

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 12th day of November, 1877.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On going into Committee of Supply.

1. Mr. WAKEFIELD, to move, That it is expedient,—

(1.) That the system of free selection, with a fixed price of £2 an acre for all blocks containing more than twenty acres, be applied to all the waste lands of the Crown throughout the colony, including the confiscated lands.

(2.) That all blocks not exceeding twenty acres be submitted to public auction at an upset price of £2 an acre for rural lands, and £12 10s. a quarter-acre for town lands.

(3.) That one-fifth of the land revenue be paid directly to the County Fund of the county within which such revenue arises.

(4.) That the remaining four-fifths of the land revenue be paid into the Consolidated Fund, for ordinary appropriation by this House.

(5.) That all pre-emptive rights shall cease.

(6.) The costs and expenses of the following services to be defrayed from Colonial revenue, viz.,—

1. All existing departments of the Government, including the Civil List.

2. The interest and Sinking Fund of all loans, whether Colonial or Provincial.

3. Primary education.

4. Gaols, police, and lunatic asylums.

5. Public railways, and arterial roads and bridges.

6. Subsidies to local bodies.

(7.) The cost and expenses of the following services to be defrayed by local bodies:—

1. Roads, bridges, and other local public works other than arterial.

2. Hospitals and charitable institutions.

3. Penitentiaries and reformatories, not being public gaols.

2. Mr. STOUT to move, That, in the opinion of this House, concurrently with any change in the incidence of taxation, due provision should be made for basing the representation of the colony upon population; and that the Government should prepare a Bill during the recess to give effect to this Resolution.

3. Mr. STOUT to move, That the Government should, during the recess, prepare their Estimates for next year for six months only, so that, as soon as a new Representation Act is passed, this House may be dissolved.

4. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the table a copy of the guarantee to the Government against loss in the printing and publishing of the *Waka Maori*; also a list showing the names of the guarantors, with the respective liability of each.

5. Mr. BURNS to move, on going into Committee of Supply, That a respectful address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor that he be pleased to place the sum of £100 on the Supplementary Estimates, to recoup Mrs. McManus for the expenses she has been put to by the action of certain Justices of the Peace sitting in Court within the City of Auckland.

6. Mr. BURNS to move, That the Government be requested to make a flying survey of a line of railway from the South end of the Look-out Point Tunnel on the Dunedin and Clutha Railway up the Kaikorai Valley; to arrange with the landed proprietors and occupiers of the land for permission to construct the line, and lay full particulars as to cost of construction, plans, &c., before the House at an early date next Session.

Mr. TRAVERS to move, on consideration of His Excellency's Message transmitted to the House on the 8th instant, on the question of privilege raised by Mr. Stout,—

(1.) That a respectful Address be presented by this House to His Excellency, thanking him for his Message, and expressing the regret of this House that the circumstances referred to in His Excellency's Message should have prevented his at once giving a definite reply to the Address of this House.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by Ministers in relation to the matter in question was unconstitutional, and otherwise improper, and deserves the censure of this House.

Hon. Mr. Fox to move, in Committee on Local Option Bill,—

In lieu of sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9—

The licensing districts heretofore proclaimed under the provisions of "The Licensing Act, 1873," shall cease to be districts on and after the first day of January next.

New licensing districts shall, by Order in Council, be defined on or before the said first day of January next.

Such lastly-mentioned districts shall be coterminous with existing Road Board districts, wards of Road Board districts, School Board districts, or wards in boroughs; and in every case, the smallest of such existing divisions shall be adopted and defined as the licensing district of the particular locality.

At any time after the proclamation of any such district, thirty persons qualified to vote within the same may, by writing, signed with their names and places of residence, require the Chairman of the Licensing Court of such district to take the votes of the persons entitled to vote therein on the question whether the sections of this Act, from section to section inclusive, shall come into operation within such district. The signatures of the persons making such requisition shall be attested by a witness or witnesses, who shall make declaration of the authenticity of the same before a Justice of the Peace.

The Chairman, as soon as conveniently may be after receiving the said requisition, duly attested and declared as last aforesaid, shall [section 9].

Between 12 and 13—

The Governor in Council, on being informed by the Chairman that he has received such requisition as aforesaid, shall appoint two ratepayers resident in the district in which such requisition has been presented to act as scrutineers, to examine the voting papers with the Chairman as hereinafter directed. No such scrutineer shall be a person engaged in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Insert word "scrutineers" in subsequent sections where required.

Mr. SWANSON to move, in Committee on the Local Option Bill,—

Clubs in which liquors are sold to be duly licensed.

And whereas doubts may arise as to whether clubs formed for the purpose of establishing places for the accommodation of certain persons who may be members of such clubs, and providing at such clubs alcoholic liquors for the use of the members thereof, should be deemed to be publichouses; and whether persons supplying alcoholic liquors therein, without a license, ought to be subject to the provisions of this Act: Be it enacted that any person, whether secretary, treasurer, agent, or other servant of any such club, supplying to any person, whether a member or not, any alcoholic liquors without being duly licensed, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Act.

Mr. PYKE to move, when in Committee on the Charitable Institutions Bill, the following new clause after section 27:—

Persons relieved acquiring property subsequently to be liable for cost of relief.

Every person who shall at any time have been maintained in, or who shall have been in receipt of out-door relief, from any institution under this Act, and in respect of whose maintenance therein or relief therefrom the institution shall have received no contribution equivalent to the cost of such maintenance or relief, shall be liable for the amount of such cost as a debt due to the institution; and if the managers of any institution shall have reason to believe that any such person as aforesaid has at any time, within ten years from the time when the above-mentioned cost was incurred, acquired any means sufficient to defray the said cost, then such managers may enforce the payment of the said cost in the manner provided for the recovery of a debt in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Hon. Mr. GISBORNE to move, contingently on passing of second reading of the Food and Drugs Bill,—

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Travers, Dr. Henry, Hon. Mr. McLean, Mr. Wason, Mr. Burns, Mr. Barff, Mr. Tole, Dr. Hodgkinson, Mr. Wallis, and the Mover. Three to be a quorum; to have power to call for persons and papers, and to report within a fortnight.

Mr. ROLLESTON to move, in Committee on the South Rakaia Road Board Bill (No. 2), the following sections:—

Whenever any petition is received by the Governor under section seven of "The Canterbury Roads Ordinance, 1872," the Governor shall cause a notice to be inserted in some newspaper commonly circulated in the district setting forth the prayer of such petition, and the boundaries of the districts which it is proposed to constitute under the said section; and after the lapse of two months from the issue of such notice, he shall refer the petition, together with any counter petition which may have been received by him, to the Council of the county or counties of which any portion is included in the districts which it is proposed to constitute, and if such County Council shall so recommend, he shall forthwith issue the Proclamation provided for in the said seventh section of "The Canterbury Roads Ordinance, 1872."

4. Whenever a new road district is proclaimed under the provisions of the said seventh section of "The Canterbury Roads Ordinance, 1872," the Boards of the districts affected or constituted thereby may agree as to following things:—

- (1.) What part of the property, real and personal, of such road districts shall belong to each district.
- (2.) What part of the rates payable to each road district, as constituted prior to the date of the issue of the Proclamation, shall belong to each district as constituted under the Proclamation.
- (3.) What part of the liabilities and engagements of the districts, as constituted prior to the date of the Proclamation, shall be liabilities and engagements of each of the districts as constituted by the Proclamation.

And such agreement shall be in writing, and shall be final as between the new districts as constituted.

5. If no such agreement is made within two months after the election of the Boards of the new district so constituted, the Commissioners of Audit shall, upon the application of one of the Boards of the new districts, hold any inquiry and shall make an award as to the several matters mentioned in the preceding section of this Act, and their award thereon shall be final.

Mr. BARFF to move, when in Committee on the Mines Bill, the following new clauses, to follow section 16:—

17. If any person being the holder of a miner's right shall hire himself for wages to an employer, the right to hold and occupy any claim by virtue of such miner's right, and to any gold therein, shall be vested in such employer: Provided always that in the event of non-payment of such wages, any person so employed shall be deemed to have a lien upon the claim whereon he has been employed to the extent of the amount of wages due to him.

18. It shall be lawful to issue any number of miners' rights, not exceeding six, to any person applying for the same; and the holder of such miners' rights shall be entitled to occupy, either separately or conjointly, a corresponding number of claims: Provided that there shall be employed thereon at least one man for each claim so occupied.

New clause, to follow section 36.

In the case of a gold mining lease being granted under any regulations made under this Act to the holder of any mineral lease, the area of which mining lease is contained within the limits of such mineral lease, it shall be lawful for the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Board of Inquiry, to fix the rent at such less sum than one pound for every acre demised, as he shall think fit.

Mr. DE LAUTOUR to move, when in Committee on the Mines Bill, the following amendments in Clause 64 :—

In line 2, after word “boundary,” to insert the words “which mining district has been proclaimed by the Governor to be a special mining district for the purposes contemplated in this clause.”

In line 7, after word “shall,” to insert the words “after advertisement for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the district in which the land is situate, and subject to the approval of the Governor.”

To add to clause, the words “Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Governor, when proclaiming any mining district for the pre-emption of homesteads, to fix the maximum acreage which may be in any one case pre-empted, at any such less acreage than one hundred acres, as to him shall seem fit.”

Sir R. DOUGLAS to move, in Committee on the Land Bill, that the following proviso be added at the end of subsection 4 of clause 64 :—

Provided that in the cases of young women between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five residence shall not be obligatory.

Mr. DE LAUTOUR to move, in Committee on the Lands Bill, after clause 154, to insert the following new clause :—

From and after the passing of this Act no person who shall hereafter purchase or acquire any waste lands of the Crown in a proclaimed mining district, under any law for the time being in force regulating the sale or acquisition of such lands, shall be deemed to have any right or title to the flow of any watercourse running through, in, or upon such lands which would interfere with or prejudice the right of any holder of a miner's right or mining lease to discharge into such watercourse any tailings, mining *debris*, or waste water produced or used in or upon any mining claim as aforesaid.

Mr. DE LAUTOUR to move, when in Committee on the Lands Bill, the following new clause, to follow clause :—

The Board shall not entertain any application for the purchase of waste lands situate within Crown lands, alienated under license or lease for pastoral purposes, although such application is accompanied by the written consent of the pastoral licensee or lessee, unless evidence is first furnished by the applicant that the exact locality, area, and boundaries have been accurately described in an advertisement inserted for three consecutive weeks in any newspaper published or circulating in the district in which the lands so applied for are situate.

Application to purchase lands upon runs with consent of runholder to be advertised before being entertained by Board.

Mr. O'RORKE to move the following new clause in the Public Libraries Act Amendment Bill :—

There shall be contributed to all free public libraries established or to be established under “The Public Libraries Act, 1869,” for every pound raised by any municipality or “Governing body” under the said Act one pound from the Colonial Treasury out of money to be appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of encouraging the establishment of free public libraries throughout the colony.