

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 6th Day of November, 1907.

FIRE BRIGADES BILL.

Mr. FIELD, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

United Fire Districts.

Districts may
unite to form
fire district.

7A. (1.) The Governor may by Order in Council, on the application of two or more local authorities, declare the districts within the jurisdiction of such local authorities to be a united fire district, with such name as is assigned thereto by such Order, and the said districts shall thereupon become a united fire district accordingly.

(2.) All the provisions of this Act shall apply to such united fire district, with the following modifications:—

- (a.) The poll referred to in section *five* hereof shall be taken separately in each district, and the proposal therein mentioned shall not be deemed to be carried unless a majority of the valid votes recorded in each district is in favour of such proposal.
- (b.) The Order in Council referred to in section *seven* hereof, dissolving a Fire Board, shall be made on the application of any one or more of the local authorities whose districts are within the united fire district, and shall make such provision relating to the property and liabilities of the Board as the Governor considers just.
- (c.) The number of members of the Board of the united fire district, and the number of such members that shall form a quorum, shall be fixed by the Governor. One of such members shall be appointed by the Governor. Of the remainder of such number, one-half shall be elected by the insurance companies and one-half by the local authorities whose districts are within the united fire district, in such proportions as may from time to time be fixed by the Governor.
- (d.) On the coming into existence of the Board of a united fire district, the Board of any fire district previously existing in the united fire district shall cease to exist, but all its assets and liabilities, contracts and engagements, shall pass to the Board of the united fire district.
- (e.) The amount required by section *twenty-one* hereof to be paid by the contributory local authority shall be paid by the local authorities whose districts are within the united fire district, in proportion to the total rateable value of the rateable property in each such district.