

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 26th day of July, 1882.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATES ACT 1867 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. TOLE, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

- (a.) All affidavits to be used in the Courts held under the said Act shall and may be sworn before any solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, or before any Justice of the Peace;
- (b.) The application and deposition on oath required by section *thirty-four* of the said Act shall be deemed sufficient if made by the agent or clerk of the plaintiff;
- (c.) The Court before whom any cause shall be heard may, if it think fit, upon the application of either party, grant leave to appeal, notwithstanding the amount claimed shall be under the sum of *five* pounds;
- (d.) In cases of set-off, the defendant, if his set-off be in excess of the demand of the plaintiff, shall, on proof, have judgment for such excess;
- (e.) Where the cause of action is for a sum exceeding *twenty* pounds, the defendant shall file in the Court an explicit statement in writing of his defence, and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff or his solicitor twenty-four hours respectively before the day of hearing of the said cause of action or claim;
- (f.) Every Resident Magistrate shall have power, upon such proceeding as he may from time to time prescribe, to order the attachment of debts not exceeding in amount the sum of *fifty* pounds;
- (g.) Any plaintiff may at any time before the hearing discontinue his action either as to the whole or any part thereof, by filing in the office of the Court wherein such cause is to be heard a memorandum of such discontinuance, of which a copy shall be served on the defendant or his solicitor a reasonable time before the hearing; and the plaintiff shall pay the defendant all costs up to such discontinuance, which shall not be a defence in any subsequent proceedings in respect of the same cause of action;
- (h.) Infants may sue and be sued for damages in respect of any claim within the amount of the jurisdiction of the Court before whom such claim may be heard;
- (i.) Sections seventeen, eighteen, and nineteen of "The Resident Magistrates Act, 1868," shall be deemed to be unrepealed by section three of "The Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Act, 1874," or otherwise.

GOLD DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. DE LAUTOUR, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses (recommended by the Gold Fields Committee in their report on the Bill, 10th July):—

In lieu of the duties authorized by "The Gold Duties Act, 1872," to be levied and collected, there shall be levied, collected, and paid to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, at the Customs, previous to exportation from New Zealand, the following duties upon gold, that is to say,—

Upon every ounce troy weight of gold of the fineness of twenty carats and upwards, and so in proportion for any less quantity than one ounce,—

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| On and after the first day of January, one thou- | } | One shilling |
| sand eight hundred and eighty-three ... | | and sixpence. |
| On and after the first day of January, one thou- | | |
| sand eight hundred and eighty-four ... | | One shilling. |

On and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five ... Sixpence.

And so in proportion upon every ounce or part of an ounce of gold of a less degree of fineness than twenty carats.

On and after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, duties on gold shall altogether cease to be levied and collected.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES ELECTION BILL.

Mr. STEWARD, in Committee, to move that the following new clause be added:—

For the purposes of this Act the word "householder" shall mean and include every adult who is the owner, lessee, or tenant of any dwelling-house or business premises in any district, and every parent or guardian liable to maintain or having the actual custody of any child of school-age; and so much of clause four of "The Education Act, 1877," as is in conflict with the foregoing is hereby repealed.

Mr. STEWARD, on the Bill being reported, to move that it be recommitted, for the purpose of reinserting clause 4 in the following amended form:—

The Board of every educational district shall, not later than the twentieth day of the month of November in every year, publicly notify, in manner prescribed by section four of the said Act, the times and places appointed for the annual meetings of householders by the next succeeding section of this Act required to be held, and shall call upon the householders entitled to vote to send to the Chairmen of the respective School Committees written nominations of persons qualified in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-eight of the said Act to be elected members of the School Committee; and all or any of the members of any Committee going out of office shall be eligible for re-election. Such nominations shall be signed by the proposer and by the candidate, and shall be in the form of the Schedule to this Act or to the general effect thereof, and shall be sent to the Chairman of the School Committee, so that he may receive the same not later than the fifth day of December.

TIMARU HARBOUR BOARD BILL.

Mr. STEWARD to move, on the consideration of the report of the Bill, that the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of adding the following new clause and Schedule, viz.:—

The boundaries defined in the Schedule to this Act shall be the boundaries of the Timaru Harbour District for the purposes of "The Timaru Harbour Board Loan Act, 1881," in lieu of any boundaries that may have heretofore been defined in accordance with the provisions of section four of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Provincial District of Canterbury, bounded towards the North-east, from the summit of the Southern Alps, by the summit of the Two Thumbs Range; thence by a right line to the source of Forest Creek; thence by the centre of that creek to the Rangitata River; thence by the centre of that river to the sea; towards the East by the sea to the Waihao River; towards the South by that river to a road which runs through Section 20185, by that road forming the northern boundary of Sections 18960, 20508, 14585, 16797, 18204, 19174, 20511, 18989, 20542, crossing the Elephant Hill Creek to the northern boundary-line of Section 22519; thence by the road forming the northern boundary of said section, passing Trigs. M and N, and running through Sections 31577, 26134, and 32808 to Trig. I; towards the West by a right line to Trig. H; thence by a right line to Trig. E; thence by a right line to Trig. X; thence by a right line to Trig. Z; thence by a right line to Trig. O; thence by a right line to Trig. G; thence by a right line to Mount Nimrod; thence generally towards the South-west, South, and South-east by the Waimate County to the Waitangi River; thence generally again towards the South-west by the said river, by Ohau River, by Ohau Lake; thence by the River Hopkins to its source; thence by a right line to the nearest point on the summit of the Southern Alps; and towards the North-west by a line along the said summit to the starting point near Mount Tyndall: excluding from the above-described area the Borough of Waimate, as proclaimed in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 95, of 1879, page 1244; as the same is delineated on the plans deposited in the Survey Office, Christchurch.