

## SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 16th day of December, 1887

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL.

The Honourable Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., in Committee, to move, That clause seventeen of the Bill be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—

17. (1.) Where out of any Crown lands or public reserve upon which any railway has been or may hereafter be constructed, no definite area or part of such lands or reserve has been or may be taken by Proclamation for railway purposes, it shall in any such case be deemed that a width of two chains of such lands or reserve (one chain to each side of the centre line of the railway) has been taken for the purposes of such railway and shall be included within the limits thereof, and for all purposes be deemed to be part of such railway, and shall vest in the Commissioners accordingly.

(2.) If at any time it is desired that any such lands or portion of a reserve so deemed to be part of any railway, or any part thereof respectively, shall cease to be part of such railway, the Commissioners may, by an instrument to be executed by them in accordance with this Act, surrender or otherwise transfer and convey the same to Her Majesty, or as the Governor on her behalf may direct; and all land so surrendered or otherwise transferred and conveyed as aforesaid shall return to its original *status* as Crown land or public reserve as the case may be, unless the Governor otherwise directs.

(3.) Nothing herein shall interfere with any public road or street on any such lands or reserve within the area so included in the railway and lying along, adjacent to, or crossed by any such railway, except under and subject to the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1882," and its amendments; nor shall anything herein affect any sale, lease, or other disposition of any such lands or reserve heretofore made and which may be at variance with this enactment.

(4.) For the purposes of this enactment the expressions "Crown lands" and "public reserve" have the same meanings as are attached thereto respectively by "The Land Act, 1885," and "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."