

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 24th Day of September, 1894.

LAND DRAINAGE AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Governor may refer certain questions to Commissioners.

The Governor may, from time to time, with the view of determining the proportion in which it would be fair and reasonable to fix and determine the amount to be provided and paid by any Land Drainage Boards or other local body for or towards the cost of constructing, maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing any drain or watercourse, or of managing or maintaining any such drain or watercourse, direct any Magistrate or other person to be a Commissioner to inquire and report to him upon any matter which he shall deem necessary to enable him to determine any such question as aforesaid; and such Commissioner shall have all the powers of a Board or Commission appointed by the Governor in Council under the provisions of "The Commissioners' Powers Act, 1867."

(1.) Such Commissioner shall report to the Governor, after such inquiry as he shall deem requisite and reasonable, his opinion as to the matters respecting which he shall have been appointed to report; but it shall not be obligatory upon the Governor to act in accordance with any opinion that may be expressed by such Commissioner, nor to give effect to any recommendation that may be contained in his report.

Cost of exercising powers to be paid by local authority.

(2.) All costs, charges, and expenses attending or incidental to the exercise of the powers conferred upon the Governor, or upon such Commissioner or other person, shall be a charge upon the revenues of such local authority or local authorities as the Commissioner shall direct, and may be recovered as a debt due to Her Majesty in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

(3.) Upon receiving such report the Governor may, by Proclamation, fix and determine whether all or any, and, if so, what part, of the cost, or annual contribution towards the cost, whether theretofore incurred or thereafter to be incurred, of constructing, maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing any such drain or watercourse is to be provided and paid by any Land Drainage Board or Boards or other local body (if more than one), and, if so, by what Board or Boards or other local body (if more than one); and

(4.) May by any such Proclamation as aforesaid direct how, when, and to whom any such payment is to be made; and every payment so directed to be made shall be made as directed by such Proclamation, and unless so made may be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of the Minister or Land Drainage Board, as the case may be, as a debt due to Her Majesty or to the Board to which such payment ought to be so made.

INSPECTION OF MACHINERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

7. Nothing contained in "The Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1893," shall be construed to repeal, prejudice, or affect the power to make by-laws relating to traction-engines conferred by any statute in force at the time of the passing of the said Act, or any by-law made pursuant to such power; but such power and all such by-laws shall co-exist with the said Act:

Provided that no person shall be twice punished for the same offence.