

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 2nd Day of November, 1909.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS BILL.

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

Boards may make agreements for special terms as to maintenance in hospitals of members of friendly societies.

71A. (1.) Any Hospital and Charitable Aid Board may from time to time enter into an agreement with any registered friendly society, or registered branch of a friendly society, that the society or branch will pay to the Board a fixed annual or other periodical payment in satisfaction of all claims in respect of the maintenance in any hospital belonging to the Board of members of the society or branch who, during the period in respect of which the payment is made, are inmates of that hospital.

(2) Any such agreement may extend to the maintenance of the husbands, wives, and children of the members of the society or branch in the same manner as to the members themselves, and may extend either to all the members of the society or branch, or only to specified classes of members.

(3.) Any such agreement may either be for a fixed period not exceeding five years, or be made determinable at the will of either party thereto.

(4.) All moneys so agreed to be paid shall constitute a debt recoverable by the Board from the society or branch by action in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

(5.) If and so long as any default is made by the society or branch in the payment of any sum due under any such agreement the cost of the maintenance of any person in any such hospital during any part of the period in respect of which the default has been made shall be recoverable in the same manner as if no such agreement was in force.

(6.) In this section the term "children" means children under sixteen years of age.

Combined health districts.

81A. (1.) On the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Hospitals, and after considering any representations made by the local authorities concerned, the Governor may by Order in Council, upon such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, combine for such of the purposes of the Public Health Act, 1908, as are mentioned in the Order the districts of any two or more local authorities situate within a hospital district, and appoint the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board of that district to act as the local authority of the combined district.

(2.) All costs and expenses incurred by a Hospital and Charitable Aid Board as such local authority in the exercise or performance of any power or duty under this section shall be recoverable by the Board as a debt due by the local authority of the county, borough, road district, or town district within which the said costs and expenses were incurred.

(3.) The amount for which any such local authority is liable in respect of such costs and expenses shall be from time to time determined by the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, and such determination shall, subject to the right of appeal to the Minister as hereinafter mentioned, be final.

(4.) If any local authority mentioned in subsection *two* hereof is dissatisfied with the determination of the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, it may, in the manner provided by section *forty-five* hereof in the case of appeals by contributory local authorities, appeal to the Minister, and the provisions of that section shall extend and apply to all such appeals.

Repeal.

(5.) Section seven of the Public Health Act, 1908, is hereby repealed.
