

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 31st Day of August, 1925.

COUNTIES AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Clause 7: To omit subclause (1), and substitute the following subclauses:—

(1.) The Council may, pursuant to a resolution in that behalf, establish an Imprest Account, which shall, as the Council may determine, be kept in the Post Office Savings-bank or in any other bank within the meaning of the Banking Act, 1908.

(1A.) The Imprest Account may be held jointly in the names of and be operated on by the Treasurer and one other person to be appointed in that behalf by the Council, or may, with the express approval in writing of the Audit Office, but not otherwise, be in the sole name of and be operated on by the Treasurer or other approved officer of the Council. Where the Imprest Account is held jointly in the names of the Treasurer and of one other person as aforesaid, such last-mentioned person shall be either a responsible officer of the Council or a member of the Council.

Clause 7, subclause (2): To add the following words: “not exceeding seventy-five pounds in any case where the Imprest Account may be operated on by one person acting alone.”

Clause 8: To omit this clause, and substitute the following new clause:—

Restrictive provisions of Local Bodies' Finance Act not applicable to riding accounts.

8. The provisions of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22, in so far as they relate to separate accounts, shall have no application with respect to the separate accounts required by section one hundred and thirty-one of the principal Act to be kept for each riding of a county.

To add the following new clauses:—

Repeal of spent provision of Appropriation Act.

8A. (1.) Section twenty-one of the Appropriation Act, 1923, is hereby amended by repealing subsection three.

(2.) The repeal of the said subsection shall not affect the provisions of paragraph (d) of subsection one of section one hundred and thirty-one of the principal Act as thereby amended.

Council empowered to purchase or lease existing cattle-dips.

8B. (1.) Section two hundred and three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “appropriated by it for the purpose” in subsection one, the words “or may with the like consent purchase or lease any existing cattle-dip.”

(2.) For the purpose of purchasing any such cattle-dip the Council may, by special order, raise a special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, without taking the steps prescribed by sections eight to twelve of that Act.