

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 31st Day of October, 1912.

HAWKE'S BAY RIVERS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Clause 6A: To omit the clause, and substitute the following:—

6A. (1.) The Board shall, when making and levying any rate (whether such rate be a general rate or a special rate) as security for a loan, make and levy on all rateable property within the Pukahu Ward and on all rateable property within the Hastings Suburban Ward a rate not exceeding *one-fifth* of the amount of the rate made and levied on all rateable property within any one of the other wards.

(2.) It shall not be incumbent on the Board, when making and levying any rate as aforesaid, to make and levy one rate of uniform amount on all rateable property within both the said wards, but the Board may make and levy a rate of one amount within the Hastings Suburban Ward and a like rate of another amount within the Pukahu Ward.

Clause 7: To omit all words to the end of paragraph (c), and substitute the following:—

7. (1.) In case the member for the Hastings Suburban Ward or either of the members for the Pukahu Ward dissents from the Board's determination of the question what rate shall be levied within the ward of the member so dissenting, the question in dispute shall be referred to a Commission consisting of the Stipendiary Magistrate exercising jurisdiction in Napier, the Chairman of the Hawke's Bay County Council, and the Resident Engineer, Public Works Department, Napier; and their decision or that of any two of them shall be final.

(2.) A memorandum in writing, signed by the Chairman of the Board, or (in the event of his refusing or neglecting to sign the same) by the dissenting member, stating that a dispute has arisen within the meaning of the *last preceding* subsection, and that the dispute stands referred to the aforesaid Commissioners, shall be sufficient authority to him to enter upon the reference.

(3.) If the question in dispute relates either wholly or partly to the special rate to be levied by way of security for the loan, then the Board shall not take any further steps preliminary to the raising of the loan, unless and until the question in dispute has been so referred and decided.