

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 1st day of August, 1888.

NATIVE LAND BILL.

Mr. PRATT, in Committee, to move,—

That the title of the Bill shall be “The North Island Native Land Bill.”

Mr. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move,—

To strike out clauses 2, 3, and 4 of the Bill as reported from the Native Bills Committee, with the view of inserting the following clauses:—

How certain transactions may be registered.

2. Notwithstanding any law in force prior to the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, requiring the assent of all the owners, any conveyance or lease of land held by Crown grant, memorial of ownership, or certificate of title issued by the Court may be lodged with a Native Land Court Registrar, together with a true copy of such deed and of any indorsements thereon; and if such deed has indorsed thereon a Trust Commissioner's certificate and is duly stamped and executed, it shall be a duty of such Registrar to make a minute of the contents of such deed upon any memorial or certificate of title in his custody, and having relation to the land the subject of such deed.

How title ascertained.

3. It shall be a duty of the Chief Judge, by due inquiry in open Court, to ascertain the *bona fides* of the transaction; and if it is found to be equitable, and, except as aforesaid, not in contravention of any law in force at the time of entering into, continuing, or concluding of such transaction, the deed or deeds evidencing the same shall be deemed to effectually vest in the purchaser or lessee the estate or interest thereby purported to be conveyed or leased, and such deed or deeds may be registered accordingly, and the Court may at any time thereafter make order in respect of such estate or interest so dealt with, and also in respect of any estate or interest remaining undealt with in the land as in the case of owners ascertained under section twenty-two of the said Act.

To strike out clause eight of the Bill as reported from the Native Bills Committee, with the view of inserting the following clause:—

Removal of restrictions.

5. All restrictions on alienation expressed in any Crown grant heretofore under any Act issued in favour of any Native, or expressed in any certificate of title, or directed to be in force in any memorial of ownership, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be deemed to be annulled, and the Natives holding under such Crown grant, certificate of title, or memorial of ownership shall be deemed to be the absolute owners in fee of the land described therein: Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to or affect—

- (1.) Land held under certificate of title issued under section twenty-two of “The Native Land Act, 1865,” or section seventeen of “The Native Land Act, 1867;”
- (2.) Land subject to the provisions of “The Native Reserves Act, 1882.”

Dr. NEWMAN, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

Section *four* of this Act shall not apply to that portion of the colony described in the Schedule of “The Native Land Alienation Restriction Act, 1884.”

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Affidavits in pursuance of the provisions of “The Chattel Securities Act, 1880,” or of any amendment thereof, may be made before any Justice of the Peace.