

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 17th Day of September, 1894.

LICENSING BILL.

Mr. McNAB, in Committee, to move that the following amendments be made:—

Section 3: Subsection (2), the words "*bonâ fide*" be inserted after the word "liquors"; subsection (3) struck out; subsection (5), the word "both" after the words "control of," in line 29.

Section 4: Lines 31 and 32, on page 6, struck out; line 26, page 7, the word "or" struck out, and after the word "wine" the words "or fermented malt liquors" added; lines 28 and 29, the words "or fermented malt liquors in quantities of not less than ten gallons" be struck out.

Section 5: Line 43, strike out "the Licensing Acts," and substitute "this Act"; line 44, after "shall" insert "make all necessary appointments and"; line 45, after "conduct of" insert "elections, or the taking of a poll of electors, and for the general conduct of."

Section 7: Line 6, strike out "is," and substitute "shall be"; also, "has been constituted," and substitute "thereafter."

Section 9: The following clause to be substituted:—

9. Any duly-registered elector who is not an auctioneer, commission agent, broker, brewer, wine or spirit merchant, maltster, distiller, importer for sale of or a dealer in fermented or spirituous liquors, or in partnership with any such person, or who is not the owner in fee or for any less estate of any licensed house, shall be qualified to be elected as a member of the Licensing Committee for the district within which he may reside.

Except as hereinafter provided in section *twelve* as to Magistrates, no person shall be qualified to be elected or to act as a member of a Licensing Committee during the time he holds a paid office under the Government of the colony or under any local authority.

Section 12: To substitute the following:—

Constitution of
Licensing Com-
mittees.

12. The Licensing Committee for an ordinary licensing district shall consist of the Magistrate for the time being having jurisdiction at the place of meeting of the Licensing Committee, and eight other persons, being residents within the district, to be elected by the electors of the district in manner provided by "The Electoral Act, 1893," and thereafter once in every third year only, on the days appointed for taking the poll of electors under section *sixteen* of this Act, and simultaneously therewith.

Section 13: To substitute the following:—

Provisions
applicable to
elections.

13. The following provisions shall apply to every election:—

(1.) The Returning Officer for each district under the Act last aforesaid shall be the Returning Officer for the purposes of this Act, and all provisions of the Act last named shall apply in respect to such Returning Officer for the aforesaid purposes.

(2.) Every such election shall be conducted in the same manner as elections of members of the House of Representatives are conducted; but in case any election be disputed, the dispute shall be inquired into and determined by a Magistrate under the provisions of sections forty-eight to fifty-seven of "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," which are hereby incorporated with this Act.

(3.) The result of every election of a Licensing Committee shall be notified by the Returning Officer in like manner as he may be required to notify the result of an election of

a member of the House of Representatives under any electoral law for the time being in force.

- (4.) In case any district shall fail or neglect to elect a Licensing Committee at the time appointed, the Governor shall in such case appoint the same; and every Committee so appointed, and every member thereof respectively, shall be deemed to have been elected under this Act.
A Committee shall be deemed not to have been elected in any case where the whole number of such Committee is not elected.
- (5.) The Returning Officer appointing the time for the holding of licensing meetings shall also appoint the place, not being licensed premises, at which such meetings shall be respectively held; but, if there be in the district any place used as a Courthouse by the Magistrate having jurisdiction in the district, then such meetings shall be held at such Courthouse, or, if there be more than one such Courthouse, then the meeting shall be held at such one of such Courthouses as the Magistrate thinks fit.
- (6.) The places at which licensing meetings are held shall be within the limits of the licensing district to which such meetings relate.
- (7.) The actual cost of the travelling-expenses incurred by any member of a Committee or the Clerk thereof, residing more than three miles from the place of meeting in attending a meeting of the Committee shall be paid him by the local authority liable to pay the same under section one hundred and nine, on the voucher for the same certified by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Licensing Committee.
- (8.) Every member of a Licensing Committee shall come into office on his election, and shall hold office for three years, or until the election of his successor.
- (9.) Any member of a Licensing Committee may, by writing under his hand, addressed to the Governor, resign his office.
- (10.) If any member of a Licensing Committee shall die, resign, become disqualified, or shall absent himself from two consecutive quarterly licensing meetings of such Committee, his office shall be vacant.
- (11.) Every vacancy created as above mentioned is an extraordinary vacancy, and the Governor shall appoint some other person to supply the vacancy, who shall hold office only until the next election.
- (12.) The members of a Licensing Committee retiring at the end of their term of office may be re-elected or reappointed.
- (13.) The Governor shall from time to time appoint such person as he may think fit to be Clerk to the Licensing Committee of any one or more districts; and any such Clerk may be removed from office by the Governor.
- (14.) The quorum of a Licensing Committee shall be five members.
- (15.) Any Licensing Committee may act if a quorum exists, notwithstanding vacancies therein.
- (16.) Every Licensing Committee shall, notwithstanding its term of office has expired, continue to act until its successors are elected or appointed and take office.
- (17.) The members of the Licensing Committee shall hold their first meeting at the first quarterly licensing meeting occurring after their election.
- (18.) At every meeting of the Licensing Committee, the afore-said Magistrate, if present, shall be Chairman thereof, and in the event of his absence the members of the Licensing Committee shall elect one of their number to be Chairman thereof; and the Chairman of every such Licensing Committee shall have a casting-vote, and shall sign on behalf of the Committee all certificates and other documents, if any, issued or recorded by it.