

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 17th day of October, 1884.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

ROADS TO LANDS PURCHASED FROM THE CROWN.

(a.) The purchaser or owner of any land purchased from the Crown, to which land there is no existing access by road, and to which access can only be gained by passing through other adjoining land, may, when such adjoining land is the property of the Crown, serve upon the Minister for Public Works a notice claiming that a way of access by road from and to the nearest public road shall be laid off through such adjoining land, and it shall be the duty of the Minister to direct that such way of access be provided; and, when such adjoining land is the property of another owner or owners, may, if the local governing body within whose jurisdiction such land is situate shall have refused or neglected to take action in this behalf, in like manner serve a notice upon the Minister requiring that a way of access by road through such adjoining land shall be provided, subject always to the conditions in the next succeeding section contained.

(b.) When the road is required to be taken through private lands the Minister shall ascertain the cost of acquiring the land required for such road, and if such cost shall not exceed the sum paid to the Crown as the purchase-money of the land to which access by road is sought to be obtained, then the cost of acquiring the land for such road shall be defrayed out of the Consolidated Fund; and if the cost shall exceed the sum so paid to the Crown, then the person applying for such road shall repay such excess to the Minister upon his demand, and may be required to make such payment, or to give security therefor, to the satisfaction of the Minister before such road be taken.

(c.) If any part of the purchase-money of the land to which access is to be provided has been paid to any local governing body, then such local governing body shall, on demand of the Minister, refund to him a proportionate share of the cost not exceeding the amount received by such local governing body on account of such purchase-money.

EAST AND WEST COAST AND NELSON RAILWAYS BILL.

Mr. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the following:—

That all the words after the word "upon" in the second line of subsection (3) of clause 9 be struck out, with a view of inserting the following words: "The valuation of such land not to be less than as assessed by the Property-Tax Commissioner under the provisions of 'The Property Assessment Act, 1879,' for the purposes of 'The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882.'"

Also that the following proviso be added to subsection (4) of clause 9 of the Bill: "Provided that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights or interests acquired under any miners' rights or business licenses granted under the authority of 'The Gold Fields Act, 1866,' or 'The Mines Act, 1877,' or any regulation made under or in conformity with the said Acts, or any leases granted under 'The Westland and Nelson Coal Fields Administration Act, 1877.'"

Also at the end of subsection (5) of clause 9 to add the following words: "and 'The Reserves and Endowments in Mining Districts Act, 1882.'"