

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 28th day of May, 1886.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS BILL.

Mr. MACARTHUR, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 9, line 50. Before "Town Clerk," insert "the Mayor, or any Councillor appointed for the purpose by resolution of the Council or."

Clause 12, line 23. After "Council," insert "for the financial year ended the thirty-first day of March last past."

Clause 25, subsection (2), line 36. After "thereof," insert "or of three farthings in the pound on the capital value thereof."

Clause 25, subsection (7), line 48. After "householders," insert "who have not signed the first petition."

Clause 28. To add, "Every petition under this section shall be transmitted to the Governor through the Borough Council, and not otherwise, and the said Council shall indorse on such petition their concurrence or dissent therefrom in part or in whole, and the Governor may grant or refuse the prayer of such petition, either wholly or in part, as he thinks fit."

Clause 55, subsection (1), line 1. After "county," insert "where 'The Counties Act, 1876,' is suspended or the Board of the road district."

Clause 64, line 35. Instead of "thirty-first day of March," insert "seventh day of April;" and in line 37, instead of "then," insert "on the thirty-first day of March last past."

Clause 65, line 41. Instead of "thirty-first day of March," insert "seventh day of April."

Clause 66, page 20, line 51. Omit "fifteenth," insert "twenty-second;" page 21, line 1, omit "first," insert "seventh."

Clause 67, line 19. Omit "fifteenth," insert "twenty-second."

Clause 68, lines 24 and 25. Omit "sixteenth" and "twenty-first," insert "twenty-third" and "thirtieth."

Clause 69, line 27. Omit "twenty-second and thirtieth days of April," insert "first and fifteenth days of May."

Clause 89, subsection (7). Add, "if the payment of such contract or such work exceeds five pounds, provided that the leasing of land to or from the Corporation of the borough, or the lending of money to such borough by the purchase of their debentures for any duly-authorized special loan, shall not constitute a disqualification under this subsection."

Clause 91, line 2. After "Councillor," insert "at the public offices of the Council or at its place of meeting."

Clause 93. Strike out "If a Councillor is absent," at the beginning of the clause, substitute "The Mayor may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Town Clerk, and any

Councillor may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Mayor or Town Clerk, and in such cases or in case of the death, incapacity, or ouster from office of the Mayor or any Councillor, or if any Mayor or Councillor absent himself."

Clause 106, line 15. Strike out all the words after "adjourned," insert "to another day not later than three days thereafter, and notice of such adjourned meeting shall be given to each Councillor."

If a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for any meeting the Mayor or Councillors, or Councillor if only one is present, or the Town Clerk if the Mayor and all the Councillors are absent, may postpone such meeting either to a later hour on the same day or to the next day at the usual hour of meeting, of which no notice need be given.

A postponed meeting may be adjourned but not postponed.

Clause 108. Omit "may at any meeting exclude strangers altogether;" also omit "reason," insert cause;" and after "judges," insert "may exclude strangers altogether from any meeting, or upon motion made when the Council sits in Committee of the whole Council."

Clause 110, line 44. After "altered," insert "at the same meeting by the unanimous vote of the members present when it was passed, or."

Clause 119, line 52. After "next," insert "ordinary."

Clause 120, line 2. After "provided," insert "or any extract thereof certified as correct by the Mayor."

Clause 122, subsection (2). After "confirmed," insert "but may be confirmed in an amended form."

After clause 123, insert—

123A. In boroughs where the receipts from general rates alone do not exceed seven hundred and fifty pounds in the year, the Council may, by special order, direct that one single Auditor shall be appointed by the Governor, whereupon the provisions of the *last-preceding* section shall be suspended within such borough until the said special order be rescinded, or the annual receipts aforesaid shall exceed the sum above mentioned.

Clause 133, line 24. After "office," add "except he consent to act without salary."

Clause 135, subsection (7), line 9. After "therewith," insert "or of any Act in force for the time being relating to the impounding of cattle;" and at the end of subsection (7) add, "except so much thereof as may by law be payable to any prosecutor or informer."

Clause 140, line 44. After "net," insert "estimated."

Clause 153, line 12. Before "poverty," insert "individual."

Clause 174, line 14. After "contrary to," insert "the report of the Auditors, or to."

Clause 183. At the end of the clause add, "If the Mayor be not present, then a chairman may be appointed by the meeting, who at such meeting shall have all the powers which the Mayor might exercise thereat, if present."

After clause 192, insert—

192A. For the purpose of repairing any extraordinary damage done by flood, tempest, fire, or accident to any property of the Corporation, the Council may from time to time raise a special loan without first obtaining the consent of the ratepayers to the doing of such work or the raising of such loan; and to secure the interest and repayment of such loan may levy a special rate on the whole borough.

Clause 194. Add to end of clause, "In case there shall be any surplus of such moneys after the completion of the work for which they were raised, such surplus may be expended for such other special

purpose or special work as shall be determined by a special order in that behalf."

Clause 195 to be omitted and the following substituted:—

Out of any special loan which is raised the Council may pay all the costs and charges incurred in raising such loan, and during the construction of the works for which the loan is raised may pay out of it the first year's interest thereon."

Clause 208, line 32. After "penalty," strike out "of," and insert "not exceeding."

Clause 239, line 19. After "sell," insert "or lease."

Clause 254. Add the following words: "and shall require that the person aforesaid shall at his own cost construct, make, and metal such private street in a complete manner, to the satisfaction of the Council."

Clause 288. After "Council," insert "in addition to its powers as a local Board of Health under 'The Public Health Act, 1876.'"

Clause 294. Omit the first two lines of the clause, substitute "By an order in writing under the hand of the Mayor, or of any Justice of the Peace, if the matter is urgent and the Mayor is absent or cannot act, the Inspector of Nuisances may direct the."

Also add to the clause, "and the said Inspector shall report his proceedings under such order to the Council at its next ordinary meeting."

After the clause insert the following new clause:—

295A. If an Inspector of Nuisances shall have good reason to believe that any nuisance exists in any dwelling-house, or that such house is in a state of uncleanness as to be injurious to health, he may, by order of the Council, or by an order in writing under the hand of the Mayor, give notice to the occupier of such house, or to the owner if there is no occupier, that he will at some reasonable hour in the day-time enter such house to inspect the same, and accordingly the Inspector shall have the right to enter such house, and upon such inspection, if he shall think it necessary, he may direct the occupier or owner thereof, within a time stated in such order, effectually to clean and purify the same, or any part thereof, or to abate any nuisance therein; and the said Inspector shall report his proceedings under this section to the Council at its next ordinary meeting.

Clause 295, line 10. After "If," strike out "any such place is," and insert "upon the report of an Inspector of Nuisances any such land, house, or buildings is or are;" and in lines 14 and 18, after "land," insert "house."

Clause 420, page 82, subsection (a). Before "porticos," insert "balconies," also omit "street," insert "public or private street or right-of-way;" subsection (b), omit "projections over or obstructing streets," insert "constructions or any other things whatever projecting into or over any part of a street, or to prevent the placing or compel the removal of things hanging over any part of a public or private street or right-of-way."

Mr. W. D. STEWART, in Committee, to move,—

Whereas the Superintendent of the late Provincial District of Otago entered into certain agreements with owners of land now situated within the boundaries of boroughs to give such owners old road-lines in exchange for land required for new road-lines: And whereas it is expedient that power should be given to such boroughs to carry out and complete any agreements so entered into, it is hereby enacted that—

It shall be lawful for the corporation of any borough or city to carry out, fulfil, and give effect to all or any of the terms of any such agreement, and by deed under the seal of the borough or city to convey

to, or otherwise vest in, any person entitled thereto any land which it was agreed to be given in exchange for any land given as aforesaid.

Mr. PEARSON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

(a.) To strike out the word "Burgesses" in the first line of section 78, and to substitute in lieu thereof the word "Councillors."

(b.) To strike out section 79.

Mr. GARRICK, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 124. To substitute—

124. On the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, of the two auditors then in office one shall retire, and another auditor shall be elected in his stead; the remaining auditor shall continue in office for another year. The auditor to retire shall be determined by the Council by resolution. On each succeeding first day of June in each year, or, if such day shall fall upon a Sunday or any public holiday, then upon the day following, the auditor having been the longest in office shall retire, and the burgesses shall elect another person to be auditor of the borough or city. Every auditor elected under this clause shall hold office for two years.

Add to clause 193 (at end of subsections),—

The Council of the City of Christchurch may borrow the sum of six thousand pounds, at interest, for the purpose of defraying the cost of municipal offices, now in course of erection upon Reserve number ten, Oxford Terrace West, City of Christchurch, and of furnishing and fitting such offices. Such principal and interest shall be repayable within ten years, and the Council may repay such principal moneys, with interest, out of the ordinary revenue of the city, and may issue debentures for such principal moneys and interest having a currency not exceeding ten years, chargeable upon general revenue.

Clause 234. At end of subsection defining "Private street" add—

"And every street not a public street shall be deemed a private street until taken over as a public street, by special order, pursuant to section two hundred and sixty-six."

Clause 413. To insert word "particularly" after word "and" in third line.

Clause 420, page 88. Add "To define who shall be deemed to be carriers of persons and carriers of goods respectively."

Same clause, Pedlars and Hawkers. Add "To define who shall be deemed to be pedlars and hawkers respectively."

ALIENATION OF LAND BILL.

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

9. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held or construed to prevent any person from restraining by will the alienation of any estate in land during the minority of his infant children.

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held or construed to prevent any man restraining by will the alienation of any estate in land during the life or widowhood of his widow, or any woman from restraining by will the alienation of any estate in land during his life or so long as he shall remain a widower.

11. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held or construed to repeal or alter the provisions of "The Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1856," or any Act amending the same.