

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 5th Day of October, 1894.

NATIVE LAND COURT BILL.

The Hon. Mr. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the following new clause in lieu of clause 136:—

136A. Any person who may claim to have heretofore purchased or leased in accordance with law the share or interest of one or more out of several owners of any block of land or of any subdivision thereof, and to have been in treaty at or prior to the date of the passing of this Act for the purchase or lease of other shares therein, may within three months from the passing of this Act notify such claim to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the district and to the Chief Judge, and the Chief Judge shall thereupon inquire into or refer such claim to a Judge to inquire into the circumstances thereof, and such Judge, if he shall be satisfied that there has been a purchase or lease as alleged, and that the transaction was *bonâ fide*, and that such person has been in negotiation for the purchase of other shares in the said block or subdivision, may give his certificate to that effect, and thereupon any such person or any person claiming under him may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, purchase or lease at any time within twelve months from the date of such certificate such of the remaining shares or interests in such block or subdivision as shall be specified in the said certificate:

Provided always that every such purchase or lease shall be confirmed under the provisions of section 53 of this Act:

Provided, further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the purchase of any freehold interest by a person who shall have received a certificate as aforesaid in respect of a lease only.