

# Supplementary Order Paper.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Tuesday, the 24th Day of August, 1920.

ARMS BILL.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS BELL, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2: To insert, after the definition of the term "pistol," the following definition:—

"Automatic pistol" includes not only the weapon known as an automatic pistol, but also every weapon of a description substantially similar to the weapon so known:

Clause 2: To add at the end of the clause the following definition:—

"Unlawful weapon" means an automatic pistol, and includes any other weapon or class of weapon, whether a firearm or not, that may be declared by the Governor-General by Proclamation to be an unlawful weapon within the meaning and for the purposes of this Act.

Clause 3: To omit this clause, and substitute the following new clause:—

Possession of  
automatic  
pistols and  
other unlawful  
weapons.

3A. (1.) Except as provided in subsection *four* hereof, every person who, on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is in possession of an automatic pistol, or of any part or parts of an automatic pistol, or of any part or parts specially intended or adapted for use as part of an automatic pistol, or who, on or after that date, is in possession of any ammunition specially intended or adapted for use with an automatic pistol, or attempts to procure or does any act with intent to procure possession of any such pistol, part, or ammunition, shall be guilty of an offence against this section.

(2.) Except as provided in subsection *four* hereof, every person who is in possession, at the commencement of this Act, of any automatic pistol, or of any part or parts of an automatic pistol, or of any part or parts specially intended or adapted for use as part of an automatic pistol, or of any ammunition specially intended or adapted for use with an automatic pistol, shall, before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, cause the same to be destroyed or exported from New Zealand, or deliver the same to an officer of police authorized in that behalf, and if he fails so to do he shall be guilty of an offence against this section.

(3.) Except as provided in subsection *four* hereof, every person who is at any time in possession of any weapon declared by the Governor-General to be an unlawful weapon within the meaning of

this Act, shall, before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, or before the expiry of one month after the publication in the *Gazette* of the Proclamation declaring such weapon to be an unlawful weapon (whichever is the later date), cause the same to be destroyed or exported from New Zealand, or deliver the same to an officer of police authorized in that behalf, and if he fails so to do he shall be guilty of an offence against this section.

(4.) The Minister of Defence may, by license in writing, authorize any person who has served beyond the seas as a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, or any near relative of that member, to retain possession of any unlawful weapon which that member has used beyond the seas, or which he has brought with him from beyond the seas, subject, however, to such conditions as to user or custody as the said Minister may impose. Any such license may at any time be revoked by the Minister without notice.

(5.) The Minister of Finance shall pay out of the Consolidated Fund full compensation for the value of all weapons, ammunition, or parts delivered to an officer of police under the foregoing provisions of this section.

(6.) Every person who commits an offence against this section shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for *three* months or to a fine of *one hundred* pounds.

To add the following new clause:—

Explosive and  
Dangerous  
Goods Act not  
affected by this  
Act.

28. Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to annul, or to derogate from, the provisions of the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908.