

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 22nd Day of September, 1904.

LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Where the holder of a publican's license desires to acquire the estate, right, title, or interest of any person or persons in the premises in respect of which he holds such license, he shall be entitled to acquire the same subject to the following conditions:—

- (a.) He shall give to such person or persons by registered letter one month's notice of such his desire, and shall state therein the price at which he is desirous of acquiring such estate, right, title, or interest, and shall indorse on such letter a Bank of New Zealand receipt showing that a sum of one hundred pounds has been paid by him to the credit of the Minister of Justice.
- (b.) Should such price not be agreed to by any such person or persons as aforesaid, such person or persons shall, within fourteen days of the receipt of such registered letter, send by registered letter to such licensee notice of refusal to accept such price.
- (c.) Immediately upon receipt of such notice of refusal the licensee may apply in writing to the said Minister to set up a Court of Compensation as hereinafter provided, the duty of which Court shall be to assess and determine the price which shall be paid by such licensee for the estate, &c., which he desires to acquire.
- (d.) Together with such application such licensee shall forward to the said Minister a statutory declaration to the effect that such licensee is neither directly or indirectly beneficially interested in any premises in respect of which any license is held under the Licensing Acts other than the one in respect of which such application is made.
- (e.) The price assessed and determined by the said Court shall be a debt due on demand and on tender of a good title to such estate, &c., by the owner thereof:

Provided that in the event of the licensee neglecting to complete the purchase of the said licensed premises within seven days of such demand and tender the sum of one hundred pounds hereinbefore referred to shall be and become the property of the owner.
- (f.) Any estate, &c., so acquired by any licensee as aforesaid shall be inalienable to and incapable of being held by any person or persons who is or are directly or indirectly beneficially interested in any other premises in respect of which any license is held under the Licensing Acts.
- (g.) Such Court of Compensation shall be composed of a Judge of the Supreme Court as President, and two Assessors, one to be appointed by each party, as if the matter to be decided were a claim for compensation under the Public Works Act; and the provisions of the said Act relating to the hearing and determination of claims for compensation shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply.
- (h.) Provided that no licensee shall be entitled under the provisions hereof to acquire any estate, &c., from any person who is not directly or indirectly beneficially interested in some other premises in respect of which a license under the Licensing Acts is held.