

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 27th Day of August, 1901.

TRUSTEE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. BUDDO, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

Authorisation of investment of trust funds in certain Harbour Board securities.

2. The following provisions are hereby added to subsection (d) of section fourteen of "The Trustees Act 1883 Amendment Act 1891," that is to say:—

(e.) In bonds, debentures, or other securities forming part of any loan of any Harbour Board heretofore or hereafter constituted or incorporated under "The Harbours Act, 1878," or any other Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, and whether or not such loan has been heretofore authorised or issued, or may be hereafter authorised or issued, in whole or in part: Provided always,—

Securities must form part of duly authorised loan.

(a.) That such bonds, debentures, or other securities form part of a loan issued under the authority of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand.

Boards must possess statutory rating-power sufficient to provide annual interest, or Auditor-General must certify that securities proper investment.

(b.) That the Board by which such bonds, debentures, or other securities are issued possesses statutory authority to rate its district, or allocate and levy contributions from local authorities within its district, for an amount sufficient to provide the annual interest payable in respect of the aggregate amount for which such bonds, debentures, or other securities shall at any time be issued, or for an amount sufficient to provide for payment of such interest after taking into account whatever sums of money may be available for such payment from the revenue of the Board for the previous year, until the loan is paid off; or, in the absence of such statutory authority, that the Auditor-General has certified in writing that in his opinion such loan affords a proper investment for trust funds.

Copy of certificate to be gazetted.

(c.) When any such certificate is granted, a copy thereof shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and production of the *Gazette* purporting to contain the same shall be sufficient evidence that it has been granted.

No liability for granting or withholding certificate, and holder of securities to have no claim on public revenues or General Government.

(d.) No liability shall attach to the Auditor-General for granting or withholding any such certificate, and no claim of any holder of bonds, debentures, or other securities in which trust funds are by this Act authorised to be invested shall attach to or be paid out of the public revenues of New Zealand, or by the General Government thereof.

Provisions of this Act to apply to existing and future trusts.

3. This Act shall apply to all trusts heretofore or hereafter created, and it shall be read with and deemed to form part of "The Trustee Act, 1883," and the several Acts amending the same.