

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 30th day of August, 1870.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. WATERHOUSE, in Committee upon the Immigration and Public Works Bill, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2, line 8, after "roads," insert "if not already sufficiently formed for the purposes of carriage traffic."

Clause 15, strike out the words in line 15 "or may agree on such terms as he shall think fit to let or rent such railway," with a view to inserting as a new clause the words—

The Governor may agree on such terms as he shall think fit to let or rent any railway constructed under the provisions of this Act; but no such agreement shall take effect unless a copy of such proposed agreement has been for a period of not less than seven days laid upon the Table of the Houses of Assembly.

Strike out clauses 20 and 21.

After clause 23 insert as a new clause—

In every contract to be entered into for the construction of any railway under this Act, it shall be provided that no deviation from the plans and specifications shall involve an increased expenditure in connection with such work, unless distinctly authorized by writing under the hand of the Minister of Public Works, who, before authorizing any such deviation, shall obtain from the Engineer intrusted with the execution of such work an estimate of the increased expenditure arising therefrom: Provided that in all cases where such deviation from the said plans and specifications shall involve an outlay exceeding five hundred pounds, the consent of the Governor in Council shall first be obtained.

Clause 37. Prefix at commencement thereof, "In order to give speedy effect to the provisions of this Act," and add to the clause the words "Provided always that after the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, all such contracts shall be made only in accordance with such regulations as may from time to time be made under the provisions of this Act."

Between clauses 37 and 38 insert new clause:—

The Governor in Council may from time to time make regulations for the conduct of emigration to New Zealand, and for the nomination of immigrants by persons residing therein, and for the distribution of any funds which may be available for the purposes of immigration, and for the introduction into New Zealand from places other than the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, upon such terms and conditions as he may think fit, of persons skilled in any description of industry which the Governor in Council may deem it desirable to encourage in New Zealand, and of the families of such persons. And no action shall be taken upon any such regulation until the same has been laid before Parliament.

Between clauses 39 and 40 insert new clause:—

In order to facilitate the speedy introduction of immigrants, the Governor may until the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one expend, out of the sum hereby applicable for immigration purposes, such sums of money as he may deem proper; but after the said date the amount to be annually devoted to the introduction of immigrants, as well as the salaries to be paid to all officers appointed under this section of the Act, shall be voted by Parliament.

Clause 68. After "Imperial Parliament" insert the words "contained in Schedule A attached hereto."

2. The Honourable Mr. ROBINSON, in Committee upon the Immigration and Public Works Bill, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 7. Omit all the words after "Governor," with a view to insert the following: "shall cause such inquiries reports and topographical surveys to be made as may be necessary to ascertain and determine the main trunk lines which he may consider necessary and sufficient for the purposes of this Act, and shall cause such reports and the plans and maps of such surveys and system of main lines of railway to be laid before the General Assembly within days of the opening of the next Session, together with a bill for defining and determining such system of main lines of railway; and no railways shall be constructed out of moneys raised or under guarantees given in conformity with the provisions of this Act, except such railways as may form part of such system of main lines, and no expenditure or liabilities shall be incurred hereunder for railways except such sums as may be appropriated to carry out the requirements of this section and of section ten of this Act."

3. The Hon. Colonel WHITMORE to move, in Committee on the Immigration and Public Works Bill, the following amendments:—

Strike out clauses 17, 19, 22, and sub-section 5 of clause 23.

To add to clause 23: "Provided that the amounts to be raised and the principal sums guaranteed under authority hereof or of the said Loan Act in any one year, shall in no case exceed twelve times the amount by which the gross Customs revenue, together with the revenue arising from railway works during the previous year, shall have exceeded the gross Customs revenue together with the revenue arising from railway works during the year last preceding such previous year."

Strike out clause 38.

Omit in clause 68, line 44, the words "determining any railway to be a" to substitute "authorizing any."

4. The Honourable Mr. MILLER, in Committee upon the Immigration and Public Works Bill, to move the following amendments:—

In lieu of clause 86—

For the better administration of this Act, there shall be a Minister for Public Works, to be appointed from time to time by the Governor, and such Minister or the Minister for the time being acting for him shall have charge of the administration of this Act; and he shall be assisted in the administration of this Act by a Board consisting of not more than five and not less than three persons, not being members of either branch of the Legislature, who shall be appointed by the Governor, and the Minister of Public Works shall be the Chairman of such Board.

New Clause.

The Board shall consider all matters and questions relating to the adoption of any plans and specifications for public works and buildings, and shall report upon the acceptance of all tenders for such works buildings or repairs, and the terms and conditions on which the same should be accepted, together with the nature and amount of security to be given for the performance of any contract arising out of the same, and all other matters and questions relating to or concerning the public works and buildings of the Colony; and the report of the proceedings of such Board shall be annually laid before both Houses of the General Assembly by the Minister of Public Works.