

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 21st day of July, 1886.

COUNTIES BILL.

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

Clause 46. Add the following:—

In counties wherein there are less than nine ridings the readjustment of representation shall be made upon the following basis, that is to say,—

(1.) There shall be not less than one member for every riding, and there shall not be more than nine members in the whole:

(2.) The gross amount of the county rates levied in the several ridings shall be divided by nine (the maximum number of members permitted for a Council) and every riding which is found to be contributing more than one-ninth part of such rates shall be entitled to an additional member in respect of every complete ninth part so contributed after the first ninth, beginning with the highest contributing riding first, and so down to the lowest, until the full number of the Council is made up; but if such number is not made up, then additional representation shall be made in like manner to the ridings contributing the largest fraction of a ninth part after the first complete ninth part contributed by them respectively, and so down until such full number is made up.

Provided always that when such periodical adjustment of representation is considered as provided it shall be competent for the Council, by special order, to alter the boundaries of the several ridings in conformity with the provisions of this Act, so as to proportion, as evenly as possible, representation to rateable value.

After clause 53 insert—

53A. If any petition for the merger of a road district under the *last-preceding* section shall include a prayer that the Council may, if necessary, levy a separate rate within such road district for the purpose of providing for any outstanding liabilities of the Road Board thereof, and no counter-petition is presented as aforesaid, then the County Council shall forthwith make a special order merging such road district in the county.

If such special order shall not be made within two months after the petition is received by the Council, the Governor, on similar petition from the ratepayers of the road district, may abolish such district by Proclamation and declare the same merged in the county.

Clause 157, line 11. After "providing," insert "the interest or"; line 15, after "providing," insert "interest or."

Clause 158, line 20. After "provide," insert "the interest or."

Clause 179, line 23. After "Treasurer," insert "shall refuse or neglect to prepare and send to the Auditors any balance-sheet as mentioned in section *one hundred and seventy-seven* within the time therein limited, or if he."

Clause 181. Add the following paragraphs :—

If the yearly balance-sheets and statements, with any exceptions (if any) by the Auditors, are not published as aforesaid within the first ten days of May, the Chairman and every Councillor shall be separately liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds, and to a further penalty of a like amount for every day during which such default shall continue after the said ten days :

And any such penalty may be recovered in a Court of competent jurisdiction by any person who may sue for the same.

If any such balance-sheet and statement is published, and the exceptions (if any) are not published therewith, or if any such balance-sheet is not correctly published, then and in either case it shall be deemed to be not published, and any person may sue for the penalties hereinbefore provided for making default in publishing the same.

Clause 182, line 50. Omit “may desire to make,” insert “have made.”

Clause 188. Omit all words after “lawful authority” in line 47, insert :—

The money so recovered shall be paid into the County Fund, and the costs shall be paid into the Public Account, or to the ratepayer who may have incurred the same, as the case may be.

The Auditors or Auditor shall, at the request of any ratepayer taking proceedings under this section, send him a certified copy of the report relating thereto, which shall be received as evidence of the contents of such report unless the contrary be proved.

Clause 205. Add the following paragraph :—

It shall be sufficient if the signatures of any persons to any coupon heretofore issued or hereafter to be issued be lithographed on such coupon or impressed thereon by means of a stamp.

Clause 209, line 36. Omit “current,” insert “ordinary”; line 43, omit “aforesaid,” insert “in this section mentioned.”

Clause 217. Omit “in the payment thereof,” insert “by the aforesaid Commissioners in the payment thereof; and in case there shall be any surplus of such fund after such payment, such surplus shall be applied as shall be determined by special order in that behalf.”

Clause 239, line 9. Omit “Minister for Public Works,” insert “The Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.”

Clause 245, line 17. After “riding” insert “or ridings.”

Clause 271, line 27. After “subdivision” insert “or six farthings in the pound on the rateable property in districts constituted under section *two hundred and sixty-eight*.”

After clause 292, insert—

Rifle Ranges.

The Council may, from time to time, apply any portion of the county funds to the establishment and maintenance of rifle ranges, with butts, targets, and all other necessary appliances, and may purchase or otherwise acquire any land necessary for the purpose, or may take the same as for a public work under “The Public Works Act, 1882,” and pay compensation for the same out of the aforesaid funds.

Clauses 314, 315, and 316. *In order to agree with clause 183* omit “first day of May,” insert respectively “thirtieth day of June.”

The Honourable Mr. BATHGATE, in Committee, to move :—

That the following words be inserted in the 35th line, page 68, section 300, after the word “County”: “And for enforcing the eradication and preventing the spread of the plant known as ‘the Californian thistle’ or other noxious weed.”

The Honourable Mr. BARNICOAT, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

99A. The Council may, out of the funds of the county, from time to time make such annual or other allowance to the Chairman, so long as he shall continue Chairman, by way of salary as they may think fit.

EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES AND OTHERS ACT 1881 AMENDMENT BILL.

The Honourable the COLONIAL SECRETARY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

After subsection (4) of section 3, insert the following:—

3A. Any Borough or County Council or Town Board may, in any special order made under section three of "The Employment of Females and Others Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1885," or by resolutions subsequently passed from time to time, except from the operation of such order any factory wherein machinery is kept continuously running throughout the week until Saturday; and in any such case the females, young persons, and children employed in such factory shall have holiday on Saturday afternoon, as provided by the last-preceding section.

Where any such special order as aforesaid has come into force previously to the passing of this Act, the Council or Board which made such order may at any time, or from time to time, pass resolutions to the effect above mentioned.

Transpose sections 10 and 11.

COAL MINES BILL.

Honourable Mr. BONAR, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2, line 22. Erase the words "or any lease granted thereunder."

Clause 4, line 3. Erase "and subject as aforesaid." Add the following subclause:—

In the exercise of the aforesaid power the Board may grant leases for raising coal from any seam which may lie under the sea, or any part of the foreshore thereof below high-water mark, or under any tidal river, anything contained in "The Harbours Act, 1878," notwithstanding; and all persons taking coal from any such seams as aforesaid, unless duly authorized in that behalf as herein provided, shall be deemed to be in the illegal occupation of Crown lands within the meaning of this Act.

Clause 4, subsection (1), line 4. Before the word "may," insert the words "subject as mentioned in the *last-preceding* section the Board." In same line, strike out the words "lignite or."

Clause 16. After line 43, insert the following new paragraph:—

If any manager is incapacitated from performing his duties, or is about to be unavoidably absent for more than three days, he or the agent shall appoint some fit person to act as deputy-manager during such illness or absence; but no such deputy shall act for more than fourteen days unless authorized to do so by the Inspector.

Clause 17, line 11. Strike out the word "six," and insert the word "twelve."

Clause 18, line 32. After the word "mine," insert "below ground."

Clause 21, line 14. Erase the words "or for more than eight hours in any twenty-four hours."

Clause 24, subsection (1), line 15. Erase the words "as a minimum."

Paragraph (b), line 26. Erase the word "six," and insert "one." Same paragraph, line 27, strike out the letter "s" from the word "days."

Erase subsection (9).

Subsection (16), lines 27 and 28. Erase the words "at least six feet six inches above the floor of the cage."

Erase subsection (17).

Subsection (19), line 44. After the word "brace," insert "or pit bank."

Subsection (22), lines 8 and 9. Erase the words "used for such purposes shall be of steel wire; and such wire ropes."

Erase subsection (27).

Subsection (30), line 7. After the word "shall," insert "if ordered by the Inspector."

Subsection (44), line 26. Erase the word "one," and insert "two." Add the letter "s" to the word "hour."

Clause 38, subsection (3), line 51. After the word "any," insert "material."

Clause 48, line 39. Erase the letter "n" from the word "an," and thereafter insert the word "serious."

Clause 53, subsection (4), line 26. Erase the word "ten," and insert "fifty."

Clause 54, lines 41 and 42. Erase the words "subject to approval of the Minister."

Clause 54, subsection (2), line 48. After the word "paid," insert "as the arbitrators may award." Same subsection, lines 48, 49, and 50. Erase the words "by the parties against whom the award shall be given by such arbitrators; but no costs shall be awarded to be paid by or on behalf of the Governor."

Clause 54, page 28, subsection (2), line 8. After the word "fail," insert "to act in the matter referred to them within fourteen days after their appointment, or shall fail." Same clause, after subsection (5), insert the following new subsection:—

(6.) Whenever the Minister is a party to an arbitration each party shall appoint their own arbitrator, and a Judge of the Supreme Court, to be nominated by the Governor, shall be the umpire between the said arbitrators.

Clause 55, line 27. After the word "shall," insert "wilfully or negligently." Add the following new paragraphs:—

But no owner of any mine shall be entitled to claim or to recover any contribution as aforesaid under this section unless he shall have left a barrier of solid coal or unworked ground not less than thirty-three yards thick along the entire line of the boundary dividing his mine from any adjoining mine.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to apply to any existing lease or mine in operation.

Clause 56, subsection (3), line 48. Erase the words "or School of Mines."

Also, page 29, line 1. Erase the words "or School of Mines."