

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 18th Day of October, 1907.

LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

4. (1.) Section forty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “not less than two or more than,” and also by omitting all words after the word “members.”

(2.) Of the members of every Land Board (other than the Commissioner of Crown Lands) three shall be appointed and removable by warrant under the hand of the Governor, and one shall be elected by the persons and in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

(3.) The first election of an elective member of any Land Board shall take place on the first occurrence after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and eight, of any vacancy in the membership of that Board, and until such vacancy occurs the constitution of that Board shall continue to be the same as if this Act had not been passed. Subsequent elections shall take place as often as any elective member vacates his seat on the Board.

(4.) Every elective member of a Land Board shall be elected by the persons who on the first day of January preceding the election were the owners of any lease or license of or in respect of Crown lands situated within the land district of the Board. Every such owner shall have one vote, save that if two or more persons are the owners jointly or in common of any such lease or license they shall have one vote between them.

(5.) The election of elective members of Land Boards shall take place in accordance with regulations made by the Governor by Order in Council gazetted.

(6.) No Act done by any Land Board shall be deemed invalid or illegal because of any defect or error in the appointment or election of any member of such Board, or because of the fact that the number of the members of such Board was incomplete at the time at which such act was done.

(7.) Any dispute as to the validity of the election of any member of a Land Board shall be determined by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

(8) Section forty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "date of," the words "his election or," and also by inserting, after the word "reappointed," the words "or re-elected."

(9.) Section forty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "appoint such duly qualified person as he shall think fit to supply such vacancy," and substituting the words "take the necessary steps for the election or appointment, as the case may be, of some other person to supply such vacancy."

(10.) Section forty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto, after the word "appointed," the words "or elected."