

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 21st day of August, 1885.

LAND BILL.

Sir G. GREY, in Committee, to move that the Bill be recommitted and that the following new clauses be inserted :—

A. For each district, except as is hereinafter mentioned, there shall be a Board, to be called the Land Board of [*name of land district*], and the said Board shall consist of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the district (hereinafter called “the Commissioner”) and of not less than two or more than other members, the whole of whom shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

B. The Governor in Council shall, from time to time, fix the number of members who shall be elected for each district.

C. The several Land Boards existing in the respective land districts on the coming into operation of this Act are hereby constituted the Land Boards for the same districts respectively under this Act, and the members of such Boards who shall be in office at the aforesaid time shall continue to be members of the said Boards under this Act until the assumption of office by their successors, elected as members of the said Board under the authority of this Act.

D. Between the *first* and the *thirty-first* day of *January*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, each of the local authorities in each district shall transmit to the Board the names of two persons qualified to be members of the Board, their written consent being first obtained; and the Board shall thereupon publicly notify the names of such persons, and in such notice shall also state the date on which the election shall be held, and shall also transmit to each local authority the names of such persons.

E. The day of election shall be some day not later than the *fifteenth* of *March* in the same year.

F. Every person who shall be qualified as an elector, and duly registered as such, shall be qualified to be elected as a member of any Land Board.

G. On or before the last day of *February* in the same year the local authority in each district shall send to the Secretary of the Board a list in writing setting forth the full names of not more than of the persons whose names have been publicly notified as aforesaid.

H. The Secretary shall keep such lists, and on the day fixed by the Board shall proceed to ascertain what persons so nominated have the greatest number of votes, and the persons who have the greatest number of votes shall be members of the Board.

I. After it has been ascertained what candidates have by a majority of votes been duly elected, if it shall appear that there is an equality of votes for one or more candidates remaining to complete the list of members, the Board shall decide which of such persons shall be the member or members.

j. If a local authority refuses or neglects to transmit to the Board either of the lists of names hereinbefore required to be transmitted within the time appointed, the Board shall proceed to the election of members notwithstanding such refusal or neglect.

k. Every election shall be conducted publicly by the Board in such manner as it thinks fit.

l. The Board shall publicly notify what persons have been found to be elected, and such notification shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board, and shall be final and conclusive for all purposes.

A copy of such notification signed by the Chairman shall be transmitted to the Minister of Lands without delay.

m. In the event of persons not being nominated as herein provided, the Board shall elect such a number of duly qualified persons as may be necessary to complete the number of the Board.

n. The members of the Board so elected shall take office on the *thirty-first* day of *March*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, and shall hold office for *two* years from that date.

o. All members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election.

p. In the month of *March*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, and in the same month in every succeeding *two* years, an election shall be held for the purpose of filling the vacancies caused by the expiry of the time of office of the members of the then existing Board.

q. All the proceedings in and about such an election shall be had and taken in the same manner as is prescribed in section upon the first election of Boards.

r. Each succeeding Board shall take office on the *thirty-first* day of *March* in that year in which it may be elected.