

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 2nd Day of September, 1926.

FINANCE BILL.

AMENDMENTS proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Clause 23: To add the following as subclause (5):—

(5.) This section shall be deemed to have been in force as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

Clause 27: To omit this clause.

Clause 32: To omit this clause.

Clause 37: To insert, after the words "service of any contributor" in line 44, the words "who was a member of any of His Majesty's Forces in the war with Germany"; to omit the words "subject to such payment into the Fund as the Board may determine"; and to add to the clause the following words: "The inclusion of any period as aforesaid in the length of service of any contributor shall be subject to such payment into the Fund as the Board may determine."

To insert the following new clauses:—

As to disposition of fees payable under Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

26A. Section twenty-four of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By omitting from subsection one the words "Save as provided in the next succeeding subsection," and also the words "without further appropriation than this section"; and by adding to the same subsection the words "All charges made for supplying marks or devices as aforesaid shall be paid into the Post Office Account."

(b.) By repealing subsection two, and substituting the following subsection:—

"(2.) In respect of the expenses of administration there shall be payable out of the Main Highways Revenue Fund into the Post Office Account the sum of one shilling and sixpence in respect of every annual license issued in respect of motor-vehicles."

Special provisions as to amount of subsidy payable in cases where two or more counties have been united.

26B. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section nine of the Appropriation Act, 1916, but subject to the limitations imposed by subsection four or subsection five (as the case may require) of that section, the amount of subsidy payable to the Council of any county that may hereafter be formed by the union of two or more counties shall not in any year be less than the aggregate amount of subsidy that would have been payable in that year to the several Councils of the uniting counties if such union had not taken place.

(2.) For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of subsidy that would have been payable to the several uniting Councils, the total amount of rates actually collected in the united county shall be apportioned among the several areas formerly comprised in the uniting counties in proportion to the values of the rateable property in those areas, and the amount so apportioned to any area shall be deemed to be the amount that would have been collected by the County Council if the union had not taken place.

Repeal.

(3.) Section twelve of the Finance Act, 1923, is hereby repealed.

Salary in excess of prescribed maximum for Division may be paid to classified officer of Public Service.

26c. (1.) Any officer in any classified Division of the Public Service may, with the approval of the Commissioner but subject to the provisions of the *next succeeding* subsection, be paid a salary in excess of the maximum salary for the Division provided for in the scale of salaries for the time being in force in relation to that Division. No appeal shall lie from the determination of the Commissioner to approve or to withhold his approval of any application or recommendation made to him for the purposes of this section.

(2.) No payment shall be made under this section in excess of the prescribed maximum salary unless provision is made therefor in the annual estimates and the necessary amount is appropriated by Parliament.

Repeals.

(3.) Section twenty of the Public Service Act, 1912, is hereby amended by omitting the word "six" in subsection two thereof, and by repealing subsections three and four.

(4.) Section twenty-one of the said Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "eight" in subsection two thereof, and by repealing subsection three.

Unauthorized expenditure of Rabbit Boards.

43. (1.) Any Board established under the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1908, may, in any financial year, out of its income available for general purposes, expend for purposes not authorized by any Act or law for the time being in force any sum or sums not amounting in the whole to more than *three* per centum of the total amount receivable from the general rate levied by the Board in that year, nor in any case to more than *twenty-five* pounds:

Provided that if *three* per centum of the amount receivable from the rate levied does not in any financial year amount to five pounds the Board may in that year expend the sum of five pounds for the purposes aforesaid.

(2.) Expenditure heretofore incurred by any Board established under the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1908, in the payment of the travelling-expenses of any of its members incurred in attending conferences of Rabbit Boards as the representatives of the Board is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully incurred.