

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1887.

REPRESENTATION BILL.

Mr. **WHYTE**, in Committee, to move, That at the end of clause 3 the following words be added:—

Provided, however, that subsection three of section three of such Act shall be read as if the words "twenty-five" had been inserted therein in lieu of the word "eighteen."

Mr. **SEDDON**, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

This Act shall not operate or have effect until after another Census shall have been taken of the population of the colony.

Mr. **SEDDON**, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

This Act shall have no force or effect until the altered electoral boundaries necessary thereunder shall have been made by the Commissioners, and a description thereof laid upon the table of the House.

Sir. **G. GREY**, in Committee, to move, on the Representation Bill,—

In clause 2, line 4, the word "fifty," be inserted in lieu of the word "seventy."

Mr. **LIEVESTAM**, in Committee, to move,—

That clause 3 be amended by striking out all the words after "1887," in line 16, with a view of inserting the following words: "the colony shall be divided into sixty-seven electoral districts, as defined in the Schedule hereto."

Mr. **HOBBS**, in Committee, to move:—

That in clause 2, line 10, that the word "seventy" be omitted, and the word "seventy-one" be inserted in lieu thereof; and in line 12, the word "three" be struck out, and the word "four" be there inserted.

That clause 4 be omitted, and that there be inserted the following new clause, after clause 3:—

In consideration of the Maoris retaining the full number of their representatives under "The Maori Representation Act, 1867," no Maori shall be entitled to be registered as an elector, or to vote at an election of members of the House of Representatives, except under the provisions of the last-mentioned Act.

The word "Maori" means an aboriginal native of New Zealand, and includes all half-castes and their descendants by Natives.

Subsection three of section two of "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1879," is hereby repealed.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL.

Sir **J. VOGEL**, in Committee, to move, as an additional section:—

It is hereby expressly declared that it shall be open to Parliament by Act in that behalf to resume at any time the charge of the railways and all property vested in the Commissioners, and to resume responsibility for carrying out all obligations and contracts entered into by the Commissioners or any part thereof, and to vary and reduce their powers; and no compensation shall be payable because of such assumption of responsibility; and all appointments

made shall be transferable by Act to engagements under the Government; and it shall be expressly a part of the engagements with the Commissioners that it shall be open to Parliament, without compensation, to place them in the position of officers in the Government service, provided that their salaries shall not be reduced below the amounts to which they are entitled by their engagements under this Act during the time such salaries are payable by such engagements; and that the status of the Chief Commissioner shall be that of an Under Secretary, acting directly under a Minister of the Crown; and that the status of the other two Commissioners shall not be less than the status of Assistant Under Secretaries, acting directly under an Under Secretary.

Dr. NEWMAN, in Committee, to move the following proviso to clause 15:—

Provided that the Commissioners, when fixing rates of freight and fares, shall charge a uniform rate in all parts of the country.