

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 15th Day of July, 1898.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE REFORM BILL.

The Right Hon. R. J. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

In clause 2: Add to the end of the clause:—

“Residential occupant” includes any person who is in occupation, whether joint or several, of any house, warehouse, office, shop, or other building.

In clause 5, line 12: Next after “least,” insert:—

“Six months then last past has been a residential occupant within such borough, and also is and for at least.”

In clause 9, lines 24 and 25: Omit “possessed within the borough the residential qualification created by this Act,” and substitute “was and for twelve months then last passed had been duly registered on the parliamentary roll as mentioned in section 5 hereof.”

In clause 12, add to subclause (2) the following:—

“Nor unless, if his qualification is residential, he is then, and during the preceding six months has been, a residential occupant within the borough.”

Add the following subclauses:—

(2A.) Before allowing any person to vote in respect of the residential qualification, the Returning Officer may, if he thinks fit, and shall if so requested by any scrutineer, put to the intending voter the following questions:—

(a.) Are you the person whose name appears as *A. B.* on the roll of the [*Name of borough or ward*] by virtue of the residential qualification?

(b.) Are you now, and have you for the preceding six months been in occupation, whether joint or several, of any house, warehouse, office, shop, or other building within the [*Name of borough*].

(2B.) If the person to whom such questions are put as aforesaid fails to distinctly answer both of them in the affirmative he shall not be permitted to vote, and if he wilfully gives a false answer to either of them he is liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds, and his vote, if recorded, shall be void.