Fish	Kapa	Reeves, R. H. J.	Earnshaw
Fisher	Kelly, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Macdonald.

NOES, 24.

Blake	Lawry	Moore	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Mackenzie, T.	Newman	Thompson, T.
Buckland	McGuire	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Duthie	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Russell	Duncan
Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Swan	Tanner.
Kelly, J.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendments proposed: To omit all the words in subsection (1), after the word "absent," in line 5, and to insert the words "the sum of two pounds" in lieu thereof; and to add the following paragraph to the subsection:—

The exemption from penalty in respect of absence for five sitting days during any session shall be reckoned from the commencement of such session,

and allowed accordingly, after which all deductions in respect of the absence of a member shall be made from the monthly payment to be made to such member next ensuing after the occurrence of such absences respectively. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: At the end of subsection (3), to add the words "not being more than six months after the time at which such expenses were incurred;" and to add the following subsection to the clause:—

If a member of the Legislative Council has obtained, and avails himself of, leave of absence from the Governor for a whole session, he shall not be entitled to any payment under this Act from the date of the Proclamation of the Governor convening the General Assembly for the despatch of business at the session in respect whereof such leave applies, until the issue of a like Proclamation convening the said Assembly for despatch of business at the next-ensuing session thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read and negatived.

Clause 9 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. McGuire moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," and the addition of the words "this day six months" at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	Kelly, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.
Buick	Fraser	Macdonald	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Guinness	Mackintosh	Smith, E. M.
Carncross	Hamlin	Mills, C. H.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carroll	Hogg	Palmer	
Dawson	Houston	Parata	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	Earnshaw
Fish	Kapa	Reeves, R. H. J.	Rees.

NOES, 14.

Buckland	Moore	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Lawry	Rhodes	Swan	McGuire
Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.
Meredith	Russell	Thomson, J. W.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide for the Payment of Members of the General Assembly."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

24. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Coal-mines Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made further progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

25. *Small-birds Nuisance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Small-birds Nuisance Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the word "Small." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In line 5, before the word "excessive," to insert the words "habits or by their;" to omit all the words in the first paragraph after the word "injurious," in line 6; to omit the second paragraph, and insert the following paragraph in lieu thereof:—

The local authority may, if they think fit, raise the funds necessary for the above purpose by means of a separate general rate or a special rate not in any case exceeding three-sixteenths of a penny in the pound within counties or any riding of a county, or road districts or any subdivision of a road district, or the equivalent thereof within boroughs and town districts; and in any such case the previous consent of the ratepayers shall not be necessary to the levying and collecting such rate. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "view," in line 3. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read and negatived.

Clause 6 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "legal authority," and insert the words "County Council or Road Board" in lieu thereof; in line 2, to omit the word "or," and after the word "seed" to insert the words "or other material;" and in line 7, after the word "house," to insert the words "without the consent in writing of the owner or occupier thereof." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendments proposed: To omit all the words after the word "given" in line 2; and to add the clause to the preceding clause. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read and negatived.

Clause 10 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Every Borough Council and Town Board shall from time to time make, alter, or repeal by-laws for carrying out the objects of this Act by such means as they may think fit. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Title amended by the omission of the words "sparrows or other." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, made amendments therein, and had amended the Title of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide for the Destruction of Injurious Birds."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half after three of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 11th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

   The Legislative Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Bill intituled "The Auctioneers Act, 1891," transmitted in Message No. 58 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

   The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The New Plymouth Hospital Act, 1891," and "The Wellington Boys' Institute Act, 1891," without amendment."

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Thomas Gilbert and others; and Sydney A. Gibbs and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

4. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of R. Bates; S. Earl; the Pelorus Road Board; C. G. Thurston; and S. R. Taylor: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of R. Bates, S. Earl, and the Pelorus Road Board, together with the Reports of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Mrs. Graham; Kirihipina Pateoro and another; H. E. Johnston and others; J. Townley and others; Retimana te Rango and 2 others; Hohepa Pokiki and 6 others; Wi Naihira and 14 others; and Timoti Karetai and 8 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Mrs. Graham, Kirihipina Pateoro and another, H. E. Johnston and others, and J. Townley and others, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Unauthorised Expenditure Account, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9B.)

Mr. Saunders also brought up from the said Committee a Report on the claim of the Honourable Dr. Pollen to pension (Appendix I.–9A); and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government for consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. J. Kelly moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Buchanan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Carroll	Moore	Russell	Wilson
Fisher	O'Conor	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Wright.
Grey, Sir G.	Parata	Shera	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Perceval	Smith, E. M.	Hutchison, G.
Joyce	Reeves, R. H. J.	Swan	Rees.

NOES, 21.

Buick	Hogg	Palmer	Taylor
Dawson	Houston	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Lawry	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	McGuire	Saunders	Tanner
Fish	Meredith	Smith, W. C.	Thompson, R.
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the claim of the Honourable Dr. Pollen to a pension do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government for consideration.

7. *Public Works Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Works Acts; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

8. *Railways Authorisation and Management Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of Extensions of and Additions to certain Railways, and also to provide for the Management, Working, and Maintenance of the Kaihu Valley Railway, and for other Purposes; and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Seddon accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

9. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 18.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to grant a Pension to Robert Chisenhall Hamerton, Esquire," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly; and informs the House that Mr. Robert Chisenhall Hamerton has tendered his resignation of the office of Public Trustee, which the Governor has accepted.

Government House,
Wellington, 11th September, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be considered forthwith.

10. *Hamerton Pension Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That the Bill to grant a Pension to Robert Chisenhall Hamerton, Esquire, transmitted in His Excellency's Message No. 18, be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next, and to be printed.

11. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. Harkness, on account of urgent private affairs.

12. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill;

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That the said amendments be disagreed with, and that the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Meredith, and the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Bill.

13. *Private Tramways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Private Tramways Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Private Tramways Act, 1882.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

14. *Palmerston North Hospital Land Sales Validation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Palmerston North Hospital Land Sales Validation Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to validate certain Sales of Land made by the Borough Council of Palmerston North under "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1885."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

15. *Rabbit Nuisance Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, to omit the word "four," and insert the word "five" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 10, before the word "durable" to insert the words "iron or," and after the word "wood" to omit the words "or iron." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1890."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

16. *Land for Settlements Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land for Settlements Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Motion negatived.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: To omit all the words of the definition of "owner," after the word "land," in line 4; and to omit all the words of the definition of "private land," after the word "Crown," in line 1. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the clause:—

In the event of the purchase of any land taken under "The Public Works Act, 1882," not being confirmed by Parliament, any costs incurred by the owner of such land in the determination of the value thereof under the provisions of the said Act shall be paid to such owner by the Government. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "one," and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3, to omit the words "and one per centum per annum for sinking fund." (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 18 read and agreed to.

Clause 19 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "perpetual-lease," to insert the words "or deferred-payment." (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 17.

Blake	Lawry	Shera	Wilson.
Fisher	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Thompson, R.	Buchanan
Hamlin	Moore	Valentine	Rhodes.
Hutchison, G.	Richardson, Hon. G. P.		

NOES, 30.

Buick	Grey, Sir G.	Newman	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	O'Conor	Taylor
Carncross	Houston	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Joyce	Parata	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fish	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Hogg
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Meredith.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 23 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Subject to such regulations as the Governor is hereby authorised to make in that behalf, the Colonial Treasurer may, in manner provided in section fifteen, from time to time, at the direction of the Governor, advance for the after-mentioned purposes any sum not exceeding in the whole pounds sterling on any allotment selected by any selector born in New Zealand, or who has been resident continuously therein for not less than years, and who shall be of good character and repute—namely:—

(1.) For the erection of a homestead;

(2.) For the purchase of the necessary agricultural implements;

(3.) For the supply of rations for twelve months.

The amount of such advance shall in every case be added to the purchase-price of the allotment, as determined under section seventeen, and the yearly quit-rent to be paid in respect of the allotment under section seventeen shall be five pounds per centum on such increased price.

In case of forfeiture of the allotment, the value of the homestead and other buildings erected as aforesaid, and of any advances made, shall be deemed to be a sum due to Her Majesty, and shall be deducted from the value of any improvements which may be payable to the lessee of the allotment under section . (*Sir G. Grey.*)

The Chairman ruled the proposed clause out of order, as being an appropriation clause.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise the Acquisition of Private Lands for Purposes of Settlement."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Counties Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Counties Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 19.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to further amend the Acts relating to Government Life Insurance," and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 11th September, 1891.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Perceval accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendations contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting the draft of a Bill to further amend the Acts relating to Government Life Insurance.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

19. *Government Life Insurance Acts Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Ordered*, That the Bill to further amend the Acts relating to Government Life Insurance, transmitted in His Excellency's Message No. 19, be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next, and to be printed.

20. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council desire a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Legislative Council Act, 1891." The Legislative Council have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and request the House of Representatives to appoint a similar number; also, the Legislative Council have fixed the hour of twelve noon, on Monday, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

21. *Legislative Council Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Resolved*, That this House agrees to a Conference with the Legislative Council upon the subject of its amendments in the Legislative Council Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Fergus, the Honourable Mr. Seddon, and the Honourable Mr. Ballance be the Managers of the said Conference on behalf of the House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House agrees to the said Conference.

22. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Mining Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

23. *Mining Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Mining Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

24. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons for disagreeing with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

1. Clause 2, line 13. Pastoral tenants are not mentioned in the title to the Bill, and this Bill was never meant to apply to them. It is intended to apply to selectors only. Pastoral tenants are generally better informed as to values, and have not applied for redress or revaluation; moreover, it would be most mischievous to adopt a provision of this sort, as under it the runs would be revalued without competition.

2. Clause 3, line 29. Same objection as No. 1.

3. Clause 4, lines 9 to 11. A number of petitions and letters have been received complaining of excessive values, and it is believed that in the hurry with which it was necessary to make the large number of revaluations under the original Act some have been incorrectly valued. Any objection to the policy of such valuation should have been made when the original Act was passed. The principle having been admitted, and revaluations granted, it would be wrong now, if injustice has been done in a few cases, to prevent the sufferers from obtaining the same justice as the large body of those who derived benefit from the original Act. The safeguard of a deposit will, it is anticipated, prevent other than real cases of wrong being brought forward.

4. Line 14. The same reason applies.

5. Line 15. "Or run" is not required, for reasons given in No. 1.

6. Line 20, subsection (1). It is believed that a statutory declaration and valuation by a reputable valuer would save both the selector and the Board from the trouble of investigating cases in which the selector probably does not know the real value of his land, and will prevent bogus claims for revaluation.

7. Clause 4, subsection (2). The deposit should be left to the discretion of the Board, because even £5 may cause some inconvenience to a needy selector, and this is the class which the Bill proposes to relieve. The undertaking to pay should also be retained. The Board has many opportunities of recovering, through Rangers, in case of default.

8. Line 34. It might be an injustice to charge the selector the whole cost of an inquiry into a matter in which he has been misled. It seems sufficient to charge him costs if he fails to make out a case for redress. No charge whatever was made under the previous Act; consequently it would be unfair now, in an amendment of the Act, to enforce a payment which has not been made in former cases, except as provided in clause for prevention of bogus claims for revaluation.

And the reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

25. *Supply*.—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Seddon moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the addition of the following words in lieu thereof: "the next session of the General Assembly be held in Christchurch."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 25.

Buckland	Houston	Newman	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hutchison, G.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.
Carncross	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Saunders	Pinkerton
Fisher	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.
Hogg	Mitchelson, Hon. E.		

NOES, 18.

Blake	Joyce	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Shera	
Earnshaw	Lawry	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Moore	Thompson, T.	Taylor
Hall-Jones	Palmer	Thomson, J. W.	Wright.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £699,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £10. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Buick	Hogg	Reeves, R. H. J.	Taylor.
Duncan	Joyce	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Meredith	Shera	Fish
Hall-Jones	Pinkerton	Smith, E. M.	Tanner.

NOES, 20.

Blake	Houston	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Wright.
Carncross	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, T.	Moore
Fergus, Hon. T.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Valentine.
Fisher			

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 9.

Hamlin	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	*Tellers.*
Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine.	Fergus, Hon. T.
Moore			Wright.

NOES, 24.

Blake	Hogg	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Saunders	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Joyce
Earnshaw	Reeves, R. H. J.	Tanner	Pinkerton.
Hall-Jones			

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of School-buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee of Supply had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Mr. Perceval also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after two of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned.

Monday, the 14th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—
(235.) "Pensions Act, 1884:" Schedule of Retiring Allowances proposed to be granted.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—
(236.) San Francisco Mail-service: Dates of Arrival of Ocean and Coastal Steamers at Auckland and Wellington. Return to an Order dated 10th September, 1891.

(237.) Government Life Assurance Department: Details of Expenditure Account to 1st July, 1891. Return to an Order dated 23rd July, 1891.

(238.) Native Land Laws Commission, Supplementary Return of Cost of. Additional Return to an Order dated 7th August, 1891.

Ordered, That Paper numbered 237 be printed.

3. *Joint Library Committee.*—Mr. W. Hutchison, from the Joint Library Committee, brought up Reports on the issue of books during the recess to members of the General Assembly and the appointment of an Assistant Librarian, and on the appointment of a Recess Committee; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–13.)

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of C. R. Bayly and others; M. J. Jones; W. Edgecomb; J. Hill; Mary Ann Cannon; J. Jackson; H. Burling; E. L. Clark; D. Lundon and others; and Emelia Johnstone: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of C. R. Bayly and others, M. J. Jones, and W. Edgecomb, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. Hill be referred to the Naval and Military Claims Committee.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Mary Ann Cannon, J. Jackson, and H. Burling be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of C. O'Malley; J. Shanaghan; W. Littlejohn (Mayor of the Borough of Onslow); S. H. Mackay and 715 others; J. B. Saxton and 77 others; R. J. Sandall and 32 others; J. McClusky; Jane N. Maher; H. Roche and 76 others; L. Walton and 19 others; A. Primrose and 115 others; and D. Maher: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of C. O'Malley, J. Shanaghan, and W. Littlejohn (Mayor of the Borough of Onslow), together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Otene Wirihana and 66 others; W. H. Taipari and 8 others; Rongowhitiaho and others; Hirini Whanga and 50 others; Hiraka te Rango and 55 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

7. *Legislative Council Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance brought up a Report from the Conference on the Legislative Council Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers of the Conference appointed by the House of Representatives upon the Legislative Council Bill have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council and have come to the following agreement:—

The Managers of the Legislative Council have conceded the amendment in the 16th line, clause 2, whereby twenty-one years is substituted for thirty-five.

Also the amendment in the 3rd line of the 3rd clause, by which seven years is substituted for ten years.

Also the amendment in the 6th subsection to the 4th clause: to strike out the words after "Council" in the 27th line.

Also the amendment in the 10th clause: to strike out the words from the beginning of the clause to 22nd line, and the subsequent ones in the 22nd and 23rd lines, and to accept the remainder of the clause as amended by the House of Representatives.

On the other hand,

The Managers of the House of Representatives have conceded their amendment, in the 7th and 8th line of the 3rd clause, which will now stand as passed by the Legislative Council.

And to restore the clause 7, by which the election of its own Speaker is vested in the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report be agreed to.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 43.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Guinness	Moore	Smith, W. C.
Buchanan	Hogg	Newman	Swan
Buckland	Houston	O'Conor	Tanner
Buick	Kapa	Parata	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Lawry	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Valentine
Carroll	McGuire	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Meredith	Saunders	Fergus
Fish	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Perceval.

NOES, 12.

Duncan	Kelly, W.	Taipua	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Rees	Thompson, T.	Hutchison, G.
Hutchison, W.	Shera	Thomson, J. W.	Palmer.
Kelly, J.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House hath agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Legislative Council Bill.

8. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to Mr. T. Mackenzie, on account of serious illness in his family.

9. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

10. *Dentists Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Dentists Acts Amendment Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

1. The House of Representatives disagrees with the amended section 2 because it is of opinion that it is undesirable that special examinations should be provided; the ordinary examinations should meet all requirements.

2. Section 4. The present law requires all candidates to be examined at Dunedin, thereby incurring loss of time and considerable expense, and is calculated to exclude merit in many cases where not associated with wealth.

This would be avoided if Boards of Examiners were formed in the chief centres—Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

And the reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

11. *Educational Endowments and Reserves Management and Exchange Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Future Management of Lands set apart for Educational Endowments and Reserves, and to authorise Exchanges of such Lands; and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

12. *Government Life Insurance Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Government Life Insurance Acts Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to further amend the Acts relating to Government Life Insurance."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

13. *Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

14. *Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that in the case of those persons whose names appear in Schedule A to this Act, and who have claimed under subsection two of section two of 'The Naval and Military and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889,' no certificate shall be issued until the claimants have proved to the satisfaction of the Defence Minister that they retired from Her Majesty's naval or military service for the special purpose of settling in New Zealand." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: At the end of subsection (1) to add the following words: "And at the end of the said subsection, after the words 'and to,' to add the following words, to wit, 'All persons in Her Majesty's Forces who were for a period of at least six months in active service in the above Native insurrection, and who at the time of sending in their claim in writing for land for such service has resided in this colony for a period of at least ten years immediately preceding the sending-in of such application.'" (*Mr. Palmer.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1 of subsection (2), after the word "through," to insert the words "death or through;" in line 4 of subsection (2), after the word "children," to insert the words "or legal representative;" and in line 1 of subsection (3), after the word "children," to insert the words "or legal representative." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After subsection (4), to insert the following subsection: "Any officer who, by command of his superior officer, or the

Governor, took service in the Militia, and thereby lost his claim for full time of service as a Volunteer." (*Mr. Rees.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendments proposed: In subsection (2), to omit all the words of the paragraph after the word "certificate," in line 5; to omit subsections (3) to (7); in subsection (8), in line 3, after the word "than," to insert the word "land," and after the word "by" to insert the words "naval or;" in line 4 of subsection (8), to omit the words "or naval;" and to omit subsections (9) and (10). (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 read and agreed to.

Schedule A read and agreed to.

Schedule B read. Amendment proposed: In lines 4 and 5, to omit the words "of instalments for land held on deferred payments, or for rent of any description whatever," and to insert the words "for land other than land set apart for occupation by naval and military settlers or Volunteers" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedules as amended agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act in Settlement of certain Claims to Land of Naval and Military Settlers and Volunteers."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

15. *Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to restrict the Operation of the Law respecting Access and Use of Light to Buildings derived from Lands of the Crown."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

16. *Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 8 and 9, to omit the

words "under and subject to the terms of 'The Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Act, 1877,' and." (*Mr. Joyce.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kelly, J.	Newman	Thompson, R.
Buick	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Lawry	Rees	Valentine
Fisher	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Houston	McGuire	Smith, E. M.	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, G.	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Earnshaw
Hutchison, W.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Tanner	Fish.

NOES, 17.

Blake	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Mills, J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Moore	Swan	Joyce
Hall-Jones	O'Conor	Taylor	Wright.
Harkness	Reeves, R. H. J.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide for vesting certain Land in the Lyttelton Harbour Board, and to amend the Law relating to such Board."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1891," and "The Property-tax Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The University of Otago Council Election Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to Mr. Wright to attend in order to his being examined, before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Local Bills, on the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Wright have leave to attend the said Committee, if he shall think fit so to do.

Also,—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled "The Legislative Council Act, 1891." Also,—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Factories Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

18. *University of Otago Council Election Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the University of Otago Council Election Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

19. *Factories Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting upon their amendments in the Factories Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows:—

Section 3. The Legislative Council has agreed that the number of workers constituting a factory or workroom under the Act should be fixed at six, as in a similar Act now in force in the Colony of Victoria; but it has not been able to agree that in cities, boroughs, and town districts, as is now proposed, a room, even in a private house, in which a single person works in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale, must be registered, and, with the workers, subjected to the inquisition of an Inspector, mainly, as is said, in order "to check the practice of sweating."

As it has been shown upon evidence which cannot be questioned that the practice of sweating has no existence in this colony, a provision which would subject persons working honestly for a living in their own houses to official interference and to unnecessary expenses merely as a preventative seems needless. In the opinion of the Legislative Council, the interests of the larger factories need no such conservative provision.

Section 31. The cubic and superficial space necessary for the maintenance of proper hygienic conditions in factories and workrooms in the several districts ought, in the opinion of the Legislative Council, in each case to be defined by the Board of Health, or by regulations. The proper duty of the Inspector should be to carry out definite instructions rather than himself to make regulations or to act in each case upon his own view of what might be necessary or proper.

Section 35. The Legislative Council agrees "that it is desirable to allow as few exemptions as possible from the operation of section 34." The few additional exemptions made seem, however, to be necessary.

Section 36. The object of this amendment, by altering the position of words, is merely to make the meaning of the clause more clear.

Section 50. The amendment made by the Council prevents excessive hours by limiting them to not exceeding forty-eight hours per week. Females need not work during the whole of this period, and the working-hours may be so arranged according to the nature of the work outside the prohibited hours as to enable the workers to secure a half-holiday on Saturday without loss of remuneration. This has been the practice in some factories, and its continuance has been demanded by many workers.

Under this clause as originally drawn females, if restricted to eight hours a day, could not work forty-eight hours per week, as under section 58 they are bound to stop work at one o'clock on Saturday.

Section 51. It is undesirable to give the Inspector arbitrary authority, which might lead to abuses. The provisions of the amendment leave an option to the workers, who need not work the extra time unless they think proper, and on terms to be specially agreed upon.

Section 52. The Legislative Council agrees that before a "child" is put to work a "moderate amount of education is essential;" but is of opinion that if the provisions of "The Education Act, 1877," are efficiently carried out no "child" of thirteen years—the limit of the compulsory school-age—can be without a moderate amount of education. To insist that until he is sixteen years of age a child may starve unless he can pass the Fourth Standard, and that he shall not be able, as he ought, to assist his parents, or to aid in promoting local industries languishing for the kind of labour which lads over thirteen can supply, seems highly objectionable; such an alteration or extension of the provisions of the Education Act seems out of place in a Factories Act.

Section 81. The Board of Health is the only superior body recognised under the Bill to which an appeal case can be properly made.

Section 82. The Railway Commissioners are theoretically, as well as by law, executive deputies of the Government in railway administration, and as they also are responsible to Parliament for the proper discharge of their duties, and for due observance of all laws affecting them, it seems not more necessary that the Commissioners in these factories should be under the supervision of Inspectors than that individual Ministers, in their respective departments, should be subject to like inquisition.

Resolved, That the reasons be disagreed with.

Resolved, That this House still disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the Factories Bill.

Ordered, That a Conference be requested by the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Bill, and that Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Tanner, and the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves be the Managers of such Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of

their amendments in the Factories Bill, and hath appointed three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of the Conference.

20. *School Committees Election Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the School Committees Election Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: After line 2, to insert the words "'Board' means the Education Board of the education district." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the words "school district," to insert the words "'Householder' means and includes every adult male or female person who has for the six months next before the day of any meeting of householders held in pursuance of the provisions of this Act resided within the school district, or who is the parent or legal guardian of any child attending any State School situated within such district," and to omit the subsequent words of the clause down to the end of subsection (3). (*Mr. Saunders.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Buchanan	Hutchison, G.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Taylor.
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Joyce	Saunders	Buckland
Hall-Jones	Kelly, J.	Steward, Hon. W. J.	Harkness.
Hogg			

NOES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Kelly, W.	Palmer	Tanner
Blake	Lawry	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackintosh	Rees	Thompson, T.
Carncross	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Dawson	Mills, C. H.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine
Duncan	Mills, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Shera	Wright.
Fisher	Moore	Smith, E. M.	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Newman	Smith, W. C.	Earnshaw
Houston	O'Conor	Swan	Meredith.

So it passed in the Negative.

Other amendments proposed: In line 1 of subsection (1), to omit the word "resides," and insert the words "has for the period of three months next before the day of election resided" in lieu thereof; to omit the last two lines of subsection (1), and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "or tenant thereof, and;" in line 2 of subsection (3), to omit the word "resident;" and in line 4 of subsection (3), after the word "right," to insert the words "having for the period of three months next before the day of election resided in the district, and." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words between the word "On," in line 1, and the word "seven," in line 3, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "or before the first Monday in April the Board shall publicly notify that a meeting of householders in each district will be called on the fourth Monday in that month for the purpose of electing not less than five nor more than nine resident householders to form the Committee for such district: the hour and place for such meeting to be fixed

by the Board. Where the average attendance of any school or schools under the Committee of a district has not during the last-preceding year exceeded twenty-five children, the Board shall call on the electors to nominate and elect a Committee of five members; where the average attendance has exceeded twenty-five and does not exceed three hundred, then the Board shall call for the nomination and election of a Committee of seven members; and where the number of children in average attendance has exceeded three hundred, the Board shall call for the nomination and election of a Committee of nine members." (*Mr. Saunders.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Blake	Guinness	Mills, C. H.	Shera
Buckland	Houston	Mills, J.	Tanner
Buick	Kelly, J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Moore	Valentine
Duncan	Lawry	Palmer	Wright.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Fish	McGuire	Rees	Thompson, R.
Fisher	Meredith	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.

NOES, 16.

Carncross	O'Conor	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Taylor.
Hall-Jones	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Smith, E. M.	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Smith, W. C.	Harkness
Hutchison, G.	Saunders	Steward, Hon. W. J.	Joyce.
Hutchison, W.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the word "seven." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "thereupon;" and in line 6, to omit the words "all or." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the first paragraph: "Provided that any candidate nominated may withdraw from any contest at any time previous to the ballot being taken either verbally or in writing, signed by the candidate and witnessed by a householder, and delivered to such Chairman, in either of which cases he shall be deemed in future proceedings at such meeting not to have been nominated." (*Mr. Palmer.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 read and negatived.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "district," to insert the words "in which there are more than one hundred children in the school under the care of the Committee." (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In lines 4 and 5, to omit the words "at the commencement of the proceedings of the election meeting," and insert the words "immediately before the taking of any ballot" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In line 7, after the word "shall," to insert the words "return the same to the Chairman or." (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words at the end of the first paragraph: "or if the meeting so desire the voting-papers used may contain the names of all the duly-nominated candidates, from which the elector shall, without leaving the room, strike out any names he pleases, but so as not to leave more names on the paper than the number of Committeemen to be elected." (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: To omit the first two lines and the words "soon as they have done so" in the third line of the second paragraph, and insert the words "So soon as all the householders present who desire to vote have recorded their votes" in lieu thereof; and to omit all the words between the word "and," in line 4, and the word "to," in line 5, and insert the words "hand the ballot-papers" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendment proposed: In subsection (3), to omit the words "may not give more than one vote to each such candidate," and insert the words "immediately before the taking of any ballot" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the clause: "In any case when a representation has been made to the Board that the proceedings at any election meeting had not been strictly formal or legal, the Board need not call for another election if, in their opinion, the informality was not wilful, and did not really affect the result of the election." (*Mr. Saunders.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "provided," to insert the word "householders." (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "appoint," in line 2, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "one or two Commissioners, who shall hold office until the next annual meeting, and shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties by law assigned to a School Committee." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "or appointed;" in line 2, to omit the words "its successors," and insert the words "a new Committee or a Commissioner or Commissioners" in lieu thereof; and in line 3, to omit the words "than by effluxion of time." (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "Committee," to insert the words "not being less than a quorum." (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "consecutive," to omit the words "months from all." (*Mr. Houston.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "he," to insert the words "or she." (*Mr. Saunders.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "vacant," in line 6. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3, to omit the words "five or more," and insert the words "a majority of the" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 19 and 20 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Notwithstanding anything contained in section six of this Act, any householder present at the annual meeting may at such meeting nominate for election to serve on the Committee any resident householder, and a resident householder nominated at the meeting, and, by word of mouth or by writing given to the Chairman, consenting to be so nominated, shall be a candidate for election. The Chairman of the meeting shall afford opportunity for nomination as allowed by this section of the Act, and shall then read or cause to be read a complete list of the persons nominated for election. The meeting shall then proceed by way of resolution to fix the number of persons to be elected to serve on the Committee, which number must be not less than five and not more than nine.

If the number of duly-nominated candidates is equal to the number of persons to be elected the Chairman shall declare that such candidates have been duly elected.

If the number of duly-nominated candidates is in excess of the number of persons to be elected a ballot shall be taken, and, up to the number fixed by resolution as aforesaid, those candidates shall be declared duly elected for whom a preference has been proved by the number of votes respectively recorded in their favour.

If the number of candidates duly nominated is less than the number fixed by resolution as aforesaid the candidates duly nominated shall be declared duly elected, and the Board shall appoint such resident householders as it deems fit to make up the number of members of the Committee to the number fixed by resolution as aforesaid, and any member or members appointed in accordance with this provision shall be deemed to have been duly elected. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, in the case of every school district having a school or schools wherein there are, on the whole, more than three hundred scholars in average attendance, if at the householders' meeting demand shall be made that a poll be taken under the provisions of this clause, then the Chairman shall adjourn the proceedings for one week, and the outgoing Committee shall forthwith appoint a Returning Officer for the purpose of taking such poll.

The Returning Officer so appointed shall forthwith notify, by advertisement in some newspaper published within such district (or, if there be no such newspaper, then in the newspaper the publishing office whereof is nearest thereto) the names of the candidates nominated, and shall supply to every householder who shall apply to him therefor a stamped and numbered ballot-paper containing the names of such candidates; and shall provide a ballot-box wherein such papers may be deposited between the hours of nine ante-meridiem and four post-meridiem on the day of election, which shall be the seventh day after the date of the householders' meeting; and such Returning Officer shall declare the result of the poll at the adjourned house-

holders' meeting, which shall be appointed for half-past seven of the clock post-meridiem of such day.

The Returning Officer may call upon any person applying to him for a ballot-paper to sign a declaration that he or she is a householder, duly qualified under this Act to vote at the election; and any person who shall sign such declaration without being duly qualified as in this Act provided shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, recoverable by summary process at the suit of such Returning Officer or of any duly-qualified householder. (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Clauses read a first time.

Second reading negatived.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Better Provision for the Election of School Committees."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

21. *New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Bill;

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Duncan, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

22. *Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

And the Question being put, That this clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Buick	Houston	Moore	Swan
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Newman	Tanner
Dawson	Joyce	O'Conor	Taylor
Earnshaw	Kelly, W.	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Fraser	Lawry	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	
Hall-Jones	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Meredith	Shera	Fish
Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Kelly, J.

NOES, 20.

Buchanan	Macarthur	Russell	Wilson
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Saunders	Wright.
Carncross	Mills, J.	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.	Blake
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine	Fisher.
Hutchison, G.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendments proposed: In line 5, after the word "year," to insert the words "subject to the proviso;" and to add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided further that in no case shall the sum to be expended in any one year exceed the sum of one hundred pounds." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read.

And the Question being put, That this clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackintosh	Shera	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Moore	Swan	Mills, J.
Houston	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Taylor	Thompson, T.
Joyce			

NOES, 27.

Blake	Fisher	Macarthur	Tanner
Buchanan	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Thompson, R.
Buick	Harkness	McGuire	Thomson, J. W.
Dawson	Hogg	Newman	Wright.
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Russell	Fish
Fergus, Hon. T.	Kelly, W.	Saunders	Rhodes.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In line 11, after the words "carried on," to insert the word "exclusively." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

And the Question being put, That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Joyce	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	
Fisher	Kelly, W.	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lawry	Taylor	Hutchison, W.
Grey, Sir G.	Mackintosh	Thompson, T.	Shera.

NOES, 23.

Blake	Harkness	Mills, J.	Swan
Buchanan	Hogg	Pinkerton	Tanner
Buick	Kelly, J.	Rhodes	Wright.
Dawson	Macarthur	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	Fish
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Meredith	Saunders	Thompson, R.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

The Governor may at any time, by Proclamation, upon the petition publicly notified by the Mayor and Council of a borough which has not contracted for, or is liable for, any special loan under the provisions of the principal Act, declare any outlying portion of such borough not being a reserve to be severed therefrom, and declare the same annexed to the adjacent road district or riding of a county.

In any such case the provisions of sections thirty-eight to forty of the principal Act shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, for the purpose of determining the financial arrangements to be made between the county or road district and the borough on such severance as aforesaid. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill :—

Section seventy-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding after the word "borough," in the first line, the following words: "together with the residents within the boundaries of the same [the borough] whose names appear on the parliamentary roll for the electoral district;" and by further adding at the close of the section as follows: "And for the purposes of this election the Town Clerk shall prepare a mayoral-roll in terms of this section, and this roll shall be open for public inspection on and after the first day of November in each year." (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 15.

Buick	Grey, Sir G.	Mackintosh	Taylor.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Palmer	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Hutchison, G.	Shera	Hutchison, W.
Fisher	Kelly, J.	Smith, W. C.	Tanner.

NOES, 31.

Blake	Hogg	Mills, J.	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Houston	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Joyce	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Dawson	Kelly, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Macarthur	Russell	Wright.
Fish	McGuire	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Lawry
Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Swan	Newman.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill :—

Add the following additional subsection to section two hundred and seventy-five of the principal Act :—

Provided always that the Council shall be bound, on the requisition of any owner of private property who cannot obtain drainage except by taking it through neighbouring private property or properties, to proceed, according to the aforesaid subsections, with the view of carrying out such drainage to the nearest or most accessible public drain. And it is further hereby provided that objections urged by opposing parties, which only affect the amenity of the property or properties to be drained through, or objections which are only personal, shall not be regarded by the Council as sufficient reasons for declining to execute the drainage of any private property; and the Council, on a review of the facts, may set aside such reasons as insufficient, and forthwith have such drainage executed at the expense of the owner of the property who requires the same. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill :—

Power is hereby given to Councils to acquire land unbuilt upon, situated within their boundaries, for public purposes, compulsorily, at the price paid for the same by the owner thereof, with four per centum per annum added to that price for the time the land has been held by him. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first time.

Second reading negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill :—

In framing by-laws the Council is hereby empowered, in the matter of the several offences hereinafter enumerated, where no allegation of damage to property has been made, and where nothing of a wilful or malicious or

criminal character is charged against the offender, to fix a minimum penalty for these offences respectively. And any person summoned for an offence in respect whereof a minimum penalty is provided as aforesaid may pay such penalty without costs to the Clerk of the Court to which he is summoned, and thereupon no further proceedings in the case shall be taken against such person. But nothing herein contained shall render it obligatory upon the said person to pay such penalty if he prefer to have the case determined by the Court. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first time.

And the Question being put on the second reading of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Buick	Hogg	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hutchison, W.
Grey, Sir G.	Palmer	Shera	Joyce.

NOES, 24.

Blake	Houston	Newman	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	Kelly, W.	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Earnshaw	Meredith	Swan	*Tellers.*
Fish	Mills, C. H.	Taylor	Hall-Jones
Fraser	Mills, J.	Thompson, R.	Smith, W. C.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.			

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

It shall be lawful for the Council of the Borough of Invercargill, either by public auction or tender, by an instrument in writing made in the name of the Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of the Borough of Invercargill, and sealed with their common seal, to vest in any person or persons, body corporate or bodies corporate, the management and control of the New River Harbour, for such period of time, and under such restrictions, and upon such terms and conditions as the said Council shall think fit; and also by public auction or tender, by the same or some other instrument, to lease any lands which, by the operation of "The Invercargill Corporation Empowering Act 1888," are vested in the said Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of the Borough of Invercargill, for such term of years, at such rents, and upon such terms and conditions as the said Council shall think fit.

No such instrument shall have any force or effect unless and until a proposal to bring the same into force has been submitted to the ratepayers of the Borough of Invercargill in the same manner as a proposal to raise a special loan is prescribed in Part IX. of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and the ratepayers have consented thereto in the manner prescribed therein, and the provisions of sections one hundred and eighty-three and one hundred and eighty-four of the said last-named Act shall apply thereto.

Immediately such first-named instrument, vesting the management and control of the said harbour in some person or persons or body corporate or bodies corporate, shall come into force, all the powers, functions, duties, and authorities by "The Harbours Act, 1878," and every amendment thereof, conferred upon a Harbour Board shall and may thenceforth be exercised and performed in respect of the New River Harbour by the person or persons or body corporate or bodies corporate named in such instrument as fully and effectually as if such person or persons or body corporate or bodies corporate had been constituted a Harbour Board by and under the said Act, subject, however, to the restrictions, terms, and conditions contained or expressed in such instrument. (*Mr. J. Kelly.*)

The Chairman ruled the proposed clause out of order.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to further amend 'The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

23. *Counties Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Counties Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 again read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

24. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Coal-mines Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 again read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Perceval reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

25. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Factories Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of twelve noon on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of September, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council request that leave may be given by the House of Representatives to the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Guinness, and Mr. J. Mills to attend in order to their being examined, before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council upon Local Bills, upon the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Guinness, and Mr. J. Mills have leave to attend the said Committee, if they shall think fit so to do.

And then the House, having continued to sit until one of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Tuesday, the 15th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Resignation of Member for Christchurch.*—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following letter:—

SIR,— 15th September, 1891.

I have the honour to tender to you my resignation of my seat in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Christchurch.

I have, &c.,

W. B. PERCEVAL.

To the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3. *New Writ.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker be directed to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Writs to make out a new writ for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the District of Christchurch, in the room of Westby Brook Perceval, Esquire, resigned.

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the table, by command of His Excellency:—

(239.) Puhipuhi Silver-ores, Letter from Mr. Albert Bruce respecting Treatment of.

(240.) Goldfields, Roads, Water-races, and Other Works in connection with Mining.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

(241.) "Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1889," Regulations made under.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, with the leave of the House:—

(242.) Turnbull Memorial Fund: Report and Balance-sheet.

(243.) Parliamentary Honorarium, Memoranda relating to the Payment of, for a Double Session.

On motion of Mr. Hall-Jones, *Ordered*, That Paper numbered 243 be referred to the Government, with a view of obtaining the opinion of the Law Officers thereon.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 239 and 240 be printed.

5. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Saunders, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of Mrs. Farnall; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom the above Petition was referred, have the honour to recommend that it be referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee. The Committee is of opinion that, under the order of reference defining their functions, a petition of this nature does not come within the scope of their duties.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mrs. Farnall be referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

6. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up a Report upon the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

7. *Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill be committed to-morrow.

8. *Native Land Laws Committee.*—Mr. Rees, from the Native Land Laws Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have the honour to report,—

1. That they have taken into full consideration the reference made to them.

2. They find that many matters of disputed titles are of a very pressing character, requiring immediate legislation.

3. They find that certain questions of Native trusts are also urgent.

4. They have considered "The Native Land Court Act Amendment Act, 1889," and the reports of the Commissioners (Messrs. W. B. Edwards and John Ormsby) thereon, and have drawn a Bill, which they believe sufficient to meet the urgency of the occasion, which Bill is hereto appended.

5. That, in view of the numerous petitions presented praying for relief, and the advanced stage of the session, your Committee trust that the House will see fit to take such steps as will pass the proposed measure into law.

Ordered to lie upon the Table and be printed.

9. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of J. Lundon (No. 1); J. Lundon (No. 2); H. S. Jones and others; A. Cairns; T. Carter; D. Egan; J. Jervis; and H. J. Hawkins: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. Lundon (No. 1), and H. S. Jones and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

10. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Emily M. Fulloon; Takerei Ruha and others (No. 1); Takerei Ruha and others (No. 2); Wi Pere; Wepiha te Wainohu and another; Hue te Huri and others; Kingi Herekiekie and others; Hikungarara and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Emily M. Fulloon, Takerei Ruha and others (No. 1), Takerei Ruha and others (No. 2), Wi Pere, and Wepiha te Wainohu and another, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

11. *Adjournment.*—Mr. C. H. Mills moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

12. *South Island Natives.*—On motion of Mr. Parata, *Ordered*, That a Return, comprising the list of names furnished to Mr. Commissioner Mackay, of all the Native residents at the several settlements in the South Island in 1891, inclusive of the relatives in other parts of the colony, be laid before this House.

13. *Pensions and Retiring Allowances.*—On motion of Mr. G. Hutchison, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House (in continuation of Return 227H) giving the names of persons, the amounts annually or otherwise paid, and the dates for which pensions accrued, and the dates on which payments of compensation and gratuities were respectively made.

14. *Greymouth Harbour-works.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table all correspondence since the 1st January last relating to the expenditure of further moneys upon the extension of the Greymouth Harbour-works.

15. *Members voting after Half-past Ten.*—On motion of Colonel Fraser, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the total number of divisions after the half-past-ten-o'clock adjournment each Member attended (not to include "pairs") during the present Session.

16. *Cost of Australasian Conference.*—On motion of Mr. Rees, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the cost of the delegates from New Zealand to the late Australasian Federation Conference, showing the joint and separate expenses of the members and other persons, if any, attached to the delegation, or any members of the same.

17. *North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Act, 1889;" and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

18. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

19. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Standing Orders be so far suspended for the remainder of the Session as to allow of Bills being passed through all their stages at one sitting; of new business being taken, if necessary, after half-past twelve a.m.; and of Resolutions from Committees of Supply or Ways and Means being considered forthwith.

Mr. Duthie moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "of new business being taken, if necessary, after half-past twelve a.m."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Houston	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Palmer	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Parata	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Lawry	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Fish
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Shera	Rees.

NOES, 20.

Blake	Hutchison, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Buchanan	Macarthur	Russell	Wright.
Duthie	Moore	Swan	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Rhodes	Taipua	Harkness
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Newman.
Hutchison, G.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Standing Orders be so far suspended for the remainder of the session as to allow of Bills being passed through all their stages at one sitting; of new business being taken, if necessary, after half-past twelve a.m.; and of Resolutions from Committees of Supply or Ways and Means being considered forthwith.

20. *Ocean Mail-service.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain Resolutions in connection with the ocean mail-service.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Sir J. Hall, *Resolved*, That the Debate in Committee on the Mail-service Resolutions be reported in *Hansard*.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward, *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, a two-weekly mail-service should be maintained between New Zealand and Great Britain.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, in the event of the Imperial Post Office agreeing to extend the present agreement for the apportionment of the cost of the San Francisco and Direct mail-services between that office and the colony, or any favourable variation thereof, this House empowers the Government to arrange with the present contractors for the renewal of the San Francisco and Direct services for a period not exceeding three years, on the following conditions:—

(*a.*) That the basis of payment shall be at the rate of 11s. per pound on the net weight of the letters conveyed (excluding those from America by the San Francisco service).

(*b.*) That all payments or contributions from Great Britain and other countries shall be receivable by the contractors.

(*c.*) That the colony's direct liability be for payment of its outward letters only.

(*d.*) That at least one New Zealand steamer in three shall be employed in the San Francisco service.

(*e.*) That the time between San Francisco and New Zealand shall not exceed twenty days; the port of call in the colony to be Auckland or Wellington, at the option of the contractors.

(*f.*) That the time between New Zealand and Plymouth shall not exceed forty-two days homeward and forty-five days outward, the contractors to be at liberty to arrive at and depart from any New Zealand port.

(*g.*) No bonus to be paid for early arrival, and penalties at the rate of £4 an hour to be enforced only when late delivery exceeds forty-eight hours.

(*h.*) That all the provisions of the existing agreements, where not at variance with any of the foregoing conditions, shall be applicable to any new contract or contracts made under this authority. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "three years," and insert the words "one year" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Duthie.*)

And the Question being put, That the words "three years" stand part of the Resolution, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 49.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera
Blake	Hamlin	Meredith	Smith, E. M.
Buckland	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	O'Conor	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Joyce	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Carroll	Kapa	Parata	Thomson, J. W.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Rees	Valentine
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fisher	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Macdonald	Saunders	Earnshaw
Grey, Sir G.	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Pinkerton.
Guinness	McGuire		

NOES, 15.

Buchanan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Newman	Swan	Duthie
Macarthur	Rhodes	Wilson	Russell.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words of paragraph (*e*) after the word "Auckland," in line 2. (*Mr. E. M. Smith.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2 of paragraph (*e*), to omit the word "Auckland." (*Captain Russell.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2 of paragraph (*e*), to omit the word "or," and insert the word "and" in lieu thereof. (*Captain Russell.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2 of paragraph (*e*), after the word "Wellington," to insert the word "alternately." (*Mr. Duthie.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the word, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Blake	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Wright.
Buchanan	Moore	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Newman	Swan	Duthie
Harkness	Parata	Wilson	Russell.
Macarthur			

NOES, 43.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Smith, E. M.
Buckland	Hamlin	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	O'Conor	Taylor
Carncross	Kapa	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Rees	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thomson, J. W.
Earnshaw	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Mackintosh	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hogg
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Pinkerton.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph to the Resolution: "That any contract for the San Francisco service may be extended to five years, provided that the contractors substitute a service not exceeding eighteen days from that port within eighteen months from commencement of such new contract." (*Mr. Duthie.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward, *Resolved*, That, in the event of it being impracticable to renew the four-weekly Direct service on the foregoing terms, then the Government to make temporary provision for the alternate fortnightly mail being sent by Direct steamer, at the ordinary ship-letter gratuity, or by the Federal packets, on such terms as it may be possible to arrange with the contracting colonies.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That this House also authorises the reduction of the Brindisi–Naples letter-postage to the universal rate of twopence halfpenny per half-ounce, and the rates for books and newspapers being assimilated to the rates *vid* San Francisco and by Direct steamers. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Amendment proposed: To add the following words to the Resolution: "Correspondence by that route to be specially directed." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Resolution agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Fish reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Fish accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

1. That, in the opinion of this House, a two-weekly mail-service should be maintained between New Zealand and Great Britain,

2. That, in the event of the Imperial Post Office agreeing to extend the present agreement for the apportionment of the cost of the San Francisco and Direct mail-services between that office and the colony, or any favourable variation thereof, this House empowers the Government to arrange with the present contractors for the renewal of the San Francisco and Direct services for a period not exceeding three years, on the following conditions :—

(*a.*) That the basis of payment shall be a rate of 11s. per pound on the net weight of the letters conveyed (excluding those from America by the San Francisco service).

(*b.*) That all payments or contributions from Great Britain and other countries shall be receivable by the contractors.

(*c.*) That the colony's direct liability be for payment of its outward letters only.

(*d.*) That at least one New Zealand steamer in three shall be employed in the San Francisco service.

(*e.*) That the time between San Francisco and New Zealand shall not exceed twenty days; the port of call in the colony to be Auckland or Wellington, at the option of the contractors.

(*f.*) That the time between New Zealand and Plymouth shall not exceed forty-two days homeward, and forty-five days outward, the contractors to be at liberty to arrive at and depart from any New Zealand port.

(*g.*) No bonus to be paid for early arrival, and penalties at the rate of £4 an hour to be enforced only when late delivery exceeds forty-eight hours.

(*h.*) That all the provisions of the existing agreements, where not at variance with any of the foregoing conditions, shall be applicable to any new contract or contracts made under this authority.

3. That, in the event of it being impracticable to renew the four-weekly Direct service on the foregoing terms, then the Government to make temporary provision for the alternate fortnightly mail being sent by Direct steamer, at the ordinary ship-letter gratuity, or by the Federal packets, on such terms as it may be possible to arrange with the contracting colonies.

4. That this House also authorises the reduction of the Brindisi-Naples letter-postage to the universal rate of twopence halfpenny per half-ounce, and the rates for books and newspapers being assimilated to the rates *vid* San Francisco and by Direct steamers.

Resolved, That the Resolutions be agreed to.

21. *Factories Bill.*—Mr. Pinkerton, from the Conference on the Factories Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as followeth :—

Clause 3. That the word "child" shall mean a boy under the age of thirteen years, and a girl under the age of fourteen years; that in the definition of the word "factory" the word "three" shall be read in lieu of the word "six," so that three or more persons shall constitute a factory.

Clause 31. In line 27, to insert the words "less than or" before the word "in," so that the Inspector shall have a discretionary power between the maximum and minimum space fixed by regulation.

Clauses 35 and 36. The amendments made by the Council are to stand.

Clause 50. To apply the limitation of forty-eight hours per week to woollen-mills, and eight hours per day to other factories, by inserting in line 24 the word "woollen-mills" in lieu of the words "factory or workroom," and to add in line 24 the following words: "No person shall employ in any other factory or workroom any female between the hours of six o'clock in the afternoon and eight o'clock in the morning, or for more than eight hours in any one day."

Clause 51. To insert in line 40, in the amendment of the Council, after the word "may," the words "with the consent of the Inspector."

Clause 52. The amendment of the Council has been agreed to.

Clause 56. It has been agreed to fix the age of "fifteen," in lieu of "sixteen," as proposed by the House, and in lieu of "fourteen," as proposed by the Council.

Clause 81. To allow an appeal to the Resident Magistrate of the district.

Clause 82. To strike out the clause.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to the Report of the Conference.

22. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 20.

In pursuance of section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to

consolidate and amend the Law relating to Mines and Mining," with the following amendments, for the consideration of the House:—

Clause 88. To omit all words between "contrary in" and "no lease," and to substitute "any Land Act for the time being in force;" also to omit all the words after "and under the provisions of this Act."

Clause 124. In the first line, after the word "obtaining," insert "a license for, or;" and in the second column in the line "any claim whether special," insert after the word "any" the words "licensed holding or any."

Clause 221. Omit the words "The Land Act, 1885," and insert "any Land Act for the time being in force."

Clause 234. Omit the words "under any Act or of a lease under the provisions in Appendix F of 'The Land Act, 1885,'" and substitute "or lease under the provisions of any Land Act for the time being in force."

Clause 320. Before the words "Every person in charge as aforesaid," insert "No person in charge of steam machinery used in connection with any mine, or for the treatment of the products of any mine, shall be employed for more than eight consecutive hours at any time, and there shall be an interval of at least four hours before such person resumes his work. Each period of eight hours shall be exclusive of any time occupied in raising steam and in drawing fires, and in exhausting steam in connection with the machinery in charge of such person, and exclusive of meal-hours, and of any time in which such person is employed in case of breakage or other emergency."

Ordered, That the Report of His Excellency be considered forthwith.

23. *Mining Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Mining Bill.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Mining Bill, and transmitting His Excellency's Message No. 20, and enclosures.

24. *Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fish reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act in Extension of 'The Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Amendment Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

25. *Counties Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Counties Act Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that the area to be comprised in such proposed new road district shall contain not less than thirty ratepayers." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Further amendment proposed: In line 3 of the proposed proviso, to omit the word "thirty," and insert the word "fifty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Further amendment proposed: To add the following words to the proposed proviso: "and that the rateable value of such area shall not be less than fifty thousand pounds." (*Mr. R. Thompson.*)

Further amendment proposed: To omit the word "fifty" from the words proposed to be added to the proposed proviso, and insert the word "sixty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Further amendment negatived.

Addition of words to proposed proviso agreed to.

Proviso as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided further that the restriction as to number of ratepayers and rateable value shall apply equally to the residue of the district from which the petitioners desire to separate." (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided further that the Council concurs in the prayer of such petition." (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "all," to insert the words "or any of the." (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended negatived.

Clause 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In line 22 of subsection (3), after the word "any," to insert the word "reasonable." (*Mr. Earnshaw.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subsection (5). (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read and negatived.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "shall," to insert the words "within three months after the passing of this Act if desired in writing to do so by not less than three ratepayers, otherwise." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "March," to insert the words "next, and thereafter the month of March." (*Mr. Wright.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, before the word "alter," to insert the words "if they deem it desirable." (*Mr. Macarthur.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Blake	Kelly, J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Taylor
Buchanan	Kelly, W.	Rhodes	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Meredith	Saunders	Wilson
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Wright.
Harkness	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Moore	Smith, E. M.	Macarthur
Houston	Newman	Smith, W. C.	Valentine.
Joyce			

NOES, 5.

Buick	*Tellers.*
Hall-Jones	Duncan
Mills, J.	Palmer.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 21, to omit the words "not less than three-fifths," and insert the words "a majority" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "enrolled," to insert the following words: "If his rateable property is valued on any valuation-roll at not more than one thousand pounds he shall have one vote; if such property is so valued at more than one thousand pounds, but not more than three thousand pounds, he shall have two votes; if such property is valued at ten thousand pounds or upwards he shall have three votes." (*Mr. C. H. Mills.*)

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 18.

Buick	Hall-Jones	Reeves, R. H. J.	Tanner.
Cadman, Hon. J. A.	Hogg	Saunders	
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Parata	Smith, W. C.	Mills, C. H.
Earnshaw	Pinkerton	Steward, Hon. W. J.	Smith, E. M.

NOES, 32.

Blake	Kelly, W.	Moore	Thompson, R.
Buchanan	Lawry	Newman	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Macarthur	Palmer	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Wilson
Fisher	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Russell	Wright.
Fraser	Meredith	Shera	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Swan	Harkness
Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Taylor	Valentine.
Joyce			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the words "one vote," and insert the words "four votes" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. W. C. Smith.*)

Amendment negatived.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Smith, W. C.
Earnshaw	Parata	Smith, E. M.	Tanner.
Hall-Jones	Pinkerton	Taylor.	

NOES, 33.

Blake	Houston	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	Joyce	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	Kelly, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buick	Lawry	Russell	Wilson
Carncross	Macarthur	Saunders	Wright.
Duncan	Meredith	Shera	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mills, C. H.	Swan	Harkness
Fraser	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, R.	Valentine.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 11 read and agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words at the end of the clause: "and for the purposes of any such last-mentioned Act

separate rates shall be deemed to be general rates within the meaning of such Act." (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 13 read and negatived.

Clause 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3 of subsection (2), after the word "county," to insert the words "under the said Act, or under the Loans to Local Bodies Act." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendments proposed: In line 10, after the word "county," to insert the words "and of the Hokianga County respectively;" in line 12, to omit the word "county," and insert the word "Counties" in lieu thereof; and in line 16, to omit the word "county," and insert the words "and Hokianga Counties" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the word "first," and insert the word "seventh" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 18 read and negatived.

Clause 19 read. Amendments proposed: To omit subsections (1), (3), (7), (8), (9), (12), and (15); and in the last line but one of the clause, to omit the words "as if it had been originally enacted." (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

In case all the Trustees of a separate institution constituted under "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885," or any amendment thereof (hereinafter referred to as "the said Acts"), shall resign their office as such Trustees, any County Council being a contributory local authority or the contributory local authorities in respect of such institution may, by resolution, appoint such and so many persons as shall be requisite in accordance with the said Acts to be the Trustees of such institution, and such persons so appointed shall be deemed to be the Trustees of such institution, and, subject to the terms of the said Acts, shall hold office until the period fixed for the annual meeting of contributors to the institution, or until their successors come into office. On the day of such meeting the contributors, and the contributory local authorities entitled in that behalf, shall proceed to elect the whole number of Trustees they may be respectively entitled to elect under the said Acts, and the persons then elected shall hold office under and subject to the provisions thereof accordingly. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Clause read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

15B. A County Council may, in addition to the powers conferred by the said Act, do all things necessary to light such streets, roads, bridges, and other public places and public buildings within the county as may to the Council appear necessary or expedient, and especially do the following things:—

(1.) May lay pipes under and wires under or over such streets, roads, and public places;

(2.) May erect lamp-posts, with all requisite fittings thereto, in such streets, roads, and public places.

15c. The Council may contract with any person, company, or corporation for lighting such streets, roads, and public buildings by gas, electricity, kerosene, or such other mode as may be considered more suitable, and upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit. (*Mr. R. H. J. Reeves.*)

Clauses read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

3. The Chairman may be paid such salary out of the county funds as the Council from time to time directs, in lieu of ordinary travelling-expenses, but such salary shall not in any one year exceed one hundred pounds; and the Council may from time to time vote such further reasonable sums as it shall deem sufficient to defray the necessary travelling-expenses of the Chairman incurred when travelling beyond the county on county business, whether before the passing of this Act or otherwise.

4. The Council may from time to time vote such reasonable sums as it shall deem sufficient to defray the travelling-expenses of Councillors when travelling on the business of the county.

5. Sections one hundred and five and one hundred and six of the said Act are hereby repealed. (*Mr. R. H. J. Reeves.*)

Clauses read a first time.

Second reading negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

The Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, on petition of one-half of the county electors in any county, determine that the Councillor for the said county shall be elected by the Road Boards within that county. (*Mr. Rhodes.*)

Clause read a first time.

Second reading negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

18A. The North Wairarapa County Council is hereby directed and required to pay to Richard Reily Meredith, of Masterton, settler, out of the County Fund of the Wairarapa North County, the sum of two hundred and forty-six pounds fifteen shillings and elevenpence for law-costs incurred and paid by him in and about certain proceedings instituted against him in an action of trespass, "Moore *versus* Meredith," in the Supreme Court, at Wellington, in June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and the subsequent appeal therefrom, "Moore *versus* Meredith," in the Court of Appeal, at Wellington, in November, of the same year; and, if the said Council shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within one month after the passing of this Act, the said Richard Reily Meredith may sue the corporate body represented by the said Council for such amount in any Court of competent jurisdiction, and recover the same, together with full costs of suit. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

The Chairman ruled the proposed clause out of order.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

Section 6 of "The Slaughterhouse Act, 1877," is hereby repealed. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

The Chairman ruled the proposed clause out of order.

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph:—

HOKIANGA COUNTY BOUNDARIES.

The Hokianga County is bounded towards the north generally by Mongonui and Whangaroa Counties respectively, from Herekino Harbour on the west coast to the block known as the Mangingangina Block; thence towards the east generally by that block to the Waipapa River, by that river and the Whakanekeneke River, by the north-eastern boundary-line of Section No. 2,

Block V., Omapere District, and the Okaihau Parish to the Utakura River, by that river and the Waihoanga Stream to its southernmost source; thence by a right line to the source of the Rakauwahi stream, by that stream and the eastern boundaries of Section No. 1, Block XIV., Omapere District, and Punakitere No. 2 Block, by the Punakitere River and the main road from Kaikohe to Mangakahia, from the Pungakitere River to a right line from Trig. Station No. 18, Tarai-o-Rahiri, to Trig Station No. 43, Tutamoe; towards the south-east by the aforesaid line from Trig. Station No. 18, Tarai-o-Rahiri, to Trig. Station No. 43, Tutamoe; towards the south by a right line from Trig. Station No. 43, Tutamoe, to Trig. Station No. 119 on Maunganui Bluff, and the production of the same to the sea; and towards the south-west generally by the sea and Herekino Harbour. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Fish reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The Counties Act, 1886.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

26. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Coal-mines Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 again read.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Fish reported that the Committee had made further progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

27. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Land Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act 1890 Amendment Act, 1891," without amendment.

28. *Land Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Land Bill be considered this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after three of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned.

Wednesday, the 16th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Keepa Pomare and 66 others; Wiremu Katene and 22 others; Hiraka te Rango and another; H. K. Taiaroa; Manuera Moto and others; Hare Rakena and 35 others; and Hare Rakena te Aweawe: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of Keepa Pomare and 66 others, Wiremu Katene and 22 others, Hiraka te Rango and another, H. K. Taiaroa, Manuera Moto and others, and Hare Rakena and 35 others, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

3. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of J. T. Quin and 45 others; D. Mahoney; D. Murray; M. L. Power; W. J. Sloan and others; J. Rochfort; D. T. Smith; A. Crawford and 15 others; T. H. Morrow and 96 others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of J. T. Quin and 45 others, D. Mahoney, and D. Murray, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report upon the Petition of T. Hughes and others: and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

   Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Government.

5. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Fergus moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

   And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

6. *McLean Land Bill (No. 2.)—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the sale of a Particular Section of Land to George McLean, of Hawera; and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

7. *Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Land Bill;

   The same were accordingly read.

   The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the said Bill.

   A Debate arose thereupon.

   On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until after the consideration of the next Order of the Day.

8. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Coal-mines Bill;

   The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 again read. Amendments proposed: After the definition of "coal," to insert the following definition: "'Certificate of competency' means a certificate granted by the Board of Examiners to a mine-manager or engine-driver;" after the definition of "Commissioner of Crown Lands," to insert the following definition: "'Engine-driver' means a person in the actual charge of the winding-engine or winding machinery;" after the definition of "owner," to insert the following definition: "'Permit' shall mean an authority in writing under the hand of the Inspector;" and after the definition of "Prescribed," to insert the following definition: "'Service-certificate manager' means a person who has not passed an examination, but has received a certificate as mine-manager through service only." (*Honourable Mr.* Seddon.)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, after the word "Lands," to insert the words "or any Land Board;" to omit all the words after the words "relation to," in line 8, to the end of the first paragraph, and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "the granting or extension of any lease as aforesaid, unless the same respectively has been recommended by the Warden; and no such lease of extension or lease shall be granted until a copy of the application for the same has been lodged with the Greymouth or Westport Harbour Boards respectively having any interest in the land to be dealt with under the proposed lease, nor until such application has been advertised once at least in two successive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the district wherein the aforesaid land is situate;" and in line 1 of the second paragraph, to omit the words "or consolidation." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the second paragraph: "but every amalgamation of leases proposed to be granted shall not take effect until sanctioned by a resolution passed by the House of Representatives." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the second paragraph: "Provided that before any amalgamation of lease shall take effect a return of such proposed amalgamation shall be laid upon the Table of each House of the General Assembly. (1.) The House of Representatives may, by resolution, refuse to permit any such amalgamation. (2.) In the absence of any such resolution, such amalgamation shall take effect from the termination of the session." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After the second paragraph, to insert the following paragraph: "All powers, authorities, and functions conferred upon the Minister of Lands, or a Land Board, or a Commissioner of Crown Lands, by or in virtue of section eight of 'The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877,' to dispose of other than alienate any of the lands respectively described in the First, Second, and Third Schedules thereof are hereby transferred to and shall be exercised by the Warden and Minister of Mines respectively, in manner hereinafter provided." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: After the first paragraph, to insert the following proviso: "Provided that no such lease shall be granted until the application therefor has been twice advertised in some newspaper circulating in the district." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Further amendment proposed: In line 2 of the proposed proviso, after

the word "advertised," to insert the words "at an interval of one week." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words at the end of subsection (2): "or any portion thereof." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "But such consent shall not be given until a resolution has been passed by the House of Representatives agreeing to such amalgamation or consolidation." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that before any amalgamation of lease shall take effect a return of such proposed amalgamation shall be laid upon the Table of each House of the General Assembly. (1.) The House of Representatives may, by resolution, refuse to permit any such amalgamation. (2.) In the absence of any such resolution, such amalgamation shall take effect from the termination of the session." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "applications for the assignment or transfer," and insert the words "assignments or transfers" in lieu thereof, and after the word "any," to insert the word "coal-mining;" to omit all the words between the word "lease," in line 2, and the word "shall," in line 3; and in line 7, to omit the words "or amalgamation or consolidation of leases." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendments proposed: In subsection (1), to omit the word "thirty," and insert the words "sixty-six" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1 of subsection (1), after the word "soil," to insert the words "water and water-courses;" after subsection (1), to insert the following subsection: "That any person, with the sanction of the Minister, on the recommendation of the Warden, made in conformity with section three, or Commissioner of Crown Lands, as the case may be, first obtained, shall have free access, egress, and regress upon the land demised for the purpose of constructing any adit or tunnel through such land, so long as he does not interfere with the coal-mining works in operation, and also shall have at all times the right, subject always to non-interference with the coal-mining works as aforesaid, to use such adit or tunnel for any of his own purposes;" and in line 6 of subsection (5), to omit the words "The Mining Act, 1891," and insert the words "Part III. of 'The Public Works Act, 1882,'" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2 of subsection (6), after the word "operations," to insert the words "except in the case of a strike." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Further amendment proposed: To add to the words proposed to be inserted the words "accident or other causes beyond the control of the lessee." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Further amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 4 of subsection (6), to omit the words "one month," and insert the words "three months" in lieu thereof; and in line 13 of subsection (6), to omit the words "The Mining Act, 1891," and insert the words "Part III. of 'The Public Works Act, 1882.'" (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5 of subsection (7), after the word "may," to insert the words "if it shall appear that such neglect or refusal to pump the water is likely to be prejudicial to the safety of any adjoining mines, or to the prejudice of the State as proprietors." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the clause: "Provided that such works shall not be constructed within half a chain of any railway, road, or siding previously constructed." (*Mr. R. H. J. Reeves.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "required," to insert the words "when the mine is being worked." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "supply," to insert the words "for cash." (*Mr. R. H. J. Reeves.*)

Amendment negatived.

Other amendments proposed: In line 5, after the word "companies," to insert the words "situated in the vicinity of such mines;" and in line 6, after the word "foreign," to insert the words "visiting the port nearest to the mine." (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 6, to omit the words "on reasonable terms," and insert the words "at rates current for the time being" in lieu thereof; in line 7, to omit the word "and," and insert the words "for the travelling requirements for" in lieu thereof; in line 8, after the word "steam-vessels," to insert the words "not to exceed seven days' supply;" and in line 9, after the word "respectively," to insert the words "but not to a larger extent than the mine can supply during the ordinary working-hours." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: After the last amendment, to insert the following proviso: "Provided that all steamships shall be loaded in turn in order of arrival, as customary;" and to omit the second paragraph of the clause. (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "persons," to insert the words "and who possess the qualifications mentioned in the last paragraph of this section." (*Mr. Earnshaw.*)

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, after the word "persons," to insert the words "who shall be the holders of mine-managers' certificates;" and to omit all the words in the first paragraph after the word "Board," in line 10. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 21 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "four," and insert the word "six" in lieu thereof; and to omit all the words in the first paragraph after the word "competency," in line 3. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 22 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 2 and 3, to omit the words "windlass, gin, ropes, chains, or other tackle." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 23 read and agreed to.

Clause 24 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4, after the word "make," to insert the words "before the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two;" in line 8, after the word "employer," to insert the words "or employers;" and in line 3 of subsection (1), after the word "coal-mine," to insert the words "as a mine-manager or deputy mine-manager for three years." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5 of subsection (1), to omit the word "Inspector," and insert the words "Board of Examiners" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Palmer.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5 of subsection (1), after the word "Inspector," to insert the words "Board of Examiners or Inspecting Engineer." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words of subsection (1) after the word "mine," in line 7. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 25 read. Amendment proposed: To prefix the following words to the second paragraph: "No person shall after such order deliver into the charge of the said mine-manager any mine during the period of such disqualification, and;" in line 5 of the second paragraph, after the word "such," to insert the words "mine-manager or;" and in line 6, after the word "any," to insert the words "mine or." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 26 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "section twenty-one," and insert the words "this Act" in lieu thereof; and to add the following words to the first paragraph of the clause: "And any person who shall employ any uncertificated or disqualified mine-manager or engine-driver shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which he shall employ such uncertificated or disqualified mine-manager or engine-driver." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 27 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "of any age." (*Mr. Blake.*)

Amendment agreed to

Other amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "twelve," and insert the word "fourteen" in lieu thereof; and to omit the second paragraph of the clause. (*Mr. Hogg.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 28 and 29 read and agreed to.

Clause 30 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "hours," to insert the word "work;" in line 2, after the word "hours," to insert the word "work;" in line 5, after the word "time," to insert the words "and any person who has continually worked for eight hours shall not resume work until after an interval of not less than four hours;" and in line 10, after the word "emergency," to insert the words "and every employer or person employed who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act; and." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 31 read and agreed to.

Clause 32 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "contravenes or;" in line 2, to omit the words "contravene or fail to comply with," and insert the word "violate" in lieu thereof; and in lines 6, 10, and 15, to omit the word "contravention," and insert the word "violation" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 33 read. Amendments proposed: To omit paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2); in line 6 of paragraph (*e*) of subsection (2), to omit the word "placed," and insert the word "stored" in lieu thereof; and in line 7, to omit the word "pass," and insert the words "bored end" in lieu thereof; in line 4 of subsection (8), after the word "timber," to insert the words "or other necessary material;" in line 1 of subsection (10), before the word "suitable," to insert the words "safe and;" in lines 1 and 2 of subsection (10), to omit the words "effectually protected from draughts of air," and insert the words "approved of by the Inspector;" in line 4 of subsection (10), before the words "of any," to insert the words "or roadways;" in line 5 of subsection (10), to omit the words "winze, rise, or jump-up," and insert the words "shaft or blind shaft in use;" in line 6 of subsection (12), to omit the word "for," and insert the word "from" in lieu thereof; in line 4 of subsection (31), after the word "ropes," to add the words "or chains;" to omit subsection (36); in lines 2, 5, and 6 of subsection (38), to omit the word "jump-up," and insert the word "upcast" in lieu thereof; and at the end of subsection (44), to add the words "or tobacco-pipe or any contrivance for smoking." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 34 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "mine," in line 6. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 35 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the words "a copy of." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 36 to 39 read and agreed to.

Clause 40 read. Amendments proposed: In line 3, to omit the words "openings to the day or," and insert the words "shafts or outlets to the" in lieu thereof; and in the last two lines of the clause, to omit the words "by means of either of which openings all persons employed in the mine may at all times whatsoever pass in or out," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "so that such shafts or outlets shall afford a separate means of ingress or egress available to the persons employed in such mine. Such shafts must not, if made after the commencement of this Act, be nearer than fifty feet to each other. Proper apparatus for raising or lowering persons at each such shaft shall be kept on the works of the mine, and, if not in actual use at the shafts, shall be so kept as to be quickly available for use." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 41 to 44 read and agreed to.

Clause 45 read. Amendments proposed: In line 7, after the word "previously," to insert the words "Every such plan shall be made to a scale of not less than two chains to an inch;" and in line 12, to omit the word "of," and to insert the words "not exceeding" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 46 to 50 read and agreed to.

Clause 51 read. Amendment proposed: In line 8, before the word "ten," to insert the words "not exceeding." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 52 to 55 read and agreed to.

Clause 56 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, after the word "behalf," to insert the words "and also the owner, agent, or manager, either in person or by counsel." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 57 and 58 read and agreed to.

Clause 59 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, after the word "been," to insert the words "alienated since the thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 15, to omit the word "or," and insert the word "and" in lieu thereof; and to omit the words "of the fee-simple." (*Mr. Rees.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 16, to omit the words "other than Carboniferous coal-bearing." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 60 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "private," to insert the words "or Native." (*Mr. Hamlin.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: After line 10, to insert the following proviso: "Provided that resumption and acquisition under this and the preceding section shall not be complete nor take effect until a resolution of the House of Representatives shall have been passed sanctioning the same. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Further amendment proposed: To add the following words to the proposed proviso: "and also a similar resolution of the Legislative Council." (*Mr. Buchanan.*)

Further amendment negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the last two lines of the clause. (*Honourable Sir J. Hall.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Other amendments proposed: In the last line but one, after the word "so," to insert the words "resumed or;" and to add the following words to the clause: "unless the House of Representatives shall by resolution otherwise determine." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words to the clause: "but any coal so mined shall not be sold in competition with coal produced from mines worked by private persons or companies, but only for the use of the Government railways and steamers. (*Mr. J. Mills.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 61 to 67 read and agreed to.

Clause 68 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "April," and insert the word "and" in lieu thereof, and to omit the words "and October;" in line 3, to omit the word "quarterly," and insert the words "half-yearly" in lieu thereof; in line 4, to omit the word "three," and insert the word "six" in lieu thereof; in line 5, to omit the word "March," and insert the word "and" in lieu thereof; in line 6, to omit the words "and September," and to omit the words "wrought in," and insert the words "produced from" in lieu thereof; and in line 9, after the word "information," to insert the words "connected with the mine." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 69 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "killed," to insert the words "or injured." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 8, before the word "coal," to insert the word "bituminous," and after the word "coal" to insert the words "and one farthing per ton on lignite." (*Mr. Carncross.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In line 8, to omit the word "raised;" in line 9, after the word "coal-mine," to insert the word "sold;" in line 11, after the words "into the," to insert the words "sick and accident fund in connection with the miners' association of the district where such mine is situated. In case there is no miners' association, the same shall be paid into the;" in line 19, before the word "all," to insert the words "All moneys paid into the said sick and accident fund shall be operated upon only by the person appointed in that behalf by the miners' association of the district, and;" in line 20, to omit the words "said fund," and insert the words "Post-Office Savings-Bank" in lieu thereof; in line 27, after the word "officer," to insert the words "having control of the sick and accident fund of the miners' association of the district, and from the proper officer;" in line 32, to omit the word "raised," and insert the word "sold" in lieu thereof;" in line 35, after the word "aforesaid," to insert the words "sick and accident fund, or;" in line 40, after the word "said," to insert the words "sick and accident or relief," and after the word "fund" to insert the word "respectively;" and in line 43, after the word "aforesaid," to insert the words "sick and accident or," and after the word "fund" to insert the word "respectively." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 70 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the words "any publichouse, beer-shop, or," and after the word "place" to insert the word "licensed." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 71 to 74 read and agreed to.

Clause 75 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "special," to insert the words "or additional." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 76 read. Amendments proposed: In line 2, after the word "section," to insert the words "whether or not;" and in line 3, after the word "special," to insert the words "or additional." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 77 to 81 read and agreed to.

Clause 82 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the words "Inspector or," to insert the words "at the suit of any." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 83 to 87 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

That if the lessee of any lease heretofore granted suspend mining operations, or neglect to carry on such operations in accordance with the conditions of his lease, for a period of one month, the Queen, or the Governor, or the Minister, or his or their agents, inspectors, or any other person or persons whom she, he, or they may appoint, may enter upon the demised land and take possession of all buildings, machinery, and plant erected thereon, and determine the lease. And in such event the lessee shall be allowed, within one month from the date of entry, to remove the machinery and plant, but not any building, or shall be paid such compensation for the same as shall be determined under "The Public Works Act, 1882." (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Clause read a first time.

Second reading negatived.

Appendix read. Amendment proposed: In line 2 of Special Rule No. 52, to omit the word "strongly," and insert the word "strictly" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Appendix as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Conor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Law regulating the granting of Coal-mines Leases, and to make better Provision for the Regulation and Inspection of Coal-mines."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

9. *Land Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That this House disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the Land Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

The Honourable Sir J. Hall moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "with the exception of clause 82."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "except the amendment in the second paragraph of clause 84."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "except the amendments in clauses 138 and 139."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "except the amendments in clause 149."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the Land Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Ballance, Mr. Duncan, and the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the said Bill.

10. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Electoral Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled "The Factories Act, 1891." Also,—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Bill intituled "The Mining Act, 1891," transmitted in Message No. 78 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Dentists Acts Amendment Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments. Also,—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendment in the Bill intituled "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Stamp Acts Amendment Act, 1891," "The Post Office Acts Amendment Act, 1891," "The Palmerston North Hospital Land Sales Validation Act, 1891," "The Private Tramways Amendment Act, 1891," "The Trafalgar Park Purchasing Act, 1891," and "The Thames Recreation Reserves Sale Revivor Act, 1891," without amendment.

11. *Electoral Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Electoral Bill be considered to-morrow.

12. *Dentists Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting upon their amendments in the Dentists Acts Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows:—

1. The amended section 2 provides a less cumbrous and expensive method by which a person refused registration may obtain redress. No special examination is proposed, but only such ordinary examination as is now passed by students in dentistry.

2. Section 4. The present law empowers the Senate "from time to time to appoint a Board or Boards of Examiners, and in the exercise of this power the Senate has already appointed such a Board at Dunedin, that being the only town in the colony which possesses a medical school.

The duty of maintaining the standard of professional education in New Zealand devolves on the Senate, and it is inexpedient to force that body to weaken its claim to public confidence out of consideration for a small section of the community.

Resolved, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the said Bill, and that Mr. Palmer, Mr. Lawry, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon be the Managers on behalf of this House of the said Conference.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Dentists Acts Amendment Bill, and hath appointed three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of such Conference.

13. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on their amendments in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

Clause 2, line 13: No Bill for the relief of tenants of Crown lands can be considered complete in the absence of provisions giving relief to all classes of Crown tenants who are fairly entitled to relief. Pastoral tenants have contracted to pay unduly high rents quite as often as other Crown tenants. Runs should be revalued without competition, if other Crown leases or tenancies are to be revalued without competition.

Subsection (1), line 20: Nothing could be more dangerous than to allow the rental to be reduced upon the valuation of any one but a person appointed by and directly responsible to the Board.

Clause 4, subsection (2): The deposit is not unreasonable in amount, and is necessary to discourage ill-founded applications. It is much safer to receive the deposit on application than to rely on recovering it by subsequent proceedings.

Line 34: There is nothing unjust in the forfeiture of the deposit in case of unsuccessful application. It is most desirable that applications should only be made after careful consideration and with a due sense of responsibility.

Resolved, That this House still disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the said Bill, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments, and that the Honourable Mr. Fergus, Mr. Meredith, and the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie be the Managers at the said Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill, and hath appointed three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of such Conference.

14. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Dentists Acts Amendment Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of twelve o'clock noon on Friday, the 18th September, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of twelve o'clock noon on Thursday, the 17th September, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

15. *Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

16. *Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill (No. 2).*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of leave being given to bring in the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill (No. 2).

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after

some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fish reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Fish accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill (No. 2);

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first and a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Fish reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Thursday, the 17th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS :

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency :—

   (244.) Seacliff Asylum Inquiry, Papers relative to.

   Ordered to be printed.

3. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Kipa te Whatanui; Heperi Pikirangi and others; T. Birrell and 46 others; and Hirini Nei and another: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.-3.)

   Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

4. *Native Land Court Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend "The Native Land Court Act, 1886," and the several Acts amending the same; and that the Honourable Mr. Cadman do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Cadman accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

5. *Waimate Hospital District Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Waimate Hospital District Bill;

Mr. Duncan moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Hall-Jones moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 41.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Parata	Taylor
Blake	Joyce	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Buick	Lawry	Rees	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Macarthur	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wilson
Fish	Meredith	Russell	Wright.
Fisher	Mills, C. H.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, E. M.	Hall-Jones
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Tanner	Rhodes.
Harkness	O'Conor		

NOES, 19.

Buchanan	Hogg	Mills, J.	Taipua
Buckland	Hutchison, G.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Valentine.
Dawson	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers*
Fergus, Hon. T.	Kelly, W.	Smith, W. C.	Duncan
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Swan	Hutchison, W

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That this Debate be resumed this day fortnight.

6. *Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

Mr. Mackintosh moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, in order that the House may go into Committee to consider of leave being granted to bring in the Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill (No. 2).

7. *Chairmanship of Committees.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Fish take the Chair as Chairman of Committees for this day.

The Honourable Mr. Rolleston moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "Mr. Hamlin take the Chair as Chairman of Committees for the remainder of this Parliament."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 40.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Buick	Houston	Meredith	Shera
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Tanner
Dawson	Joyce	Palmer	Taylor
Duncan	Kapa	Parata	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Rees	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Hall-Jones
Grey, Sir G.	Mackintosh	Saunders	Pinkerton.
Guinness			

NOES, 25.

Buchanan	Macarthur	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.
Carroll	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Duthie	Mills, J.	Russell	Wilson.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Taipua	Buckland
Harkness	Newman	Thompson, T.	Wright.
Lawry	Rhodes		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Fish do take the Chair as Chairman of the Committees for this day.

8. *Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill (No. 2).*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of giving leave to bring in the Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill (No. 2); and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fish reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Fish accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House that leave be given to bring in the Riverton Harbour Board Empowering Bill (No. 2).

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Mackintosh do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Mackintosh accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

Mr. Mackintosh moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. R. Thompson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 19.

Blake	Hamlin	Newman	Swan
Buchanan	Harkness	Rhodes	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buckland	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Russell	Mills, J.
Fish	Moore	Saunders	Thompson, R.

NOES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	McGuire	Shera
Buick	Houston	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, G.	Meredith	Tanner
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Mills, C. H.	Taylor
Earnshaw	Joyce	O'Conor	Thompson, T.
Fraser	Kapa	Parata	Thomson, J. W.
Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, J.	Rees	Wright.
Guinness	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Palmer
Hall-Jones	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Valentine.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Mackintosh moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Mackintosh	Tanner
Buckland	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McGuire	Taylor
Buick	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Houston	Parata	Wright.
Earnshaw	Kapa	Richardson, G. F.	
Fish	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Kelly, W.	Smith, E. M.	Palmer
Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Smith, W. C.	Valentine.

NOES, 23.

Blake	Lawry	Reeves, R. H. J.	Swan
Buchanan	Mills, J.	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Duthie	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Harkness	Moore	Russell	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, G.	O'Conor	Saunders	Joyce
Hutchison, W.	Rees	Shera	Newman.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In line 1, after the word "Act," to insert the words "having first obtained the consent of a majority of the ratepayers of the Provincial District of Southland." (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress. (*Dr. Newman.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Blake	Lawry	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Buckland	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Russell	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Guinness	Meredith	Saunders	
Harkness	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, G.	Moore	Tanner	Newman
Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.	Thompson, R.

NOES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, J.	Smith, E. M.
Buchanan	Hall-Jones	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.
Dawson	Hogg	Parata	Taylor
Duncan	Houston	Rees	Wright.
Earnshaw	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Kelly, J.
Grey, Sir G.	Mills, C. H.	Shera	Palmer.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do leave the Chair. (*Mr. Buckland.*)

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, the Chairman left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

9. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Private Bill intituled "The Auckland Electric Lighting Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

10. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of Mr. Shera, *Resolved*, That this House disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the said Bill, and that Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Lawry, and Mr. Shera be a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments.

11. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill be considered to-morrow.

12. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, from the Conference upon the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct the Conference upon the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, and they have been unable to come to an agreement.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

13. *Land Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, from the Committee appointed to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Land Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

Clause 31. The amendments made by the Legislative Council are unnecessary.

Clause 32 is insisted on, as it is in many cases impossible for a married woman taking up land to comply with the residential clauses of the Act if she is living with her husband. Moreover, if the clause is struck out, a wealthy individual will be enabled to acquire a double area of land—*i.e.*, double the area allowed by law to one individual.

The last paragraph of the clause should be retained, even if the first paragraph is removed, so that if the clause were struck out it would have to be amended and replaced to comply with other portions of the Act.

Clause 84. By striking out the words "or of any Act or enactment repealed hereby," in the second paragraph, any inquiry into illegal transactions of the past would be prevented, and would thus enable any person having already committed a breach of the law to escape the consequences.

In the latter portion of the same paragraph the insertion of the word "one" in place of "two" would provide too short a period of imprisonment for so serious a breach of the law.

The new proviso allowing any person to take up one thousand acres each for three of his children would give too great a power to the wealthy classes, and would tend to creation of large estates. The power to take up land in trust for children has been very seriously abused in the past.

Clause 86. The amendment providing for a fine of £200 would also be entirely in the interests of the wealthy man, as he would be enabled to pay this penalty, while a poor man would have to go to gaol. The reduced term of imprisonment also in the same clause, from two years to one year, would inflict too light a punishment for so serious an offence as that of making a false declaration.

Clause 88. This is merely a verbal alteration.

Clause 89. Verbal alteration also.

Clause 102. It is most important that this clause should be retained, as being the only means whereby settlement can be insured on the lands mentioned in the clause. The experience shown by past dealings with lands in this district under the law which this clause repeals has been that the lands have gone into the hands of large holders, notwithstanding the fact that it was surveyed into small sections. Undoubtedly this was due to there being no limit to the area that one man could purchase.

Clause 121. This is merely a correction of a mistake made when transmitting the Bill to the Legislative Council.

Clause 131, subsection (1). It is most important that the Minister should have the power to notify land, as provided in this clause; such power to be used only in extraordinary cases, and especially in dealing with auriferous lands and lands adjacent to large properties, where

cash sales would be likely to increase an already large property. The clause will go a long way to prevent the possibility of dummyism.

Clause 132, subsection (2). The addition made to this clause would provide for land being taken up for children and lying unoccupied for years, as there would be no power to enforce settlement conditions.

Clause 134, subsection (1). The amendment is unnecessary.

Clause 134, subsection (3). The words struck out should be retained, as it is most important that the Minister should have the power of supervision, as provided.

Clause 136. The amendment is a duplication, and is quite unnecessary.

Clauses 138 and 139. It is very important that these clauses should be retained, as being the only means whereby the Crown can insist upon a profitable occupation of the land. Without these clauses, there is nothing to prevent speculation in land to any extent.

Clause 148. The amendment is unnecessary.

Clause 149. The addition to the clause would amount to this: that there should no longer be a perpetual-lease system, and the granting of the freehold at any time after certain improvements made on the land would encourage the very practice which this Act has been introduced to prevent—viz., the introduction of dummies by wealthy people to take up land, make the required improvements, and in as short a time as possible get their Crown grants, and transfer the sections to their employers. To pass this would be a great encouragement to dummyism and fraud of every description, and would to a great extent retard settlement and *bonâ fide* occupation of the land.

Clause 165. It is very important that this clause should be retained, so as to afford an opportunity of testing the value of co-operation principles in settling the land. Applications to acquire blocks in this manner have already been received by the Lands Department, but cannot be granted if this clause is struck out.

Clause 168. The amendments are unnecessary.

Clause 192. To strike out "twelve months" and insert "two years" would have a very injurious effect when land is taken for settlement purposes. All pastoral leases that may be resumed contain this proviso, and no objection has been made to it in the past. No hardship can possibly accrue by retaining the words "twelve months."

Clause 193. To strike out the words erased by the Legislative Council would be most disastrous, as there is in the colony a very large area of land which will never be used for anything else but pastoral purposes; and if this country is to be made the most of, and occupied to the benefit of the people of the colony, some check must be placed upon the acquisition of extremely large holdings by companies as at present. Under every other system of disposal of lands in the colony—namely, deferred payment, perpetual lease, cash sales, and small grazing-runs—there is a limit provided by law, and it is of equal importance that the pastoral country capable of being held by one company or individual should also be curtailed.

Clause 203. It is necessary to retain this clause, as one of the great evils in dealing with pastoral country in the past has been the power given to a mortgagee to retain for an unlimited time pastoral country over which he holds a mortgage.

Clause 206 must be insisted upon; otherwise it would be possible for a runholder to transfer his run to a "man of straw," so as to be rid of all liability, and the Crown would have no remedy. The Crown has always retained this power, as it should, to refuse to accept a tenant if he is thought undesirable or unable to pay his rents—in other words, to decline to accept a "man of straw" in place of a solvent tenant.

Clause 220 should be retained, as it is a necessary provision to prevent any person claiming compensation for alterations made in the law hereafter.

Clause 222. It is most convenient that this clause should be retained, so that a runholder may be better able to ascertain the law relating to his run. In looking over the provisions under which he holds his run he would naturally see what power he holds in this respect. It is questionable whether the Sheep Act would apply in the same way unless some provision were made in the conditions of a lease.

Clause 243. The provisions herein must be retained, as Land Boards have already disposed of large areas of land under this portion of the Act, which has been in existence for several years. To give effect to the amendments of the Legislative Council much more extensive alterations would be required.

Part X. It would be necessary to retain this clause intact if the clauses in the Act relating to Lake Ellesmere lands are retained.

Clause 257 is not necessary. This should be very carefully considered.

In the Schedules there are consequential amendments on account of amendments made in the body of the Act.

Resolved, That the reasons be agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

14. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency:—

(245.) Education: Reports of Secondary Schools.

(246.) Education: Canterbury College.

(247.) Education: The University of Otago.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

(248.) Auxiliary Squadron: Trials of Machinery, &c. Return to an Order dated 1st September, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 245, 246, and 247 be printed.

15. *Electoral Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Electoral Bill;

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House disagrees with the amendments made by the Legislative Council in clauses 6, 8, 15, 29, 46, 63, and 71 of the Electoral Bill, and agrees to the other amendments.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Earnshaw, and the Honourable Mr. Ballance be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with the amendments made in clauses 6, 8, 15, 29, 46, 63, and 71 in the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance, from the said Committee, brought up the following reasons; which were read, as follows:—

Clause 6, subsection (1). Because, on the principle of the present law that one man shall have only one vote, the freehold or leasehold qualification is unnecessary.

Subsection (2). A resident for twelve months in the colony should have the privilege of voting wherever he may be at the time of registration. One month's residence in that place is sufficient to qualify him for his vote. The words erased in the subsection directly contravene the above-mentioned principle of "one man one vote," which was directly enacted by both Houses of the Legislature in 1889; and the effect of the amendment is that in by-elections the votes of outsiders would swamp the votes of the resident electors of the district.

Clause 8. It is not advisable that a person should be deprived of his rights of citizenship by reason only of misfortune or illness having caused him to become an inmate of any benevolent institution or hospital.

Clause 15. Since the earliest electoral law in the colony it has been competent for an elector of the district to witness a form of application for registration, and, as it facilitates the proceeding, there is not sufficient reason why it should be altered.

Clause 29. As the time for issue of writs after dissolution is fixed at not later than fourteen days after dissolution, and in a by-election at as early a date as the Speaker can be communicated with, there is no reason shown why persons should not be able to register up to the time of issuing the writs.

Clause 46. The same reason as is stated in respect to the amendment made in clause 29 applies to this amendment.

Clause 63, subsection (1). Fourteen days is too limited a period in the case of seamen, who may be on the eve of a voyage.

Subsection (3) restricts the facility of voting by seamen.

Clause 71. Unless the polling-day is declared a public holiday many persons will be precluded from exercising their franchise by reason of their not being able or willing to leave their occupation, whereas a public holiday would afford such persons special facilities for recording their votes.

Clause 108A. The amendment made in this clause is unobjectionable, and the House agrees to the same.

Resolved, That the reasons be agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

16. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. T. Thompson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "this House is of opinion that the Government should be responsible for the legislative estimates."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Council for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £1. (*Mr. T. Thompson.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Buckland	Kelly, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Earnshaw	Macarthur	Russell	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Grey, Sir G.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Saunders	Wright.
Harkness	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Hogg	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Tanner	Lawry
Houston	Meredith	Thompson, R.	Thompson, T.
Hutchison, W.	O'Conor		

NOES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hamlin	Newman	Steward, Hon. W. J.
Buchanan	Hutchison, G.	Parata	Taipua
Buick	Kapa	Pinkerton	Wilson.
Carroll	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Shera
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Rhodes	Taylor.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Major Steward, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £4,187 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of House of Representatives for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £9,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of General Expenses, Legislative Departments, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Major Steward.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Passages of Members, £750," by the sum of £1. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Motion negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Library, £600," by the sum of £100. (*Mr. W. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Clerk of Executive Council for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £1. (*Mr. T. Thompson.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Buckland	Lawry	Parata	Thompson, R.
Hogg	McGuire	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Houston	Meredith	Taipua	Kelly, J.
Kelly, W.	Palmer	Tanner	Thompson, T.

NOES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Blake	Fraser	Moore	Shera
Buchanan	Guinness	Newman	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Pinkerton	Swan
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Rees	Valentine
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wright.
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Mills, C. H.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Harkness
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Russell.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Blake	Fisher	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, E. M.
Buchanan	Fraser	Moore	Swan
Buckland	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Buick	Hall-Jones	Rees	Valentine
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Lawry	Rhodes	Wright.
Dawson	Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Harkness
Earnshaw	Mills, C. H.	Russell	Newman.

NOES, 13.

Guinness	McGuire	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Houston	Meredith	Shera	Kelly, J.
Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Thompson, R.	Tanner.
Hutchison, W.	Parata		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Motion negatived.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Ministers' Secretaries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,319 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Messengers and Office-keepers for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,070 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5,731 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Motion withdrawn.

Vote withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £19,005 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Registrar-General's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Registrar-General and Government Statist, £500," by the sum of £50. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Motion negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Honourable Mr. Richardson.*)

Motion negatived.

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 15.

Buick	Houston	Saunders	Wright.
Carncross	Hutchison, W.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Tanner	Hutchison, G.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Thompson, R.	Palmer.

NOES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Reeves, R. H. J.	Swan
Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Taylor
Buckland	Hall-Jones	Rhodes	Thompson, T.
Dawson	Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine
Duncan	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Meredith	Russell	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Fraser	Moore	Smith, E. M.	Pinkerton.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Chief Clerk and Deputy Registrar-General, £335," by the sum of £35. (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Carncross	Kelly, J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Tanner	Fish
Houston	Meredith	Thompson, R.	Hutchison, W.
Hutchison, G.	Palmer	Wright.	

NOES, 29.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Taylor
Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.
Buckland	Lawry	Russell	Valentine
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Pinkerton	Shera	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Reeves, R. H. J.	Smith, E. M.	Fergus, Hon. T.
Earnshaw	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Swan	Hall-Jones.
Fisher	Rhodes		

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Palmer.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Carroll	Houston	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine
Fergus, Hon. T.	Hutchison, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Moore	Swan	Hutchison, G.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Thompson, R.	Palmer.
Harkness			

NOES, 25.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Duncan	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Fraser	Pinkerton	Taylor
Buckland	Guinness	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Buick	Kelly, J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Carncross	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Hall-Jones.
Dawson	Meredith		

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Motion negatived.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee of Supply had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered this day.

Mr. Rees also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after three of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance adjourned.

Friday, the 18th Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table in Return to an Order of this House:—

   (249.) Australasian Federation Conference: Details of Expenses of Delegation. Return to an Order dated 15th September, 1891.

3. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Hemi Waaka and 30 others; H. E. Johnston and others; and H. Green and another: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

   Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

4. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Guinness, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of M. Hennessey and others; and E. Loughnan: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

   Ordered, That the said Petitions and Reports be referred to the Government.

5. *Law Practitioners Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Admission of Males, speaking the English Language, who are upwards of Twenty-one Years of Age, and who have shown themselves by due Examination to be learned in the Law, to practise in the Courts of New Zealand; and that Sir G. Grey do prepare and bring it in.

   Sir G. Grey accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next, and to be printed.

6. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Thorndon Esplanade Act, 1891," "The Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Act, 1891," "The Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Acts Amendment Act, 1891," "The Government Life Insurance Act Amendment Act, 1891," and "The Lyttelton Harbour Board Land Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Wellington Botanic Garden Vesting Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

8. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill.*—Mr. Shera, from the Committee appointed to draw up reasons for disagreeing with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, brought up reasons; which were read, as follow:—

1. As to the words struck out in clause 4, "and each burgess or ratepayer shall have one vote," it is contended that, inasmuch as no power is to be taken in any such agreement as is contemplated by the Bill to cast any burden upon, or to raise any rate at the expense of, the ratepayers, there is no reason for a plural vote, and the question to be submitted to the ratepayers is one which would equally affect each ratepayer.

2. The only objection to the new clause 5 is the limit of one year, which is insufficient. Electricity will not be supplied to the Cities of Wellington and Christchurch until after the expiration of at least two years from the date of the passing of the Act, and the Auckland City Council will, at the end of one year therefrom, be in no better position to form a judgment as to the advantages of the system to be employed than they are now. At the end of five years the system will have been subjected to a lengthened trial elsewhere, and there would be nothing to prevent the City Council agreeing with the syndicate at the end of three years, if they should desire to do so, were the limit of five years inserted in the Bill.

A further reason for objecting to one year is that it is known beforehand that the Act containing such a clause would be nugatory, as it would only give the syndicate permission to agree with that City Council which has already expressed its refusal to enter into any agreement whatever with the syndicate.

Resolved, That the reasons be agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

9. *Surfacemen's Wages.*—On motion of Mr. J. Kelly, *Ordered*, That a Return be laid before this House showing the number of surfacemen in the service of the Railway Commissioners whose wages do not exceed 6s. 6d. per day.

10. *Native Land Court Sittings.*—On motion of Mr. R. Thompson, *Ordered*, That a Return be prepared and laid before this House showing the number of days in each year during the years 1889, 1890, and 1891 on which each of the Judges of the Native Land Court held a sitting of the Court for the purpose of investigating claims to Native lands.

11. *Chairman of Committees.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. W. L. Rees be Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the present Parliament.

Mr. Blake moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the name of Mr. Rees, and the insertion of the name of Mr. Guinness in lieu thereof.

The amendment was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. McGuire moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the name of Mr. Rees, and the insertion of the name of Mr. Fisher in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put, That the name of Mr. Rees stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Palmer	Taipua
Buick	Joyce	Parata	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kapa	Pinkerton	Taylor
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Duncan	Macdonald	Saunders	Thompson, T.
Earnshaw	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	O'Conor
Guinness	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Reeves, R. H. J.
Hall-Jones			

NOES, 29.

Blake	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Hamlin	Moore	Valentine
Buckland	Harkness	Rhodes	Wilson
Carncross	Hutchison, G.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Dawson	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Duthie	Macarthur	Russell	McGuire
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Swan	Newman.
Fish	Mills, J.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the following words be added at the end thereof: "as from the first day of next-ensuing session."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 12.

Hutchison, W.	Rhodes	Thompson, T.	*Tellers.*
Lawry	Saunders	Thomson, J. W.	Hutchison, G.
McGuire	Swan	Wilson.	O'Conor.
Meredith			

NOES, 47.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Harkness	Mills, J.	Smith, W. C.
Buchanan	Houston	Moore	Taipua
Buckland	Joyce	Newman	Tanner
Buick	Kapa	Palmer	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Parata	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Valentine
Duncan	Macarthur	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Macdonald	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Grey, Sir G.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Mackintosh	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Pinkerton.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That Mr. W. L. Rees be Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the present Parliament.

12. *House Committee.*—Mr. G. Hutchison, from the House Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

I have the honour to report, by direction of the Committee, that immediately after their appointment they proceeded to inquire into the management and financial position of Bellamy's. The inquiry has taken some time, but no delay that could be avoided has occurred. On the 6th instant your Committee placed before the Government the following statement, which expresses the result of the inquiries and the opinion of the Committee on the subject:—

		£ s. d.
Overdraft and accrued interest as at the 9th June, 1891 ...		1,113 13 9
Sundry debts owing		595 6 4
		1,709 0 1
Less accounts owing ...	£160 7 8	
„ stock, glassware, &c. ...	1,030 3 11	
		1,190 11 7
Leaving a net deficiency of		£518 8 6

The amount of cash taken at the bar and for victualling during the first twenty-one days of the session of 1890 was as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Victualling	88	19	6
Bar	121	15	0
Or a total of	£210	14	6

The cash taken for a similar period of the present session is—

	£	s.	d.
Victualling	85	7	6
Bar	99	13	6
Or a total of	£185	1	0

It will thus be seen that the deficiency in the takings of this session as against that of 1890 is—for victualling, £3 12s., or equal to 4 per cent.; and for the bar, £22 1s. 6d., or equal to a deficiency of 22 per cent. The total deficiency on the two accounts is £25 13s. 6d., and it may be fairly assumed that the relative position will be maintained during the whole of the session.

The total takings for the session of 1890 was—for the victualling department, £584 4s. 3d.; and for the bar, £730 7s. 6d.: thus it may be assumed that the takings for this session respectively for victualling and for the bar will be approximately £545 and £600; thus leaving a loss on the victualling of from £30 to £40, and a reduction of profit on the bar of about £70, leaving a profit on this department of about £110.

The deficiences which have caused the present overdraft commenced in 1885, when a loss of £77 17s. 11d. occurred. In 1886 there was a loss of £8 11s. 2d; in 1887, £469 3s.; and in 1889, £142 15s. 6d. The loss in 1885-86 was caused, it is alleged, by the employment of a permanent cook at £150 per annum, and the large loss in 1887 by two sessions being held in that year, and from keeping all the servants on at full pay during the whole period. In 1888 there was a small profit of £6 18s. 7d., and the loss in 1889 is alleged to have arisen through a great falling-off in business, and from the fact that the staff was kept at its old strength. In this year the House Committee made a vigorous attempt at reform, mainly through the instrumentality of Mr. James Mills, M.H.R., with the result that the session of 1890 left a profit of about £184. It does not appear possible to further reduce the staff, and it appears that with proper management and supervision no loss need be apprehended in future, but, on the contrary, a small profit may be expected. It may be interesting to the Committee to know how far other colonial Legislatures subsidise Bellamy's, and from a perusal of the estimates of these for 1889 we find that New South Wales voted £1,985; Queensland, £1,074; South Australia, £720; and Victoria, £625; and, in addition, votes were passed for plate, cutlery, &c.

It is right to correct the impression which is abroad that members of Parliament are indebted to a very considerable amount on old accounts: only £10 or £15 is likely to be the loss under this head.

To balance the profit and loss account as it existed when the Committee was appointed £580 would suffice, but this would leave about as much still outstanding on overdraft, and the Committee are not prepared to accept the responsibility of any debt. In round figures, £1,000 would suffice to clear the overdraft, and leave liabilities which would probably be more than represented by stock and other available assets. The House Committee of the Legislative Council have suggested that £1,000 be borrowed from the Treasury at 4 per cent., with the prospect of its being gradually paid off. The House Committee of the House of Representatives do not see their way to accept the responsibility implied in borrowing any sum. They are only a sessional Committee, and have, within the time over which they may have control, no prospect of repaying such an advance. The receipts from Bellamy's will, from the fact of the reduction in the number of members, and from other causes, not show the apparent profit of some former sessions. The victualling—apart from the bar—is kept on foot for the convenience of a comparatively small number of members; and if plant, rent of premises, coals, gas, management, and incidental expenses be reckoned, must be considered as not self-supporting. The bar-trade is less, and likely to remain less, in proportion to numbers than before. It, however, would probably clear itself, but with a stock of some £600 or £800 to commence with, and probably left with good debts at the end of the session without diminution—possibly with some gain. The Committee of the House of Representatives are willing, if the Government will provide for the indebtedness at the beginning of the present session, to do their best to regulate both departments of Bellamy's so as to hand them over at the end of the session without loss, and possibly in a better condition financially than at the beginning of the session. The Committee have, pending some adjustment of the business, abstained from dealing with the overdrawn bank account, the cash taken having been held in hand or paid into the account opened during the recess for the purpose of dealing with current expenses.

The Committee await the decision of the Government as to the future action they may be prepared to take.

The reply was to-day received, stating, in terms, that, "upon consideration, the Government think the subject is one which should be dealt with by Parliament." The Committee accordingly report the facts to the House.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

13. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That this House desires a second Conference with the Legislative Council upon the subjects of their amendments in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill, and that Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. Valentine, and the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie be the Managers on behalf of this House of the said Conference.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House desires a second Conference on the subject of their amendments in the said Bill, and hath appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of such Conference.

14. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill;

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House disagrees with the amendments made by the Legislative Council in clauses 5 and 11 of the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill, and agrees to the other amendments in the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Saunders, Mr. J. Kelly, and the Honourable Mr. Ballance be a Committee to draw up reasons for so disagreeing.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance, from the said Committee, brought up reasons, which were read, as follow:—

Clause 5. Because the Public Trustee can be intrusted with the form and frequency of an advertisement, and to obtain the direction of a Judge may involve loss of time to all parties concerned.

Clause 11. Because a uniform rate of interest of 5 per cent. is higher than can be afforded. The interest received from investments is not sufficient for such a rate, after making due consideration for working-expenses and a guarantee charge, and the result must largely be to exclude small trusts, to which the rate of interest is all-important, and which should as far as practicable be attracted.

Resolved, That the reasons be agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

15. *Dentists Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, from the Conference on the Dentists Acts Amendment Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct the Conference upon the Dentists Acts Amendment Bill have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, and have come to the following agreement, viz.:—

That clause 2 be erased.

That the new clause 2 be agreed to, with the following amendment: In line 6, after "thereunder," insert "and such examination shall take place within thirty days."

That clause 4 be restored, with the addition of these words at the beginning of the clause: "Wherever the word 'Senate' is used in 'The Dentists Act, 1880,' or 'The Dentists Act 1880 Amendment Act, 1881,' the words 'Governor in Council' shall be read and substituted in lieu thereof; and it is further provided that." Also, in line 1, after "The," erase "Senate," and insert "Governor in Council."

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Report of the said Conference.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House hath agreed to the Report of the said Conference.

16. *North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "four," and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Cadman.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

The Governor may from time to time, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, declare any block or blocks of land included in the area described in the Second Schedule to "The North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act, 1889," not being within five miles of the route as surveyed of the railway, to be exempted from the operation of such Act, and thereupon such block or blocks of land shall be deemed not to have been included in the area described in such Schedule. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Buchanan	Harkness	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Buick	Kelly, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Hutchison, G.
Guinness	Moore	Taipua	Joyce.
Hamlin	Parata	Wilson.	

NOES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Taylor
Blake	Houston	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Buckland	Lawry	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Macdonald	Russell	Thomson, J. W.
Carncross	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Saunders	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	
Duncan	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.	Kelly, J.
Fraser	Pinkerton	Tanner	Mills, C. H.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause be added to the Bill:—

The Second Schedule of "The North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Act, 1889," is hereby amended by inserting in the fourth line, after the word "Auckland," the words "and Taranaki." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Clause read a first and a second time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 13.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Buick	Hamlin	Smith, E. M.	Hutchison, G.
Duncan	Harkness	Ward, Hon. J. G.	Joyce.
Fergus, Hon. T.	McGuire		

NOES, 39.

Blake	Lawry	Pinkerton	Taipua
Buckland	Macarthur	Reeves, R. H. J.	Tanner
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rhodes	Thompson, T.
Fraser	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, C. H.	Russell	Wilson
Houston	Mills, J.	Saunders	Wright.
Kapa	Moore	Shera	*Tellers.*
Kelly, J.	O'Conor	Smith, W. C.	Carncross
Kelly, W.	Parata	Swan	Taylor.

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend 'The North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Act, 1889.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

17. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Ward moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do presently leave the Chair.

Mr. J. Kelly moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the banking account of the colony should be divided amongst the banks trading within the colony, instead of being confined as at present to the Bank of New Zealand. That the Government be requested to take the necessary steps to give immediate effect to the foregoing resolution."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Buckland	Lawry	Rees	Thompson, T.
Buick	Macarthur	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, J. W.
Carncross	Mackintosh	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Valentine
Carroll	McGuire	Rhodes	Wilson.
Fish	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Moore	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hall-Jones
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	O'Conor	Shera	Taylor.

NOES, 20.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Dawson	Joyce	Saunders	Wright.
Duncan	Kapa	Smith, E. M.	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Kelly, W.	Swan	Kelly, J.
Hamlin	Mills, J.	Tanner	Macdonald.
Hutchison, G.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House will, presently, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

18. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills intituled "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1891," "The Birds Nuisance Act, 1891," "The School Committees Election Act, 1891," "The Water-supply Act, 1891," "The Light from Crown Land Restriction Act, 1891," and "The Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

19. *Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That the amendments be agreed to.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 43.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hutchison, W.	O'Conor	Taylor
Buckland	Joyce	Palmer	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Parata	Thomson, J. W.
Duncan	Lawry	Rees	Valentine
Fraser	Macarthur	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wilson
Guinness	Mackintosh	Rhodes	Wright.
Hall, Sir J.	McGuire	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Buick
Houston	Mills, C. H.	Shera	Hall-Jones.

NOES, 9.

Dawson	Russell	Swan	*Tellers.*
Kelly, J.	Saunders	Thompson, R.	Fish
Pinkerton			Meredith.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

20. *Bird Nuisance Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bird Nuisance Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

21. *School Committees Election Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the School Committees Election Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

22. *Water-supply Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Water-supply Bill be considered on Monday next.

23. *Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Guinness, and Mr. Wright be appointed a Committee to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments.

24. *Wanganui River Trust Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Wanganui River Trust Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

25. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the report of the Conference on the Bill intituled "The Dentists Acts Amendment Act, 1891." Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a second Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of twelve o'clock noon, on Monday, the twenty-first day of September, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1890 Amendment Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Electoral Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments. Also,—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments. Also,—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Land Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

26. *Rabbit Nuisance Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment Bill be considered on Monday next.

27. *Electoral Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting upon their amendments in the Electoral Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

Clause 6. Subsection (1). The freehold and leasehold qualifications are necessary, because it is of advantage to the community that persons holding these qualifications should be induced to take every interest in the well-being of the locality in which their property is situated.

The whole traditions of our race point to the value of the settled classes.

This clause does not violate the principle of "one man one vote," it merely brings that principle into healthy action, stimulates the interest of the people in the elections, and leads to a healthy rivalry in the prosecution of the common interests of the colony.

Subsection (2). If there is any wisdom in divided electorates one month's residence in an electoral district is not sufficient to qualify a voter to judge of the local interests of that district.

The words erased leave the law as it is—affirm no new principle and violate no old one.

At each election the elector can exercise only one vote.

Freeholders and leaseholders are not outsiders—they pay local rates and taxes, and are in every way deeply interested in the localities.

Clause 8. Persons in receipt of public charity can scarcely claim an equal right to exercise the franchise.

Clause 15. It is desirable that some well-known and responsible person should witness the declaration.

Clauses 29 and 46. It is important that some time should be given for revision of the electoral rolls. The system at present in vogue permits electors to hold back their claims to be enrolled until the very issue of the writs, after which time no sufficient amendment can be made by the erasure of improper claims.

Clause 63, subsections (1) and (3). The existing law allows foreign-going seamen to vote. The alteration was intended to meet this objection.

Clause 71. The electoral privilege is constantly exercised in our Constitution without any such special provision. The extended hours of polling afford ample opportunity for all to vote, without involving economic waste.

Resolved, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Electoral Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Seddon, Mr. Earnshaw, and the Honourable Mr. Ballance be the Managers of such Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Electoral Bill; that they have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and the place of meeting of such Conference.

28. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting upon their amendments in clauses 5 and 11 of the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

Clause 5. A Judge, on a statement of the particular facts, is better able than a Public Trustee to decide what is the proper notice to be given. The clause is not confined to estates of small value, but may relate to estates of great value.

3. There need be no delay in getting the opinion of the Judge, as the application is an *ex parte* one.

4. The amendment is based on section 75 of "The Trustee Act, 1883."

Clause 11. This clause does not fix the rate of interest, which has to be done by the Governor in Council, but merely provides that the rate shall not exceed £5 per cent. per annum. Those words struck out by the Council are unnecessary, and calculated to mislead.

Resolved, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the said Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Ballance, Mr. Saunders, and Mr. J. Kelly be the Managers of the said Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill; that it has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf, and requests the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of the Conference.

29. *Land Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting in their amendments in the Land Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

Clause 31. The amendments are necessary, because otherwise it would expose a settler setting fire to his own felled bush to severe penalties.

Clause 82. The law recognises the right of a married woman to hold property, and no good reason exists for excluding her from acquiring Crown land. The statement that striking out the clause will enable "a wealthy individual to acquire a double area of land" is entirely mistaken.

Clause 84. The amendments objected to are required to prevent increased penalties for breaches of antecedent Acts, to moderate excessive penalties, to allow reasonable provision for children; the terms "wealthy class" and "creation of large estates" do not apply.

Clause 86. The penalties in this clause are excessive.

Clauses 88 and 89. Verbal alterations frequently, as in these cases, are very important.

Clause 102. Amendment necessary to prevent the indefinite postponement of repayment of overdraft on Public Works Fund Account, and of extension of Akaroa Railway.

Clause 121. The Legislative Council has, by its amendment, corrected the clause, as it has done the other clauses of the Bill in which it has made amendments.

Clause 131. Unduly limits the operation of clause 130.

Clause 132. Indispensable to amendment made in clause 84.

Clause 134. The amendment in subsection (1) is reasonable, and therefore desirable; that in subsection (3), required to promote the working of the clause generally.

Clause 136. This is not a duplication, as the Bill does not appear to provide for the application of the principle to future cases.

Clauses 138 and 139. To refuse a complete title to a purchaser who has completed the payment of the price of land is altogether unreasonable.

Clause 148. Considered necessary as defining terms on which settler may complete.

Clause 149. The restoration of the purchasing-clause in perpetual lease is proper, and in accordance with the public wishes. Experience of its working since 1882 has established the fact that it has promoted settlement, and not in the slightest degree aided in the "introduction of dummies by wealthy people," or led to "dummyism and fraud."

Clause 165. The term "co-operative principles," as stated in the clause, conveys no meaning.

Clause 168. Amendments not only necessary but indispensable.

Clause 192. Two years' notice to lessee considered reasonable.

Clause 193. It is not desired to encourage "the acquisition of extremely large holdings by companies, as at present," but a great part of the interior can only be advantageously held in large blocks, especially whilst infested by rabbits. The Crown would, under the proposed change, sustain considerable loss by making the holdings too small.

Clause 203. The mortgagee can have no greater rights than the mortgagor. The clause would render impossible monetary arrangements with pastoral tenants.

Clause 206. Amendment considered safer.

Clause 220. Clause considered capable of different interpretations.

Clause 222. To retain such a clause in the Land Bill is dangerous, since the subject is provided for by "The Sheep and Cattle Acts, 1890." This conflicts with those provisions.

Clause 243. Considered necessary in the interests of educational reserves.

Clause 257. To remove a legal doubt.

Resolved, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Land Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Ballance, Mr. Duncan, and the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie be the Managers of such Conference on behalf of the House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Land Bill; that they have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and request the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of the Conference.

30. *Supply.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That sum not exceeding £4,410 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Agent-General's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ward.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £1,000. (*Mr. Buckland.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Motion negatived.

Amendment withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Motion negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Secretary, £700," by the sum of £200. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

			Tellers.
Fish	Kelly, W.	Parata	Hutchison, G.
Guinness	McGuire	Saunders	Kelly, J.
Houston	Meredith	Tanner	
Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Thompson, R.	

NOES, 30.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fergus, Hon. T.	Pinkerton	Taylor
Blake	Fraser	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, T.
Buchanan	Harkness	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Buckland	Lawry	Russell	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	
Carncross	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.	Hall-Jones
Dawson	Moore	Swan	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Accountant, £200," by the sum of £100. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 17.

Fish	Kelly, W.	Parata	Thompson, R.
Guinness	McGuire	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Harkness	Meredith	Swan	Hutchison, G.
Houston	Moore	Tanner	Kelly, J.
Hutchison, W.	Palmer		

NOES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Fisher	Rees	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Fraser	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Taylor
Buchanan	Lawry	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Russell	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Mills, C. H.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hall-Jones
Dawson	Pinkerton	Shera	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the item, "Consulting Engineer, £800." (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Rent and Contingencies, £1,000," by the sum of £100. (*Mr. G. Hutchison.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,916 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Colonial Secretary's Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,153 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,470 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Friendly Societies' Registry Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £19,811 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Property-tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,162 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Treasury Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,296 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Offices and Services for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,781 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Customs Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,115 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine and Harbours for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,462 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Marine Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stamp Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,340 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Deeds Registry for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

The Honourable Mr. Cadman moved, and the Question was proposed, That a sum not exceeding £16,539 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Court for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £1. (*Mr. Houston.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £2,091 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Native Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Mr. Valentine.*)

Motion negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,105 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Geological and Meteorological Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,827 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Mines Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £27,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stock Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £53,381 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Permanent Militia and Volunteers for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,334 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stores and Magazines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £785 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Defence Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £95,161 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £38,744 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Government Insurance Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £8,697 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Trust Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 9.

Blake	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Swan	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Russell	Valentine.	Harkness
Richardson, Hon. G. F.			Moore.

NOES, 22.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Palmer	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, J.	Parata	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hall-Jones
Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Mr. Harkness.*)

Motion negatived.

Resolution withdrawn.

Vote withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Rates on Crown Lands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 10.

Blake	Moore	Swan	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.
Harkness	Russell		Valentine.

NOES, 20.

Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Palmer	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Dawson	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Joyce
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Pinkerton.
Houston			

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £93,150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands and Survey Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £640 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Rotorua Sanatorium for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Lands and Survey Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Mr. Rees also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after seven of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves adjourned.

Monday, the 21st Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (See Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—
(250.) Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks: Second Annual Report by Registrar.
(251.) Description of Land proposed to be withdrawn from State Forests in Southland.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 251 do lie upon the Table.

The Honourable Sir J. Hall moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "but that no action be taken in the direction of disforesting the reserves referred to therein until Parliament shall have had an opportunity during next session of expressing its opinion thereon."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added, be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Buchanan	Macarthur	Newman	Taipua
Buckland	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Fergus, Hon. T.	Mills, J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Harkness
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Moore	Russell	Valentine.
Hutchison, G.			

NOES, 33.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Joyce	O'Conor	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Kapa	Palmer	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Kelly, J.	Parata	Taylor
Carncross	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Duncan	Lawry	Rees	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fraser	Macdonald	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Guinness	McGuire	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Hall-Jones
Houston	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Mills, C. H.
Hutchison, W.	Meredith		

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Paper No. 251 do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, with the leave of the House:—

(252.) Hanmer Plains Sanatorium, Report on.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(253.) Mount Cook Prison, Cost of Building. Return to an Order dated 13th August, 1891.

(254.) Agricultural and Pastoral Association of New Zealand, Correspondence relating to. Additional Return to an Order dated 24th June, 1891.

(255.) Flounders, Size of, taken in the Colony, Correspondence relative to. Return to an Order dated 2nd September, 1891.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 252, 254, and 255 be printed.

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Susanna Prescott Boyes; Isabel M. Farnall; H. B. Huddleston; Robert Hetherington and others; John Ford; Worley Bassett Edwards; John Darrock and John McLean; W. Davis and others; and Peter Archer and others: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of John Darrock and John McLean, W. Davis and others, and Peter Archer and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee brought up a Report upon the Petition of Collins T. Morie and others: and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report thereon be referred to the Government.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Eruera Rangitakaiwahi and others; Nui Haere and others; Tuta Nihoniho and others; Wiremu Kingi Matakatia and others; Kingi Herekiekie and others; Ngatai te Mamaku and others; Hanita te Awe Awe and others; Wi Pere; Rako Eruera; Wiremu Kingi; Hone Waaka and others; and Mate Nga Taua and others (No. 1 and No. 2): and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Eruera Rangitakaiwahi and others, Nui Haere and others, Tuta Nihoniho and others, Wiremu Kingi Matakatia and others, Kingi Herekiekie and others, Ngatai te Mamaku and others, Hanita te Awe Awe and others, and Wi Pere, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Hall-Jones, with leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Mr. Mackintosh on account of ill-health.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Mr. Duthie on account of urgent private affairs.

7. *Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Seddon, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

1. The scope and original intentions of the Bill have, by the amendments, been entirely changed.

2. The amendments made in clauses 2 and 3 make the measure general in its application, and questions involving such large interests would be best dealt with in a separate measure, and after full consideration by both branches of the Legislature.

3. The new clause 4 introduces matters foreign to the Bill as originally introduced, which are of such magnitude that the same should be dealt with in a separate measure.

Resolved, That the reasons be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, transmitting the said reasons, together with the Bill and amendments.

8. *Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, from the second Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers appointed by the House of Representatives to confer with Managers appointed by the Legislative Council on the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Bill have the honour to report that they met the Managers of the Legislative Council, but have been unable to come to any agreement.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

9. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Electoral Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of twelve o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 22nd September, and No. 1 Committee-room of the Legislative Council, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Land Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of five o'clock p.m. this day, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of half-past ten o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, the 22nd September, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Amendment Act, 1891," without amendment.

10. *Oamaru Harbour Board Advance Repayment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Repayment of certain Moneys by the Oamaru Harbour Board; and that the Honourable Mr. Ward do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Ward accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

11. *Water-supply Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Water-supply Bill;

Ordered, That the amendments be considered after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

12. *Rabbit Nuisance Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment Bill;

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That the amendments be disagreed with, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments; the Committee to consist of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duncan, and the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.

13. *McLean Land Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the McLean Land Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed presently.

14. *Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. *Railways Authorisation and Management Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Railways Authorisation and Management Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed presently.

And the hour of five of the clock, the time fixed for the Conference with the Legislative Council on the Land Bill, having arrived, Mr. Speaker called on the names of the Managers for this House, and then left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock;

16. *Educational Endowments and Reserves Management and Exchange Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Educational Endowments and Reserves Management and Exchange Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

17. *McLean Land Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the McLean Land Bill (No. 2);

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 6, after the word "acres," to insert the words "more or less." (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise the Sale of a Particular Section of Land to George McLean, of Hawera."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

18. *Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee further to consider the Borough Reserves Vesting and Sale Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2 to 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendments proposed: In line 7, after the word "sell,' to insert the words "or lease;" in line 8, after the word "purchase-money," to insert the words "or rent;" in line 9, after the word "sold," to insert the words "or leased;" in line 11, after the word "purchasers," to insert the words "or lessees;" and in line 12, after the word "sale," to insert the words "or lease," and to omit the word "improvements," and insert "improvement" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 11 read and agreed to.

First Schedule read and agreed to.

Second Schedule read. Amendments proposed: In line 8, to omit the words "Section 660 and;" in line 10, to omit the numerals "489," and insert the numerals "660" in lieu thereof; in lines 10 and 11, to omit the words "towards the south-east by Section 661, towards the south-west by Sections 664 and 663, and a right-of-way, again;" and in line 12, to omit the word "again."

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Third to Ninth Schedules read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to vest certain Reserves in the Corporations of the Boroughs of Tauranga, Palmerston North, Sydenham, Dunedin, Caversham, Invercargill, Queenstown, and Hokitika respectively, and to authorise the Sale of a Portion of the Recreation Reserve at Roxburgh."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

19. *Railways Authorisation and Management Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Railways Authorisation and Management Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

First Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To omit paragraph 1. (*Mr. T. Thompson.*)

And the Question being put, That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the schedule, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 35.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Harkness	Meredith	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Houston	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hutchison, G.	Newman	Thompson, R.
Duncan	Hutchison, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Valentine
Fish	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fisher	Macarthur	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.
Fraser	Macdonald	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Guinness	Mackenzie, T.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Earnshaw
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	Joyce.

NOES, 9.

Buckland	Palmer	Swan	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	Russell	Thomson, J. W.	Lawry
Mitchelson, Hon. E.			Thompson, T.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise Construction of Extensions of and Additions to certain Railways, and also to provide for the Management, Working, and Maintenance of the Kaihu Valley Railway, and for other Purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

20. *Native Land Court Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Native Land Court Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 8.

21. *Water-supply Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Water-supply Bill;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

22. *Rabbit Nuisance Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Section 2.—(*c.*) No objection made to amendment in this clause.

(*d.*) No objection to the alteration made increasing the width of netting to 3ft. 6in.

The proviso inserted at the end of this section is objectionable, as it is not advisable to allow of a less width of netting than 3ft. 6in. being used on the fences mentioned in this clause.

Section 3.—Subsection (3). The proviso inserted giving power to the Governor to bring section 4, Fencing Act, into operation will be objectionable to a large number of landowners, and at present it is not advisable to agree to its adoption.

No doubt in the near future it may be necessary to amend the Fencing Act in this direction.

The remaining alterations must be struck out if the amendment made by the Legislative Council is not agreed to.

Resolved, That the reasons be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, transmitting the said reasons, together with the Bill and amendments.

23. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council insist on their amendments in the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

24. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on their amendments in the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

Clause 4. The reason given for allowing each burgess or ratepayer to exercise only one vote in the poll proposed to be taken is insufficient, because the Councillors are elected under the plural-vote system, and they ought not to be called upon to obey the mandate of a constituency different from their own, nor ought an agreement made by them to be submitted to the approval of the latter.

Clause 5. Arrangements for lighting Auckland should not be made to depend upon the success or failure of operations in other places.

The objection to one year falls to the ground, since it is the fact that changes have already taken place in the composition of the Council which, it is suggested, were hostile to the agreement with the syndicate.

On motion of Mr. Shera, *Resolved*, That this House still disagrees with the amendments of the Legislative Council in the said Bill, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments, and that Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Lawry, and Mr. Shera be the Managers of the said Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, and hath appointed three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf; and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of such Conference.

25. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Houston moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "inasmuch as there is in New Zealand great variety and abundance of timber suitable for railway-sleepers, beams for bridges, and general works, and seeing that the supplying of such sleepers, beams, and timbers for general work at fair prices will promote settlement, assist small-farm settlers, and find employment for bushmen and labourers, this House is of opinion that the importation of foreign and intercolonial timbers is undesirable, unless under special circumstances; that Mr. Speaker transmit to the Minister for Public Works and the Railway Commissioners the opinion of the House as herein expressed."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as there is in New Zealand great variety and abundance of timber suitable for railway-sleepers, beams for bridges, and general works, and seeing that the supplying of such sleepers, beams, and timbers for general works at fair prices will promote settlement, assist small-farm settlers, and find employment for bushmen and labourers, this House is of opinion that the importation of foreign and intercolonial timbers is unde-

sirable, unless under special circumstances; that Mr. Speaker transmit to the Minister for Public Works and the Railway Commissioners the opinion of the House as herein expressed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House will forthwith resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Guinness moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that Sir Julius Vogel should be precluded from proceeding with his Petition of Right on the ground that his petition was not filed within twelve months after his claim or demand arose, or on the ground of any statute of limitation."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 44.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hutchison, W.	Moore	Smith, W. C.
Buchanan	Kelly, J.	Newman	Swan
Buckland	Lawry	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Buick	Macarthur	Rees	Thomson, J. W.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carncross	Mackenzie, T.	Rhodes	Wilson
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Wright.
Fisher	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mills, C. H.	Russell	Duncan
Hall-Jones	Mills, J.	Saunders	Joyce.
Harkness			

NOES, 8.

Fish	Hutchison, G.	Parata	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Guinness
			Macdonald.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Extension to Te Aro, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hall, Hon. Sir J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Blake	Hall-Jones	Meredith	Taylor
Buick	Harkness	Mills, C. H.	Valentine
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Newman	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carroll	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Wright.
Duncan	Joyce	Pinkerton	
Earnshaw	Kapa	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Kelly, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Carncross
Fraser	McGuire	Shera	Smith, E. M.

NOES, 9.

Buckland	Palmer	Thompson, T.	*Tellers.*
Lawry	Swan	Thomson, J. W.	Rhodes
Moore			Richardson, Hon. G. F.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Lincoln–Little River, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Land Claims, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous Roads and Bridges for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,335 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Grants in Aid for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to Open up Lands before Sale, Auckland, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Hawke's Bay, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Taranaki, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Wellington, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Nelson, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Marlborough, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Westland, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Canterbury, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Otago, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Southland, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £16,949 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Village Settlements for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £6,949. (*Hon. Mr. G. F. Richardson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads on Goldfields for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Waterworks on Goldfields for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £15,240 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,975 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, General Departmental Offices, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Judicial, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Postal and Telegraph, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Customs, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, School Buildings, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit this vote. (*Honourable Mr. Mitchelson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £22,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Lunatic Asylums, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Hospitals and other Charitable Institutions, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour Defences for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Thermal Springs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Marton–Te Awamutu, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit the item, "North End, £20,000." (*Mr. Wright.*)

And the Question being put on the omission of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 11.

Blake	Moore	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Buchanan	Rhodes	Saunders	Harkness
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.	Wright.

NOES, 32.

Buckland	Houston	Newman	Swan
Buick	Joyce	Parata	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Lawry	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, T.
Carroll	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Kelly, J.
Fraser	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Palmer.
Hall-Jones			

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Surveys, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £49,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to give Access to Marton–Te Awamutu Railway for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Local Bodies, Roads, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £83,831 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Purchase of Native Lands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Whangarei–Kamo Extension, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Helensville Northwards, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Grahamstown–Te Aroha, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit this vote. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

And the Question being put on the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 28.

Blake	Joyce	Palmer	Swan
Buckland	Kelly, J.	Parata	Taylor
Buick	Kelly, W.	Pinkerton	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Lawry	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Houston
Guinness	Mills, C. H.	Smith, W. C.	Shera.
Hall-Jones			

NOES, 12.

Buchanan	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Carncross	Rhodes	Saunders	Moore
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.	Wright.
Harkness			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to Her Majesty

to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Putaruru–Rotorua, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Woodville–Palmerston, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Eketahuna–Woodville, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £1. (*Honourable Mr. Rolleston.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 11.

Buckland	Moore	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Valentine	Buchanan
Harkness	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.

NOES, 29.

Blake	Houston	Palmer	Swan
Buick	Kelly, J.	Parata	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Thompson, T.
Carncross	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Earnshaw	McGuire	Shera	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Joyce
Guinness	Meredith	Smith, W. C.	Pinkerton.
Hall-Jones	Mills, C. H.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Blenheim–Awatere, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Greymouth–Hokitika, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Otago Central, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Catlin's River, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £126 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Wyndham–Fortrose, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce this vote by the sum of £16. (*Honourable Mr. Richardson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Seaward Bush, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Surveys, New Lines, and Contingencies, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £43,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Additions to Open Lines, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Permanent-way, Sleepers, and Rolling-stock, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered this day.

Mr. Rees also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after four of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon adjourned until this day.

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table, by the Honourable Mr. Cadman, in return to an Order of this House:—
   (256.) North Island Main Trunk Railway-line, Land acquired along. (Return to an Order dated 18th June, 1891.)

2. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. T. Thompson, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of H. Trebec Smith and others; and Patrick Brown: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)
   Ordered, That the Petition of H. Trebec Smith and others, together with the Report of Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

3. *Waste Lands Committee.*—Mr. R. Thompson, from the Waste Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Educational Endowments and Reserves Management and Exchange Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

4. *Educational Endowments and Reserves Management and Exchange Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Educational Endowments and Reserves Management and Exchange Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. W. Kelly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of Nikorima te Haunga; Hare Moanoa and others; Toha Rahurahu and others; Wi Mahui Mataitanga and others; and the final Report of the Committee referring to twenty-one undealt-with Petitions: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)
   Ordered, That the Petitions of Hare Moanoa and others, Toha Rahurahu and others, and Wi Mahui Mataitanga and others, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Live-stock and Rabbits Committee.*—Mr. Lawry, from the Live-stock and Rabbits Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

7. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council insist upon their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Light from Crown Land Restriction Act, 1891," and transmit herewith their reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments. Also,—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled "The Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Act, 1891." Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Auckland Electric Lighting Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of seven of the clock p.m. on this day, and the Joint Committee Room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

8. *Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting upon their amendments in the Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

1. The amendments made by the Council are of a desirable and necessary character.
2. There is no good reason for making any difference in the law affecting Crown lands and the law which applies to private lands.
3. The Council's amendments as to right-of-way deal with the same branch of law of easements as the Bill originally introduced dealt with.
4. The amendments proposed by the Bill improve the existing law, and better adapt it to a young country, and have been given effect to by Legislatures of new countries.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon, *Resolved*, That this House disagrees with the said reasons.

Ordered, That a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments, and that Mr. Guinness, Mr. Macdonald, and the Honourable Mr. Seddon be the Managers of the said Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Light from Crown Land Restriction Bill, and hath appointed three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of such Conference.

9. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Fisher moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

10. *Land Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie brought up the Report of the Conference on the Land Bill; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers appointed by the House of Representatives, having met the Managers of the Legislative Council on the amendments made by the Council in the Land Bill, have the honour to report that the Conference has been unable to come to any agreement.

The Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. G. Hutchison moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and that a second Conference be requested with the Legislative Council."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Buchanan	Hamlin	Moore	Swan
Buckland	Harkness	Newman	Taipua
Fergus, Hon. T.	Macarthur	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.
Fish	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine.
Fisher	Mackenzie, T.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Grey, Sir G.	Mills, J.	Russell	Hutchison, G.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Shera	Wright.

NOES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	McGuire	Seddon, Hon. R. J.
Blake	Houston	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Hutchison, W.	Meredith	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Joyce	Palmer	Taylor
Carncross	Kapa	Parata	Thompson, T.
Carroll	Kelly, J.	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Kelly, W.	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Hall-Jones
Fraser	Macdonald	Saunders	Rees.
Guinness			

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

11. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Railways Authorisation and Management Act, 1891," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Free Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Light from Crown Land Restriction Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of half-past ten of the clock p.m. on this day, and the Joint Committee-room, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

12. *Railways Authorisation and Management Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Railways Authorisation and Management Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

13. *Messages.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker five Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as follow:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 18.

The Bills intituled—

"The McCabe Land-grants Act, 1891;"

"The Auckland Harbour Board Loan Act 1886 Amendment Act, 1891;"

"The Stratford County Districts Adjustment Act, 1891;"

"The Wellington Electric Lighting Act, 1891;"

"The Land- and Income-assessment Act, 1891;"

"The Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1891;"

"The River Boards Act Amendment Act, 1891;" and

"The Book-purchasers Protection Act, 1891,"

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House

of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal assent, he has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd September, 1891.

ONSLOW, Governor.

Message No. 19.

The Bills intituled—

"The Lunatics Act Amendment Act, 1891;"
"The New Plymouth Hospital Act, 1891;"
"The Wellington Boys' Institute Act, 1891;"
"The Palmerston North Hospital District Act, 1891;"
"The Public Revenues Act, 1891;"
"The Legislative Council Act, 1891;"
"The University of Otago Council Election Act, 1891;"
"The Auctioneers Act, 1891;"
"The Property-tax Act, 1891;" and
"The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891,"

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal assent, he has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd September, 1891.

ONSLOW, Governor.

Message No. 20.

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor returns to the House of Representatives, with certain amendments for the consideration of the House, the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Stamp Acts." The amendments are as follow:—

In section 2, add the following words at the end of the second paragraph: "either by way of payment in the nature of a composition or otherwise."

In section 12, after "namely," in line 2, insert "the term 'inland bills of exchange,' in section 12 of such Act, shall include promissory notes made in New Zealand."

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd September, 1891.

ONSLOW, Governor.

Message No. 21.

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "The School Committees Elections Act, 1891," with the following amendments for the consideration of the House:—

In clause 5, at the beginning thereof, after the word "April," insert "in each year."

In clause 5, omit the word "fifty," and substitute "twenty-five" in two places.

In clause 18, omit the words "signify to the Board their desire to be relieved from office, the Board may declare their seats vacant, and in either of such cases," and substitute "send in their resignations to the Board."

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd September, 1891.

ONSLOW, Governor.

Message No. 22.

In pursuance of section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to enable County Councils and, in certain cases, Road Boards to construct and maintain Works for Water-supply, and to make Provision for the Cost thereof," with the following amendment for the consideration of the House:—

At the end of subsection (10) of clause 53, to add the following words: "Any by-law made hereunder may empower the Council, in case the owner

or occupier of land on which any water-race is situate, or the water of which he is not at liberty to use, shall make default in cleansing, repairing, or maintaining the same, to do the work and recover the cost thereof from such owner or occupier as a debt in any Court of competent jurisdiction."

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd September, 1891.

14. *Stamp Acts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Stamp Acts Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to His Excellency's amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

15. *School Committees Election Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the School Committees Election Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to His Excellency's amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

16. *Water-supply Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor in the Water-supply Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to His Excellency's amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

17. *Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, from the Conference on the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct the Conference upon the Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Bill have, in Conference with the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, come to the following agreement, viz.:—

Clause 5. In lines 25 and 26, to strike out the words "such" and "as a Judge may direct," and insert after the word "notice," in line 25, "once each week for two weeks," so that the clause as amended will read "after giving notice once each week for two weeks in two newspapers."

Clause 11. To reinsert the words struck out at the end of the clause, but to substitute the word "twenty" in lieu of the word "three," in the last line.

A copy of the Bill is attached, showing in red the amendments agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to the said Report.

18. *Electoral Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, from the Conference on the Electoral Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers appointed by the House of Representatives, having met the Managers of the Legislative Council on the amendments made by the Council in the Electoral Bill, have the honour to report that the Conference has been unable to come to any agreement.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

19. *Messages.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as follow:—

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 23.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives estimates of expenditure of the Public Trust Office and of the Audit Office for the year

ending the 31st day of March, 1892, and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

ONSLOW, Governor. *Message No.* 24.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the supplementary estimates of expenditure for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1892, and, on Her Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

20. *Auckland Electric Lighting Bill.*—Mr. Shera, from the Conference on the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Managers appointed by the House of Representatives to confer with the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council on the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill have the honour to report that they have met the Managers of the Legislative Council, but have been unable to come to any agreement.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. Shera, *Resolved*, That a second Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, and that Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Shera be the Managers of the said Conference on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a second Conference on the subject of their amendments in the Auckland Electric Lighting Bill, and hath appointed three Managers to conduct the same on its behalf, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee, and to name the hour and place of meeting of such Conference.

21. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—*Ordered*, That the consideration of Orders of the Day numbered 1 to 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day numbered 6.

22. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £9,972 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Trust Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit the item "Fees to Commissioners, £648." (*Mr. Fish.*)

And the Question being put on the omission of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 21.

Buchanan	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Valentine
Carroll	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Russell	Wright.
Harkness	Moore	Thompson, R.	*Tellers.*
Hutchison, W.	Palmer	Thompson, T.	Buckland
Kelly, W.	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.	Fish.
Macdonald	Richardson, Hon. G. F.		

NOES, 23.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hogg	Meredith	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Joyce	Reeves, R. H. J.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Kelly, J.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Buick
Fraser	Lawry	Saunders	Hall-Jones.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce this item by the sum of £298. (*Honourable Mr. Mitchelson.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Buckland	Moore	Russell	*Tellers.*
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Rhodes	Thompson, T.	Buchanan
Harkness	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Thomson, J. W.	Fish.
Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.	

NOES, 31.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Lawry	Smith, E. M.
Blake	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Buick	Hogg	Meredith	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Houston	Palmer	Thompson, R.
Carroll	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Kelly, J.	Saunders	Pinkerton
Fraser	Kelly, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Reeves, R. H. J.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce this item by the sum of £124 10s. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "Travelling-expenses, Commission, £176," by the sum of £1. (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Honourable Mr. Fergus.*)

Motion negatived.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,175 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Audit Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,427 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of General Expenses, Legislative Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman leave the Chair. (*Mr. Fish.*)

Motion negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Colonial Secretary's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

And the Question being put on the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Hogg	Pinkerton	Taylor
Blake	Houston	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hutchison, W.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.
Carroll	Joyce	Russell	Valentine.
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Lawry	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Hall-Jones
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.	Smith, W. C.
Guinness	Parata		

NOES, 11.

Buchanan	Meredith	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	Moore	Thomson, J. W.	Fish
Harkness	Palmer	Wright	Shera.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £4,921 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Colonial Secretary's Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit the item, "Compassionate allowance to the widow of the late J. C. Brown, M.H.R., £250." (*Mr. T. Thompson.*)

And the Question being put on the omission of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 17.

Buchanan	Kelly, J.	Rhodes	Wright.
Buckland	Meredith	Rolleston, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Saunders	Lawry
Harkness	Moore	Thompson, R.	Thompson, T.
Houston	Palmer		

NOES, 23.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hall-Jones	Parata	Taylor
Duncan	Hogg	Pinkerton	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Hutchison, W.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Joyce	Shera	Earnshaw
Fraser	Macdonald	Smith, E. M.	Valentine.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the item, "Bonus to encourage manufacture of iron, £500." (*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,613 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Property-tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,256 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Treasury Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £984 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Justice Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ward,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Postal and Telegraph, Salaries, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Conveyance of Mails by Sea for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Cable Repairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £940 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Post Office and Telegraph Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £39 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Customs, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine and Harbours for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit the item, "Hire and working-expenses of dredge for New Plymouth Harbour, £3,000." (*Mr. Moore.*)

And the Question being put on the omission of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 16.

Blake	Lawry	Russell	Thomson, J. W.
Buchanan	Meredith	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thompson, R.	Moore
Fish	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thompson, T.	Rhodes.
Fisher			

NOES, 25.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Guinness	Palmer	Taylor
Buick	Hall-Jones	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Pinkerton	Wright.
Carroll	Houston	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	*Tellers.*
Duncan	Kelly, J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Joyce
Earnshaw	Kelly, W.	Smith, E. M.	Smith, W. C.
Fraser	McKenzie, Hon. J.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce this item by the sum of £2,000. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Marine Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Education Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit the item, "Grant in aid of the Wellington College, £1,000." (*Mr. Guinness.*)

And the Question being put on the omission of the item, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 13.

Blake	Lawry	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Buckland	Moore	Thompson, R.	Fish
Kelly, J.	Palmer	Thompson, T.	Guinness.
Kelly, W.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.		

NOES, 25.

Ballance, Hon. J.	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Russell	Valentine
Buchanan	Meredith	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fisher	Parata	Smith, E. M.	Wright.
Harkness	Pinkerton	Smith, W. C.	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Taylor	Buick
Houston	Rhodes	Thomson, J. W.	Earnshaw.
Joyce	Rolleston, Hon. W.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. W. P. Reeves,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lunatic Asylums for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £160 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Charitable Aid for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cadman,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to Her Majesty

to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Court for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £858 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Native Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,791 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Lands and Mines Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,086 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stock Branch for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5,705 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways for 1891–92. (*Honourable Mr. Seddon.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item, "T. Jones, Compensation for giving up hotel-site, £200," by the sum of £50. (*Mr. Meredith.*)

Amendment withdrawn.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £206 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Permanent Militia and Volunteers for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £230 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stores and Magazines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £18,660 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Defence Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £798 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands and Surveys for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £411 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Lands and Survey Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892. (*Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie.*)

And the Question being put on the vote, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Houston	Pinkerton	Taylor
Blake	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Thompson, R.
Buick	Kelly, J.	Russell	Thompson, T.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Lawry	Saunders	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Seddon, Hon. R. J.	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Meredith	Smith, E. M.	Hogg
Fraser	Parata	Smith, W. C.	Mills, C. H.

NOES, 11.

Buchanan	Harkness	Thomson, J. W.	*Tellers.*
Fish	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	Valentine	Buckland
Fisher	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Wright.	Moore.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Quinquennial Expenses, Government Insurance Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Building, Wellington, Government Insurance Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Seddon,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Kaihu Valley, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Compensation, Gladstone Sheds, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Purchases for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Judicial, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £90,860 15s. 2d. be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorised Expenditure, Consolidated Fund, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £864 2s. 1d. be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Services not provided for, Government Insurance Department, for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,123 8s. 7d. be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Services not provided for, Public Trust Office, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Rees reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered this day.

Mr. Rees also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

23. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Ballance moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Joyce	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Taylor
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Kelly, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Thomson, J. W.
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Russell	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Fish	Meredith	Saunders	*Tellers.*
Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Smith, E. M.	Buick
Houston	Pinkerton	Smith, W. C.	Hall-Jones.

NOES, 13.

Blake	Fraser	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Carroll	Harkness	Thompson, R.	Buckland
Duncan	Lawry	Thompson, T.	Valentine.
Fisher	Moore		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after six of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned accordingly until this day.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of September, 1891.

PRAYERS:

1. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

   The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The Slaughterhouses Act Amendment Act, 1891," in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

   The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled "The McLean Land Act, 1891," without amendment. Also,—

   The Legislative Council request a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of their amendments in the Bill intituled "The Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment Act, 1891." They have appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on their behalf, and have fixed the hour of eleven o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the twenty-third day of September, and No. 1 Committee-room of the Legislative Council, as the hour and place of the meeting of the Conference.

2. *Slaughterhouses Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend "The Slaughterhouses Act, 1877," be now read a first time.

   The Bill was accordingly read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

3. *Rabbit Nuisance Act* 1890 *Amendment Bill.—Resolved*, That this House agrees to a Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendments in the Rabbit Nuisance Act 1890 Amendment Bill.

   Ordered, That Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duncan, and the Honourable Mr. J. McKenzie be appointed Managers for this House at the said Conference.

   Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House agrees to the said Conference, and has appointed three Managers to act on its behalf.

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

   (257.) Surveys of New Zealand: Report for 1890–91.

   (258.) Marine Department, Annual Report of, for 1890–91.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

   (259.) County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

   (260.) Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

   (261.) New Zealand Railways: Copy of By-law, Hurunui–Bluff Section.

   (262.) Railway Property: Particulars of Leases.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of this House:—

(263.) Native Lands: Particulars concerning Tribal Lands. Return to an Order dated 30th June, 1891.

(264.) Bonuses paid during Years 1887, 1888, and 1890. Return to an Order dated 7th July, 1891.

(265.) Bonuses paid out of Consolidated or Public Works Fund during Year 1891. Return to an Order dated 1st July, 1891.

(266.) North Island Main Trunk Railway, Money expended on. Return to an Order dated 24th July, 1891.

(267.) Travelling-expenses of Ministers from 30th June, 1891. Return to an Order dated 21st July, 1891.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, with the leave of the House:—

(268.) Travelling-expenses of Members of the House of Representatives during Years 1886–91.

Ordered, That Papers numbered 257, 258, 263, 264, 265, 266, and 268 be printed.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Fish, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports upon the Petitions of William Towers; William Patterson and others; John Outram; James Travis; E. T. Rhodes and others; Andrew Thompson; Wi Naihira; John Marshall and others; William Neary; Andrew Young and Alfred Andrews; John Spicer; and the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company: and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of William Towers, and William Patterson and others, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Naval and Military Land Claims Committee.*—Captain Russell, from the Naval and Military Land Claims Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as followeth:—

The Naval and Military Land Claims Committee have the honour to report that the Petitions that have been referred to this Committee and not dealt with individually be forwarded to the Government, with a recommendation that they be sent to the various Crown Lands Commissioners of the districts in which the Petitioners reside, and that the Petitioners be informed accordingly. A schedule of the Petitions is attached hereto.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Government.

7. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of certain Resolutions from the Committee of Supply;

Mr. Rees accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £156,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Salaries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £309 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Cable Subsidies for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Cable Repairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,491 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Conveyance of Mails by Sea for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,191 be granted to Her Majesty

to defray the costs and charges of Conveyance of Inland Mails for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Carriage of Mails by Railway for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £38,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Postal and Telegraph Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,165 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Justice and Patent Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,155 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,685 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Supreme Court for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,417 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Bankruptcy Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £42,529 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of District, Resident Magistrates', and Wardens' Courts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Criminal Prosecutions for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of "The Coroners Act, 1867," for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,370 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,775 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous Services, Justice Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,315 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department, Head Office, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £341,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Schools for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,075 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Schools for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,436 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Industrial Schools for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of School for Deaf-mutes for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Education Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37,868 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lunatic Asylums for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,704 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Charitable Aid for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,346 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Rotorua Sanatorium for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £699,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of School-buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,649 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Council for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,187 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the House of Representatives for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,101 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of General Expenses, Legislative Departments, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Clerk of Executive Council for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,795 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Colonial Secretary's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Ministers' Secretaries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,319 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Messengers and Office-keepers for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,070 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £19,005 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Registrar-General's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,410 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Agent-General's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,916 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Colonial Secretary's Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,153 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,470 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Friendly Societies' Registry Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £19,811 be granted to Her Majesty to

defray the costs and charges of the Property-tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,162 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Treasury Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,296 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Offices and Services for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,781 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Customs Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,115 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine and Harbours for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,462 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Marine Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stamp Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,340 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Deeds Registry for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,538 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Court for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,091 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Native Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,105 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Geological and Meteorological Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,827 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Mines Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £27,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stock Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £53,381 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Permanent Militia and Volunteers for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,334 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stores and Magazines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £785 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Defence Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £95,161 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £38,744 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Government Insurance Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Rates on Crown Lands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £93,150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Lands and Survey Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £640 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Rotorua Sanatorium for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Lands and Survey Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Wellington–Woodville Extension to Te Aro, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Lincoln–Little River, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Land Claims, &c., Sundry Lines, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous Roads and Bridges for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,335 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Grants-in-aid for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Auckland, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Hawke's Bay, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Taranaki, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Wellington, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Nelson, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Marlborough, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Westland, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty

to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Canterbury, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Otago, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands before Sale, Southland, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,949 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Village Settlements for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads on Goldfields for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Water-races for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,240 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Purchase of Native Lands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,975 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of General Departmental Offices for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Judicial, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Postal and Telegraph, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Customs, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, School Buildings, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £22,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Lunatic Asylums, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Hospitals and other Charitable Institutions, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour Defences for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Thermal Springs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Marton–Te Awamutu Construction Works, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Surveys, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £49,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to give Access to Marton–Te Awamutu Railway for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, Local Bodies, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £83,831 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Purchase of Native Lands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Works Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Whangarei–Kamo Extension, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Helensville Northwards, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Grahamstown–Te Aroha, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Putaruru–Rotorua, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Woodville–Palmerston, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Eketahuna–Woodville, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Blenheim–Awatere, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Greymouth–Hokitika, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Otago Central, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Catlin's River, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £126 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Wyndham–Fortrose, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Seaward Bush, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Surveys, New Lines and Contingencies, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £43,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Additions to Open Lines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Permanent-way, Sleepers, and Rolling-stock for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,847 10s. be granted to Her

Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Trust Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,175 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Audit Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,427 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of General Expenses, Legislative Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Ministers' Salaries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,921 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Colonial Secretary's Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,613 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Property-tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,256 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Treasury Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £984 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Justice Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Postal and Telegraph Salaries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Conveyance of Mails by Sea for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Cable Repairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £940 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Post and Telegraph Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £39 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous Services, Customs, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine and Harbours for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Marine Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Education Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lunatic Asylums for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £160 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Charitable Aid for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Land Court for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £858 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Native Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,791 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Mines and Lands Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,086 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stock Branch for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,705 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £206 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Permanent Militia and Volunteers for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £230 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stores and Magazines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £18,660 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Defence Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £798 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Head Office, Lands and Survey Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £411 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Miscellaneous, Lands and Survey Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Quinquennial Expenses, Government Insurance Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Buildings, Government Insurance Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Kaihu Valley, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Capital Account, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Purchase of Native Land for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Judicial, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £90,860 15s. 2d. be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorised Expenditure, Consolidated Fund, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £864 2s. 1d. be granted to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorised Expenditure, Government Insurance Department, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,123 8s. 7d. be granted to Her

Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorised Expenditure, Public Trust Office, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1891.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

Mr. Guinness moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Resolution granting a sum not exceeding £1,427 to Her Majesty to defray the costs and charges of General Expenses, Legislative Department, be recommitted to the Committee of Supply.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 11.

Duncan	Hutchison, G.	Newman	*Tellers.*
Hamlin	Hutchison, W.	Taipua	Guinness
Houston	Kelly, W.	Thompson, T.	Thompson, R.

NOES, 39.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Moore	Saunders
Blake	Harkness	Parata	Swan
Buckland	Hogg	Pinkerton	Thomson, J. W.
Buick	Kelly, J.	Rees	Valentine
Carncross	Macarthur	Reeves, R. H. J.	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Carroll	Mackenzie, M. J. S.	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Wilson
Earnshaw	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Rhodes	Wright.
Fish	Mills, C. H.	Richardson, Hon. G. F.	*Tellers.*
Fisher	Mills, J.	Rolleston, Hon. W.	Hall-Jones
Fraser	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Russell	Smith, W. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

8. *Report of the Joint Library Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Joint Library Committee brought up on the fourteenth instant.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, (1.) That the members of both Houses residing out of Wellington may obtain books from the library, subject to the following conditions: (*Honourable Mr. Ballance.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Ballance, Hon. J.	Grey, Sir G.	Macdonald	Rhodes
Buckland	Hall-Jones	McKenzie, Hon. J.	Smith, E. M.
Buick	Harkness	Meredith	Smith, W. C.
Cadman, Hon. A. J.	Hogg	Mills, C. H.	Thompson, R.
Carncross	Houston	Newman	Thompson, T.
Carroll	Hutchison, W.	Parata	Ward, Hon. J. G.
Duncan	Joyce	Pinkerton	*Tellers.*
Earnshaw	Kelly, J.	Reeves, R. H. J.	Guinness
Fisher	Lawry	Reeves, Hon. W. P.	Palmer.
Fraser			

NOES, 15.

Blake	Hamlin	Moore	Wright.
Buchanan	Hutchison, G.	Shera	*Tellers.*
Fish	Kelly, W.	Swan	Fergus, Hon. T.
Hall, Hon. Sir J.	Mitchelson, Hon. E.	Thomson, J. W.	Russell.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ballance, *Resolved*, (2.) That the Library Committee shall provide book-boxes of wood, wicker, or leather, of various sizes, for the transmission of books.