

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 11th Day of September, 1901.

COAL-MINES ACT AMENDMENT.

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

Coal leases to be signed by Governor. 5. Every lease granted under the principal Act shall be signed by the Governor for and on behalf of His Majesty the King; but no such lease shall be granted until the application therefor has been twice advertised at an interval of one week in some newspaper circulating in the district.

Foreshore leases.

6. (1.) The Governor may grant leases for raising coal from any seam which may lie under the sea or any part of the foreshore below high-water mark, or under any tidal river, anything in "The Harbours Act, 1878," notwithstanding.

(2.) Every person who without lawful authority takes coal from any such seam shall be deemed to be in illegal occupation of Crown lands within the meaning of any Land Act for the time being in force.

Section 4 of principal Act repealed.

7. The *two last preceding* sections are in substitution for section four of the principal Act, which section is hereby accordingly repealed.