

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 25th Day of August, 1905.

LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT.

Mr. MASSEY to move, as an amendment to the question of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon—"That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to deal with the report of the Royal Commission on Lands, and to consider and determine the following and other matters, so that a Bill may be introduced this session"—

That all the words after "That" be struck out with a view to insert the following:—

"The failure of the Government to formulate a land policy, even with the report of the Land Commission to assist them, is an evasion of constitutional responsibility: this House therefore urges that Ministers should, without delay, bring down a Bill embodying their land policy, which Bill should include special provision for extending to Crown tenants holding land under lease in perpetuity the right to acquire the freehold, but with sufficient safeguards to prevent the aggregation of large estates, and which should also encourage settlement by providing better conditions and more secure tenure for all settlers upon the lands of the Crown."