

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 20th Day of October, 1905.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

Rt. Hon. R. J. SEDDON, in Committee, to move :—

Provided that spoken words shall not constitute or be held to constitute criminal defamation unless such words be spoken at any meeting to which persons have been invited to be present, either by letter or notice written or printed, or advertisement in any newspaper, or in any other way; or that such words be spoken in or upon any road, street, footpath, or thoroughfare of a public nature, or open to or used by the public as of a right, and to every place of a public resort so open or used; or any public park, garden, reserve, or other place of public recreation or resort; or any public wharf, pier, or jetty; or any public hall, theatre, or room; or any racecourse, cricket-ground, football-ground, or other such place to which the public have access free, or on payment of any gate-money, and within the hearing of not less than twenty persons: and provided further that the information shall be laid and taken before a Stipendiary Magistrate within three months from the date the defamatory words were spoken; and such Magistrate shall, before he commits, be satisfied that a defamatory statement has been uttered.