

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 11th day of August, 1880.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS BILL.

Hon. Mr. HALL, in Committee, to move the following new clause, to stand after clause 39 :—

40. In any hospital or charitable institution brought under the operation of this Act, facilities shall be afforded to medical students in any college or University affiliated to the New Zealand University for the prosecution of their studies, at such time and manner, and under such restrictions, as the Governor in Council shall prescribe by regulations to be made for that purpose.

NATIVE LAND SALES BILL.

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

For the conduct of any business under this Act there shall be associated with the existing members of Waste Land Boards an equal number of members to be chosen by the Maori people, under such regulations as the Governor in Council may prescribe, within each Land Board District. Such members so chosen by the Maori people shall have the same voice in the determination of any business arising under this Act as the other members of the Board ; and such members so chosen as aforesaid shall be entitled to receive the same attendance fees for each meeting of the Board at which any business under this Act shall be considered, as is payable to the other members of such Board.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

In any case in which a road district shall have been or shall be incorporated in one or more boroughs, it shall be lawful for all persons to whom the district Board and ratepayers of such road district are or shall be indebted to lodge particulars of their debts with the Controller and Auditor-General, who shall hold an inquiry, and shall make an award as to the amount of such debts payable by the corporations of such boroughs respectively, and which award shall be final, and shall have the effect of an award under section thirty-three of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1873."

In case any such corporation shall neglect or fail, within three months after notification to it of the sum payable by it under such award, to satisfy the said sum, it shall be lawful for the Supreme Court of New Zealand, at the instance of any or either of the said creditors, to make an order that such corporation shall levy a special rate for the purpose of paying such sum as aforesaid.

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

In any Proclamation issued under the provisions of section twenty-six of "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873," the Governor shall prescribe the terms of amalgamation to be such as may be set forth in the petition praying for such amalgamation : Provided that such terms shall have been first once at least in four successive weeks published in some newspaper usually circulating in the boroughs proposed to be united : Provided also that a petition shall not, before the expiration of ten days from the last publication of the said terms, have been presented to the Governor, signed by at least one-half of the ratepayers in any one of the said boroughs, praying that such amalgamation should not take place.

When a quorum of councillors of any borough or city shall neglect to attend three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council, the Governor may, by Proclamation, dissolve such Council, and their offices shall become vacant ; and

such vacancies shall be deemed to be extraordinary vacancies within the meaning of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," and "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876."

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB BILL.

Mr. MASON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

To omit section 24, and to substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

24. Unless a clear majority of the electors of the Hutt Electoral District, ascertained by a poll of the same, shall approve of this Act within three months after the passing of the same it shall not come into operation.

25. Upon a requisition from the Committee of the Wellington Racing Club, accompanied by a sum of ten pounds to defray the necessary expenses, addressed to the Chairman of the Hutt County Council, asking for a poll of the electors as hereinbefore mentioned, the said Chairman shall authorize the Returning Officer to take such poll in the manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876."

The voting shall be "for" or "against," and the voting papers shall have those two words, besides any others that may be necessary, legibly printed upon them in distinct lines.

CANTERBURY RIVERS ACT 1870 AMENDMENT BILL.

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

To omit sections three, four, five, six, and from fifteen to twenty-two, both inclusive.

After section 2 to insert the following new sections:—

3. As soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, the Governor shall, by Proclamation, divide the aforesaid district into nine subdivisions, each of which shall be a subdistrict: Provided that the districts constituted under "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875," as amended by "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1880," named respectively the North-East Christchurch District, the South-East Christchurch District, the North-West Christchurch District, the South-West Christchurch District, and the Sydenham District, shall be subdistricts under this Act.

The remainder of the district shall be subdivided into four subdistricts, whose respective areas shall be such as nearly as may be to comprise an equal amount in value of rateable property.

4. The Board of Conservators shall consist of nine members; one for each subdistrict, to be elected in manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," which is hereby incorporated with this Act.

5. The electors for members of the Board shall be the persons who have during the year immediately preceding the election been rated for municipal or road board purposes in respect of property situated within the subdistrict in respect of which a claim to vote is made, and have paid all rates due from them at the time of the election.

An elector, being a ratepayer in any subdistrict, shall be eligible as a member of the Board for any part of the district.

6. Each elector shall vote according to the following scale, that is to say,—

If the property in respect of which he is entitled to vote be rated upon a rateable value of less than fifty pounds, he shall have one vote.

If such rateable value amount to fifty pounds and be less than one hundred pounds, he shall have two votes.

If it amount to one hundred pounds and be less than two hundred pounds, he shall have three votes.

If it amount to two hundred pounds and be less than three hundred pounds, he shall have four votes.

If it amount to or exceed three hundred pounds, he shall have five votes.

7. The Governor in the Proclamation defining the subdistricts shall appoint some day, not exceeding thirty days after the date thereof, for the election of the members of the first Board; and also shall appoint the day for the first meeting of the Board; and by warrant under his hand shall appoint some fit person as Returning Officer to conduct the said election.

8. On the day so appointed the electors within each subdistrict shall respectively elect some duly qualified person to be the member of the Board for such subdistrict.

Section 7. Substitute "eighty-three" for "eighty-five," "three" for "four," and "third year" for "fourth year."

Section 8. Substitute "eighty-three" for "eighty-five," "third year" for "fourth year;" and omit the words "and in the manner hereinafter mentioned."

Section 10. To omit the words "upon a day to be appointed by the Board in the manner herein provided for the periodical election of members."

Section 23. To add the following words :—

All books and accounts of the Board shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any elector, or of any holder of the debentures of the Board; and any person refusing or obstructing any such inspection shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds.

ELECTION PETITIONS BILL.

REASONS of the Legislative Council for insisting upon its amendments in the Election Petitions Bill, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed—

1. Requiring two Judges, instead of one, to try an election petition would involve additional expense.

2. There not being sufficient Judges to try more than two petitions simultaneously, great delay would take place in the event of there being more petitions than two for trial.

3. In the event of there being only two petitions (requiring four Judges), nearly the whole of the ordinary judicial business of the Supreme Court would be at a standstill during the trial.

4. The two Judges disagreeing, there would be no means of obtaining a decision.