SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday. the 23rd Day of October, 1903.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN THE COUNTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor returns to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Counties Act, 1886," with the following amendments, that is to say:—

Omit subclause (1) of clause 2, and substitute the following:—

2. (1.) In order to allow time for the preparation and adjustment of valuation-rolls, it is hereby declared that in no case shall the special order altering the boundaries of any riding, or road district, or subdivision of a road district in a county take effect until the close of the financial year in which the special order is gazetted, if gazetted before the first day of October, or until the close of the next following financial year if gazetted after the first day of October; and section one hundred and twenty-five of the principal Act is hereby modified accordingly.

Add to subsclause (1) of clause 8 the following proviso:—

Provided that nothing herein shall affect any by-law made under the *last preceding* section whereby public billiard-rooms are required to be closed at an earlier hour than eleven at night.