

Supplementary Order Paper.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 2nd Day of December, 1927.

ELECTRIC-POWER BOARDS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Clause 8: To omit this clause, and substitute the following new clause:—

Partial exemption from general rates levied by Board in respect of properties in district for which electric power has not been made available.

8A. Section fifty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsections:—

“(3) Before making a uniform rate under this section the Board may, by special order, determine that the full amount of such rate shall be payable with respect only to properties for which at the time of making such rate a supply of electric power will be available at the boundary thereof or at a point within ten chains of such boundary, either from the Board or from any licensee or other authority, and that with respect to properties for which such supply will not then be so available such portion only of the rate, as may be fixed by the special order, shall be payable, notwithstanding that with respect to any such property the whole rate may be demanded.

“(4) It shall be the duty of the Clerk of any local authority that collects the proceeds of any rate under this section on behalf of the Board to supply to the Board on the last day of each month a written statement setting forth the names of all ratepayers in the district of such local authority who have during that month claimed that in accordance with the provisions of this section they are liable for portion only of the rate, together with a description of the several properties in question or a sufficient reference thereto to enable such properties to be identified.

“(5) In any proceedings for the recovery of a rate to which this section applies a certificate in writing under the hand of the Engineer or other responsible officer of the Board to the effect that electric power was, at the time the rate was made, available for any property to the extent referred to in subsection *three* hereof, shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

“(6) For the purposes of this section every continuous area of land occupied and used as one holding shall be deemed to be a separate property. Any such area shall be deemed to be continuous, notwithstanding that it may be severed by a public road, or by a railway or river, if it is in fact occupied and used as one property.”

Clause 10, subclause (1): To insert, after the word “Where” in line 8, the words “at any time after the passing of this Act”; to add to the proviso the following words: “and that the amount of any payments suspended as aforesaid shall, after the period of suspension has expired, be paid to the sinking fund in accordance with the directions of the Local Government Loans Board.”

Clause 16: To omit the word “January,” and substitute the word “March.”

Clause 17: To insert, in paragraph (a) before the word “mortgage” in line 36, the words “duly registered”; and to omit from paragraph (b) the words “a mortgage or mortgages” in line 38, and substitute the words “any duly registered mortgage or mortgages.”

Clause 20, subclause (1): To omit from lines 1 and 2 the words “the required.”