

## SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 14th day of August, 1885.

## TOWN OF INVERCARGILL LOANS CONSOLIDATION BILL.

The Hon. Dr. POLLEN, in Committee, to move the following new clauses, to follow clause 3:—

**A.** The moneys to be borrowed under this Act shall be raised only by way of special loan with the consent of the ratepayers of the Town of Invercargill, in the same manner as special loans are authorized to be raised under the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876;" and for such purpose the consent of the aforesaid ratepayers shall be ascertained by a poll, to be taken in manner following, that is to say,—

**B.** (1.) The Council shall publish in the borough once in each week, for four successive weeks, a notice setting forth—

(a.) The particular work proposed to be undertaken:

(b.) The sum proposed to be borrowed for such purpose:

(c.) Any special rate or tolls, or the rents and profits of any property which it is proposed to pledge as security for such loan, not being moneys received by way of grant from the Government, or moneys theretofore pledged as security for any loan or appropriated to any special purpose.

(2.) The Mayor shall call a meeting of the burgesses for a day not more than ten days after the last publication of such notice, to consider the said proposal, and shall preside at such meeting; and after due consideration and discussion of the proposal the Mayor may give notice that a poll will be taken thereon.

(3.) The poll shall be taken as follows:—

(a.) The Mayor shall publish a notice setting forth the day, not less than one nor more than three weeks from the day of the said meeting, on which the poll shall be taken.

(b.) The Mayor shall give notice in writing to the Returning Officer, requiring him to take the poll upon the day so appointed.

(c.) There shall be only one polling-booth at some central part of the borough; and every burgess shall be entitled to vote at any such poll taken in the borough in any part of which he is enrolled, according to the scale set opposite his name on the special roll for such borough.

But in no case shall any burgess have the right to exercise more than five votes in the whole at any such poll as aforesaid.

(d.) The Returning Officer shall upon the said day proceed to take the poll in the manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," for taking a poll at any election, and shall provide voting-papers and all other things necessary for taking the poll.

(e.) The voting-papers shall be printed in the form following, and shall contain in full the notice mentioned in the *first* section.

Notice of special loan to be published.

Mayor to call a meeting of burgesses and give notice of poll.

How poll to be taken.

Form of polling-paper.

## FORM OF VOTING-PAPER FOR SPECIAL LOANS.

PROPOSAL to raise a Special Loan, upon which a poll will be taken upon the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_.

[Insert the notice required by subsection one.]

1. I vote *for* the above proposal.
2. I vote *against* the above proposal.

N.B.—The voter must erase the line marked 2, if he wishes to vote *for* the proposal; and line 1, if he wishes to vote *against* it.

- (f.) The voter shall erase one or other of the said lines, and his vote shall be deemed to be given according to the one of the said lines which he leaves un erased.
- (g.) All the provisions of "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," as regards taking a poll, shall, so far as they are applicable, and except as by this section otherwise provided, apply to the taking a poll on the proposal to raise a special loan.

When proposal for a special loan deemed to be carried.

(4.) If the number of votes given for the proposal is not less than three-fifths of the votes which may be given by the total number of burgesses, then and not otherwise, the resolution in favour of the proposal shall be deemed to be carried, and the Council may proceed with the proposal accordingly; but, if not, then the resolution shall be deemed to be rejected, and the Council shall not so proceed.

Mayor to declare number polled.

(5.) The Mayor shall forthwith give public notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the proposal as above provided, and shall declare the resolution to be carried or rejected as the case may be.

Mayor to send result of polling to Colonial Secretary.

(6.) When any such resolution is carried, the Mayor shall send a notice thereof to the Colonial Secretary, who shall publish the same in the *Gazette*, and such notice so published shall be evidence that the raising of the loan to which it refers has been duly authorized.

## FISHERIES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.

The Hon. Mr. BUCKLEY to move the following new clauses:—

After clause 13,—

A. For the encouragement of seal fisheries, the Governor from time to time may grant leases of any part of the foreshore of the sea on the coast-line of the colony, or of any islands therein, or of any bay, estuary, or other inlet of the sea, and of so much land adjacent to any such foreshore as he shall think sufficient for the use of the persons employed in the seal fishing, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1.) The applicant for any such lease as aforesaid shall publish a notice of such intended application by advertisement, to be repeated once during four consecutive weeks, in one or more newspapers circulating in the county wherein or nearest adjacent to the foreshore or land proposed to be leased, and in such other newspapers as the Governor shall think fit, and describing with reasonable certainty the position of such foreshore or land.
- (2.) Every lease shall be disposed of by public tender, of which not less than thirty days' public notice shall be given by advertisement, as mentioned in subsection one.
- (3.) Every lease shall be for a term of twenty-one years, with right of renewal for a like term at the expiration of each period of twenty-one years, subject to a new valuation of the premises leased as provided in the case of leases of land with right of renewal under "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," which shall be deemed, so far as applicable, to be incorporated with this Act.
- (4.) Every lease shall set forth the limits and boundaries of the area to which such lease extends, and shall be subject to such conditions and restrictions, and the payment of such rent, and in such manner, as shall be prescribed therein.

- (5.) Every lease shall be subject to a condition that any part of the area affected thereby may, at any time after not less than three months' notice, be resumed, if needed for the purpose of constructing any public works on such area, without the lessee being entitled to claim any compensation in respect of such resumption.
- (6.) No lease shall include within the area described to be affected thereby any part of a public reserve or any land reserved for public purposes.
- (7.) No lease shall be deemed to give the exclusive right or title to the occupation of the foreshore except for the purpose of seal fishery, or prevent the full and free exercise and enjoyment of any right whatsoever in or along the said shore.

B. Before being admitted into occupation of the land leased the lessee shall enter into a bond, himself in the sum of *five hundred* pounds, with two approved sureties in the sum of *two hundred and fifty* pounds each, that he shall conform to any regulations as the Governor may prescribe from time to time in relation to such lease or occupation.

C. The Governor, by Order in Council, may from time to time prescribe such regulations as he shall think fit for regulating the conduct of seal fisheries by any lessee under this Act, and by any such Order in Council may declare that by the breach of any such regulation any lessee shall be deemed to have forfeited his lease.

D. The Commissioner of Crown Lands in the land district wherein any land leased as aforesaid is situate shall, in respect of such land and the lessee thereof, have all the powers and authorities as he has in relation to Crown lands and leases or licenses thereof, under "The Land Act, 1877," or any Act amending the same.

E. If any lessee shall be guilty of a breach of any Act for the time being in force relating to the preservation of seals, and shall hunt, take, or kill any seals during any season when it is prohibited, such lessee shall, *ipso facto*, on conviction thereof, forfeit his lease over and above any penalty he may have become liable to in respect of such offence.