

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 10th day of June, 1886.

DEFENCE BILL.

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

Clause 2. Insert—

“Property,” in relation to Volunteers, means and includes arms, stores, ammunition, clothing, and musical instruments belonging to any volunteer corps; and money subscribed by or granted for the use of any such corps, and all real or personal property acquired or purchased for or by any such corps.

Clause 47. Omit last paragraph thereof commencing “If such person.”

Clause 48. Omit “provided such fine does not exceed one pound;” insert “provided such increased fine does not exceed two pounds.”

After clause 48. Insert—

48A. If any Volunteer, upon whom a fine has been inflicted by an order as mentioned in section forty-seven, shall not, within seven days after service of a copy of such order upon him, either personally or by leaving the same at his last known abode, pay such fine to the officer commanding the corps to which he belongs, or to the adjutant of his battalion, or appeal from such order, the Commanding Officer may transmit a duplicate of such order under his hand to the Clerk of the nearest Justices or Resident Magistrate’s Court, and this Act shall be a sufficient authority to such Clerk to record such order as if the same were a conviction by Justices under “The Justice of the Peace Act, 1882.”

Upon any such order being recorded as aforesaid, it shall have all the force of a conviction made by a Justice of the Peace, and any proceedings may be had thereupon, and warrants issued, for the recovery of any fine inflicted as aforesaid, as if it were a penalty for which a conviction had been obtained.

Where an order has been appealed against, as aforesaid, the same proceedings as provided in the case of an original fine may be had for the recovery of any fine as the same may have been confirmed or altered on appeal.

Clause 101. After “appointments,” insert “including uniform clothing.”

Clause 113, subsection (3). Omit “Public Account,” substitute “Public Trust Office.”

POLICE FORCE BILL.

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

Clause 4 to be omitted.

Clause 13. Omit “Public Account,” substitute “Public Trust Office.”

Clause 14. Same amendment as last foregoing.

Clause 15, line 21. After “from time to time,” insert “out of any moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for the expenses of the administration of this Act;” also, after “any of the,” insert “officers or.”

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS BILL.

The Hon. Sir R. STOUT, in Committee, to move the following amendments :—

Clauses 143 and 144 to be omitted, and the following substituted :—

143. In divided boroughs, the Council, by resolution to be passed at a special meeting convened for the purpose, of which not less than *seven days'* notice shall be given, may provide that general rates shall be levied within the borough in any manner as following, that is to say :—

- (1.) By uniform general rates, made and levied equally upon all rateable property throughout the borough ; or
- (2.) By general rates, made and levied separately upon all rateable property in the several wards of the borough, or of any aggregation of such wards, and in manner that the general rates in one ward or wards may vary from those in another or others ; or
- (3.) By general rates, made and levied equally upon all rateable property throughout the borough for the general purposes of the borough ; and for the separate purposes of the wards therein, by separate rates levied in the several wards, or of any aggregation of such wards, and in manner that the separate rates in one ward or wards may vary from those in another or others.

All the aforesaid general rates and separate rates shall be levied so that the total amount of such general rates, or of such general rates together with such separate rates, made in any one year in any ward shall not exceed *fifteen pence* in the pound on the rateable value therein.

Not less than *one-third* of the total amount of general rates levied and raised in any ward under the foregoing subsections *one* and *two* shall be expended therein ; and the total amount of the separate rates levied and raised in any ward under the foregoing subsection *three* shall be expended therein.

144. Whenever general rates are levied together with separate rates under subsections *two* and *three*, the Council, by resolution, may provide that separate accounts shall be kept for each separate ward in the borough, or any aggregation of such wards, in which case the above-mentioned proportion of general or separate rates of each such ward or wards shall be allocated thereto respectively ; and separate accounts as aforesaid may be kept, anything to the contrary contained in section *one hundred and sixty-six* notwithstanding.

Every separate rate made and levied within any ward shall be subject to the deduction of so much thereof as may in the opinion of the Council be necessary to defray the expense of making and levying such separate rate, and of the supervision and clerical work necessary in connection with the expenditure thereof, including therein a reasonable proportion of the salaries of officers who are employed generally in the business of the Council but whose services are utilized in the making or levying of such rate or in connection with its expenditure. The amount deducted as aforesaid from any separate rate shall form part of the ordinary revenue of the Corporation of the borough, and may be applied in such manner as such ordinary revenue may be applied.

Amendments consequent on the foregoing :—

Clauses 140 and 168 to be omitted.

New clauses.

Town districts
abolished.

23A. No town district shall be constituted after the commencement of this Act.

The provisions following shall have effect in relation to town districts existing at the time aforesaid :—

Of existing districts some may be merged into a county.

- (1.) Where an existing town district has less than one hundred resident householders, the Governor may, of his own motion or on the petition of the Council of the county wherein such town district is situate, by Proclamation, declare the Town Board of such town district to be dissolved, and such town district to be merged in the county.

On and after a day named in such Proclamation the said Town Board shall be dissolved, and the said district merged in the county ; and the provisions of sections *forty-nine* and *fifty* of "*The Counties Act, 1886*," shall apply in respect of such town district and the Town Board thereof.

Others may be declared boroughs.

- (2.) Where an existing town district has not less than one hundred resident householders, the Governor may, of his own motion or on petition of the resident householders of any town district, as mentioned in section *twenty-five*, by Proclamation, declare such town district to be an undivided borough under this Act as on and after a day to be named in such Proclamation, and such town district shall bear as a borough the same name as theretofore borne by it, unless the Governor shall give it another name in the aforesaid Proclamation.

Every town district constituted a borough under this section shall be deemed to be constituted under section *twenty-five*, and the provisions of section *twenty-six* shall apply to any such borough accordingly.

Notwithstanding anything previously contained in this section, the Governor may, by Proclamation, annex any existing town district to any adjacent borough or to any borough adjoining or in the vicinity of such town district, together with any area intervening between the respective boundaries of such borough and town district, but so nevertheless that the maximum area of a borough permitted under this Act shall not be exceeded ; and may declare any such town district to form a separate ward of such borough, or annex any portions of such district to any wards in the said borough.

123A. The Council, with the consent of the ratepayers of the borough, may request the Governor to appoint such *one or more* persons, as he shall think fit, to audit the accounts of the borough, and upon such appointment the provisions of the *last-preceding* section shall be suspended within such borough, so long as such persons shall continue in office.

The Auditors to be appointed by the Governor shall be deemed to be the Auditors for the borough within the meaning of this Act, notwithstanding one only may be appointed, and shall hold office for an uninterrupted period of three years, at which time the provisions of the *last-preceding* section shall be revived, unless further suspended for three years by a new vote of the ratepayers, to be taken as aforesaid.

The consent of the ratepayers as aforesaid shall be taken in the same manner as is hereinafter provided in relation to taking a poll on a proposal to raise a special loan, and the same majority shall be necessary for carrying any resolution thereat.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the authority of the Governor to remove any Auditor so nominated by him, and to appoint another in his place.

139A. All moneys owing by the Corporation of the borough shall be paid in cash or by cheque, and not otherwise. All moneys paid or purporting to be paid by the Council by promissory note, or bill, shall be deemed to have been moneys unlawfully paid within the meaning of section *one hundred and eighty*, and may be recovered in manner as in the said section mentioned.

151A. Every rate whatever which is made and levied within a borough, or any portion thereof only, by the Council under the authority of this Act, or of any other Act, and is intended as security for the repayment of moneys borrowed, shall be deemed to be a special rate within the meaning of this Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of section *one hundred and forty-nine* of this Act, and may be amended in manner as provided in section *one hundred and fifty-one*.

211A. All Commissioners of Sinking Funds appointed under the *last-preceding* section, or the Acts or Ordinances hereby repealed, or under any Act or Ordinance repealed by any of such Acts or Ordinances, shall be and be deemed to have been, from the time of their appointment, bodies corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and power to do and suffer all things which bodies corporate may do and suffer, and with authority for any two of such Commissioners to exercise the functions of the corporate body.

The Trustees for the Sinking Funds of the Borough of the City of Dunedin appointed under "The Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1865," shall be deemed to have been, from the time of their original appointment, a body corporate appointed under the provisions of this section, under the name of "The Dunedin City Sinking Fund Commissioners," and in their corporate capacity shall be the Commissioners for the sinking funds created under "The City of Dunedin Loans Consolidation Act, 1877," and under any other Act or Ordinance creating a sinking fund for any other loans raised by the said city.

All vacancies arising in the office of any Commissioner or Trustee of Sinking Funds under this Act, or under any Act repealed by this Act, or under Act or Ordinance in this section before mentioned, shall be filled up as they arise by new appointments to be made by the Council, anything contained in any Act whatever heretofore in force to the contrary notwithstanding.

296A. In every factory, workshop, or place of business where women and girls or either are employed, there shall be provided and maintained a sufficient number of water-closets or earth-closets for the separate and exclusive use of females, and such closets shall be cleansed daily, and kept in a fit and proper condition.

Every person who shall in any manner fail to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of *fifty* pounds.

The Inspector of Nuisances may give notice to the owner or occupier of any such factory, workshop, or place of business where there are not a sufficient number of closets as aforesaid to have the same provided before a day to be stated in such notice, in default whereof the owner or occupier aforesaid shall be liable to a penalty of *five* pounds for every day during which such default shall continue after the day stated in such notice.

Add the following to the First Schedule:—

1881, No. 35.—The Town Districts Act, 1881, except in respect of existing town districts, so long as they continue to exist.

1883, No. 35.—The Town Districts Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1883, except in respect of existing town districts, so long as they continue to exist.