

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 10th Day of August, 1892.

NAPIER HARBOUR BOARD FURTHER EMPOWERING BILL.

Mr. SWAN, in Committee, to move,—

The following addition to section 10:—

The provisions of this Act shall in all respects apply also to the making, levying, and collection of rates in the Napier Harbour Rating District, authorised by "The Napier Harbour Board Loan Act, 1892."

The omission of sections 13 and 14, and the addition of the following new section:—

14. The Board shall, in respect of the rateable property in any borough or county within the Napier Harbour Rating District where the provisions of this Act shall not be adopted by special order as provided by the previous section, have and may exercise all the powers of rating vested in the Board by the said Act as fully and effectually as if this Act had not been passed, and may compile a separate rate-book or rate-books for any such borough or county in which the special order above referred to shall not have been made; and the Board may, if it thinks fit, notwithstanding the provisions of the said Act, "The Rating Act, 1882," or any other Act that may for the time being be in force, make and levy, from year to year, the rate authorised under the said Act, so that it shall be payable in one annual sum; and the said Board shall have power to make and levy in the whole of the Napier Harbour Rating District the rate authorised under the said Act for the year commencing on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, so that it shall be payable in one annual sum.

Mr. W. C. SMITH, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new section:—

13. This Act shall only be in force in any borough or county when its provisions are adopted by the Borough Council or County Council by special order, and, until such special order is gazetted and takes effect, it shall have no operation in such borough or county.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

Mr. FISHER, in Committee, to make the following addition to subsection (1), section 38:—

And any officer now in the Civil Service who shall have been employed continuously for a period of three years prior to the passing of such Act shall be deemed to have been appointed prior to the passing of the said Act.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT BILL.

Mr. PALMER, in Committee, to move,—

Section 3. That subsection 2 should be struck out, as subsections 2 and 3 of section 177 of "The Counties Act, 1886," provide for all purposes.

Section 7. (1.) That the following words be added to subsection 2: "except in cases of emergency or of special works in aid of which ratepayers make advances to the local body without interest." (2.) That the following words should be added to subsection 3: "unless such local authority acted in good faith, and under legal advice." (3.) That the latter part of subsection 6 should be made to read as follows: "Every member of the local authority who consents thereto shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty of not more than *one hundred* pounds, to be recovered with full costs of suit in any Court of competent jurisdiction."

Section 8. That the following words in lines 27 and 28 be struck out: "It shall be the duty of," and the word "may" substituted.

Section 16. That the following words be added after the words "local authority" in line 15: "or at some place within the district to be specified in such notice."

Section 17. That the following words be added: "Provided that, when the accounts so audited are found correct, the costs of such special audit shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund."

That the following sections should be struck out of the Bill: 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, and 36, and the Schedules of the Bill altered accordingly.

STOCK BILL.

Dr. NEWMAN, in Committee, to move,—

In clause 48, to strike out the words "the sum of twopence for each and every head of cattle over the number of ten head."