Supplementary Order Paper.

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

Monday, the 18th Day of October, 1920.

MILITARY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Extension of authority for payment of bonus under section 7 of Expeditionary Forces Amendment Act, 1918.

7. (1.) Where any person eligible to receive a bonus under section seven of the Expeditionary Forces Amendment Act, 1918, has died after the passing of that Act, and such bonus has not been paid, and there is no person living to whom the bonus may lawfully be paid, the Minister of Defence may, in his discretion, pay such bonus to the personal representatives of the person who was so eligible, to be distributed as if it formed part of his or her personal estate.

(2.) Notwithstanding anything in the said section seven, where application for payment of the bonus therein provided for is made in respect of the military or naval services of any person deceased by any relative of the deceased (not being a person to whom payment can be made under that section), or by any person who during the infancy or any period of the infancy of the deceased had been in fact, whether legally or not, charged with his maintenance, care, and control, the Minister may refer the application to the War Pensions Board constituted under the War Pensions Act, 1915, for consideration and report, and may, on the recommendation of that Board, make such payment to the applicant as he thinks fit, as if the applicant were a person eligible to receive payment of the bonus under the said section seven in respect of the services of the deceased person.