

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 27th day of October, 1884.

ON GOING INTO COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

Mr. MACANDREW to move, That the Government be requested to prepare a measure during the recess to enable loans through the Public Trustee or otherwise to be made, at a low rate of interest to local bodies, for drainage works, and to actual cultivation of the soil for material improvements.

MINES ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.

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

After clause 3 to insert the following:—

3A. Section sixty-four of "The Mines Act, 1877," is hereby amended by the omission of the word "Warden" and the substitution therefor of the words "Resident Magistrate."

3B. Every lease or license authorizing the occupation of land within a mining district, and purporting to be executed in manner provided by the Act last aforesaid, or any regulations thereunder for the time being in force, shall be received in evidence in all Courts, and it shall not be necessary in any case to prove that the same was executed or issued under the authority of the said Act or any such regulations.

COUNTIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. RICHARDSON, in Committee, to move the insertion of the following additional clause:—

Manawatu County may raise loan to complete Carnarvon-Sanson Tramway. 18. For the purpose of completing the tramway from Carnarvon Station to Sanson, the Council of the County of Manawatu may raise a special loan under the said Act, not exceeding six thousand pounds, subject to the consent of the ratepayers of the several ridings of the county being obtained thereto, in manner as provided by the said Act and this Act.

WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES BILL.

[In substitution of the matter on the Supplementary Order Paper of the 14th October.]

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

After clause 9, to insert the following new clauses:—

Extended power of confirming leases. 9A. Notwithstanding anything contained in section eighteen of the said Act, the Governor in Council may confirm any lease such as is mentioned in the *last preceding* section, which may have been granted prior to the passing of the said Act, but subsequently to the passing of "The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners' Trials Act, 1879;" but every such confirmation shall be made in manner and subject to all the conditions required in the *last preceding* section.

Leases when confirmed may be surrendered for new leases. 9B. The Public Trustee may accept from the lessees surrender of any lease confirmed by the Governor in Council under the said Act or this Act, and in lieu of such leases may grant new leases of the land comprised in the surrendered lease, at a rental to be computed on the improved value of such land, on such terms, subject to the said Act and this Act, and to all regulations made thereunder, as may be agreed upon between the Public Trustee, the Native owners of the land, and the lessees.

Saving as to
equitable claims
to leases.

Clause 11, to add the following words:—

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

- (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 Public Trustee ; 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.