SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 15th day of September, 1885.

WAIMEA PLAINS RAILWAY RATING BILL.

Mr. COWAN, in Committee, to move the following new clause :—

Proposed rates in future to be submitted to ratepayers.

13A. From and after the passing of this Act the company shall, not later than *twenty-eight* days before, and not less than once in *four* consecutive weeks previous to, forwarding an application to the Minister for Public Works for his direction to raise a rate under the said Acts, publish in some newspaper having general circulation in the railway district a notice of its intention to make such application, and, together with such notice, shall publish a balance-sheet showing the deficiency between the receipts and the working expenses and charges of the railway by reason whereof the rate is declared necessary.

A copy of each newspaper containing such notice shall be transmitted by the company to the Minister at the time of forwarding their application as aforesaid, and if not so transmitted the Minister shall refuse to give his direction for raising the rate.