

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of October, 1898.

WASTE LANDS COMMITTEE.

Report on the Petition of G. V. KEMSLEY and Others, of Reikiorangi, Wellington.

I AM directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the values originally placed on the sections are excessive, and should be reduced. They suggest that some means of relief should be made in an amending Land Act.

23rd August, 1898.

R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON THE EAST COAST NATIVE LAND BOARD BILL.

THE Native Affairs Committee, to whom was referred the above-mentioned Bill, have duly considered the same, and have directed me to report as follows:—

That it is not desirable to create any special Board for the administration of the lands formerly held by the New Zealand Native Land Settlement Company (Limited), but instead (if such powers do not at present exist) a Bill be introduced granting power to trustees to dispose of such of the lands now held in trust by the Hon. James Carroll and Mr. Wi Pere, M.H.R.'s, as will liquidate the debt now owing to the Bank of New Zealand; that, after paying such debt, all land remaining unsold be dealt with by special Act in such manner as may be recommended by the Validation Court after ascertaining the wishes of the beneficiaries; and that, with a view to the introduction of the necessary legislation, the present Bill be not proceeded with.

16th September, 1898.

ROBERT HOUSTON, Chairman.

JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

THE Joint Library Committee have the honour to report that they disapprove the proposal to limit the new library building to two stories as suggested, and urge its completion in accordance with the original design.

4th October, 1898.

MORGAN S. GRACE, Chairman.