

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 12th day of November, 1877.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The Honourable Mr. BUCKLEY, in Committee on the Education Bill, to move the addition of the following new clauses :—

The Committee of any school may set apart one-half school day in every week during which any minister or ministers of religion, or person or persons appointed by them, and approved by the local Committee, may impart religious instruction to such of the children on the books of the school as may belong to his or their religious denominations : Provided that no child or children shall be allowed to attend at such instruction except on a written request to that effect addressed to the teacher by the parents or guardians of such children.

Whenever any twenty-five or more householders in any education district shall signify in writing to the Education Board of such district their desire to be constituted into a separate body for educational purposes, it shall be the duty of the Board to convene a meeting of such householders for the election of a School Committee in the manner provided in Part III. of this Act, and it shall be lawful for the Board to grant the Committee so elected such aid in books, school apparatus, and money as the Board shall think expedient, or, at the option of the Committee, such aid may be granted in money only, inclusive of the value of such books and school apparatus as would otherwise be supplied by the Board : Provided always that every such Committee shall provide a schoolhouse or schoolhouses to the satisfaction of the Board, and shall appoint and pay the teacher or teachers of such school or schools, every such teacher having first obtained a certificate of competency, as provided in section forty-four of this Act: Provided also that all books used in any such school shall be approved by the Board, and that in every respect wherein no special exception is made in this section, every such school shall be a public school under this Act, and subject to the provisions which this Act makes for the conduct, management, and inspection of public schools, and that every such school shall be open to all children between the ages of five and fifteen years without fee or payment of any kind.

The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE, in Committee on the Public Reserves Bill, to move the following amendments:—

Section 4, line 4, after the word "purpose," to insert the following words:—"and all lands vested in the Superintendent of any former province by purchase, or in any other manner, for the aforesaid purpose."

After section 16, to insert the following additional sections:—

17. Sections *twelve to sixteen*, both inclusive, of this Act shall be deemed to apply in all cases of Crown grants of public reserves and Native reserves whensoever the same may have been or may be issued under any Act.

18. Whenever any public reserve, or any part thereof, which has at any time heretofore, or which may hereafter be granted to any corporation, governing body, trustees, or other persons, under the provisions of any Act, and which has not been absolutely alienated by the grantees thereof, shall be required as the site of any customhouse, post office, Court of justice, gaol, telegraph office, or other public building for the use of the Government of the colony or any department thereof, or for any purpose of public utility or convenience connected with the administration of the government of the colony, it shall be lawful for the Governor, in the name of Her Majesty, after a notice published for four consecutive weeks in the *New Zealand Gazette*, to resume to Her Majesty so much of the land comprised within any such reserve as may be required for any of the purposes aforesaid, without paying any compensation for the resumption of any such land.

From and after the day of the publication of the last of the aforesaid *Gazette* notices, any land that shall be so resumed by Her Majesty shall vest in Her Majesty absolutely, freed from and discharged of any trust upon which any such land may have been granted: Provided always that full compensation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed in Part III. of "The Public Works Act, 1876," shall be paid for all buildings standing upon the land so resumed at the time of the resumption thereof.

The Honourable Mr. MENZIES, in Committee on the Education Reserves Bill, to move the following new clauses:—

The Governor in Council may, on twelve months' notice being given to any lessee of any portion of any education reserve, other than a reserve for a university, by proclamation, declare such reserve or any part thereof open for sale under the waste lands laws in force in the provincial district in which such reserve is situated; but all proceeds arising from the sale of any such reserve shall be received by the School Commissioners of the district within which such reserve is situated, and held in trust for investment on real security, or in Government or municipal debentures issued in the colony, and the income, interest, and profits arising from such investment shall be dealt with in the manner provided in section *twenty-one*.