

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 15th Day of November, 1932.

WELLINGTON CITY EMPOWERING AND AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. W. NASH, in Committee, to move to insert the following new clause:—

6B. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act the Council shall not take water from any well sunk in any of the boroughs of Petone, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt, or in any land owned by or within the jurisdiction of the Hutt River Board, save with the consent of the Hutt River Board and of the Borough Council, if any, within whose district such land is situate, and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Hutt River Board and such Borough Council in giving such consent.

Restraining Council's right to take supplies of artesian water from Hutt Valley.

(2) If at any time it appears to any such Borough Council that the taking of any water by the Council pursuant to such consent is reducing or is likely to reduce the supply of water in any wells used for the purpose of supplying water to any of the said boroughs, such Borough Council may by notice in writing require the Council either to discontinue taking such water as aforesaid, or to take only such quantities as are specified in such notice.

(3) The Council may within one month after serving of such notice appeal against the same to either a Magistrate or the Engineer-in-Chief of the Public Works Department, who, after causing a full investigation to be made, may either allow the appeal, dismiss the appeal, or modify the requirements of the notice in such manner as he thinks fit. The decision of the Magistrate or the Engineer-in-Chief shall be binding on the Council.

(4) For the purpose of this section "well" means any method of taking supplies of artesian water.

(5) The tribunal hearing such appeal shall have all the powers of a Commission appointed under the Royal Commission's Act, 1908.