

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 2nd Day of August, 1894.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS BILL.

Mr. G. W. RUSSELL, in Committee, to move the following amendments and new clauses :—

In clause 4: To add a new subsection :—

“(1A.) For the acquisition of land suitable for homesteads contiguous to boroughs or town districts.”

To add the following proviso at the end of clause 6 :—

“Provided that, in the case of land situated within five miles of any borough or town district, the limitation in this section shall be reduced to two hundred and fifty acres.”

In section 17: To strike out the words “the rate of five per centum for” with a view to insert the following: “such rate as will be one per centum in excess of the.”

To strike out clause 19, with a view to insert the following new clauses :—

19. Lands acquired under this Act, whether the same be classed as rural, suburban, or town lands, shall be disposed of only under the lease-in-perpetuity system of the Land Acts :

Provided that all lands disposed of under this Act shall be subject to revaluation every thirty years; but on such revaluation there shall not be taken into account any increase of value caused by the improvements made by the lessee, but only such increase as may have been caused by the expenditure of public money, the increase of population, and other causes independent of the selector.

19A. No person shall be capable of becoming the holder of any land under this Act exceeding the following areas: Of first-class land, two hundred acres; of second-class land, six hundred and forty acres; and of pastoral land, two thousand five hundred acres. And no person already owning freehold lands of any of the areas and classes respectively stated above, or occupying any of such areas and classes respectively as a tenant of the Crown under any Land Act in force in the colony, shall be entitled to become the holder of land under this Act.

And no person shall be entitled to hold under this Act any area of land which, together with land owned by him or occupied by him as a tenant of the Crown, shall exceed the total areas aforesaid, namely: Of first-class land, two hundred acres; of second-class land, six hundred and forty acres; and of pastoral land, two thousand five hundred acres.