

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 17th day of June, 1886.

COUNTIES BILL.

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

Clause 6. After line 31, insert—

All that portion of the Maketu Riding, in the County of Tauranga, which is situate to the south of a straight line running east and west from Otanewainuku Trigonometrical Station, number twenty-one, on the southern boundary of the Waimapu Riding of the County of Tauranga, until it strikes the western boundary of the County of Whakatane, together with the whole of the Rotorua Riding of the Tauranga County aforesaid, is hereby constituted a new county, by the name of the Rotorua County, as on and from the night next preceding the day on which this Act comes into force.

This Act shall be deemed a special Act within the meaning of section *twenty-three* for the purpose of creating the aforesaid new county, and the provisions of sections *twenty-seven* to *thirty-four*, both inclusive, shall apply in respect to the new county and the County of Tauranga of which it formed a part.

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

Clause 43. To omit all the words after the word “made,” in line 34, and insert the following: “by special order: Provided always that, if before the confirmation of the resolution to make such alteration, a petition signed by not less than one-third of the ratepayers in either one or the other of the proposed new ridings be presented to the Council praying that such alterations may not be carried out, then such special order may not be made.”

Clause 47. After word “same,” in line 25, insert words “or ‘The Road Board Act, 1882;’” after words “town district,” in line 25, insert “or road district.”

LAND ACT REMEDIES BILL.

Major STEWARD, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses :—

a. Notwithstanding anything contained in section two hundred and thirty-seven of the said Act, when and so often as he may deem it expedient that any educational reserve, or part of any educational reserve, shall be utilised for the purposes of a village settlement, the Governor in Council may by Proclamation declare that upon the expiry of any then existing lease or tenure such reserve, or part of a reserve, shall be subject to the provisions of sections one hundred and sixty-six and one hundred and sixty-seven of the said Act, and such Proclamation shall thereupon have full force and effect, and shall not depend upon the request or recommendation of the body or person in whom such reserve is vested.

b. If it shall appear upon the certificate of the Surveyor-General that in any part of the colony any Crown lands available for disposal under section one hundred and four of the said Act are of inferior quality, and such that they cannot profitably be divided into holdings of not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres, then and in such case the Governor may, by the Proclamation setting apart such lands for sale, declare the same to be land of the second class; and in such case, notwithstanding anything in section one hundred and seven of the said Act contained, the maximum area of such land which may be taken up by any selector shall be increased to such area as shall be named in such Proclamation, provided that such maximum area shall in no case exceed two thousand acres.

c. Section one hundred and ten of the said Act shall not apply to lands proclaimed as second-class deferred-payment lands in pursuance of the *foregoing* section, but the Governor may from time to time fix the price at which any allotments of such land may be disposed of, provided that such price shall not in any case be less than *ten* shillings nor more than *thirty* shillings per acre.

d. Subsections five, six, seven, and eight of section one hundred and fourteen of the said Act shall not apply to such land, but instead thereof each selector shall put on the land comprised in his license substantial improvements to a value equal to ten per centum of the price of the land within one year from the date of his license, and to a value equal to another ten per centum within two years of the date of his license and thereafter, but within six years from the date of his license to a value equal to another ten per centum of the price of the land.

The declaration in section one hundred and thirteen of the said Act shall in second-class land be altered to read two thousand acres instead of three hundred and twenty acres.