

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 2nd Day of September, 1892.

MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. Mr. Seddon, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

Crown lands in
West Coast
Goldfields sub-
ject to "Mining
Act, 1891."

1A. Subject to the provisions of section three of "The Coal-mines Act, 1891," the lands respectively described in the First, Second, and Third Schedules of "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877," are hereby declared to be subject to the provisions of "The Mining Act, 1891," as being Crown lands within mining districts.

All powers, authorities, and functions conferred upon the Minister of Lands, or a Land Board, or Commissioner of Crown Lands, by or in virtue of section eight of "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877," to dispose of the aforesaid lands, are hereby transferred to and shall be exercised by the Warden and Minister of Mines respectively, under the provisions of "The Mining Act, 1891," subject, however, as herein first mentioned.

Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to amend or affect "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877," or any Act amending the same, otherwise than as is herein expressly provided.

Mr. R. H. J. REEVES, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

If the rent of any licensed holding, special claim, or lease, be not paid within six months of its due date a fine of ten per centum shall be imposed; and if not paid within two years the said licensed holding, special claim, or lease, shall be forfeited.

It shall be lawful for the Warden to suspend the operation of any of the provisions of this Act with respect to the employment of men on any licensed holding, special claim, or lease, for any term not exceeding twelve months, upon application made by lessee, and after hearing objection, if any; such application to be advertised.

To move the following amendments:—

Strike out subclause (c) in Amendment Bill.

Strike out clause 60 of principal Act.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

1. No such association shall be formed for the purpose of guaranteeing benefits to its members on account of any sickness, accident, or death that may occur, except the tables of contributions and benefits have in the first place been certified to by a competent actuary as being sufficient for the purpose.

2. The rules of such societies shall contain a clause granting surrender values, to enable a member who has left the employment and has joined another service where a similar benefit society exists, or who has gone to another colony where he is unable to obtain the benefits of the association, to permit such member to join another society without suffering a pecuniary loss on account of his advanced years.

FENCING BILL.

Mr. G. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move the following new clause :

The Road Board or County Council having control of any road upon which any land abuts which is under standing bush, may, if after notice sent by registered letter to the last-known address in the colony of the owner or owners as described in the rate-book the bush shall not, within a time to be limited therein, be felled for the distance of at least two chains from the line of such road, the Road Board or County Council may proceed to fell such bush to such distance, and thereafter to erect a fence on the line of such road. The expense of the felling, burning, and otherwise clearing, and of the fencing of such land, by the Road Board or County Council, shall be deemed to be a special rate on the land so cleared and fenced, and shall be payable and recoverable as a rate overdue on such land, anything to the contrary in any Act heretofore passed notwithstanding.