

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1887.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL.

Mr. T. THOMPSON, in Committee, to move the insertion of the following new clause, after clause 36:—

Notwithstanding anything contained in section *thirty-six* of this Act, the Commissioners shall cause tables of rates and charges for the carriage of passengers and goods upon railways to be prepared as soon as practicable, upon the system or plan known as "Samuel Vaile's system of railway fares," and shall bring the tables of rates and charges so prepared into operation at the commencement of the quarterly financial period next after the preparation thereof, and shall keep the same in operation for a period of not less than twelve months from the coming into operation thereof, on the line of railway running from Auckland to Te Awamutu, including the branches therefrom to Onehunga, to Cambridge, to Te Aroha, and such other branches therefrom as there may be in the Waikato, to the terminus thereof respectively.

The said Commissioners shall make a report of the result of the working of the said railway upon the charges and rates as aforesaid to the Governor, who shall submit the same to both Houses of the General Assembly at the next session thereof.

The Commissioners, if they find the result satisfactory, may continue the said rates and charges in operation on the aforesaid railway, and extend the operation thereof to other railways; otherwise they shall discontinue the operation of such rates and charges forthwith on the expiration of the aforesaid twelve months.

Mr. W. P. REEVES, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

In clause 5, after the word "be," in the first line, to insert the words "two Boards each consisting of;" and in the second line, after the word "effect," to insert the words, "one of such Boards to exercise such powers as are given by this Act over the Middle Island and the other over the North Island." Also, in the second line, to alter the word "body" to "bodies."

In clause 6, to strike out the word "three" in the second line, and to insert the word "six."

Mr. PERCEVAL, in Committee, to move the following additional clause:—

After the passing of this Act the construction of no railway shall be sanctioned by Parliament unless the Commissioners shall first certify to the Governor that, in their opinion, the proposed railway, when completed, will yield a net return of at least two *per centum* on the cost of construction.

Mr. WHYTE, in Committee, to move, after clause 20, to add the following proviso:—

Provided that, in carrying out the powers conferred upon them by this clause, under section 144 of "The Public Works Act, 1882," the Commissioners shall, in fixing the scale of rates and charges, give due consideration to the promotion of settlement and the encouragement of industries in the vicinity of such railways.