

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 15th day of July, 1885.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT 1881 AMENDMENT BILL.

Major STEWARD, in Committee, to move the addition of the following clause:—

No application under section forty-six of the said Act for a license to use the totalisator, other than from a principal or metropolitan club, shall be entertained unless such application be accompanied by the recommendation of a principal or metropolitan racing club of the provincial district within which the race meeting for which the license is applied for is to be held.

CORONERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Major STEWARD, in Committee, to move the addition of the following clauses:—

1. Every person who shall be summoned to attend as a juror, and shall attend at any inquest or inquiry before a coroner, shall receive seven shillings for every day that he shall be in attendance at such inquest or inquiry: Provided that, if such attendance shall not extend over three hours, such juror shall only receive the sum of three shillings and sixpence.

Every juror who shall reside more than two miles from the place at which such inquest or inquiry is held shall, in addition to the sum above provided, receive for his travelling expenses sixpence for every mile or portion of a mile beyond two miles from his residence to the place at which the inquest or inquiry is held.

All sums payable under this section shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Fund to the persons whom the Coroner, by his certificate, shall from time to time declare to be respectively entitled thereto.

2. The deadhouse of every public hospital, in cases where there is no building specially set apart for a morgue, shall be taken and deemed to be a public morgue; and the officer in charge of such hospital shall, at the request of any Justice of the Peace or officer or constable of police, receive into such deadhouse any dead body that may be brought thereto for the purpose of an inquest being held thereon; and if the officer in charge of such hospital shall refuse to receive such dead body for the purpose aforesaid, he shall, on conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding *five* pounds:

Provided always that, wherever convenient, the inquest on such dead body shall be held at the nearest courthouse.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Coroners Act, 1867," or in section one hundred and thirty-six of "The Licensing Act, 1881," no holder of a publican's license shall be required to receive any dead body for the purpose of an inquest being held thereon if there shall be a public morgue situated within two miles of the place from which the dead body is removed for the purpose of such inquest.

COUNTIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. Mr. STOUT, in Committee, to move—

Clauses 3 and 4. That they be omitted.

Clause 22, lines 35 and 36, to omit "aforesaid Controllers," substitute "Governor."

After clause 33, to insert the following new clauses:—

County may be subdivided for purposes of constructing irrigation works.

33A. The Council may, by special order from time to time without petition as they think fit, divide any district or districts constituted for purposes of irrigation works under the powers of section thirty-four of "The Counties Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1883," into subdivisions, and may prescribe the boundaries of any such subdivision and assign names to any such subdivisions.

Council may constitute drainage districts.

33B. The Council of any county may by special order from time to time in manner provided and subject to all the conditions mentioned in section thirty-four of "The Counties Acts Amendment Act, 1883," declare the whole county or any part of the county to be a district for the purpose of constructing drainage works therein under the provisions of Part VIII. of "The Public Works Act, 1882," and may assign names to such districts; and such Council may by any subsequent special order from time to time, as they think fit, divide any such district into subdivisions, and prescribe the boundaries of such subdivisions respectively, and assign names thereto.

Special loan may be raised in separate subdivision for irrigation.

33C. The Council, with the consent of the ratepayers of any district constituted for irrigation purposes or for the construction of drainage works, or of any subdivision of any such districts, to be ascertained as provided by the said Act, in relation to a proposal to raise a special loan,—

May from time to time raise a special loan for the purpose of exercising any of the powers conferred on the Council by section thirty-seven of the Act last mentioned, or by Part VIII. of "The Public Works Act, 1882":

Provided that the aggregate amount of all loans to be raised for such purposes respectively shall not exceed in any district or subdivision a sum equal to *ten* shillings per acre on all the land in the district or subdivision;

May impose and levy on all lands in the district or subdivision a special rate to secure and pay the interest on and provide a fund for the repayment of any such loan.

Any such special rate may be for any amount not exceeding *six* farthings in the pound on the rateable property in the district or subdivision, anything in this Act or in any other Act contained notwithstanding.

Every such rate shall be deemed to be a rate made under "The Rating Act, 1882," and may be levied, sued for, and recovered under the said Act.

The consent of the ratepayers of any district or subdivision to the raising of any such special loan shall be determined in manner provided in respect of raising a loan within a county, and it shall be sufficient if the number of votes at the poll for the proposal within such district or subdivision taken together is not less than three-fifths of the total number of votes given at such poll, and in such case the resolution in favour of the proposal shall be deemed to be carried.

In case of extraordinary damage special loan may be raised without consent of ratepayers.

33D. For the purpose of repairing any extraordinary damage done by flood, tempest, or accident to any water-race, the Council may, from time to time, raise a special loan without first obtaining the consent of the ratepayers of the district to the doing of such work, or to the raising of such loan; and to secure the interest and the repayment of such loan may levy a rate in manner as in the last-preceding section mentioned.

Clause 38. Add the following paragraph :—

In counties wherein there are road districts and town districts, the Road Boards and Town Boards thereof respectively may exercise the powers herein given to County Councils, and may contribute out of the district funds for the erection or maintenance of school buildings as aforesaid.

Clause 45, line 12, to omit "twenty-three;" line 15, omit "section twenty-three," substitute "sections twenty-three and thirty-six."

DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. Mr. TOLE, in Committee, to move the omission of clause 2, and the substitution of the following :—

Section eighteen of "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," is hereby amended by the insertion, after the word "guilty," of the words "of adultery with her sister, or."

Title. To omit the words "in supplement to section nineteen of," and to substitute "to amend."

ARMED CONSTABULARY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. Mr. BALLANCE, in Committee, to move the omission of clause 2, and the substitution of the following :—

Nothing in section twenty-six of "The Armed Constabulary Act, 1867," shall be deemed to apply to any person enrolled under the said Act who is employed as part of the civil police force of the colony during the time he shall continue to be so employed.