- 4. Mr. Fox to move, That although in the formation of a Ministry, and during the Session of the General Assembly, while under the immediate control of that body, it may be expedient that Superintendents of Provinces should be Members of the Executive Government of the Colony; yet this House is resolved that under any other circumstances an office in the Ministry of the General Government is incompatible with the office of Superintendent, necessarily involving any Superintendent holding such double office, in suspicion of Provincial partiality, as well as affording opportunity for the exercise of such feeling should it exist. And this House further resolves that any Superintendent who may, during the session, have taken office as a Responsible Minister, ought, at some reasonable time before the Assembly shall be prorogued, to announce to the House which of the two offices he will abandon at the close of the Session.
- 5. Mr. Wells to ask the hon. gentleman at the head of the Government if a Deputy-Registrar of Births and Deaths has been appointed for the Wairau district, Nelson Province, if so, the date of that appointment, and if the necessary books have been forwarded for said registration.
- 6. Mr. Fox to move, That the order referring to the Committee on Sir George Grey's Regulations, the correspondence on the Nelson defalcation, be discharged; and that such correspondence, with the further correspondence already laid on the table, be referred to a Committee consisting of the following members:—Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Hall, Mr. Cuff, Mr. Stafford, and the mover. And that it be an instruction to such Committee to consider any Report which may be brought up by the Committee on Sir George Grey's Land Regulations, and also the Report of the Committee on Lazarus Berlowitz's case: and also to receive and report on any other evidence tending to shew official misconduct on the part of the pensioned officials, and to report on such misconduct, if any, to this House, with the object of forwarding such Report to the Home Government with the Pension Act.
- 7. Mr. Fox to move, That the names of Mr. Domett, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Featherston, and Mr. Sewell be removed from the Committee on the Constitution Act; and that the name of Mr. Ward be added.
- 8. Mr. Travers to move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that a library should be at once formed for the use of the Assembly, and that the following gentlemen be appointed a Select Committee to consider the best means of establishing such library, namely, the Hon. the Speaker, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Bell, and the mover; and that such Committee have power to confer with the Legislative Conncil on the subject.
- 9. Mr. Carleton to move for a return of all voting papers rejected by Returning Officers in the Province of Auckland during the late elections for the Superintendency, the Provincial Council, and the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- 1. Naturalization Bill-to be considered in Committee.
- 2. Supreme Court Law Procedure Bill reported—adoption of the report.
- 3. Report of the Committee on Inter-provincial Communication.
- 4. Report of the Committee on Land Scrip.
- 5. District Provincial Courts Bill-second reading.

CHARLES CLIFFORD, Speaker.