

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 19th day of September, 1877.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On going into Committee of Supply.

1. Mr. WAKEFIELD, to move, That it is expedient,—

(1.) That the system of free selection, with a fixed price of £2 an acre for all blocks containing more than twenty acres, be applied to all the waste lands of the Crown throughout the colony, including the confiscated lands.

(2.) That all blocks not exceeding twenty acres be submitted to public auction at an upset price of £2 an acre for rural lands, and £12 10s. a quarter-acre for town lands.

(3.) That one-fifth of the land revenue be paid directly to the County Fund of the county within which such revenue arises.

(4.) That the remaining four-fifths of the land revenue be paid into the Consolidated Fund, for ordinary appropriation by this House.

(5.) That all pre-emptive rights shall cease.

(6.) The costs and expenses of the following services to be defrayed from Colonial revenue, viz.,—

1. All existing departments of the Government, including the Civil List.

2. The interest and Sinking Fund of all loans, whether Colonial or Provincial.

3. Primary education.

4. Gaols, police, and lunatic asylums.

5. Public railways, and arterial roads and bridges.

6. Subsidies to local bodies.

(7.) The cost and expenses of the following services to be defrayed by local bodies:—

1. Roads, bridges, and other local public works other than arterial.

2. Hospitals and charitable institutions.

3. Penitentiaries and reformatories, not being public gaols.

2. Hon. Mr. GISBORNE to move, That the Committee on Railway Management be instructed specially to inquire into and report on the question whether, throughout the colony, the management of constructed railways could, with public advantage, on economical and administrative grounds, be leased by public competition; and, if so, what should be the term of lease, and what conditions would be necessary to secure the public interests.

3. Hon. Mr. GISBORNE to move, That the Public Accounts Committee be instructed to inquire into the compensation given to Provincial Officers whose services have been dispensed with owing to the passing of "The Provincial Abolition Act, 1875," and to report whether all just claims of such officers have been duly paid in accordance with the authority of law; and, if not, what amounts are due. Also, further, specially to report whether, in the opinion of the Committee, further compensation than that now authorized by law should be awarded by the Legislature to such Provincial Officers; and, if so, to what extent and in what way such compensation should be given.

4. Mr. STOUT to move, That, in the opinion of this House, concurrently with any change in the incidence of taxation, due provision should be made for basing the representation of the colony upon population; and that the Government should prepare a Bill during the recess to give effect to this Resolution.

5. Mr. STOUT to move, That the Government should, during the recess, prepare their Estimates for next year for six months only, so that, as soon as a new Representation Act is passed, this House may be dissolved.

6. Mr. SHRIMSKI to move, That the action of the Attorney-General, in taking advantage of the presence of George Jones in Wellington (the said George Jones being summoned to answer a charge for breach of privilege of this House) to serve a summons for libel to appear before the Court in Wellington, instead of in Otago, however strictly according to the letter of the law, is harsh and arbitrary, and does not meet with the approval of the House.

Hon. Mr. Fox to move, in Committee on Local Option Bill,—

In lieu of sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9—

The licensing districts heretofore proclaimed under the provisions of "The Licensing Act, 1873," shall cease to be districts on and after the first day of January next.

New licensing districts shall, by Order in Council, be defined on or before the said first day of January next.

Such lastly-mentioned districts shall be coterminous with existing Road Board districts, wards of Road Board districts, School

Board districts, or wards in boroughs; and in every case, the smallest of such existing divisions shall be adopted and defined as the licensing district of the particular locality.

At any time after the proclamation of any such district, thirty persons qualified to vote within the same may, by writing, signed with their names and places of residence, require the Chairman of the Licensing Court of such district to take the votes of the persons entitled to vote therein on the question whether the sections of this Act, from section to section inclusive, shall come into operation within such district. The signatures of the persons making such requisition shall be attested by a witness or witnesses, who shall make declaration of the authenticity of the same before a Justice of the Peace.

The Chairman, as soon as conveniently may be after receiving the said requisition, duly attested and declared as last aforesaid, shall [section 9].

Between 12 and 13—

The Governor in Council, on being informed by the Chairman that he has received such requisition as aforesaid, shall appoint two ratepayers resident in the district in which such requisition has been presented to act as scrutineers, to examine the voting papers with the Chairman as hereinafter directed. No such scrutineer shall be a person engaged in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Insert word "scrutineers" in subsequent sections where required.

Mr. BALLANCE to move, when in Committee on the Local Option Bill, the following new clause to follow section 16 :—

The owner of, and every other person having any beneficial interest in, any publichouse the license for which be taken away or be abolished under the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to full compensation for all loss which he or they may sustain by the exercise of the prohibitory clauses of this Act; and it shall be the duty of the Licensing Court to cause such compensation to be assessed in such manner as such Court shall think reasonable; and before any license shall be taken away or abolished under the provisions of this Act, the persons promoting the proceedings under section sixteen of this Act shall give security to the satisfaction of the Court for the payment of such compensation.

Mr. SWANSON to move, in Committee on the Local Option Bill,—

Clubs in which liquors are sold to be duly licensed.

And whereas doubts may arise as to whether clubs formed for the purpose of establishing places for the accommodation of certain persons who may be members of such clubs, and providing at such clubs alcoholic liquors for the use of the members thereof, should be deemed to be publichouses; and whether persons supplying alcoholic liquors therein, without a license, ought to be subject to the provisions of this Act: Be it enacted that any person, whether secretary, treasurer, agent, or other servant of any such club, supplying to any person, whether a member or not, any alcoholic liquors without being duly licensed, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Act.

Mr. PYKE to move, when in Committee on the Charitable Institutions Bill, the following new clause after section 27 :—

Persons relieved acquiring property subsequently to be liable for cost of relief.

Every person who shall at any time have been maintained in, or who shall have been in receipt of out-door relief, from any institution under this Act, and in respect of whose maintenance therein or relief therefrom the institution shall have received no contribution equivalent to the cost of such maintenance or relief, shall be liable for the amount of such cost as a debt due to the institution; and if the managers of any institution shall have reason to believe that any such person as aforesaid has at any time, within ten years from the time when the above-mentioned cost was incurred, acquired any means sufficient to defray the said cost, then such managers may enforce the payment of the said cost in the manner provided for the recovery of a debt in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Hon. Mr. GISBORNE to move, contingently on passing of second reading of the Food and Drugs Bill,—

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Travers, Dr. Henry, Hon. Mr. McLean, Mr. Wason, Mr. Burns, Mr. Barff, Mr. Tole, and the Mover. Three to be a quorum; to have power to call for persons and papers, and to report within a fortnight.

Mr. ROWE to move, in Committee on the Thames Water Supply Bill, That clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6 be omitted from the Bill, and the following new clause added thereto:—

The Committee are hereby empowered to do such acts, matters, and things, and to take, enter upon, and occupy such waters and lands as they might do, take, enter upon, and occupy for the purpose of supplying water, if the said Committee were a body entitled to take lands for public works under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1876."

In Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Beet Sugar Committee.

Mr. KELLY to move, That the Government be requested to prepare a Bill to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar in the colony, by offering to any person or persons who may desire to manufacture such sugar a bonus of one penny per pound for each pound of sugar so produced during the next ten years. Such bonus not to be paid while the present import duty on sugar is imposed; and in the event of such import duty being lowered, then the bonus given per pound to be equal to the difference between the present duty and the duty imposed at any time within the next ten years: Provided that if any excise duty is imposed on sugar during that period, that the Manufacturer of beet sugar receive, in addition to such bonus, a remission of such excise duty.

Mr. MACANDREW to move, That the Committee recommends to the House that a respectful address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he may be pleased to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £10,000, one half of which amount to be paid, by way of bonus, to any person or persons who may first produce not less than 500 tons of sugar from beet in the Middle Island; the other half to be paid in respect of the same quantity of sugar manufactured from beet in the North Island. The payment of such bonus to be subject to such terms, conditions, and regulations as the Governor in Council may prescribe.

Amendment of His Excellency the Governor in the Invercargill Gas Loan Bill.

In clause 3, to insert the following proviso:—

Provided that debentures or other securities issued under the authority of the said Act shall have a preference and priority over debentures or other securities issued under this Act, and debentures and other securities issued under the said Act shall be a first charge on the special rates, and upon the works erected or purchased by the said Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Act, and the debentures and other securities issued under this Act shall be a second charge on the said rates and works.

In Committee on the Christchurch City Reserves Bill.

Hon. Mr. RICHARDSON to move,—

In clause 2. To omit all the words after "Christchurch," in line 12, and insert the following words: "For the use of the inhabitants of the City of Christchurch as public gardens and promenades, subject to such roads and streets as may now pass through, or which may have been laid out through the same on the original plans of the City of Christchurch."

To add to the First Schedule the following subsections now standing in the Second Schedule:—

All that plot of land between Antigua Street and Montreal Street, bounded on the North and North-east by Cambridge Terrace, and on the South and South-west by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Montreal Street and Durham Street, and extending to Cashel Street, and bounded on the North and North-west by Cambridge Terrace, and on the South and South-west by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Cashel Street and Hereford Street, bounded on the West by Cambridge Terrace, and on the East by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Hereford Street and Worcester Street, and bounded on the West by Cambridge Terrace, and on the East by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Worcester Street and Gloucester Street, and bounded on the West and North-west by Cambridge Terrace, and on the East and South-east by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Colombo Street and Manchester Street, and bounded on the West by Colombo Street, and on the North and North-east by Cambridge Terrace, and on the South and South-west by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Manchester Street and Madras Street, and bounded on the North and North-west by Cambridge Terrace, and on the South and South-east by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Madras Street and Barbadoes Street, and bounded on the North-west by Cambridge Terrace, and on the South-east by the River Avon.

All that plot of land bounded on the West by the Hospital Grounds, on the South-west by Oxford Terrace, and on the North-east by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Montreal Street and Durham Street, and extending to Cashel Street, and bounded on the South and South-east by Oxford Terrace, and on the North and North-west by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Cashel Street and Hereford Street, bounded on the East by Oxford Terrace, and on the West by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Hereford Street and Worcester Street, bounded on the East by Oxford Terrace, on the South-west by the River Avon, and on the North by Worcester Street; except such portion as is now vested in the Mayor and Borough Councillors of the City of Christchurch.

All that plot of land extending from Worcester Street to Gloucester Street, and bounded on the South by Worcester Street, on the East and South-east by Oxford Terrace, and on the West and North-west by the River Avon; except such portion as is now vested in the Mayor and Borough Councillors of the City of Christchurch.

All that plot of land extending from Manchester Street to Madras Street, and bounded on the South-east by Oxford Terrace, and on the North-west by the River Avon.

All that plot of land lying between Madras Street and Barbadoes Street, and bounded on the South-east by Oxford Terrace East, and on the North-west by the River Avon.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

All that plot of land extending from Colombo Street to Manchester Street, bounded on the South and South-west by Oxford Terrace, and on the North and North-east by the River Avon.

Hon. Mr. WHITAKER to move,—

New Clause, to stand as Clause 4.

The said Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens may from time to time, at their discretion, in respect of the land described in the said Second Schedule, exercise all or any of the powers following, but none other,—

- (1.) May erect any building for ornamental purposes, but not for making a profit therefrom.
- (2.) May on certain of the said allotments construct water-tanks for holding water for use in case of fire, and for watering streets or cab stands.

Hon. Mr. RICHARDSON to move,—

New Clause, to stand as Clause 6.

The parcel of land described in the Fourth Schedule hereto shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of Christchurch, in trust for the purposes of a fire brigade station.

Mr. ROLLESTON to move, in Committee on the South Rakaia Road Board Bill (No. 2), the following section:—

Whenever any petition is received by the Governor under section seven of "The Canterbury Roads Ordinance, 1872," the Governor shall cause a notice to be inserted in some newspaper commonly circulated in the district setting forth the prayer of such petition, and the boundaries of the districts, which it is proposed to constitute under the said section; and after the lapse of two months from the issue of such notice, he shall refer the petition, together with any counter petition which may have been received by him, to the Council of the county or counties of which any portion is included in the districts which it is proposed to constitute, and if such County Council shall so recommend, he shall forthwith issue the Proclamation provided for in the said seventh section of "The Canterbury Roads Ordinance, 1872."

In Committee on the Canterbury Rivers Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. FITZROY to move,—

The addition of the following words to the first section: “and it shall apply only to districts hereafter to be constituted under the said Act.”

The omission of section 3, and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—

The Governor may, if he thinks fit, by Proclamation, declare any district in New Zealand to be a district under the said Act from and after a day to be named in such Proclamation, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1.) That a petition is presented to the Governor signed by not less than two-thirds in number of the owners or occupiers of land in any part of the Provincial District of Canterbury, intersected or bounded by any river or rivers from the overflow of which damage may be apprehended, praying the Governor to constitute such district under this Act.
- (2.) That such petition describes the boundaries and area of the district proposed to be so constituted.
- (3.) That such petition is publicly notified before presentation.

In every Proclamation constituting a district the Governor shall fix the name by which such district shall be known.

Provided always that the Governor may cause inquiry to be made, in such manner as he shall think fit, into the subject-matter of any petition as aforesaid, and may, if he shall think it necessary so to do, alter the proposed boundaries of any district, and proclaim the same in its amended form.

The publication in the *Gazette* of any Proclamation constituting a district shall be conclusive evidence that all the requirements of this Act in respect of proceedings required to be taken previously to the making of such Proclamation have been complied with.

In the preamble, line 4, before the word “established,” to insert the words “hereafter to be.”