

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 1884.

ELECTRIC LINES BILL.

The Hon. Mr. TOLE, in Committee, to move the amendments following:—

In clause 5, after "Governor," insert "or the Minister."

Clause 7, subsection (1). Omit "and" after "alteration," and substitute "or."

Clause 13. Omit "bodies or persons," and substitute "person."

Clause 14 to be omitted, and the following substituted:—

To stand in lieu of clause 14 of Bill:

The Governor may from time to time, on behalf of Her Majesty, enter into a contract or contracts with any person or persons under this Act,—

- (1.) For the construction and maintenance of an electric line upon condition that part of the expense of construction, working, and maintenance thereof is contributed by such persons either alone or in association with any other person or persons, or that Her Majesty is indemnified for any loss that may be incurred in such construction, working, or maintenance;
- (2.) For the construction and maintenance of an electric line for the use and convenience of any private person or persons for such payment or remuneration to the Commissioner on behalf of Her Majesty, and upon such terms and conditions as to the management, control, and working of such line, as may be agreed upon.

All the provisions of this Act, and any regulations for the time being in force thereunder, shall extend and apply to any works undertaken in pursuance of any such contract, and to the telegrams or communications sent or received upon any line constructed or maintained thereunder; but in the case of any line constructed or maintained for the use of any private person or persons the contract may provide that the provisions of this Act or any such regulations may be negatived or modified in such manner as the Commissioner shall think expedient.

To stand after clause 30 in Bill:

If any person wilfully sends or delivers, or causes to be sent or delivered, to any public officer, operator, clerk, or servant, for the purpose of being transmitted as a telegraphic message, any telegram or writing which purports to be signed or sent by any other person, the same being so signed or sent without such person's authority, or wrongfully signs any telegram with the name of any other person without such person's authority, or with the name of some fictitious person, or wilfully and without the authority of the sender alters any such telegram or writing, he shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year, or both.

Clause 67. Last line but one, after "Acts," insert "or any of them"; and in last line omit "under the said repealed Acts," and substitute "thereunder respectively."

ROAD BOARDS ACT 1882 AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. TOLE, in Committee, to move the addition of the following clauses to the Bill:—

Road Boards may apply funds for water supply, &c. 7. Every Road Board shall have power to expend any portion of the Road Board fund in the construction or maintenance of works for the purposes of irrigation or water supply, and in acquiring land for such purpose.

Portobello and Peninsula Road Boards. Term of office. 8. The Peninsula Road Board and the Portobello Road Board elected respectively under "The Portobello Road Board Enabling Act, 1882," shall be deemed to have been duly constituted as Road Boards under "The Road Boards Act, 1882;" and, notwithstanding the term of office of the said Boards has expired under the Act hereinabove first mentioned, the members of the said Boards shall continue in office and be deemed to have been validly in office from the time of the expiry of their office as aforesaid until the time fixed by this Act for their ceasing to hold office.

In the first week of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, one-half of the members of each of such Boards shall go out of office and new members shall be elected in their places; the order of retirement of such members shall be determined by lot as each Board may determine in its own case.

In the first week of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, all the members of the two Boards shall go out of office and a general election shall be held for new members of the said Boards, who shall hold office and retire therefrom in manner provided by section three of "The Road Boards Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1883."

Otago Heads Road District constituted. 9. All that portion of the Otago Peninsula situate eastward beyond the eastern boundary of the Portobello Road District, and commonly known as the Otago Heads Native Reserve, is hereby constituted a road district under "The Road Boards Act, 1882," by the name of the Otago Heads Road District, and there shall be a Road Board for such district, to consist of six members.

- (1.) The Governor shall appoint the day of the first election of the members of the Board, and the day of the first meeting of the Board, and may make all necessary appointments for the preparation of rolls and otherwise for carrying out such election.
- (2.) All the persons whose names are on the electoral roll of the Riding of Portobello Bay as county electors for such riding in respect of any qualification within that part of the said riding as lies to the eastward of the eastern boundary of the Portobello Road District, shall be electors for the first members of the Otago Heads Road Board.
- (3.) The members elected at such first election shall come into office on their election, and shall go out of office in the first week of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, when a general election shall be held for new members of the Board, who shall hold office and retire therefrom in manner provided by section three of "The Road Boards Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1883."

PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. BEETHAM, in Committee, to move the insertion after clause 18 of the following new clause:—

Board may collect tolls during wet season. 18A. Every Road Board may, in respect of an unmetalled district road, cause tolls to be collected upon all vehicles passing thereupon and upon the animals drawing the same during the period intervening between the *fifteenth* day of *May* in each year and the *sixteenth* day of *October* in the same year, and for such purpose may do all things as provided in the said Act in relation to the collection of tolls; but no tolls shall be collected upon animals passing upon any such road during such period if ridden or driven, and not harnessed and drawing any vehicle.

PRIVATE TRAMWAYS.

The Hon. Mr. RICHARDSON to move the following new clause to come immediately before clause 19 :—

Tramways may be constructed along streets or roads.

. Subject to the provisions of "The Private Tramways Act, 1882," any private tramway may be authorized to be constructed upon or along any part of any street or road.

WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES BILL.

Hon. Mr. BALLANCE, in Committee, to move the addition of the following to clause 11 :—

Saving as to equitable claims to leases.

Provided, however, that the Governor in Council, on being satisfied by the report of any Commissioner—

- (1.) That any Native entitled to land under an award which has become merged in a grant of lands to the tribe or hapu whereof he is a member had, previous to the issue of the grant, leased or agreed to lease the land so awarded to him ;
- (2.) That any such lease or agreement was made *bonâ fide*, and that the terms thereof were fair and equitable to the Native at the time of the making thereof ;

May confirm any lease of such lands for the term for which it was originally made, if a correct plan of the land so leased has been made and delineated on the lease by an authorized surveyor to the satisfaction of the Commissioner ; or may direct the interests of such Native lessor in the granted lands to be individualized, and a subdivision to be made of such lands equivalent to the interest of such Native therein, and may direct the Public Trustee to grant a lease thereof as aforesaid, notwithstanding anything contained in section eleven of the said Act.

LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. BALLANCE, in Committee, to move the insertion of the following new clause :—

After clause 3 :

Land Boards Inquiry Act to operate as to previous licenses.

The provisions of "The Land Boards Inquiry Act, 1883," shall operate and shall be deemed to have operated from the day of the passing thereof in respect of every lease or license and every lessee or licensee mentioned in the second section thereof, irrespective of the time of the granting of such lease or license.

Past forfeitures confirmed.

Every forfeiture heretofore declared by any Board under the powers of the Act hereinbefore last mentioned in respect of any lessee or licensee occupying land under any lease or license issued or granted before the passing of such Act, and every cancellation of any such lease or license is hereby confirmed, and shall take effect and be deemed to have taken effect from the day of the declaration of such forfeiture or of the order for such cancellation by the Board.

Every forfeiture and cancellation hereafter to be declared or made by the Board in respect of any lessee or licensee occupying as last aforesaid shall be valid and absolute without appeal, and shall take effect from the day of declaring or making the same by the Board.

Mr. BEETHAM to move the following new clauses after clause 13 :—

One-third of capitalized value to be paid to local bodies.

13A. When a deferred-payment selector has paid the whole capitalized value of the unpaid payments which he was liable to make in respect of his land, one-third of such value shall be paid to the County Council or Road Board which would have received the third of the annual payments in respect of such land, and shall be applied in manner as such annual payments would have to be applied by such Council or Board respectively.

One-third of rents from perpetual leases to be paid to local bodies.

13B. One-third of the rents paid from time to time in respect of lands leased with perpetual right of renewal under the provisions of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," contained in sections numbered two to forty-nine inclusive, shall be handed over to the County Council or Road Board of the district within which such land is situated, to be expended in the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges in such district.

Mr. O'CONNOR to move the addition of the following new clause after clause 20:—

Homestead system to be in force within Nelson.

20A. Subject to the general power of the Land Board in respect of the disposal of the rural lands within the Land District of Nelson, the said lands may be disposed of in the manner generally known as the "homestead system" in force in the Land District of Auckland.

For the purpose of this section, sections one, two, and three of Appendix A annexed to "The Land Act, 1877," are hereby enacted, and shall be in force within the Land District of Nelson from the date of the passing of this Act.

WESTPORT COLLIERY RESERVE.

Grant of future leases.

20B. The following provision shall have operation in respect of the Westport Colliery Reserve, as the same is defined in the Fourth Schedule to "The Westland and Nelson Coal Fields Administration Act, 1877," and shall be read as part of the said Act, that is to say,—

When any part of such reserve now under lease shall on the expiration or determination thereof be again leased, the subsections following shall be acted on:—

- (1.) The improvements made by the lessee or his tenant on the land comprised in any such lease shall be valued in such manner as the Board shall direct.
- (2.) The upset price of each lot shall be fixed by the Board without reference to the improvements thereon made by the lessee or his tenant before the passing of this Act.
- (3.) The lessee or his heirs shall have the right to a renewal of lease for such term of years as the Board may direct, at the price fixed by the Board by the preceding subsection.
- (4.) The purchaser of the lease shall pay, as a premium or foregift, the value of the improvements to be so fixed as aforesaid.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. ROSS, in Committee, to move the addition of the following clauses:—

Council may execute works in prevention of floods.

4. The Council may make drains or channels for carrying off any overflow water from a stream, and may apply the borough funds in or towards the removing from any stream, channel, or watercourse, any stones, gravel, timber, or anything whatsoever which impedes the free flow of the water, and is the cause, or, in the opinion of the Council, may, in the event of freshes or floods, be the cause of damage to any public or private property within the borough.

SPECIAL SEPARATE LOANS.

Separate rates may be levied for works in part of borough.

5. Where it appears that any work which the Council is authorized to execute is for the special benefit of any particular portion of the borough, the Council may, for defraying the expenses incurred in executing such work, by special order distinctly defining such portion, make and levy a separate rate; but the total amount of all such separate rates made for any one year in any part of the borough shall not exceed *one shilling* in the pound.

Such rate to be made on petition.

No such special order shall be made unless a petition shall be presented to the Council praying that a separate rate may be made and levied, signed by a majority of the ratepayers in such portion of the borough liable to be rated to such separate rate.

How moneys to be applied.

The Council shall apply the moneys collected and received from any such portion of the borough respectively by virtue of any such separate rate or rates towards the expense of such works as herein mentioned, or towards recouping themselves the expense of any such works which may have been constructed before such separate rate was resolved on.

Special loan
may be raised
in separate
parts of
borough.

6. The Council, with the consent of the burgesses of any particular portion of the borough, to be ascertained as provided by the said Act in relation to a proposal to raise a special loan, may from time to time raise a special loan for the purpose of doing some work or improvement in such part of the borough, and may make and levy a separate rate on such part as a security for such loan and to provide for the payment of interest thereon and the repayment thereof.

In any such case, and for the purpose of ascertaining the consent of the burgesses as aforesaid, and before the poll is taken on the proposal to raise such special loan, the Town Clerk shall make up a separate roll of the burgesses whose names appear on the burgess roll of the borough or any ward thereof in respect of a qualification situate in the particular portion of the borough aforesaid, in the same manner, except as aforesaid, as such Clerk is required by section five of "The Municipal Corporations Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1877," to make up a special roll of burgesses on any proposal to raise a special loan for the entire borough.