

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Friday, the 28th day of November, 1879.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

ON GOING INTO COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

SIR G. GREY to move the following resolutions :—

1. That the portion of the Report of the City of Christchurch Election Committee, which states that the Committee do hereby determine that Sir George Grey was not duly elected for Christchurch at the last general election of members of that city for the House of Representatives, be expunged from the Journals of this honourable House.

2. That that portion of the same Report which states that the Hon. Edward Richardson was duly elected, and ought to have been returned as a Member in the House of Representatives for the City of Christchurch, be also expunged from the Journals of this honourable House.

REGULATION OF ELECTIONS BILL.

Mr. BARRON, in Committee, to move the following new clause :—

The Returning Officer shall, as soon as practicable after the day of polling at any election, issue to each person residing within three miles of a polling booth, and whose name is on the roll, but who is not shown by the certified copies of rolls to have claimed a voting paper, a summons under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1866," calling upon such person to show cause why his name should not be struck off the roll, and the Court shall, upon the hearing of the summons, make such order as to costs and as to striking such name off the electoral roll as it may see fit.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move the following additional clauses :—

*A.* Section thirty-nine is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:—Except as provided by the said Act, every burgess shall be entitled to vote at every municipal election occurring in the borough, or in any ward of a borough in which he is enrolled, but each burgess shall have one vote and no more.

*B.* The sub-section of section two hundred and ninety-two is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:—Where gasworks have been at any time established for the supply of gas in any borough, under the authority of an Act of the General Assembly, it shall not be lawful for the Council to establish any other gasworks to supply the same locality or any part thereof until after the Council has offered to purchase the said gasworks at a price to be agreed upon, or, failing agreement, at a price to be fixed under the provisions of Part III. of "The Public Works Act, 1876," and the offer thus made has been refused by the owner or owners of the said gasworks.

*C.* The following further subsection is hereby added to section three hundred and forty-nine of the said Act.

The Council may make a by-law to regulate lodging houses within the borough, by issuing licenses for the same, and for prohibiting unlicensed houses; for fixing the number of lodgers to the space in licensed lodging houses; taking care that adequate means

are supplied for proper ventilation and protection from fire; and, generally, that all such lodging houses are under inspection, and suitable for the purpose proposed.

*D.* In "The City of Wellington Loans Consolidation Act, 1876," the term "revenues" shall not, nor shall it ever have been, deemed to include or to make available for any of the purposes of that Act any special rate, made or to be made subsequent to the raising of the moneys under that Act, unless such special rate is made for the express purpose of securing the moneys borrowed under that Act, or the interest thereon, and not for any other purpose.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT BILL.

Mr. SHRIMSKI, in Committee, to move the following addition to section 21 :—

All cattle, woollen goods, men's and boys' clothing, drapery, building material, buildings, sheep, wine and spirits, beer and ale, boots and shoes, furniture, wool.

LAND ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. ACTON ADAMS, in Committee, to move the following new section :—

15. Whenever any land held from the Crown for depasturing purposes shall, at the termination of such holding, be leased or licensed to a person other than the outgoing tenant, the provisions of sections one hundred and fourteen to one hundred and seventeen inclusive of "The Land Act, 1877," shall be deemed to apply, whether the land be within Otago or not, except that the proviso to section one hundred and sixteen shall not prevent the outgoing tenant recovering the full valuation of all wire fences erected for boundary purposes.

Mr. KELLY, in Committee, to move the following new section :—

Nothing contained in this Act shall be deemed to repeal section ten of Appendix B. of the said Act.

CAPTAIN COLBECK, in Committee, to move the following amendment :—

To add the following proviso to section 27 :—

Provided further that any person who shall introduce persons from the United Kingdom at his own cost, and shall settle them upon other than Crown lands, and upon such terms as the Governor shall determine, the Governor may contract to pay to such person for every statute adult so introduced and settled any sum not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

## COUNTIES ACT 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the following amendments :—

Sections fifty-four, fifty-five, and fifty-six of "The Counties Act, 1876," are hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof :—

The county electors of every county shall, upon the last Wednesday in the month of November in each year, elect a Chairman for the county, who shall enter into office on the third Wednesday in the month of December next following his election. Any person qualified to be and not incapable of being a councillor under the provisions of this Act may be elected to be County Chairman, and shall continue in office until his successor enters thereon.

Every candidate for the office of County Chairman shall, at the time of his nomination, deposit with the Returning Officer the sum of *ten* pounds.

If any candidate does not poll one-eighth part of the number of votes polled by the successful candidate such sum shall be forfeited, and the Returning Officer shall pay it into the County Fund; but if he polls not less than such one-eighth, or if he is elected without a poll, his deposit shall be returned to him immediately after the election on demand.

The Chairman may resign his office, by writing under his hand delivered to the Council, or the Clerk to the Council, and in such case, or in the case of his death, incapacity, or ouster from office, his office shall become vacant, and be an extraordinary vacancy.

In any extraordinary vacancy of the office of County Chairman the Council may appoint one of the Councillors to be Chairman, who shall temporarily hold office until such vacancy is filled by the election of a new Chairman; but if such vacancy occurs within three months before the day of the annual election of Chairman, the Councillor so appointed shall continue to hold the office of Chairman until such annual election.

That in lieu of the word "aliens," in section forty-four of "The Counties Act, 1876," there shall be read the word "Chinese."

That in lieu of the word "seven," in the eighty-first section of "The Counties Act, 1876," there shall be read the word "three."

In any case where a rate shall be levied by any County Council in respect of property situated in any part of such county not included in a road district, the total amount of such rates made for any one year shall not exceed *two* shillings in the pound on the rateable value.

The Council of any county may from time to time make, alter, or repeal by-laws to provide for the licensing and numbering of all vehicles plying for hire for the carriage of passengers or of goods within the county, and to prevent unlicensed vehicles so plying; and

- (1.) To provide for the inspection of all public vehicles, and to prevent the use of such as are unsafe or insufficient;
- (2.) For regulating the number of passengers, and the quantity and weight of goods which may be carried in each such vehicle, either with regard to the construction and dimensions thereof, or to the number of horses required to draw the same, and to prevent such number, quantity, or weight being exceeded;
- (3.) For regulating the manner in which the number of each vehicle, or the number of passengers, or the quantity or weight of goods it is licensed to carry, or the scale of fares for the use thereof, shall be shown upon or in the same;
- (4.) To prescribe whether and how the name of the owner of any such vehicle shall be shown thereon;
- (5.) To prescribe the lights to be carried by every vehicle, public or private, within the county, and their position on the vehicle;
- (6.) For appointing the several sums to be paid to the County Fund for vehicles, as herein mentioned;
- (7.) To provide penalties as prescribed by section one hundred and eighty of "The Counties Act, 1876," for the breach of any such by-laws.