

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 21st Day of November, 1910.

MINING AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. R. McKENZIE, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 7 : To strike out subclause (5).

To add the following new clauses:—

7A. Section two hundred and twenty-eight of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

“228. (1.) Every person employed or acting in the capacity of a mine-manager of any mine in which more than twelve men are employed at any one time above ground, or more than six men at any one time below ground, shall be the holder of a mine-manager's certificate under this Act.

“(2.) If such mine is worked from a shaft or inclined plane where winding or pumping machinery is used, such certificate shall be a first-class certificate.

“(3.) If such mine is worked from an adit-level where no winding or pumping machinery is used, or if the workings are above ground, such certificate need only be a second-class certificate.

“(4.) In mines where not more than twelve men are employed at any one time above ground, or not more than six men at any one time below ground, it shall be sufficient if the mine-manager holds a permit from the Inspector of Mines; but no such permit shall be issued to any mine-manager unless, in the case of underground mines, he has had at least five years' experience in underground mining, and, in the case of above-ground mines, at least five years' experience in mining.”

7B. Every person who at the time of the passing of this Act, or during the preceding two years, is or has been in charge for a period of not less than twelve months of a mine employing not less than six men and does not hold a certificate of competency as a mine-manager shall be entitled to a certificate of service of the second class. Application shall be made to the Board of Examiners within twelve months after the passing of this Act, accompanied by a fee of *one* pound and satisfactory proof that the requirements of this section have been complied with; and the Board is hereby authorized to issue certificates, subject, however, to the applicant being duly recommended by the Inspector of Mines for the district.

Clause 20: To insert the following new paragraph before paragraph (a):—

“(aa.) Section eighty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph of subsection one the words ‘and no applicant or claim-holder shall be granted more than one such claim without the consent of the Minister, unless such further claim is at least one mile distant from any other claim he may hold.’”

To strike out paragraph (hh), and to substitute the following:—

“(hh.) As to section two hundred and thirty-six: By inserting, after the word ‘employed’ in paragraph (a), the words ‘at any one time above ground, or more than six men at any one time below ground.’”