

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Thursday, the 17th Day of August, 1893.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. G. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :—

Status and rights of officers.

A. Officers in the employment of the Commissioners who, on the coming into operation of the said Act, were entitled to any rights or privileges as members of the Civil Service shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary expressed in section sixty-two, subsection four, of the said Act, be restored to such rights or privileges, and shall henceforth be entitled to similar rights and privileges as other members of the Civil Service.

Right to notice of termination of service.

B. The following words in section sixty-two, subsection one, of the said Act are hereby repealed: namely, "and every person so appointed shall hold office during pleasure only"; and in lieu thereof it is enacted that every person in the employment of the Commissioners shall, except in case of misconduct, be entitled to notice of the termination of his employment as follows:—

If paid by or according to a scale of daily wage, one week's notice;

If paid by or according to any other scale of wage or salary, three months' notice.

Limits of time for work.

C. No person in the employment of the Commissioners under the rank or class of Stationmaster shall, except in cases of emergency, be required to work more than forty-eight hours in any week, and so that as far as practicable no such person shall be required to work more than eight hours on any one day. Any time aggregating more than forty-eight hours' work in any week shall be reckoned as over-time, and be paid for accordingly.

Power to dedicate land.

D. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners to dedicate for public purposes any portion of the lands vested in them, and not actually required for railway purposes. And the publication in the *Gazette* of a notice setting forth the description and stating the object shall be conclusive evidence of such dedication, but so that the same may be amended, extended, or revoked by similar notice.

ARSENIC AND CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM IMPORTATION AND CARRIAGE BILL.

The Hon. Mr. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

Clause 4 subsection (1). To omit "one hundredweight," and substitute "three hundredweights."