

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 20th Day of September, 1894.

SHOPS AND SHOP-ASSISTANTS BILL.

The Hon. Mr. ORMOND, in Committee, to move the following additions:—

Clause 2: Add the following subsections at the end of the clause:—

“Office” means any building or place used as a banking office, insurance office, or for any other business or commercial purpose:

“Office employé” means any person employed in any office as defined in the preceding paragraph.

New clause:—

16A. The closing-hour of all offices shall be not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of each week-day except Saturday, when the closing-hour shall be not later than one o'clock in the afternoon: Provided that cashiers, ledger-keepers, and cash-book-keepers in any office shall, before leaving their offices, balance the books in their charge of the day's transactions, and provided further that exception shall be made in respect of not exceeding six days in each calendar month, when employés may be required to return to work after seven o'clock in the evening for not exceeding three hours in any one day: It is further provided that this section shall not apply to shipping and tramway offices.

The Hon. Sir G. S. WHITMORE, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

Clause 2: In the interpretation of “shop,” to omit all the words after “retail,” in line 2, to end of paragraph.

The Hon. Mr. MONTGOMERY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Section 3: At end of first paragraph insert, as second paragraph, the following words:—

It shall not be lawful for any hawker, pedlar, or itinerant vendor of other wares than fish, fruit, vegetables, or confectionery to ply his trade in any city, borough, or town district on any afternoon on which shops are required by this Act to be closed.

Strike out all words after “week,” in line 20, and insert the following words: “is a public holiday or half-holiday, then it shall not be incumbent on any shopkeeper who closed his shop on such public holiday or half-holiday to close it also on the half-holiday provided by this Act.”

Section 20: Strike out subsection (5), and substitute as subsection (5) the following words:—

(5.) The Inspector, and every other person who may be dissatisfied with the judgment of the Court on any summary proceedings under this Act, may appeal to the Supreme Court or to a District Court in the manner provided by “The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882.”

The Hon. Mr. BOLT, in Committee, to move the following subsection to clause 9 :—

(5.) In the event of any day other than Saturday being appointed by the local authority as closing-day under this Act, then any shop-keeper shall be entitled to close his shop on Saturday in lieu thereof, on giving notice to the Inspector of his desire to do so. Such notice shall be lodged with the Inspector during the month of January in each year, and shall be taken as proof of the facts therein stated.

The Hon. Mr. MACGREGOR, in Committee, to move that the following proviso be added to clause 9 :—

Provided that, in the event of Saturday being the day so appointed, any other day of the week may be appointed as the day on which butchers', photographers', and hairdressers' shops are to be closed in lieu of Saturday.

FACTORIES BILL.

The Hon. Mr. MONTGOMERY, in Committee, to move the following amendments :—

Section 2: Strike out paragraph containing interpretation of "Court," being lines 14, 15, and 16.

Section 11: After the words "factory or workroom," in line 29, strike out "in which more than two persons are employed."

Section 12: After the words "factory or workroom," in line 37, strike out "in which more than two persons are employed."

Section 55: At end of third paragraph insert "Such written permission shall, during the hours overtime is being worked, be fastened by the occupier in a conspicuous place on the wall of the factory or workroom in which such overtime is being worked. The Inspector shall not grant written permission to any factory or workroom to work overtime on half-holidays for more than five such half-holidays in each year."

Section 64: Strike out all words after "of this Act" in first paragraph to end of line 38. At end of fourth paragraph add new proviso, as follows: "Provided, further, that in dairy-factories, preserving-factories, freezing-works, sugar-refineries, foundries, and such other factories whose operation cannot be interrupted without damage to material in process of treatment, the employés, whose presence is, in the opinion of the Inspector, necessary in order to prevent such interruption and damage, shall not be entitled to such half-holiday."

Section 65: To be struck out, and the following words substituted: "Subject to the right of appeal hereinafter contained, all proceedings in respect of penalties, orders, or otherwise under this Act shall be heard and determined by a Stipendiary Magistrate alone."

Section 66: Strike out the whole section.

First Schedule: In line 8, after "in which," strike out the words "more than two and."