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## SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 25th Day of August, 1893.

## ELECTORAL BILL.

THE Hon. Mr. W. C. WALKER, to move in Committee the following amendments:—

In clause 3: Strike out "Commercial traveller," "Seaman," and the paragraphs relating thereto, and insert in lieu thereof: "Absent voter" means any elector who shall have reason to believe that he will be absent from the electoral district where he is registered on the day of election."

In clause 61: Strike out "who is a seaman or commercial traveller as herein respectively defined," and insert in lieu thereof, "who shall have reason to believe that he will be absent from the electoral district in which he is registered as a voter on the day of election."

In clause 62, line 30: Strike out "seaman or commercial traveller," and insert "absent voter" in lieu thereof.

Line 39: Strike out "seaman or commercial traveller," and insert "absent voter" in lieu thereof.

In subclause (2), line 40: After the word "issued" omit rest of subclause.

Omit subclause (3).

Line 52: Omit "seamen and commercial travellers," and insert "absent voters" in lieu thereof.

In clause 64, lines 14, 15, and 16: Omit "if a seaman, to the Collector of Customs at any port; if a commercial traveller," and insert in lieu thereof, "expecting to be an absent voter."

Line 47: Strike out "seaman or commercial traveller," and insert "absent voter" in lieu thereof.

Clause 65, line 39: Strike out "seaman" and insert "absent voter" in lieu thereof.

Omit clause 66.

Eighth Schedule: Omit schedule as printed, and insert in lieu thereof—

## EIGHTH SCHEDULE.

## VOTING BY ABSENT VOTERS.

## FORM A.

*Application for an Elector's Right.*

To the Registrar of the Electoral District of

I [*name in full*] being a registered elector whose name is on the electoral roll for this district, claim to have an elector's right issued to me, in respect that I have reason to believe that I will be absent from the electoral district on the day of election.

*Signature:*

*Address:*

Signed and declared by the claimant, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_  
before me

Registrar of Electors for the District of \_\_\_\_\_

Form B: Omit "seaman [*or commercial traveller*]," and insert "absent voter" in lieu thereof.

Form C: Omit "to the Collector of Customs at the Port of \_\_\_\_\_ or."

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

Clause 85: That the word "it" in line 1, be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof: "The ballot-papers shall be bound in books of convenient size, and shall be consecutively numbered; each ballot-paper shall have a number printed on the back, and shall have attached a counterfoil with the same number printed on the face; at the time of voting the ballot-paper shall be stamped with an official mark and delivered to the voter within the polling-booth, and the number of such voter on the roll shall be marked on the counterfoil. The poll."

That clause 100 be struck out, and the following new clause inserted :—

Every Returning Officer shall place a mark against the name of each elector on the roll who has received a ballot-paper, as evidence that he has voted, but without showing the particular ballot-paper which he has received.

That there be inserted in clause 113, after subsection (1), the following subsection :—

The books of the counterfoils of the ballot-papers; and

THE Hon. Sir G. S. WHITMORE, K.C.M.G., to move in Committee the following amendments :—

Clause 6, subsection (1), line 39: After the word "freehold" insert the words "or leasehold."

Clause 11: Add "Notwithstanding anything in the Defence Act of 1886 contained, it shall be lawful for any officer or member of the Permanent Militia, during the time he shall continue therein, to register as a voter, and to vote for the election of a member of the General Assembly."

THE Hon. Mr. KELLY, to move in Committee the following amendment :—

Clause 2: After the word "Act," in the tenth line, that the following words be inserted: viz., "Provided that no woman, though duly registered as an elector, shall be capable of voting at any election of a member of the House of Representatives until the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four."

THE Hon. Mr. HART, to move in Committee the following new clause :—

A. No elector for the Electoral District of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, or Dunedin shall at any election vote for more than one candidate. It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer to lay aside any voting-paper which purports to be a vote for two or more candidates.

THE Hon. Mr. FELDWICK, to move in Committee the following new clause :—

B. Unless a candidate at an election receives an absolute majority of the votes recorded, the Returning Officer shall not declare such candidate to be elected; and in such case the Returning Officer shall, within clear days, proceed to take a second poll, after giving the notices in that behalf required by law, at which second poll only the two candidates who have received the largest number of votes at the first poll shall be entitled to be candidates; and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes at such second poll shall be declared to be elected.