

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1887.

LAND AMENDMENT BILL.

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

At the end of section 12, to add the following words:—

No purchaser of land for cash, where such land is wholly or mostly covered with bush, shall be entitled to receive his Crown grant, nor shall any transfer or mortgage of such land be registered, until such purchaser shall have felled, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, a strip of bush at least three chains wide along the whole of the road frontage or frontages of the section or sections purchased by him. A memorandum, stating whether or not any land is subject to the requirements of this section, shall be entered upon the receipt issued by the Receiver of Land Revenue in respect of all land subject thereto.

To add the following new sections:—

Where any block of land exceeding one thousand acres in extent has been in possession of any person or persons for a period exceeding three years before the *first* day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and no *bonâ fide* occupation or improvement has taken place on such land, then it shall be lawful for the Governor, upon payment of the property-tax valuation of such land, and an additional amount equal to ten pounds per centum thereon, to take possession of such land, and to proceed to administer it as if it were, and such land shall thereon be deemed to be, waste lands of the Crown. The Governor in Council may make such regulations for giving due effect to the provisions of this section as to him may seem fit.

Where two or more persons have taken up or become holders of a section or sections of deferred-payment or perpetual-leasehold land as joint tenants, it shall be lawful for the Governor, at the request of such persons and on such terms as he shall think fit, to order a subdivision of such section or sections into as many parts as there are joint holders, upon payment by them of the estimated cost of the survey necessary for such subdivision. Such subdivision may thereafter be entered in the books of the Commissioner upon the whole of such holders agreeing in writing which subdivision each shall have, and each such subdivision shall thereafter be treated as if it had originally been a separate section selected by such holder individually.

One-fourth of the price of every section of rural land which shall hereafter be disposed of for cash shall be handed over to the local body or bodies which would be entitled to receive a refund of one-third of the purchase-money if such section were sold on deferred payments.

REPRESENTATION BILL.

Mr. SEDDON to move, on the motion being made to go into Committee, the following amendment:—

That it is inadvisable that the Representation Bill proceed further than its second reading until the establishment of some suitable form of local self-government shall have rendered dependence on Parliament for local works unnecessary.