

## SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of August, 1903.

#### DIVORCE ACT 1898 AMENDMENT.

Mr. BARBER, in Committee, to move that the new subclause proposed to be inserted in clause 2 be altered to read as follows:—

Lunacy  
grounds for  
divorce.

(5.) On the ground that the respondent is a lunatic within the meaning of "The Lunatics Act, 1882," and has been confined as such in an asylum either for a continuous period of seven years or for a broken period of five years extending over a term of not less than ten years: Provided that the Court shall not be bound to pronounce a decree dissolving any marriage if it is satisfied that on the evidence adduced there are substantial reasons for believing that the respondent may permanently recover his or her sanity.

#### ABSOLUTE MAJORITY VOTE BILL.

Mr. McNAB, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses:—

Voters must  
exercise all  
their votes.

Every ballot-paper which does not contain as many names of candidates voted for as there are members to be returned at the election shall be rejected by the Returning Officer.

Returning  
Officer to have  
power to count  
votes.

For the purpose of ascertaining which of the candidates has received an absolute majority, the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of such scrutineers as choose to be present, open the parcels of ballot-papers used at the several polling-booths and ascertain to whom the vote of every voter who has voted for the candidate who has received the smallest number of votes is to be given.