

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 10th Day of December, 1897.

LANDS FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. WASON, in Committee, to move the following proviso to clause 5 :—

Provided that land acquired under this section for the purpose of relieving the congested population of towns shall be reserved as far as possible for those employed in the said towns.

Mr. WASON, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :—

Notwithstanding anything contained in section thirty-two of the principal Act, or elsewhere in the principal Act or the amendments thereof,—

(1.) Every tenant from the Crown of lands acquired under the said Act or the amendments thereof shall have the right to purchase the freehold of the allotment held by such tenant, at the capital value thereof, as provided by section thirty of the principal Act.

(2.) Every such tenant may, on any day appointed for payment of his rent, pay to the Receiver of Land Revenue any sum in part payment of such capital value, and his future rent shall thereupon be proportionately reduced.

(3.) Upon payment in full to the Crown of the capital value of his allotment the tenant shall be entitled to a certificate of title under "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," for the freehold of the allotment so purchased :

Provided always,—

(a.) That this section shall not apply in the case of any such tenant who is the owner of six hundred and forty acres of first-class land or of two thousand acres of land of any other class exclusive of the area of his allotment :

(b.) That any freehold title acquired under the provisions of this section shall be subject to a special restraint on alienation—namely, that the land shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of to any person who is at the time of such sale or other disposition the owner of six hundred and forty acres of first-class land or of two thousand acres of land of any other class :

(c.) That such special restraint on alienation shall be noted on any such certificate of title and on the Land Transfer thereof.

Mr. O'REGAN, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :—

All the lands disposed of under this Act and the principal Act shall be subject to revaluation every seventh year from the date of disposal, and on such revaluation there shall not be considered any increase in value through the exertions of the occupier, but only such increase in value as is due to the growth and progress of the community and the expenditure of public money.

A sinking fund of one per centum shall be annually set aside for the redemption of all loans under this Act and the principal Act.