

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 19th Day of October, 1899.

MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

AS TO THE PROTECTION OF RAILWAYS.

16A. The provisions of the *last-preceding* section hereof, relating to public bridges and the sites therefor, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply in the case of a railway as defined by section one hundred and sixty-five of "The Public Works Act, 1894."

Under the head "Miscellaneous":—

18A. With respect to watercourses which by Proclamation under the principal Act or any former Mining Act are constituted and set apart as watercourses for the discharge of tailings, *débris*, and waste waters produced by or resulting from mining operations, the following provisions shall apply:—

- (1.) In the case of every watercourse heretofore or hereafter constituted and set apart as aforesaid, such mining operations shall be deemed to include and to have included those carried on in the watercourse as well as those carried on outside the same.
- (2.) In the case of every watercourse hereafter constituted and set apart as aforesaid, it shall be deemed to be also constituted and set apart for the carrying-on of mining operations, and the Proclamation shall accordingly operate to confer upon the holder of any mining privilege which is situate wholly or in part in the watercourse or on its bank full and free right and liberty to carry on his mining operations as such holder, notwithstanding that they are carried on in the watercourse or on its bank.
- (3.) For the purposes of the *last-preceding* subsection hereof, section one hundred and eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and in which, or on the banks of which, mining operations may be lawfully carried on."

Also to amend clause 24E as follows: (1) By inserting next before the words "the owner or occupier of land," the words "any person, whether as the holder of a mining privilege or as"; (2) in lines 49 and 50, by omitting the words "owner or occupier," and substituting in lieu thereof the word "claimant."