

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, the 21st day of June, 1882.

LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. WESTON, in Committee upon Hon. Mr. Dick's Licensing Act Amendment Bill, to move the following amendments and additions to "The Licensing Act, 1881 :"—

1. The Governor may abolish and reconstitute any district constituted under the said Act, as well as alter or redefine the boundaries thereof: Provided that from and after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, every borough shall be regarded as an original licensing district.

Whenever any district is altered but not abolished, or the boundaries thereof redefined, it shall not be necessary to make new appointments therein, but the Licensing Committee, and all officers duly acting in the district before the alteration or redefinition thereof, shall continue to act in and for the district so altered or redefined.

2. The Licensing Committee for an ordinary licensing district shall, on and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, consist of five persons, to be nominated for the purpose by His Excellency the the Governor.

Every member of such Licensing Committee shall hold office for *two* years. Vacancies occurring in the interval by death, bankruptcy, or becoming otherwise disqualified to sit on such Committee, shall be filled up by the Governor, but a member appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office only until the expiry of the current period.

The Governor shall from time to time appoint such person as he may think fit to be the Clerk of the Licensing Committee of any one or more districts, and any such Clerk may be removed from office by the Governor.

The members of the Licensing Committee shall, at their first meeting, elect one of their number to be Chairman thereof (herein referred to as "the Chairman"), who shall have an original and casting vote, and shall hold such office during the continuance of the period for which such Committee was elected or appointed.

The Governor shall fix the date for the first Committee meeting.

The Chairman shall sign on behalf of the Committee all certificates and other documents (if any) issued or recorded by it.

In case of the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Licensing Committee, the members present at such meeting shall elect one of their number to be Chairman, and such Chairman shall act only for the occasion for which he is so elected.

Every Licensing Committee shall hold its meetings in the place used as a courthouse by the Resident Magistrate in the licensing district, or if there be no such courthouse in such district, then at such place, not being licensed premises, as may from time to time be appointed by the Chairman.

3. Subsection three of section twenty-eight of the said Act shall be read as if the words "publicans," "New Zealand wine," "accommodation," "bottle," "packet," or "conditional" had been originally inserted between the first and third words of the first line, and as if the word "such" had been originally inserted between the sixth and seventh words in the fourth line thereof.

4. Sections thirty, thirty-one, and one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act shall be read as if the word "eleven" had been originally inserted therein respectively, instead of the word "ten."

5. No bottle license, and no renewal of an existing bottle license, shall be granted after the passing of this Act.

6. Section thirty-five of the said Act shall be read as if the words "one gallon" had been originally inserted therein, instead of the words "two gallons."

7. Section fifty-nine of the said Act shall be read as if the words "on payment of costs" had not been inserted therein.

8. Section eighty-one of the said Act shall be read as if subsection five thereof had not been inserted therein.

9. Section one hundred and forty-two of the said Act shall be read as if the words "for any period exceeding forty-eight hours" had been originally inserted after the word "imprisonment" appearing therein.

10. Section one hundred and fifty of the said Act shall be read as if the word "may" had been inserted therein, instead of the word "shall."

11. In lieu of the last paragraph in section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act contained, it is enacted that all licensed premises shall be closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday, as if such days were respectively Sunday; but this provision shall not alter the hours during which such premises shall be closed on Sunday when Christmas Day immediately precedes or succeeds Sunday.

12. Section one hundred and fifty-five of the said Act shall be read as if the words "person not being a boarder or lodger" had been inserted in substitution for the words "one whomsoever" appearing in the sixth line thereof.