

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 17th day of July, 1889.

OAMARU HARBOUR LOAN BILL.

Mr. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move that the following proviso be added to clause 5:—

Provided that it shall not be lawful to advance or lend on the security of such debentures any moneys belonging to any department of the Government.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

1. When any person shall call upon the Commissioner, in pursuance of section ninety-five of the said Act, to purchase any property, he shall forward to the Commissioner a declaration, in such form as shall be prescribed, to the effect that he is empowered, and will, on the application of the Commissioner, and on receiving the purchase-money, at any time within sixty days from the receipt of such declaration by the Commissioner, convey, assure, or assign the property to the Crown or to such person whom the Commissioner shall appoint, free of all mortgages or incumbrances of any kind.

2. On such call and declaration being lodged with the Commissioner, he shall forthwith gazette and publicly notify, in the district in which such property is situate, that such property may be purchased, at any time within thirty days from the date of such publication, at the price at which such property was valued in the statement of the owner, made under section forty-four of the said Act, and shall forward a copy of such notification to the local authority in whose district the property is situate.

3. In the event of the Commissioner receiving an application to purchase such property, accompanied with a deposit of five per centum of the purchase-money, he shall, on being satisfied that the purchase will be duly completed, call upon the owner to convey, assure, or assign the property to the applicant; but, if there be more than one such application, the Commissioner shall direct which of such applications shall be granted, or shall direct such property to be sold by public auction, as he shall think fit. If any applicant to purchase a property fails to complete the purchase when called upon to do so, his deposit shall be forfeited, and shall be applied as revenue under the said Act. Any profit on the sale of a property under this Act shall be applied in like manner.

NELSON FORESHORE RESERVE BILL.

Mr. HARKNESS, in Committee, to move the omission of the Schedule to the Bill, and in lieu thereof to insert the following:—

ALL that portion of land, being part of the Nelson Harbour Reserve, containing by admeasurement 105 acres, more or less, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point on the edge of the Haven Road situated on a line being the prolongation of the western boundary of road lying between Sections 57 and 58; thence by a line bearing $40^{\circ} 18'$, and about 4500 links in length; thence by a line bearing $113^{\circ} 40' 20''$ for a distance of about 4600 links, terminating at a point on the north-east boundary of Section H9, Wakatu, distant 626.2 links from the easternmost corner thereof;

thence by the northern and western boundaries of the said Section H9, 2173·8 and 210 links respectively; thence by the northern end of Collingwood Street, 100 links; thence by the northern boundary of Section H6, Wakatu, 1200 links; thence by the eastern side of Trafalgar Street, 720 links; thence by the northern end of Trafalgar Street, 75 links; thence by the northern boundaries of Sections H13 and H14, Wakatu, 1000 links; thence by the northern end of Paru Paru Road, 75 links; thence by the western side of Paru Paru Road for a distance of about 3200 links; thence by the northern and western boundaries of reclaimed land, 200 and 480·3 links respectively; thence by the western and southern boundaries of Section 148, Native Reserve; thence by the western boundary of Paru Paru Road, 400 links; thence by the northern side of Halifax Street, about 500 links; thence by the eastern and north-western boundaries of Section 1126, 260, and 327 links respectively; and thence by high-water line to commencing-point: the said boundaries being more particularly delineated on the plan attached, marked M6, 1339, and tinted blue. Always excepting therefrom that portion of the above-described land, being an area of about 13½ acres, shown on the said plan in cross-hatched red lines, and bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the north-east corner of Section 1126; thence along the northern boundary of Section 1126 to high-water line; thence by the high-water line to the commencing-point of the boundaries of the land above described; thence along the north-western boundary of the land above described; thence along the north-western boundary of the land above described for a length of about 700 links; thence by a line bearing 132° for a length of about 1450 links; thence by a line bearing about 167° for a length of about 1660 links to the commencing-point.

PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE MARKS BILL.

Hon. Mr. FERGUS to move the addition of the following new clause, to be inserted after clause 49:—

Reference to
Secretary of
State for War
of certain
inventions.
46 and 47 Vic.,
c. 57, s. 44.

49A. (1.) Where application is made for a patent for any improvement in instruments or munitions of war, and it is made to appear to the Governor that, in the interest of the public service, the particulars of the invention and of the manner in which it is to be performed should be kept secret, pending a reference to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, the Governor may, with the consent of the inventor, direct the Registrar to place the application for such patent, with the specification or specifications and the drawings (if any), and any amendment of the specification or specifications, and any copies of such documents and drawings, in a packet sealed by authority of the Governor, and thereupon all proceedings in relation to the granting of a patent for the said invention shall be suspended.

(2.) At the expiration of nine months from the sending of the said packet, or any time before such time, the Governor may direct the Registrar—

(a.) To deliver such sealed packet to any person authorised by the Governor in writing to receive it on behalf of the Secretary of State; or

(b.) To open it, in order that the proceedings for the grant of a patent in respect thereof may be resumed; and thereupon such proceedings shall be resumed as if there had been no interruption therein, and the interval during which the aforesaid packet was sealed shall not be reckoned as any part of the time between the application for a patent and the granting thereof.

(3.) The communication of any invention for any improvement in instruments or munitions of war to the Secretary of State, or to any person or persons authorised by him to investigate the same or the merits thereof, shall not, nor shall anything done for the purposes of the investigation, be deemed use or publication of such invention so as to prejudice the grant of any patents for the same.

(4.) No person shall be entitled to claim or to receive any compensation in respect of the granting of a patent being delayed by reason of the sealing up thereof for a time in the interest of the public service.