

7. Provincial Councils Acts Indemnity Bill :—Mr. Fox, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to indemnify parties who have acted under certain Acts or Ordinances of Provincial Councils.

Leave given ; and, on motion of Mr. Fox, the Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.

8. Provincial Councils Criminal Law Bill :—Mr. Fox, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Provincial Councils to alter the Criminal Law within certain limits.

Leave given ; and, on motion of Mr. Fox, the Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.

9. New Zealand Debentures Bill :—It being now two o'clock the House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

Mr. Stafford moved, That order of the day No. 4 be first considered.

Question put and passed ; and, on motion of Mr. Stafford, the report of the Committee of the whole House on the New Zealand Debenture Bill was adopted, and the Bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Stafford moved, That the title of the Bill be, " A Bill to enable the Governor of New Zealand to raise a loan not exceeding £100,000 by the issue of Debentures."

Question put and passed ; and the Colonial Treasurer and Mr. Hall were ordered to present the Bill to the Legislative Council.

10. Superintendents' Vacancy and Temporary Absence Bill :—Mr. Stafford moved, That order of the day No. 6 be next considered.

Question put and passed ; and, on motion of Mr. Stafford, Mr. Speaker left the chair, the House resolving itself into a committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and the adoption of the report of the committee was ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.

11. Bribery and Treating Bill No. 1 :—On motion of Mr. Stafford Mr. Speaker left the chair, the House resolving itself into a committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported that the committee had resolved to recommend the House to refer the consideration of the Bill, to the select committee on Changes in the Constitution Act.

Question, That the resolution of the committee be adopted, put and passed.

12. Bribery and Treating Bill No. 2 :—On motion of Mr. Stafford the consideration of this Bill was referred to the select committee on Changes in the Constitution Act.

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The House resumed the consideration of the motions on this day's notice paper.

13. Pensioners :—Mr. Fox, pursuant to amended notice, moved, That the petitions of the pensioners presented to this House during the session, and the report of the committee of last session, be referred to a select committee, to consist of Mr. Meriman, Mr. Williamson, Mr. East, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Hall, and the mover. Report to be brought up this day week.

Question put and passed.

14. Native Offenders' Bill :—Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to prevent communication with certain districts in which Native offenders are received and harboured.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed ; and, on motion of Mr. Stafford, the Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Thursday next.

15. Words taken down :—On motion of Mr. Daldy the following words, spoken by Mr. Curtis in the debate on the Native Offenders' Bill, had been ordered to be taken down :—

" That within the last six months, life had been sacrificed within the Province of Auckland, to popular fear of the natives."

Mr. Curtis having declined to withdraw the words complained of.

Mr. Hall moved the following resolution,—" That this House having taken into consideration the following words spoken in debate by Mr. Curtis, viz., ' That within the last six months, life had been sacrificed within the Province of Auckland to popular fear of the natives,' and having understood that they refer to the execution of Charles Marsden, declare the assertion to be, in their opinion, without a shadow of foundation, and emphatically condemn the use of those words."

Mr. Curtis stated, in explanation, That he wished to be understood as not attributing undivided responsibility to any one, especially to his Excellency the Governor, and that he had arrived at his conviction on this subject, chiefly from reports in the Auckland newspapers. Mr. Curtis then withdrew.

Debate ensued.

Question