

# Supplementary Order Paper.

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Thursday, the 12th Day of October, 1922.

### MERCANTILE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

New clause proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Special provisions as to "received for shipment" bills of lading.

3. (1.) In this section the expression "received for shipment" bill of lading means a shipping document issued in accordance with the provisions of this section, signed by a person purporting to be authorized to sign the same, and acknowledging that the goods to which the document relates have been received for shipment.

(2.) No "received for shipment" bill of lading shall be issued—

(a.) Until the goods are in possession of the owner of the ship or of some person duly authorized on his behalf:

(b.) Except for a named ship in which space has been actually reserved:

(c.) Earlier than twenty-one days before the time when the ship is expected to be in port in readiness to load, but the issue of a "received for shipment" bill of lading shall be sufficient evidence until the contrary is proved that the requirements of this subsection have been complied with.

(3.) Every "received for shipment" bill of lading shall contain a provision that, in the event of the goods being unavoidably shut out from the named ship, the shipowner shall forward the goods by his next-available ship or, at his option, by a ship of some other owner or by a ship sailing within a specified number of days, but otherwise on the same terms and conditions, *mutatis mutandis*, as if the goods were actually shipped by the named ship.

(4.) Every "received for shipment" bill of lading shall for all purposes be deemed to be a valid bill of lading with the same effect and capable of negotiation in all respects and with the same consequences as if it were a bill of lading acknowledging that the goods to which it relates had been actually shipped on board.