

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 9th Day of December, 1897.

FISHERIES ENCOURAGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Rt. Hon. R. J. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

Subsidies to Deep-sea Trawlers.

1A. For the purpose of encouraging the deep-sea-fishing industry, the Minister in charge of the Marine Department (hereinafter called "the Minister") may, out of moneys to be appropriated by Parliament, grant subsidies in the manner, to the extent, and subject to the conditions following, that is to say,—

- (1.) The subsidies shall be in aid of the construction and equipment of steam trawlers, whereof at least one shall be employed in deep-sea trawling off the coasts of the North Island, within such limits as are prescribed by regulations, and at least one shall be similarly employed off the coasts of the Middle Island and Stewart Island.
- (2.) The amount of the subsidy in respect of each trawler shall be ten shillings for every pound expended in the construction and equipment thereof: Provided that the total amount of the subsidy in respect of any one trawler shall not exceed *two thousand* pounds.
- (3.) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the regulations thereunder, the subsidy shall in each case be payable by sixteen equal quarterly instalments.
- (4.) The first instalment shall be payable when, but not until, the Minister is satisfied that the trawler is in all respects properly and suitably constructed and equipped for the efficient carrying-on of deep-sea trawling, and is actually employed therein.
- (5.) Each subsequent quarterly instalment shall be payable when, but not until, the Minister is satisfied that throughout the quarter the trawler has been similarly employed with reasonable regularity and efficiency, and the owner is entitled to payment.

1B. The total amount which may be granted in respect of subsidies under this Act shall not exceed *four thousand* pounds.

1c. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make such regulation as he deems necessary for any of the purposes following, that is to say,—

- (1.) Prescribing, in respect of applications for subsidies under this Act, the time within which the application must be made, the form thereof, and the particulars to be contained therein;
- (2.) Prescribing the limits within which each subsidised trawler shall be employed;
- (3.) Requiring the owner of any subsidised trawler to furnish returns of the fish caught, and the work done by such trawler, together with such other particulars as are prescribed in respect of the trawler, her equipment and work.
- (4.) Such other purposes as are deemed expedient in order to give full effect to the provisions of this Act relating to subsidies.

1d. If the owner of any subsidised trawler fails or neglects to faithfully comply with any of the provisions of this Act, or the regulations thereunder, in so far as they relate to him or his trawler, or fails or neglects to keep his trawler in seaworthy condition and proper equipment, the Minister in his discretion may suspend the payment of any instalment of subsidy for such period as he thinks fit, or forfeit any instalments in whole or in part.