

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 18th Day of November, 1907.

SHOPS AND OFFICES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Poll of electors
to determine
statutory
closing-day.

6. (1.) If at any time, in the case of any separate district which is a borough or town district, or in the case of any combined district, a petition that the statutory closing-day in that district shall be determined by a poll of the electors is presented in accordance with this section, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, the statutory closing-day in that district shall be determined accordingly in manner hereinafter in this section provided.

(2.) Every such petition shall be signed by not less than one-tenth of the total number of electors of the borough or town district in the case of a separate district, or by not less than one-tenth of the total number of all the constituent boroughs and town districts in the case of a combined district.

(3.) Every such petition shall be presented to the local authority in the case of a separate district, and to the convening local authority in the case of a combined district.

(4.) Every such petition shall be so presented at a time which is not less than one month and not more than three months before the day fixed for a general election of the members of the local authority to which such petition is presented.

(5.) If and as often as any such petition is duly presented to the local authority of a borough or town district which is a separate district, a poll of the electors of that borough or town district shall be taken on the day fixed for the next general election of the members of such local authority simultaneously with the poll (if any) taken for such election.

(6.) If and as often as any such petition is duly presented to the convening local authority of a combined district consisting solely of two or more boroughs, a separate poll of the electors of each such borough shall be taken on the day fixed for the next general election of the local authority of that borough simultaneously with the poll (if any) taken for such election. All the separate polls so taken under the authority of this subsection shall be deemed to constitute a single poll, the result of which shall be determined by a majority of all the votes which have been given thereat.

(7.) If and as often as any such petition is duly presented to the convening local authority of a combined district constituted otherwise than is mentioned in the *last preceding* subsection, a poll of the electors of all of the constituent local authorities of that district shall be taken, in such manner as the convening local authority determines, on the day fixed for the next general election of the members of the convening local authority.

(8.) Subject to the provisions of this section, every poll taken under the authority thereof shall be taken in manner provided by the Local Elections Act, 1904.

(9.) At every such poll each elector may vote for the appointment of any working-day as the statutory closing-day, and the statutory closing-day for the district shall be determined in accordance with the majority of the votes so given.

(10.) The result of every poll taken under the authority of this section shall be notified to the Minister under the hand of the Mayor, Chairman, or Clerk of the local authority in the case of a separate district, or of the convening local authority in the case of a combined district; and the Minister shall thereupon appoint the day determined by the result of such poll as the statutory closing-day for that district. Every such appointment shall be gazetted, and a copy of the *Gazette* containing a notice of such appointment shall be conclusive evidence that the same has been duly made according to the tenor of such notice.

(11.) On and after the first day of June following the gazetting of any such appointment, the day so appointed shall be the statutory closing-day for the district in respect of which such appointment is made, and shall continue to be the statutory closing-day for that district until another day is appointed in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section.

(12.) Until and unless the statutory closing-day in any district is determined and appointed in accordance with this section, it shall be determined and appointed in manner provided by the principal Act.
