

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 11th Day of October, 1917.

HAWKE'S BAY RIVERS AMENDMENT BILL.

Sir J. G. FINDLAY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Title: To add the words "and for other Purposes".

Clause 15: To add the following new subclause:—

(3.) The word "reserves" where used in the *last preceding* subsection shall be deemed to mean and include all lands for the time being vested in or belonging to the Board.

To add the following new clause:—

Additional
leasing powers.

15A. (1.) In addition to the powers conferred upon them by section fifteen of the Rivers Board Act, 1908, the Board shall have power—

(a.) To lease from time to time, either by public auction or public tender, or by private contract, any reserves or other lands for the time being vested in or belonging to them:

(b.) To make any such lease for such term of years at such rent or rents and generally upon such conditions as the Board shall consider proper:

Provided always that where any such lease is made by private contract the term of the lease shall not exceed seven years:

Provided further that the powers given by this section shall be deemed to be additional to and not in substitution for any statutory powers of leasing already possessed by the Board.

Validation of
existing leases.

(2.) No lease heretofore made by the Board shall be impeached or called in question merely on the ground that the making of the same was *ultra vires* of the Board.