

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 25th Day of July, 1894.

SHIPPING AND SEAMEN'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

4A. The Collector of Customs shall require the master or agent of any vessel registered or owned in the colony or beyond the colony, before discharging any seaman who by reason of illness or accident is incapacitated from performing his duties, to deposit with him any sum not exceeding one hundred pounds sterling, for the purpose of defraying any expenses which may lawfully be incurred by the Collector of Customs for the maintenance, medical attendance, payment of his passage back to the place where such seaman was engaged, or his burial in case of his death in the colony, in addition to any wages due to such seaman at the date of such discharge; and no clearance shall be granted to any such ship before this section has been complied with: Provided that any portion of such hundred pounds not expended as above specified shall be refunded to such master or agent: Provided also that any seaman so discharged shall, within seven days from the date of his medical attendant certifying he is convalescent, make application to the Collector of Customs to be provided with his passage back to the port of engagement.

For the purposes of this section all the powers of recovery conferred upon the Minister of Marine by section ninety-six of the principal Act shall be conferred on all Collectors of Customs in the Colony of New Zealand.

14A. Where the owner or owners of any vessel or vessels having on board any indentured apprentice or apprentices should die or become insolvent, or sell the vessel, or transfer his or their interest to any other person or persons, the indentures shall *ipso facto* be cancelled, and any moneys paid as premium shall be a charge on the vessel: Always provided that the person or persons to whom such vessel or vessels have been sold or transferred may, with the consent of the parents or guardians of such apprentice or apprentices, substitute his or their names in the indentures as the employer in lieu of that of the previous owner or owners.

Also to amend clause 15 as follows :—

In subsection 6, after the word "engineer," in line 28, to add the following words: "whilst on the high seas."

By inserting the following new subsection :—

(8A.) Where any master, officer, or engineer assaults any seaman whilst on the high seas he shall be liable to a fine of *twenty* pounds or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding *three* months with or without hard labour.

ELECTORAL BILL.

Dr. NEWMAN, in Committee, to move,—

That the last paragraph of section 9 of "The Electoral Act, 1893," beginning with the words "No woman," is hereby repealed.