

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 29th day of July, 1870.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Colonel HAULTAIN, on going into Committee on the Militia Bill to move a new Clause, as follows :—

40. All fines and penalties imposed under this Act, or any regulations made hereunder, except such as are imposed by the Officer Commanding under section 38, may be recovered in a summary way before any Justice of the Peace, in the manner provided by "The Justice of the Peace Act, 1866," and any Act amending the same, so far as it relates to summary convictions: Provided that nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to affect the jurisdiction given to Courts-Martial under this Act.

2. Mr. TANCRED, in Committee on the Borough Schools Bill, the following amendment having been made in the 13th clause :—To leave out all words after the words "School Committee" in the third line, and to insert in lieu thereof, the following words :—

"of any borough to assess and tax such borough rateably and equally, according to a certain pound rate to be from time to time fixed and publicly declared by such School Committee, of the full and fair annual value of the messuages lands tenements and hereditaments and other property rateable under any law for the time being in force in such borough for municipal purposes, and calculated according to the provisions of any such law: Provided always that such pound rate shall not exceed in any one year the sum of sixpence in the pound on such annual value."

To move the following new clause :—

It shall be lawful for the School Committee, or the majority of the members present at any meeting, and as often as they shall deem it expedient, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue precepts signed by the Chairman to the Clerks or Collectors of public rates of or for the several and respective boroughs within their jurisdiction requiring the said Clerks and Collectors respectively, to make returns in writing to the School Committee of the several rateable properties within such borough town, and of the value at which the same are charged assessed or rated for municipal purposes at the time of making such returns, or liable to be so charged assessed or rated, and thereupon it shall be the duty of such Clerks and Collectors, or either of them, to make such returns accordingly.

Also to move, That clause 15 be struck out.

REPORT OF REPORTING DEBATES COMMITTEE.

THE Joint Committee, to whom was referred all matters connected with the Reporting and Printing of the Debates during the present Session, have the honor to report that they are of opinion and recommend—

That another Reporter should be immediately employed, and that Mr. Barron should be instructed to obtain the services of a competent Reporter without delay.

That, in order to secure the services of the permanent Reporters from year to year, they should be employed by the Government in departmental work during the recess.

That the suggestion respecting the appointment of a permanent Reader for *Hansard*, contained in paragraph 13 of the Report of the Reporting Debates Committee, 1869, should be carried out.

28th July, 1870.

Paragraph 13 above referred to.

13. Your Committee are of opinion that a permanent Reader for *Hansard* should be appointed, and that he should not be called upon to undertake any other duty during the Session. It is impossible for a Press Reader to discharge his very critical duties efficiently if his attention is taken up by other matters. During the recess the *Hansard* Reader might be employed as Assistant Reader in the Government Printing Office. A salary at the rate of £250 a year appears to your Committee to be reasonable for an efficient Press Reader of *Hansard*, and is not in excess of the average earnings of first-class Compositors at the current rates of pay in the Australian Colonies. This appointment would not add to the cost of producing *Hansard*, except to a very trifling amount, but the extra outlay would be more than counterbalanced by securing the permanent services of an efficient Reader.