

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 4th Day of November, 1897.

MINING BILL.

Mr. GUINNESS to move, contingent on the motion for the second reading of the Mining Bill being agreed to,—

That it be an instruction to the Committee on the Mining Bill that provision should be made in the Bill—(1) For the repeal of the rates on mining property; (2) for the reduction of the rental of all licensed holdings and special claims from 10s. per acre to 5s. per acre; (3) for the reduction in the fee paid for miners' rights from 10s. to 5s.; and (4) for the payment of a royalty of 2s. per ounce on all gold won from the land.

Mr. M. J. S. MACKENZIE, on the motion for the committal of the Mining Bill, to move, That it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole on the Mining Bill that it has power to insert a provision by which any Minister of Mines, or other Minister of the Crown, shall be debarred from occupying paid positions on mining syndicates or companies operating in the colony.