

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 10th day of August, 1883.

NATIVE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. SMITH, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

To omit the whole of clause 6, and to substitute in lieu thereof the following clause:—

6. It shall not be lawful, after the passing of this Act, for any person to negotiate for the purchase, lease, exchange, or occupation of any Native land, or estate, right, title, or interest therein:

Provided always that the provisions of this clause shall not apply to the Crown or to any person acting on behalf and under the authority of the Crown. The pre-emptive right of dealing with Native lands to be vested solely in the Crown.

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

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, it shall be lawful for the Trust Commissioner to inquire into and investigate the circumstances relating to any agreement or transaction made and entered into for the sale or lease of any lands by any Native to any person not of the Native race; and if upon such investigation it shall be found that the said agreement or transaction was made and entered into in equity and good conscience before the passing of this Act, the Trust Commissioner shall indorse on the principal or only instrument relating to such transaction a certificate under his hand to that effect, and any such transaction or agreement may be carried on and completed as if this Act had not been passed.

LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Page 4. In clause 14, second line, delete all the words after the word "expiration" to the word "than," in the third line; also, to delete the following words in the third and fourth lines: "as may be determined by the Board in each case"; and, in the fifth line of the same clause, delete the words "by public tender."

In sections 17 and 18 reinstate the word "six" in place of "four," and reinstate the following words at the end of clause 17: "But the Board may dispense with the necessity of such residence if the lessee resides continuously during the six years aforesaid on any freehold, deferred-payment or leasehold lands of not less than fifty acres in area in his own occupation, situate within a radius of twenty miles from the lands leased."

New Clauses.

19. Not later than six months before the expiration of the term of the lease the Board shall cause a valuation to be made by arbitration, under section forty-five of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," of the then value of the fee-simple of the lands then included in the lease, and of all the improvements of a substantial character made upon the lands by the lessee during his occupation; and not later than four months before the expiry of the term for

which the lessee then holds the lands he shall elect, by written notice to the Commissioner, whether he will accept a fresh lease for a further term of twenty-one years from the expiration of the then term at a rental equal to two pounds and ten shillings for every hundred pounds of the gross value of the lands as fixed by the arbitration, after deducting therefrom the value of the aforesaid improvements as fixed by the said arbitration.

20. If the lessee shall not elect to accept a renewal as above-mentioned, or shall refuse or neglect to execute a lease within seven days after the same is tendered to him for the purpose, the Board, with the approval of the Governor, not later than two months before the expiration of the term of the current lease, shall cause the lands included in the lease, or so much thereof as it shall think fit, to be again offered for lease at the revised rental, in the same manner as the original lease was offered, for such further term of twenty-one years.

Page 6. Clause 28, to omit all the words after the word "purpose," in the sixth line.

Clause 31, to add the following words as a second paragraph to the clause: "The words 'if rural or pastoral lands,' in the first subsection of the forty-fourth section of 'The Land Act, 1877,' are hereby repealed, and the said section shall be read as if they had never been inserted therein."

New Clause.

(To be inserted after clause 34).

Section sixty of "The Land Act, 1877," shall be read and construed as if the word "fraudulent" had never been inserted therein.

Page 7. Clause 35, in the first line, to insert the following additional words: "The word 'rent' in this Act shall mean and include the yearly fee in subsection 2 of section 85 of 'The Land Act, 1877.'"

After clause 37 to insert the following additional clauses:—

RESERVES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH OR RECREATION.

(a.) The Governor may reserve out of any Crown lands, under the one hundred and forty-fourth section of "The Land Act, 1877," any land containing mineral or other springs which he may think should be so reserved for the public health, or any land wherein or whereon natural curiosities may exist of a character to be of national interest, and may, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette*, make regulations for the occupation and conservation thereof, and to regulate the access of the public thereto.

For the above purposes, or in respect of reserves of a like kind formerly made, the Governor may, from time to time, grant leases of any portion of such reserves, not exceeding seven acres in area, for a period not exceeding sixty-three years, conditional upon the erection by the lessee of suitable accommodation for visitors; and every such lease shall be subject to such covenants in respect of forfeiture for breaches thereof, and to such other conditions as the Governor shall think fit to be observed by the lessee for the public convenience.

(b.) Any local body may apply from the district funds such moneys from time to time as it shall think fit towards the maintenance or embellishment of any reserve made for the public recreation or health of the residents of the district under its jurisdiction, or for its ornamentation, or for purposes of public plantations, whether or not such reserve is situate within the limits of such district, and whether such reserve is vested in such local body or placed under its administration, either solely or jointly with any other local body or bodies, or may grant any such moneys for the purposes aforesaid by way of subsidy to any Domain Board having the charge of any such reserve.

And any such local body may unite with any other local body or bodies for the joint exercise of all the aforesaid powers in respect of any such reserve as aforesaid as may be under their joint administration or whereof they may have the use in common, and for regulating the use of such reserve by the public, or for the proper care and conservation thereof.

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENTS.

(c.) The provisions of sections three to six, both inclusive, of "The Plans of Towns Regulations Act, 1875," shall be deemed to apply to all boroughs not created before the second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and to all town districts, notwithstanding that any such borough or town district may have been laid off as a town previous to the passing of the Act aforesaid.

The Governor may from time to time reserve any Crown lands within any such borough or town district under the provisions of the aforesaid sections, subject that the reserves to be made for any place under this section shall be made only in cases where no such reserves for the same purposes exist in such place, or, if existing, do not equal or exceed the amount of reserves authorized to be made under the Act aforesaid.

LAND BOARDS.

(d.) Section twenty-three of "The Land Act, 1877," is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "not exceeding one pound per day," after the words "for travelling expenses actually incurred."

LICENSES FOR REMOVAL OF GUANO, ETC.

Part IV. of "The Land Act, 1877," shall be extended so as to include the issue of licenses for the removal of guano or other substances.

Section 86 of the said Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "or" for "and" in the first four places where the last-mentioned word occurs after the word "namely."