SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE **REPRESENTATIVES.** OF

Friday, the 2nd Day of October, 1908.

LAND DRAINAGE BILL.

Mr. RHODES, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :---

Board may purchase

A. (1.) The Ellesmere Land Drainage Board is hereby emexisting works. powered, out of moneys authorised by the Ellesmere Land Drainage Act, 1905, to be raised or out of any moneys belonging to the Board, to pay any person who has constructed any works as an outlet to the sea of the waters of Lake Ellesmere the cost of such works or any part thereof as may be agreed on between the Board and such person, and to enter into any contract with that person or any other person for the further construction, completion, and maintenance of such works on such terms and conditions as the Board thinks fit.

> (2.) Nothing herein shall be deemed to have authorised the construction by any person of any works as aforesaid or to entitle him to claim payment from the Board of the cost of the same, unless the Board determines to pay such cost or to entitle such person to retain possession of such works or any part thereof pending any such determination by the Board, or in any case whatsoever.

> (3.) If the Board determines to pay to any person as aforesaid the cost of such work, the Board may, failing agreement between the parties as to the amount of such cost, refer the question of amount to arbitration, which shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1908, one arbitrator to be appointed by each party, unless the parties agree to refer the question to a single arbitrator, and where more than one arbitrator is appointed the arbitrators shall be at liberty to appoint an umpire.

Validation of Board.

B. The members of the Ellesmere Land Drainage Board elected in the year nineteen hundred and six and acting as members of the Board on the passing of this Act shall be deemed to have been validly re-elected on the first Monday of November, nineteen hundred and seven.