

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

Monday, the 14th day of August, 1882.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. DICK, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

(In substitution of the second amendment printed on the Supplementary Order Paper, No. 20, of 12th July, 1882.)

Clause 4. Add the following after subsection 1:—

- (2.) Within licensing districts inside of counties as defined in the said Act, where more local bodies than one have jurisdiction throughout the districts, and within licensing districts outside of the counties aforesaid, where more local bodies than one have jurisdiction, the Governor shall appoint which of such local bodies shall be charged with the administration of the said Act.

The local body so appointed shall for the purposes of the said Act be deemed to have authority throughout the licensing district, and shall make all necessary appointments and do all things required for the conduct of elections within the licensing district.

Clause 8. Omit "forty-seventh," substitute "forty-eight."

Mr. WESTON, in Committee, to move the following:—

1. On receipt of a petition from the ratepayers of any one or more licensing districts, signed by a majority of the ratepayers in each of such districts, praying that such districts may be amalgamated, the Governor may, by Proclamation, declare such districts to be amalgamated, and may abolish any district, or alter the boundaries or names of any districts for the purpose of giving effect to any such amalgamations.

In any such case the Governor shall make all necessary appointments and regulations for the due administration of the said Act within the new district until the advent of the next period for the election of a Licensing Committee under this Act.

Nothing herein contained shall authorize the amalgamation of any borough, or any part thereof, or of any town district with any riding of a county or a road district.

2. Section thirteen of the said Act is hereby amended as follows:—

In subsection (1), the word "annually" shall be omitted.

In subsection (4), the words "and thereafter, in the same month in every year" shall be omitted.

Subsections (8) and (18) shall be repealed.

3. The Returning Officer henceforth shall appoint the day for the taking of the poll of ratepayers, as mentioned in section forty-six of the said Act, as well as appoint the day for the election of the Licensing Committee.

4. The following provisions relating to the election of Licensing Committees shall come into operation on the passing of this Act:—

(1.) The Returning Officer shall appoint the day in the now next ensuing year for the election of members of the Licensing Committee under the provisions of subsection (4) of section thirteen of the said Act, as if this Act had not been passed.

(2.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected at such next election shall come into office on his election, and shall hold office for a term of two years, or until the election of his successors under the provisions of this section.

(3.) The Returning Officer shall appoint the day in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five for the taking of the poll of ratepayers in the manner provided by section forty-six of the said Act as if this Act had not been passed; and shall appoint the same day for

the election of the Licensing Committee in succession to the Committee to be elected in the now next ensuing year :

- (4.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and thereafter, shall come into office on his election, and shall hold office for *three* years, or until the election of his successors :
- (5.) The elections of Licensing Committees shall after the next year be held on the days appointed by the said Act for the taking of the poll of ratepayers, and simultaneously therewith once in every *third* year only :
- (6.) In case of any extraordinary vacancy occurring in any Committee the Governor shall appoint a person to fill up such vacancy, who shall hold office only until the next Committee is elected.

5. Subsections (2) and (3) of section twenty-eight of the said Act are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows :—

Licenses in respect of refreshment-rooms at railway-stations may be granted at any time by the Licensing Committee, and the fee for every such license shall be such sum, not exceeding twenty-five pounds, as the Committee shall direct : Provided that the licensee shall be bound to provide refreshments upon the arrival of trains and at such other times as may be directed by any person acting under the authority of the Minister for Public Works.

Nothing in any Act contained authorizing the Minister for Public Works to let any premises on or connected with a railway as refreshment-rooms shall be deemed to authorize any person to sell intoxicating liquors thereat, unless he be licensed so to do under the said Act or this Act. Any person so selling any liquors without such license shall be liable to the penalties provided by the said Act in respect of persons selling liquors without a license.

Every person holding a license granted by the Minister for Public Works in respect of refreshment-rooms at railway stations shall, at the expiration of such license, apply to the Licensing Committee for a license under this Act, and in default he shall be subject to the penalties aforesaid.

After the commencement of this Act no publicans', New Zealand wine, accommodation, bottle, packet, or conditional license shall be granted, renewed, or transferred, as hereinafter mentioned, to any person carrying on business as an auctioneer, or being in partnership with any one carrying on such business, or to any constable or bailiff ; nor shall any such license be granted, renewed, or transferred in respect of any house or premises of which any such person is owner or wherein he is directly or indirectly interested.

6. An extension of time for the sale of liquors until eleven o'clock at night may be granted by any Licensing Committee under the provisions of section thirty-seven of the said Act, on payment by the licensee of an additional fee of *five* pounds for the same.

7. The report of an inspector of licensed premises upon any licensed house shall be read aloud in open court at the meeting of the Licensing Committee, when the application as to the licensing of the said house is under consideration.

8. Section forty-six of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission of the words "The Chairman of the Licensing Committee," and the insertion in lieu thereof of "The Returning Officer."

9. Section fifty-nine of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission of the words "on payment of costs."

10. 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.

11. It shall not be obligatory in all cases to indorse a license as required by section one hundred and fifty of the said Act, but the adjudicating Magistrate or Justices, whenever they shall think there are extenuating circumstances sufficient to warrant it, may in their discretion direct the license to be returned without any indorsement thereon.

12. Section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission of the last paragraph, and the substitution of the following in lieu thereof :—

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.

Mr. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move,—

That where in any case a wholesale license may have expired and been renewed in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, before the first sitting of any Licensing Committee, the license-fee so paid shall be taken into account in the license-fee paid on the *thirtieth* day of *June* of the same year, so that the license-fee shall not be more than the sum of *twenty* pounds for twelve months, and any amount paid over that sum by the holder of a wholesale license shall be refunded to the same by the local authority to which such an amount over and above the statutory license-fee of *twenty* pounds for twelve months has been paid.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. LEVESTAM, in Committee, to move the following clause and amendment:—

The Council may at any time and from time to time, and in manner provided in section *forty-six* of the said Act, amend any burgess list by the addition or erasure of names of persons who have acquired or parted with their qualification respectively, and whether such burgess list is for the time being in force, or has not come into force.

Provided that this section shall not authorize the insertion on any such list of any defaulter's name, and that no amendment of any such list shall be made at any time within one month from the day appointed for any ordinary election, nor after the creation of any vacancy which shall make an extraordinary election necessary, until such elections respectively have been concluded and made.

Also that section 237 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," be amended by the insertion, in the eighth line, between the words "the Council" and the words "and the Council," of the following words: "and such nuisance may be abated by filling up with earth the land on which the nuisance occurs to the permanent level of the adjacent lands if, in the opinion of the Council, expressed by resolution, such filling up shall be the only effectual means of abating such nuisance."

RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACT 1881 AMENDMENT BILL.

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

9. At any time after any lands set apart for selection by any company, pursuant to any contract made with such company under the provisions of the said Act, shall have been so set apart, and the values of the same shall have been ascertained and certified as required by the said Act, the company may cause the same or any part of the same, to be approved of by the Minister for Public Works, to be sold and disposed of in like manner to all intents and purposes as if the same had been selected and become vested in the company under the provisions of their contract.

Provided, nevertheless, that no part of the said lands shall be sold at a less price than the selection-value of the same; and that the whole amount of the purchase-money payable or to become payable for any part of the same upon any such sale shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue for the district within which the said land is situated, to be by him placed to a special deposit account, and to be dealt with as next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say,—

That, so soon as the land represented by any part of such purchase-money shall have been selected by the company under the provisions of their contract, the amount of purchase-money paid or from thenceforth payable in respect of the said land shall be deemed to belong to and be forthwith paid over to the company accordingly.