

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1870.

1. Mr. RICHMOND, on a future day, upon the Order of the Day for going into Committee of Supply, to move, That this House having agreed to the proposals of the Government for Immigration and Public Works, it is expedient that immediate steps should be taken for the settlement of the Confiscated Lands on the West Coast.
2. Mr. MERVYN, to move, when in Committee on the Otago Hundreds Regulation Act Amendment Bill, the following clauses:—

All land thrown open for selection under the provisions of this Act may be leased; and any applicant for a lease of Crown Lands, now or hereafter to be thrown open for selection, shall be entitled to a lease thereof for the term of ten years, at an annual rental of two shillings per acre, payable in advance; and upon the due performance and observance of the covenants contained or implied in such lease, he shall be entitled to a Crown Grant of such land: Provided always that no greater quantity of land than three hundred and twenty acres shall be so leased to any one person.

It shall be lawful for the Superintendent from time to time to make regulations prescribing the mode in which application may be made for leases of land under this Act; the quantity of land, not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres, which shall and may be granted in a lease in any particular block; the amount of deposit to be paid by any applicant therefor and by any objector thereto; the terms and conditions upon which such leases may be held occupied assigned transferred forfeited and cancelled; the amount of rent payable therefor, and the times and places of payment; the conditions upon and the manner in which entry to search for gold or for any metal or mineral upon any land so leased may be authorized.

Any person being the holder of a lease of land under this Act, if the said land be not proved to be auriferous, and upon the due performance and observance of the covenants contained or implied in such lease, shall after a period of three years be entitled to purchase the fee-simple of such land by paying the difference between the amount already paid and the upset price of said land.

If at any time during the currency of any lease granted under this Act the annual rental payable in respect thereof shall be in arrear for six months the amount of rent due shall be doubled; and if within three months after notice of such raising of the rent, and if the same shall not be paid, such lease shall be *ipso facto* void and shall be sold by auction as soon as practicable after such default: Provided always that in the case of the death of the lessee, the six months may be extended by the Board to eighteen months.

No sale of any lease under section _____ of this Act shall take place unless the time and place of sale shall have been approved by the Board, and notified by the Commissioner in the *Gazette* of the Province and some newspaper or newspapers circulating in the Province, not less than three months before such sale.

It shall be lawful for the holders and occupiers of land under the Agricultural Lease system in the Province of Otago, on payment of all rents due, to come under the operation of this Act.

On and after the coming into operation of this Act, there shall not be less than two hundred and fifty thousand acres of land thrown open under clause three of this Act; and there shall constantly be kept open for selection, in such areas as may be determined upon, at least two hundred and fifty thousand acres of such land as may be suitable for agricultural purposes.

3. Mr. STAFFORD to move, in Committee on the Disqualification Bill, an additional clause to stand as clause 8 of the Bill:—

No person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any person in trust for him or for his use or benefit, hold enjoy undertake or execute or be directly or indirectly in any way concerned or interested in any contract or agreement with Her Majesty, or with any officer or Department of the Government of New Zealand, with respect to the public service of New Zealand, or under which any public money of the Colony is to be paid or any waste lands given for any service work matter or thing, shall be capable of being summoned to or of holding a seat in the Legislative Council, or of being elected to serve as a Member of the House of Representatives; nor shall any such person sit or vote in the said Council or House during the time he shall hold enjoy execute or be interested in any such contract or agreement. Nothing hereinbefore in this section contained shall extend or apply to any bargain or contract entered into by any company partnership or association consisting of more than twenty persons, where such bargain or contract shall be entered into for the general benefit of such company partnership or association, or to any contract for printing or other contract for which not more than forty pounds is to be paid, or to any lease license for occupation sale or purchase of any land within any Province in accordance with any law for the time being in force for the sale occupation and disposal of the waste lands within such Province, or to any agreement for any such lease license sale or purchase or for the occupation of such land, or for any easement therein, or for the loan of money, or to any security for the payment of money only.

Also in clause 10, after the word "office," the insertion of the following words: "or becoming a party to any contract or agreement, save as hereinbefore excepted."

4. Mr. STAFFORD to move, in Committee on the Representation Bill, That the Timaru Electoral District be bounded as follows:—

On the North by the south bank of the Opihi from the sea to its confluence with the Tengawai, thence by the Tengawai to a point opposite the eastern boundary of rural section No. 5,209; on the West by the eastern boundary of the said section to the Saddle, thence by a small stream to the Pareora; and on the South by the south bank of the Pareora to the sea; and on the East by the sea.

5. Mr. KELLY to move, on the question, That the House go into Committee on the Honourable Mr. Fox's motion relative to New Zealand Flax, the following additions:—

(1.) That microscopic and chemical reports be obtained from competent authorities on the structure and proximate constituents of New Zealand Flax in its native state.

(2.) That a sum of _____ pounds be placed on the Estimates for the following purposes:—

(a.) For instituting during the recess a series of mechanical experiments on New Zealand Flax, with a view to cheapen the manufacture and improve the quality of fibre produced.

(b.) For obtaining a collection of flax plants of the best varieties to plant in the most convenient locality for the purpose of

making from to time comparative experiments as to the special value of the fibre of each variety respectively.

- (c.) For obtaining seed of the best varieties for the purpose of establishing a nursery of those varieties which on investigation prove most profitable for manufacturing purposes, and that the seedlings so raised be distributed to the various Provinces for cultivation.

6. Mr. CRACROFT WILSON, C.B., in Committee on the Disqualification Bill, to move the following Amendments:—

1st. Amendment.—After the word “office” in line 20 of clause 5 to insert the words “or under or from or by or at the appointment or nomination of the Superintendent of any Province, by virtue of his office, or at or by the nomination or appointment of any officer of any Provincial Government by virtue of his office.”

2nd. Amendment.—After the word “House” in line 16 of clause 7 to insert the words “any person holding the office of Superintendent of a Province in New Zealand or.”

The following to stand as clause 8 of the Bill:—

8. No person who shall directly or indirectly, by himself or by any person in trust for him or for his use or benefit, hold enjoy undertake or execute, or be directly or indirectly in any way concerned or interested in any contract or agreement with Her Majesty, or with any officer or Department of the Government of New Zealand with respect to the public service of New Zealand, or under which any public money of the Colony is to be paid for any service work matter or thing, shall be capable of being summoned to or of holding a seat in the Legislative Council, or of being elected to serve as a Member of the House of Representatives, nor shall any such person sit or vote in the said Council or House during the time he shall hold enjoy execute or be interested in any such contract or agreement. Nothing hereinbefore in this section contained shall extend or apply to any bargain or contract entered into by any company partnership or association consisting of more than twenty persons, where such bargain or contract shall be entered into for the general benefit of such company partnership or association, or to any lease license for occupation sale or purchase of any land, or to any agreement for any such lease sale or purchase or for the occupation of such land, or for any easement therein, or for the loan of money, or to any security for the payment of money only.

The following to stand as clause 9 of the Bill:—

9. No person who shall have become bankrupt within the provisions of any law now or hereafter to be in force in New Zealand relating to bankruptcy, or who shall have entered into any arrangement with his creditors or made any composition for payment of his debts under the provisions of any such law or otherwise, shall, unless he shall have paid a dividend or dividends which in the whole amounted to not less than ten shillings in the pound, be capable of being summoned to or of holding a seat in the Legislative Council, or of being elected to serve as a Member of the House of Representatives, or of sitting or voting as a Member either of the said Council or of the said House. Provided always that the foregoing prohibition shall not extend to any case in which the Court from which the bankrupt shall have received his discharge, or the creditors of any person in case of arrangement or composition, shall certify that his bankruptcy or his failure to pay ten shillings in the pound, as the case may be, has arisen from circumstances for which he cannot justly be held responsible.