HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 11th Day of September, 1891.

RIVERTON HARBOUR BOARD EMPOWERING BILL.

Mr. VALENTINE, in Committee, to move the following proviso at the end of clause 6:---

Provided always that it shall not be lawful for the promoters to receive any consideration or bonus from such company or body of persons for such transfer.

COUNTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. Mr. CADMAN to move the following new clause after clause 18:--

18A. The North Wairarapa County Council is hereby directed and required to pay to Richard Reily Meredith, of Masterton, settler, out of the County Fund of the Wairarapa North County, the sum of two hundred and forty-six pounds fifteen shillings and elevenpence for law-costs incurred and paid by him in and about certain proceedings instituted against him in an action of trespass, "Moore versus Meredith," in the Supreme Court, at Wellington, in June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and the subsequent appeal therefrom, "Moore versus Meredith," in the Court of Appeal, at Wellington, in November, of the same year; and, if the said Council shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within one month after the passing of this Act, the said Richard Reily Meredith may sue the corporate body represented by the said Council for such amount in any Court of competent jurisdiction, and recover the same, together with full costs of suit.

COAL MINES BILL.

Mr. J. MILLS, in Committee, to move the following amendments :---

Clause 3, line 35. To strike out all the words atter the word "otherwise" down to the word "Representatives," and insert the following in lieu thereof :---

"Provided that before any amalgamation of lease shall take effect a return of such proposed amalgamation shall be laid upon the Table of each House of the General Assembly:—

- (1.) The two Houses may, by resolution jointly agreed to, refuse to permit any such amalgamation;
- (2.) In the absence of any resolution of both Houses, such amalgamation shall take effect from the termination of the session.

Clause 10, line 15, to strike out all the words after the word "leases" down to the word "consolidation," and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"Provided that before any amalgamation of lease shall take effect a return of such proposed amalgamation shall be laid upon the Table of each House of the General Assembly :—

- (1.) The two Houses may, by resolution jointly agreed to, refuse to permit any such amalgamation;
- (2.) In the absence of any resolution of both Houses, such amalgamation shall take effect from the termination of the session.

Clause 12, subsection 6. After "strike," in line 4, insert "acci-

dent, or other causes beyond the control of the lessee." Clause 12, subsection 7. After "may," in line 21, insert "if it shall appear that such neglect or refusal to pump the water is likely to be prejudicial to the safety of any adjoining mines, or to the prejudice of the State as proprietors."

Clause 17, line 8. After "companies," insert "situated in the locality of such mines."

Clause 17, line 9. After "foreign," insert "visiting the port where such mine is situated."

Clause 17. Proviso: "Provided that all steamships shall load in turn, in order of arrival, as customary."

Clause 17, second subsection. Strike out.

Clause 17A. Strike out.

Clause 60, line 49, add the words, "but any coal so mined shall not be sold in competition with coal produced from mines worked by private persons or companies, but only for the use of the Government cailways and steamers.