

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 5th Day of July, 1900.

IMPOUNDING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Major STEWARD, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses :—

3. The expression "the nearest pound" occurring in section twelve of the principal Act shall be deemed to mean that pound which, having regard to the condition of roads or rivers or the like circumstances, can be most conveniently reached.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in section twelve of the principal Act, when the nearest pound is distant more than *ten* miles from the land trespassed upon the occupier of such land shall not be bound to convey, lead, or drive the trespassing cattle to such pound, but may impound and detain them upon his own land, and may charge the same fees as are appointed in the said Act in respect of cattle impounded in a public pound. Such occupier shall be required to comply with all the provisions of the said Act, so far as the same are applicable, as though he were a poundkeeper; and if such cattle be not released within the period mentioned in section thirty-eight in respect of the various descriptions of cattle, such occupier may cause such cattle to be sold by public auction, and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of section forty-three of the said principal Act.

RABBIT NUISANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Major STEWARD, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause :—

4. In any notice served under section eight of the principal Act, the Inspector may add to the form prescribed in Schedule A a requirement that poison shall be laid on the lands described in such notice :

Provided that in no case shall the laying of poison be required during the months of March, April, May, and June ;

And provided further that poison shall not be laid during the said months on any land under the administration of the Crown.

RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. ELL, in Committee, to move the following new clause :—

3. Section five of "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896," is hereby amended by striking out paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection one, and by substituting in lieu thereof the words following, that is to say, "five per cent."

RABBIT NUISANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. HALL, in Committee, to move the following amendment :—

That Clause 13 of "The Rabbit Nuisance Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1886," be repealed.

And the addition of the following new clause :—

Each stockowner shall have one vote for all the purposes of this Part of this Act.

RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. TANNER, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

In any case where at any time prior to the coming into operation of this Act a proposal for the adoption of the principal Act has been submitted to a poll of the ratepayers of a district and rejected, fresh proceedings for a poll may be commenced under the principal Act at any time within three months after the coming into operation of this Act, and such proceedings shall be acted upon and disposed of in like manner in all respects as if no poll had heretofore been taken in the district, anything in the principal Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

DISTRICT COURTS ACT 1858 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. HERRIES, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses:—

2A. Clause five of the principal Act is hereby amended by striking out the words "the pleasure of the Governor," in line two, with a view of inserting the words "good behaviour."

2B. The Governor may remove any such District Judge who shall be absent without leave granted by the Governor, or who shall become incapable, or who shall neglect to perform the duties of his office or offices, or for misbehaviour, or upon a petition filed in the Supreme Court, the facts under which, if supported, shall in the opinion of a Judge of the Supreme Court be sufficient to justify the removal of such District Court Judge from his office, which shall upon such judgment be deemed to be vacated.

2c. Each such District Court Judge shall receive such annual salary as may be appropriated by Parliament; but such salary shall in no case, with the emoluments of any other office or offices held by him, be less than *five hundred* pounds.