

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1881.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

COUNTIES ACT 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. GEORGE, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses:—

(a.) If a petition, signed by not less than two-thirds of the rate-payers of any county and verified in accordance with section sixteen of "The Counties Act, 1876," is presented to the Governor in Council, praying him to dissolve the Corporation and Council of such county, he shall, by Proclamation, declare such Corporation and Council to be dissolved; and, on and after the day named in the said Proclamation, the Corporation of the county to which it relates shall be dissolved, and such Corporation, Council, and county shall thereupon cease to exist.

(b.) Upon the dissolution of any county, the Governor in Council shall adjust and allocate the property, real and personal, including reserves and endowments, amongst and to the road districts (if any) within such abolished county, and to any outlying district therein; and shall also ascertain, adjust, and allocate all liabilities of the said abolished county amongst the said road districts and outlying districts, in such proportion as to him shall seem just; and all such liabilities, including rates and arrears of rates, and other engagements of or to the county, shall respectively become liabilities and engagements of or to, and be recoverable or payable by, the said road and outlying districts.

(c.) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the rights of debenture-holders or other creditors of the county, or in any way to alter the security of any loan raised by the county on the security of any property, or of any special rates, but such loan shall remain a charge on such property; and the local governing bodies substituted as aforesaid shall respectively, according to their proportion of the liabilities of the said abolished county, be liable and bound in respect of their share of such loans, debentures, or other debts to the person or body entitled to receive the same.

(d.) If any road district or outlying district within such abolished county shall neglect or refuse to take the necessary steps in respect of the payment of its proportion of liabilities so adjusted as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to take such action as may be necessary to secure payment of such liabilities, and to protect the public credit.

PRISONS ACT 1873 AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. DICK, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

The words "common gaol" or "gaol," wherever used in any Act or Ordinance in force in the colony, or in any rules or regulations made thereunder, or in any warrant or other instrument, whether or not the form of the same is prescribed by any such Act, Ordinance, rules, or regulations, shall be, for all purposes whatsoever, subject to the provisions of the said Act and this Act, read as being the same as the words "prison" or "police-gaol" respectively, according to the length of the term of imprisonment to which the person who may be affected by such Act, Ordinance, rule, warrant, or instrument shall have been sentenced or committed.

LAND ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. ROLLESTON, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

The Tramway Reserve, containing twenty thousand acres, at Aorere, in the Land District of Nelson, as described in the First Schedule to "The Public Reserves Sale Act, 1879," shall be open for sale, lease, or occupation in such areas, and under such classification, as may be determined in pursuance of any law that may be in force in the Land District of Nelson for the disposal of Crown lands.