

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Monday, the 2nd day of August, 1880.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FISHERIES BILL.

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

. With a view to affording facilities for the artificial propagation of fish, it shall be lawful for any person or society, duly registered as carrying on the business of fish propagation, to capture fish during the close season with net or other engine for the purpose of artificial propagation only; and such person or society, or their several officers, or other persons, shall be exempt from the fines or restrictions imposed in this or any previous Act for the protection of fish: Provided also that nothing herein contained shall be construed into granting permission to capture fish in any water belonging to private individuals.

COUNTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

To insert the following new clauses :—

. That in lieu of the word “aliens,” in section forty-four of “The Counties Act, 1876,” there shall be read the word “Chinese”; and that in lieu of the word “seven,” in the eighty-first section of “The Counties Act, 1876,” there shall be read the word “three.”

. In any case where a rate shall be levied by any County Council in respect of property situated in any part of such county not included in a road district, the total amount of such rates made for any one year shall not exceed shillings in the pound on the rateable value.

. The Council of any county may from time to time make, alter, or repeal by-laws to provide for the licensing and numbering of all vehicles plying for hire for the carriage of passengers or of goods within the county, and to prevent unlicensed vehicles so plying; and

- (1.) To provide for the inspection of all public vehicles, and to prevent the use of such as are unsafe or insufficient;
- (2.) For regulating the number of passengers and the quantity and weight of goods which may be carried in each such vehicle, either with regard to the construction and dimensions thereof or to the number of horses required to draw the same, and to prevent such number, quantity, or weight being exceeded;
- (3.) For regulating the manner in which the number of each vehicle, or the number of passengers, or the quantity or weight of goods it is licensed to carry, or the scale of fares for the use thereof, shall be shown upon or in the same;
- (4.) To prescribe whether and how the name of the owner of any such vehicle shall be shown thereon;
- (5.) To prescribe the lights to be carried by every vehicle, public or private, within the county, and their position on the vehicle;

(6.) For appointing the several sums to be paid to the County Fund for vehicles as herein mentioned ;

(7.) To provide penalties, as prescribed by section one hundred and eighty of "The Counties Act, 1876," for the breach of any such by-laws.

. Section fifty-four, fifty-five, and fifty-six of "The Counties Act, 1876," are hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof :—

The county electors of every county shall, upon the last Wednesday in the month of November in each year, elect a Chairman for the county, who shall enter into office on the third Wednesday in the month of December next following his election. Any person qualified to be, and not incapable of being, a Councillor under the provisions of this Act, may be elected to be County Chairman, and shall continue in office until his successor enters thereon.

Every candidate for the office of County Chairman shall, at the time of his nomination, deposit with the Returning Officer the sum of *ten* pounds.

If any candidate does not poll one-eighth part of the number of votes polled by the successful candidate, such sum shall be forfeited, and the Returning Officer shall pay it into the County Fund ; but if he polls not less than such one-eighth, or if he is elected without a poll, his deposit shall be returned to him immediately after the election, on demand.

The Chairman may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Council or the Clerk to the Council, and, in such case, or in the case of his death, incapacity, or ouster from office, his office shall become vacant, and be an extraordinary vacancy.

In any extraordinary vacancy of the office of County Chairman, the Council may appoint one of the Councillors to be Chairman, who shall temporarily hold office until such vacancy is filled by the election of a new Chairman ; but if such vacancy occurs within three months before the day of the annual election of Chairman, the Councillor so appointed shall continue to hold the office of Chairman until such annual election.