

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 4th Day of September, 1891.

ELECTORAL BILL.

The Hon. Mr. BALLANCE, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

In clause 3 to insert "Maori" means an aboriginal inhabitant of New Zealand, and includes half-castes, but does not include the children of half-castes.

Clause 6. To omit the letter "s" in "qualifications" in line 6; also omit subsection (1); in subsection (2) to omit the words between "vote," in line 22, and "is entitled," in line 25; and in subsection (3) to omit all words after "colony," and omit the numerals (2) and (3).

Clause 7 to omit all words after "Maoris," and to insert the following:—

Maoris only
qualified to vote
under Part V.

"as herein defined, shall not be qualified to be registered as electors under Part II. of this Act, but shall be qualified to vote at elections of Maori members, as hereinafter provided in Part V. of this Act."

Exemption as
to half-castes.

But it shall be competent for any half-caste who is possessed of a qualification under section *six* of this Act to apply to be registered under Part II. of this Act, and he may be so registered; but, in such case, he shall not be qualified to vote at any election held under Part V. of this Act.

Every claim and declaration to be made by a half-caste to be registered under Part II. of this Act shall be made in manner specified in section eighteen.

Clause 8. Omit the third paragraph commencing "The Registrar or Clerk."

Clause 9. Add the following proviso:—

Provided that any person duly qualified as an elector, and who has been registered on any electoral roll, but whose name has become removed from such roll through no fault of his own, shall not by reason only of not being registered as an elector, be disqualified from becoming a candidate and being elected for any electoral district. But in every such case the said person shall send to the Returning Officer, at the time when he sends his consent to be nominated, a statutory declaration to the effect that he is not disqualified as an elector for the district in respect whereof he was previously registered under the provisions of this Act or any other Act, that he still retains such qualification, and that his name has been removed from the roll of the aforesaid district through no fault of his own.

Clause 11. Omit the words "subsections one and two of."

Clause 13. Omit "in respect of a residential qualification," in lines 36 and 38; and in line 38 substitute "of" for "in."

Clause 15 to be omitted.

Clause 16. Omit the word "sections," and "or fourteen," substitute "section."

Clause 17. Omit "in respect of a residential qualification," also "in respect of any qualification," and "in respect of his residential qualification."

Clause 18. Omit "situation of the property, if any, or the."

Clause 26. At the end of the clause insert "and a copy of every objection not made by the Registrar shall be sent to the Registrar at the time the notice of objection is sent to the person objected to."

Add the following:—

If the objection be that the person objected to has been convicted of any of the offences mentioned in section *eight*, the objector shall specify in his notice of objection the Court and the approximate date at which the conviction was had, and, if not so specified, the objection shall not be entertained.

The Registrar, upon receiving a copy of any such last-mentioned objection, shall inquire into the truth of such conviction from the Registrar or Clerk of the Court where the person objected to is stated to have been convicted, who shall either contradict the statement or furnish to the such first-mentioned Registrar a certificate, under the seal of the Court, of such conviction, which shall be sufficient warrant to him to erase from the electoral roll the name of the person so certified to have been convicted.

Clause 44. Omit "in respect of a residential qualification."

Clause 100. Omit all words between "district" in line 13, and "if he" in line 16; omit "alienation of property, or" in line 18, and "as the case may be" in line 19.

Clause 112. Omit the proviso.

After 112 insert,

112A. The Deputy Returning Officer at every polling-place where not more than forty votes are recorded at an election, shall as soon as practicable after the close of the poll, open the ballot-boxes in manner and in presence as mentioned in the last-preceding section, and taking out the ballot-papers without unfolding them, shall count the same and enclose them in a sealed packet to the Returning Officer, sealed with his own seal and the seals of such scrutineers as desire to affix them.

In making his return to the Returning Officer, as provided by section one hundred and fourteen, he shall transmit a note of the number of ballot-papers transmitted as aforesaid, instead of the list of the total number of votes received by each candidate.

The Returning Officer on receiving any such sealed packet of ballot-papers shall open the same in the presence of the scrutineers, mix all the ballot-papers together, and proceed to determine the number of votes received by each candidate at such polling-place in the same manner as if he had presided thereat.

Clause 121, line 5. After "received," insert "the votes polled at the smaller polling-places in the district or"; and after "any state," in line 8, "what the approximate number of votes polled at the smaller polling-places, and not received may be, and"; and in line 16, after "if all," insert "the votes from the smaller polling-places, and all."

After clause 149 the following to be added:—

Qualification of
Maori electors.

149A. Every male Maori, as defined in section *three*, who is twenty-one years of age and upwards, and who is not disqualified under some provisions of this Act or any other Act, is entitled, subject to the provisions of this Act, to vote as an elector at any election of a member of the House of Representatives for the Maori electoral district which he inhabits; and

Qualification of
Maori members.

Every Maori elector under this Part of this Act, but no other person, is qualified to be a member of the House of Representatives for any Maori electoral district of the colony.

Clause 154, subsection (11). There shall be added the following words: "Before giving a voting-paper to any half-caste, the Returning Officer shall put the following question to him: Are you registered as an elector in respect of a qualification for any electoral district other than a Maori electoral district?" and, if such question is not answered in the negative, he shall not give the applicant a voting-paper.

Clause 167. Omit "part of an Act," insert "parts of Acts."

First Schedule. Omit "in respect of any qualification," in last paragraph; omit the italic note.

Second Schedule. Omit "in respect of any qualifications," in last paragraph.

Third Schedule to be omitted.

Fourth Schedule. Heading, omit "situation or other description of property, if any;" also omit "freehold, Sydney Street."