

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 1881.

HARBOURS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. WRIGHT, in Committee, to move, That the Second Schedule of the Act so far as it relates to the constitution and election of members of the Lyttelton Harbour Board shall be repealed, and the following substituted:—

3. The Board shall consist of twelve members, of whom the person for the time being holding the office of Mayor of the borough shall *ex officio* be one, and eleven others, who shall be elected as follows:—

- (1.) Two persons elected by the ratepayers of the City of Christchurch;
- (2.) Two persons, to be elected by the Selwyn County Council;
- (3.) Two persons, to be elected by the Ashburton County Council;
- (4.) Two persons, to be elected by the Ashley County Council;
- (5.) One person elected by the ratepayers of the Borough of Lyttelton;
- (6.) One person elected by the ratepayers of the Borough of Sydenham; and
- (7.) One person elected by the members of the Chamber of Commerce from amongst their own number.

LICENSING BILL.

Mr. BARRON, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses:—

Any person having in his possession or under his control, or selling or purchasing or contracting to sell or purchase, any labels, appropriate and intended for the purpose of labelling bottles containing liquor, such labels not containing imprinted thereon in plain and legible characters the words "Bottled in New Zealand," shall be liable to a penalty of not less than *twenty* pounds nor more than *one hundred* pounds, and all such labels shall be forfeited.

Any person who, having in his possession or under his control any bottles with labels affixed thereon, shall without destroying such labels make use of such bottles for the purpose of bottling liquor, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than *twenty* pounds nor more than *two hundred* pounds for each offence; and any person knowingly selling or purchasing such liquor so bottled shall be liable to a like penalty for each offence.

Hon. Mr. DICK, in Committee, to move the omission of sections twelve and thirteen, and the substitution of the following in lieu thereof:—

12. The Licensing Committee for an ordinary licensing district shall be constituted as follows, that is to say,—

- (1.) The Committee shall consist of—

Five persons, who may be residents either within or outside of the district, to be elected annually by the ratepayers of the district in manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," which for this purpose is hereby incorporated with this Act.

- (2.) The Resident Magistrate within whose jurisdiction the licensing district lies, and who is hereinafter called "the Returning Officer," shall be the Returning Officer for such district, and shall preside at every election therein under this Act.

- (3.) If there be no Resident Magistrate having jurisdiction within any licensing district, or if there be more than one such Resident Magistrate, then the Governor shall appoint such Resident Magistrate or other person as he may think fit to be the Returning Officer of the district.

- (4.) The Returning Officer of every ordinary licensing district shall, by public advertisement, appoint some convenient day in the month of November next, and thereafter at the same time in every year, but

not earlier than fourteen days after the first publication of such advertisement, for the election of the required number of members of the Licensing Committee within such district, and such election shall be conducted in the same manner as elections of members of Borough or County Councils or Road Boards are elected, subject to the condition following :—

- Each ratepayer shall only have one vote within any district, but there may be more polling-booths than one in each district.
- (5.) The names of the elected candidates shall be returned to the Colonial Secretary by the Returning Officer, and duly gazetted.
 - (6.) In case any district shall fail or neglect to elect a Licensing Committee at the time appointed, the Governor shall in such case appoint the same; and every Committee so appointed, and every member thereof respectively, shall be deemed to have been elected under this Act.
 - (7.) Every member of a Licensing Committee shall come into office on his election, and shall hold office for twelve months.
 - (8.) Any member of a Licensing Committee may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, resign his office.
 - (9.) If any member of a Licensing Committee shall die, resign, become disqualified, or shall absent himself from two consecutive quarterly licensing meetings of such Committee (unless in case of sickness or other lawful excuse), his office shall become vacant.
 - (10.) Every vacancy created as above mentioned is an extraordinary vacancy, and the Governor shall appoint some other person to supply the vacancy, who shall hold office only until the next election.
 - (11.) The members of a Licensing Committee retiring at the end of their term of office may be re-elected or reappointed.
 - (12.) The Governor shall, from time to time, appoint such person as he may think fit to be Clerk to the Licensing Committee of any one or more districts, and any such Clerk may be removed from office by the Governor.
 - (13.) Every Licensing Committee shall hold its meetings in the place used as a Courthouse by the Resident Magistrate in the licensing district, or, if there be no such Courthouse in such district, then at such place, not being licensed premises, as may from time to time be appointed by the Chairman.
 - (14.) The quorum of a Licensing Committee, except within Native licensing districts, shall be three members, inclusive of the Chairman.
 - (15.) Any Licensing Committee may act if a quorum exists, notwithstanding vacancies therein.
 - (16.) In case of any extraordinary vacancy, the vacating member may act as member of the Committee until his successor is elected or appointed.
 - (17.) Every Licensing Committee shall, notwithstanding its term of office has expired, continue to act until their successors are elected or appointed and take office.
 - (18.) Any person may be appointed or elected to more Licensing Committees than one.
 - (19.) The members of the Licensing Committee shall, at their first meeting, elect one of their number to be Chairman thereof (herein referred to as "the Chairman"), who shall have an original and casting vote, and shall hold such office during the continuance of the period for which such Committee was elected or appointed.
 - (20.) The Chairman shall sign on behalf of the Committee all certificates and other documents (if any) issued or recorded by it.
 - (21.) In case of the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Licensing Committee, the members present at such meeting shall elect one of their number to be Chairman, and such Chairman shall act only for the occasion for which he is so elected.

Subsections eight to twenty-one, both inclusive, of this section shall apply, as far as may be, to every Licensing Committee within the colony.