

# SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 6th Day of September, 1904.

### ELECTORAL BILL.

Hon. Sir W. J. STEWARD to move, in Committee on the Electoral Bill, the following amendments:—

Clause 101. Subsection (2): Strike out all the words after “thereto” in line 47.

Clause 104 to be omitted.

Clause 105. Subsection (5), line 4: Omit “ballot-papers,” and substitute “ballot-cards.”

Clause 110. Omit subsections (c), (d), and (e), and substitute the following:—

“(c.) In each inner compartment of every booth, as many ballot-boxes as there are candidates—namely, one for each candidate—having painted or otherwise displayed on the front thereof Arabic numerals not less than two inches in length indicating the alphabetical order of the candidates’ names, and also in letters not less than an inch in length the surname of the candidate indicated by each such number, the Christian name or names of such candidate being added in lesser characters; and if in any case the Christian names and surnames of any two or more candidates are the same or in any way similar they shall be distinguished by the addition of their residence and occupation, or such other addition as is sufficient to distinguish them, or by affixing the candidates’ photographs on the boxes bearing their respective names and numbers. Each such ballot-box shall have a lock and key, and a slit in the upper side by which the ballot-cards may be put into the box:

“(d.) A sufficient number of plain white cards for use as ballot-cards, and of gummed envelopes for the same:

“(e.) For each booth a rubber stamp (hereinafter referred to as the ‘booth-stamp’) having thereon the name of such booth and the name of the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer presiding at such booth, and as many other rubber stamps (hereinafter referred to as ‘number-stamps’) as there are candidates, having thereon the name of the booth and the numbers of the candidates respectively.”

Clause 114. Lines 33 and 34: Omit “ballot-papers are received,” and insert instead “ballot-cards are issued.”

Clause 116. Strike out subsection (3) as printed, and substitute the following:—

“(3.) If any person named in the list applies for a ballot-card, the Deputy Returning Officer shall warn him that he is not permitted to vote, and if he persists in demanding a ballot-card the Deputy Returning Officer, after numbering the ballot-card as herein required, shall, before handing the same to such person, indorse thereon and upon the face of the envelope thereof the words ‘Disqualified by employment,’ and any ballot-card so indorsed shall not be counted, but shall be set aside and dealt with by the Deputy Returning Officer as a rejected ballot-card, and specified in any report of rejected ballot-cards under a separate head as rejected for disqualification.”

Clause 122. Lines 2 and 4: Strike out "ballot-paper," and insert "ballot-card."

Clause 124. Line 32: Omit "ballot-paper," and substitute "ballot-card."

Clause 125. Lines 40 and 41: Omit "ballot-paper," and substitute "ballot-card."

Clause 126.

Subsection (1). Strike out the first five lines and a half down to and including the words "official mark" in line 49, and substitute the following: "Before giving a ballot-card to an elector, the Returning Officer shall write thereon the number appearing on the roll against the name of the elector to whom he gives such ballot-card, and shall put the ballot-card into an envelope, which he shall close down and stamp with the booth-stamp on the under or closing side thereof,"

Subsection 2. Lines 6 and 7: Omit the words "securing the corner of the ballot-paper by gum or otherwise," and substitute "closing down the ballot-card envelope."

Also add the following new subsection:—

"(3.) Every ballot-card the envelope whereof does not bear the booth-stamp, or on which anything is written or marked whereby the vote can be identified, shall be rejected at the close of the poll and not counted."

Clause 127. Line 9: Strike out all the words after "received," and substitute the following: "a ballot-card, shall retire into one of the inner compartments provided and deposit the ballot-card (enclosed in its envelope, and without opening the envelope) in the ballot-box bearing the number and name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote."

Clause 128. Strike out all the words after "compartment" (lines 19 and 20), and substitute "and, according to the instruction of the voter, deposit his ballot-card in the ballot-box of the candidate for whom he desires to vote."

Clause 129. (1) In line 26 substitute "ballot-card" for "ballot-paper"; and (2) strike out all the words after "except that" (line 28), and substitute "before handing to such person a ballot-card the Returning Officer shall place his signature on the ballot-card and on the face of the envelope containing such ballot-card, and such signed envelopes, with their contents, are hereinafter described as 'indorsed ballot-cards.'"

Clause 130. Subsection (2): Strike out all the words after "shall" in line 36 down to and including the word "provided" in line 40, and insert instead the words "deliver to such elector a ballot-paper, being a sheet of foolscap or letter-paper, at the head of which such Deputy Returning Officer shall write the name of the electoral district for which the vote is to be recorded, and shall also write upon the bottom of the left-hand corner of the back thereof his initials, and the number appearing on the roll against the name of the elector to whom he gives such paper, and, after securing the said corner by gum or otherwise, shall stamp the same with the booth-stamp."

Insert the following new subsection:—

"(2A.) The elector, after writing on the ballot-paper the name of the candidate for whom he votes, shall deposit such ballot-paper in a ballot-box specially set apart for the purpose."

Clause 131. Subsection (1): Strike out all the words after "ballot-boxes" in line 17 down to and including the word "mentioned" in line 23, and substitute the following: "and, taking out the ballot-cards from each ballot-box in turn, shall stamp the face of each envelope with the number-stamp corresponding with the number of the box. He shall also set aside for separate custody every indorsed and rejected ballot-card, and shall ascertain the number of votes for each candidate, not counting the ballot-cards so set aside."

Clause 132. Subsections (1) and (2): Strike out all the words after "shall make up" (in line 30) down to and including "Officer" in line 47, and substitute: "the ballot-cards in parcels according to the respective numbers stamped thereon, and shall stamp each such parcel with the corresponding number-stamp, and shall enclose all such parcels together in an outer wrapper, sealed with his own seal and the seals of such scrutineers as

desire to affix their seals, and shall transmit the same to the Returning Officer, together with, in separate sealed parcels,—

“(a.) The indorsed and rejected ballot-cards set aside for separate custody as hereinbefore provided; and

“(b.) All books, rolls, and papers kept and used by him during the polling, except the certified copies of rolls supplied to the said Deputy on which the fact of any person having received a ballot-card has been noted;

and shall indorse such parcels severally with a description of the contents thereof, and with the name of the district, the name of the place of polling, and the date of the polling, and sign the said indorsement with his name.”

Clause 133. Lines 5 and 6, subsection (a): Omit “ballot-paper,” and substitute “ballot-card.” Line 7, subsection (b): Omit “in the first instance.”

Strike out subsection (c), and substitute the following:—

“(c.) An account of the number of indorsed and rejected ballot-cards set aside as aforesaid, specifying those rejected by reason of disqualification (which account is hereinafter referred to as ‘the ballot-card account’).”

Clause 134. Omit “ballot-papers” or “ballot-paper” wherever the words occur, and substitute “ballot-cards” or “ballot-card.”

Clause 136. Substitute “ballot-card” or “ballot-cards” for the words “ballot-paper” or “ballot-papers” wherever the last-mentioned words respectively occur.

Subsection (2). Line 16: Next after the word “appears” insert “shall stamp each such ballot-card with the booth-stamp and with the number-stamp corresponding with the number stamped on the envelope thereof.”

Strike out subsection (3).

Clause 136. Subsections (1) and (2): Substitute “ballot-cards” or “ballot-card” for “ballot-papers” or “ballot-paper” wherever the latter words occur.

Strike out subsection (3).

Clause 137. Substitute “ballot-cards” for “ballot-papers” wherever the latter word occurs. In subsection (1), line 21, after the word “name,” insert “and number on the roll.”

Clause 138.

Subsection (1). Lines 43 and 44: Substitute “ballot-cards” for “ballot-papers.”

Same subsection. Omit all the words after “hereof” in line 45, and insert instead “and arrange the same according to the number stamped thereon, placing together with the ballot-cards which bear the same number-stamp such of the ballot-papers (if any) received by him under section one hundred and *thirty* hereof as represent votes for the candidate indicated by that number, and counting such ballot-cards and ballot-papers together shall ascertain the number of votes recorded for each candidate.”

Strike out subsection (2).

Subsection (3). Insert before “ballot-papers” the words “ballot-cards and.”

Clause 139. Omit all the words after “Returning Officer” in line 13 down to and including the word “he” in line 15. Insert after the word “all” in line 15 the words “ballot-cards and.” Omit subsection (b).

Clause 149. Strike out subsection (a) as printed, and substitute the following:—

“(a.) He shall inclose in one separate packet all the parcels of ballot-cards other than those indorsed and set aside as aforesaid; in another the ballot-cards so indorsed and set aside; and in another all parcels containing the ballot-card accounts, copies of rolls, books, or other papers as herein provided, and shall inclose in the same parcel all telegrams, letters, and other papers received from Collectors under section *eighty-four* hereof, and from any Deputy Returning Officer under section one hundred and *thirty* hereof.

Strike out subsection (c).

Clause 150. Insert after the first word “Any” the words “ballot-card or.”

Line 9: Insert “ballot-card or” next before the word “ballot-paper.” Sub-

section (2), line 12: Next after "every" insert "ballot-card and." Same subsection, line 14: Between "such" and "ballot-paper" insert "ballot-card or." Same subsection, line 15: After the word "booth" insert "and if a ballot-paper." Subsection (3), line 17: Before "ballot-papers" insert "ballot-cards and."

Clause 153. Subsection (b), lines 9 to 12: Strike out the words "in imitation of any ballot-paper to be used at the poll or having thereon the names of the candidates, together with." Subsection (d): Insert "ballot-card or" before "ballot-paper" in lines 19 and 23.

Clause 155. Line 33: After the first word "on" insert the words "any ballot-card or on."

Clause 156. Subsection (1), paragraph (a): Insert "ballot-card or" before the word "ballot-paper" in lines 39 and 40. Paragraph (c): Strike out "ballot-paper," and substitute "ballot-card." Paragraph (d): Substitute "ballot-card" for "ballot-paper." Paragraph (e): Strike out "ballot-papers," and insert "ballot-cards." Subsection (3): After "ballot-boxes" insert "ballot-cards," and after "papers" insert "cards."

Clause 157. Omit subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5), and substitute the following:—

"(2.) No person, except as hereinbefore provided, shall interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when depositing or about to deposit his ballot-card in the ballot-box, or attempt to obtain in the polling-booth information as to the candidate for whom any voter in such booth is about to vote or has voted, or communicate at any time to any person any information obtained in a polling-booth as to the candidate for whom any voter at such booth is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the ballot-card given to any voter at such booth.

"(3.) Every person in attendance at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting, and shall not communicate any information obtained at such counting as to the candidate for whom any vote is given by any particular ballot-card.

"(4.) Every person who acts in contravention of the provisions of this section is liable, on summary conviction before two Justices, to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding six months."

Clause 191. Add at the end of the section the words following, viz: "A ballot-card or ballot-paper shall be deemed to be a voting-paper for the purposes of this section."

Clause 205. Line 34: Insert before "ballot-paper" the words "ballot-card or."