

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 4th Day of October, 1894.

NATIVE LAND COURT BILL.

Hon. Mr. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the addition of the following clauses:—

Division II.

PART IV.

151. The Native owner or owners of any land may alienate the same in the manner and subject to the conditions following, that is to say:—

- (1.) The owner of any land, or a majority of the owners thereof, or a majority of the members of any Committee representing the incorporated owners thereof, and duly appointed under Part III. of *Division II.* of this Act, may apply to the Land Board for the Land District within which such land is situated to dispose of the same under the laws for the time being regulating the disposal of Crown lands.
- (2.) Every such application shall forthwith, on the receipt thereof, be referred by the Land Board to the Governor, who may, by Order in Council—subject, however, to such conditions (if any) as he may think fit to impose—consent to the disposal of any such land as aforesaid.
- (3.) On any such Order in Council being published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, the Land Board may proceed to dispose of such land, or any part or parts thereof, in accordance with the laws in force for the time being regulating the disposal of Crown lands, and in the same manner as if such lands were lands of the Crown, but subject to such conditions (if any) as the Governor in Council may have imposed as aforesaid.
- (4.) The certificate, Crown grant, or other instrument of Title under which land, the subject-matter of any such application as aforesaid, is held by the Native owners shall be lodged with the District Land Registrar of the district before the Land Board shall proceed to dispose of such land, and on the gazetting of such Order in Council as aforesaid the legal estate in the land described in such Order in Council shall be deemed to be surrendered to the Crown.

If the consent of the Governor shall be refused to any application as aforesaid, any instrument of title so deposited as aforesaid shall be returned to the person depositing the same or entitled thereto.

152. The Colonial Treasurer may from time to time expend such sum or sums of money out of any moneys for the time being available for the purchase of Native lands as he may consider necessary for the purpose of surveying any lands to be disposed of under the *last-preceding* section, or for the purpose of laying off, constructing, or maintaining any road or means of access through or to the same, or for executing any works for the purpose of rendering such lands available for settlement, or of advertising or conducting any sale or other disposition thereof, or for any other purpose incidental to the disposal of the said lands.

153. All moneys received by a Land Board in respect of the disposal of any land under this Part of this Act shall be applied as follows :—

(a.) In the repayment of any moneys expended under the *last-preceding* section.

Such repayment may be made out of the first moneys so received, or by instalments, payable within *seven* years, out of moneys due or to accrue in respect of any disposal as aforesaid.

(b.) Subject to such repayment, the moneys so received by any Land Board as aforesaid shall be paid to the Public Trustee, who shall hold the same in trust for the owners of the said land, to be paid to them in proportion to their relative shares and interests therein, without any deduction or charge whatsoever.