

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 20th Day of October, 1910.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

A. No claim by any person to be entered upon the district electors roll of any borough, the population of which exceeds three thousand, shall be lodged during the fourteen days preceding the day on which the said roll is deemed closed under section thirty of the principal Act in the case of an ordinary election.

B. The following proviso is hereby added to subsection three of section six of the principal Act:—

“Provided that where the Clerk is satisfied upon inquiry that the applicant does not possess any such qualification as aforesaid the Clerk shall not enter the name of such person on the said list.”

C. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Act, at all elections under the principal Act and at all polls taken on any proposals under that Act or any other Act submitted to the votes of the electors or ratepayers of the borough, or of any ward or other defined portion thereof, the poll shall close at seven o'clock in the afternoon of the day appointed for the election or poll and not earlier.

D. (1.) The Council may, if it thinks fit, appoint one of its members to be Deputy Mayor, who, with the consent of the Mayor, or, in the event of the Mayor becoming incapable of acting, without such consent, shall have all the authority of the Mayor, excepting to act as a Justice of the Peace, until the Mayor resumes his duties.

(2.) Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

E. The following subsection is hereby added to section twenty-six of the principal Act:—

“(3). If such vacancy occurs within two months before the date fixed for the annual election of Mayor a Councillor elected Mayor under this section shall (notwithstanding subsection five of section twenty-five) not vacate his office as Councillor.”

F. Subsection one of section eighty-five of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:—

“(1.) All water-rates for an ordinary supply shall be payable in advance, either yearly or half-yearly, at the option of the Council, on such day or days as the Council determines.”

Clerk may reject application to go on District Electors list.

Polling-hours.

Deputy Mayor.

Councillor elected as temporary Mayor.

Water rates.

Overhanging trees.

G. Section one hundred and ninety-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting "fourteen days" for "two months" in subsection four, and "seven days" for "twenty-eight days" in subsection seven.

Fire prevention inspection.

H. Subsection one of section two hundred and sixty of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after "residential purposes" in line four, the words "or which (being over one story in height) is used for offices or other purposes."

I. Subsection two of the same section is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "reside" in line two, the words "or be employed."

Licensing refreshment-rooms.

K. Section three hundred and forty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following paragraphs:—

"(o.) The licensing of refreshment-rooms:

Itinerant traders.

"(p.) For defining and licensing itinerant traders, and imposing a license fee not exceeding *five pounds*:

"Provided that such fee shall be refunded if the licensee remains continuously in business in the borough for six months.

Stands for hawkers, &c.

"(q.) For permitting hawkers and pedlars and keepers of coffee and other stalls to occupy stands in streets and public places for such times and upon such terms and conditions as the Council shall think fit:

Zoos, &c.

"(r.) For making reasonable charges for admission at all times to sports-grounds, zoological gardens, and aquariums controlled by the Council, and whether or not situate upon a public reserve."

Power to refuse certain licenses.

L. The Council may refuse to issue a license for a common lodging-house or billiard-room if satisfied that the proposed licensee is not a person of good character; but, before refusing a license on this ground, the Council shall give the applicant an opportunity to be heard before a Committee of the Council.

Government to be subject to by-laws.

M. Notwithstanding anything contained in section three hundred and seventy-three of the principal Act or in any rule of law, the Crown and every tenant of the Crown shall be subject to all the provisions of the principal Act concerning the erection, maintenance, repair, or re-erection of buildings and other erections, and the drainage and sanitation thereof, and to all by-laws made by the Borough Council concerning the same matters.

Bonds.

N. The following proviso is hereby added to clause nine of the Sixth Schedule to the principal Act:—

"Provided that it shall not be obligatory upon the Council to take a bond where the contract-price does not exceed one hundred pounds."