

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 16th Day of October, 1907.

LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Clause 66 : To omit all the words in this clause after the word " Act " in line 31, and to substitute the following :—

Assessment of
compensation
for land taken
under principal
Act.

" in pursuance of any requisition gazetted after the last day of March, nineteen hundred and eight, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary in that Act, no compensation shall be payable to any person in respect or by reason of the taking of such land other than compensation assessed and determined in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2.) The compensation so payable shall be separately assessed in respect of the unimproved value of the land to be so taken, and in respect of the improvements thereon, in manner provided by this section.

(3.) The unimproved value of the said land shall be deemed to be the amount at which the said unimproved value is assessed in the district valuation roll in force under the Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896, at the time when the requisition for the taking of the said land is gazetted. The unimproved value so assessed in the said valuation roll is hereinafter referred to as the Government valuation.

(4.) If the land so taken or any part thereof is not separately valued in the said valuation roll, but is only a part of a larger area which is so valued, the unimproved value of the part so taken shall be deemed to be such proportion of the Government valuation of the said larger area as the Court determines to be fairly attributable to the part so taken.

(5.) The value of the improvements on any land to be taken compulsorily under the principal Act shall be assessed, as at the date of the gazetting of the said requisition, in the manner provided by that Act in respect of the valuation of land so taken.

(6.) In every case there shall be added to the total amount payable under this section in respect of the unimproved value of the land a further sum calculated as follows :—

- (a.) If the said amount does not exceed fifty thousand pounds, then a percentage of ten per centum thereof ; or
- (b.) If the said amount exceeds fifty thousand pounds, then a percentage of ten per centum in respect of fifty thousand pounds, and of five per centum in respect of the residue.

(7.) The owner of any estate or interest separately valued in the said valuation roll may from time to time give notice in writing to the Valuer-General that he requires the said valuation of that estate or interest to be increased to an amount named in the said notice, and the Valuer-General shall thereupon insert the said valuation as so increased in a subsidiary roll. The increased valuation so inserted in the said roll shall, for the purposes of this section, and also for the purposes of the assessment of land-tax, whether ordinary or graduated, under the Land and Income Assessment Act, 1900, and its amendments, and of the assessment of duties under the Deceased Persons' Estates Duties Act, 1881, and its amendments, be deemed to be substituted for the valuation so contained in the district valuation roll, and shall, until the next revision of the last-mentioned roll, have for the said purposes the same effect and operation as if made by the Valuer-General in accordance with the provisions of the Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896, and inserted in the district valuation roll accordingly.

(8.) Every notice requiring an increase of valuation in manner aforesaid shall be given to the Valuer-General either in the month of March in any year or within one month after the date of the notice given to the said owner by the Valuer-General of any revision of the valuation of the said land in the district valuation roll.

(9.) No requisition for the taking of any land shall be gazetted at any time within one month after the date of any such notice of revision as is mentioned in the last preceding subsection.

(10.) In this section the terms "improvements" and "unimproved value" have the same meanings as are attributed thereto in section two of the Government Valuation of Land Act Amendment Act, 1900.

(11.) When the district valuation roll contains separate valuations of the unimproved value of any land in respect of the separate interests of two or more persons therein, the unimproved value of that land shall be deemed to be the aggregate amount of such separate valuations.

(12.) In every case there shall be added to the total amount of compensation payable under the foregoing provisions a sum equal to two per centum thereof, by way of compensation for the compulsory taking of the said land, and by way of compensation for any loss or injury that may be suffered in consequence of such taking, whether in respect of the land so taken or in any other respect."
