

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Wednesday, the 30th day of August, 1890.

LABOUR BILLS.

Sir G. GREY to move, when the Labour Bills are in Committee, the introduction of the following clauses :—

To prevent the grave scandal of sweating taking place in Government and municipal contracts, provision shall be made in all such contracts for the payment by the contractors of such minimum rates of wages as may be specified by the department of Government or local authorities.

In all cases in which leases of mines have been given or may hereafter be given by the Government, and conditions for fulfilment have been specified in any such lease, if disputes shall arise between the lessees of any such mine and the miners in their employment, the Government shall not assent to any change or suspension in the terms of the lease as would cause a stoppage of the works or closing of the mine, until it has been shown that the mine cannot be worked with a profit if such a rate of wages has to be paid as the miners claim they are justly entitled to.