

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 30th Day of August, 1905.

ALLEGATIONS BY MR. FISHER, M.H.R.

Mr. TAYLOR, on consideration of the report of the Controller and Auditor-General on the petition of J. B. Heywood and others, to move:—

That, in view of the failure of the private inquiry held by the Auditor-General under the restricted order of reference designed by the Premier to discover the voucher which Messrs. Larcombe, West, Willis, and Lundon—four experienced and reputable Civil servants in the Christchurch Post-office—swear they handled, examined, and discussed, this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory position of the question in dispute should be met by the immediate appointment of a public inquiry, with full power to investigate, to call for evidence upon oath, to order the production of persons and papers, and to permit the parties concerned or counsel representing them to appear.