

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 11th Day of July, 1895.

FAMILY HOMES PROTECTION BILL.

Mr. G. W. RUSSELL, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

The Registrar shall keep a book, to be called "The Settlement Book," in which shall be recorded all settlements made of land in the district. Such book shall be at all times open for inspection free of charge.

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

No duty under "The Stamp Act, 1882," or any amendment thereof, or under "The Deceased Persons Estates Duties Act, 1881," or any amendment thereof, shall be payable in respect of any settlement under this Act, or in respect of the transmission of any share or interest in such land to any member of the family, so long as the family home shall continue to be registered.

Hon. Mr. J. MCKENZIE, in Committee, to move, That the following new clause, read a second time on the 9th July, be added to the Bill:—

28. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, it is hereby declared that if at any time, prior to the period of distribution,—

- (1.) The settlor and his family desire to leave the colony, or
 - (2.) Any other exceptional circumstances arise which, in the opinion of the Public Trustee, render it expedient, in the interests of the family, that the family home should be disposed of otherwise than as hereinbefore prescribed,
- the Public Trustee, upon being fully satisfied as to the facts, may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the family home upon such terms in all things as he thinks fit.

If he sells the family home he shall stand possessed of the net proceeds, either to invest the same upon such securities as he thinks fit or to apply the same in the purchase of a new family home, which shall thereupon be subject to this Act, or partly in one of such methods and partly in the other.

He shall apportion the income derived from any such securities, and also all moneys derived from rents, between the settlor and his family until the period of distribution in such proportions as he thinks fit, with power to pay to one or more exclusively of others.

No income payable by the Public Trustee under this Act shall be attached, or attachable by any creditor, or be taken in execution or charged under any judgment, or pass to the Assignee in bankruptcy, and no settlor or member of his family shall have power to charge or to deprive himself by anticipation of the benefit of such income.

The execution by the Public Trustee of any conveyance, lease, or other deed or instrument affecting the family home, or for the purposes of this Act, shall be effectual to transfer the estate or interest expressed to be conveyed, demised, or otherwise dealt with, according to the tenor of such instrument.

The Public Trustee, acting under this Act, shall be entitled to charge his usual and customary charges, and to deduct the same from any moneys coming to his hands under this Act and available for the purpose.