

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 29th Day of September, 1903.

DUNEDIN CITY AND SUBURBAN TRAMWAYS AND WATER-POWER BILL.

MR. SIDNEY, in Committee; to move that the following words be added to clause 14 :—

If at any time the electric power generated by the said Corporation by means of the aforesaid dams, weirs, water-races, and other mining privileges shall be greater than shall from time to time be required for the purposes of the system of electric tramways about to be established by the said Corporation in the City of Dunedin and the suburbs thereof, then the said Corporation shall be bound from time to time to sell the surplus of such power to such of the Councils of the Boroughs of Caversham, South Dunedin, St. Kilda, Mornington, Roslyn, Maori Hill, and North-east Valley as shall be willing to purchase the same, subject to the following terms and conditions :—

- (1.) The price to be charged for the same shall be fair and reasonable, and shall be fixed by agreement between the parties, or settled by arbitration as hereinafter set forth.
- (2.) If the surplus power shall not be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of all the said Councils, such surplus power shall be sold to them rateably, in proportion to the rateable value of the properties in the said boroughs respectively.
- (3.) If any question, dispute, or difference shall arise between the said Corporation and the Councils of any of the said boroughs, or between the Council or Councils of any one or more of the said boroughs and the Council or Councils of any other or others of the said boroughs respectively, as to whether there is any surplus power within the meaning of this section, or as to what is a reasonable price to be charged for the same, or as to which of the said Councils shall be entitled to purchase the same, or as to the manner in which the same ought to be supplied, and generally as to any matter or thing whatsoever connected with the provisions of this section, such question, dispute, or difference shall be settled and determined by the award and order of such person as sole arbitrator as the Engineer in Chief of the Colony of New Zealand shall appoint in writing, upon the application of the said Corporation or of any one or more of the said Councils, and the award and order of such arbitrator as aforesaid shall be final and binding on all the parties interested in such question, dispute, or difference as aforesaid.