Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Saturday, the 25th Day of August. 1923.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. Coates, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

Enabling grant of lease of Puhipuhi 4A4B.

- 27c. (1.) To give effect to a recommendation by the Native Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on Petition No. 148 of Session II, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, or such Judge as he may appoint for the purpose, is hereby empowered to inquire into the circumstances affecting the alienation purported to be effected by the memorandum of lease of the land known as Puhipuhi 4A4B referred to in the said petition, and if, in the opinion of the Judge hearing the matter, a lease of the land should be granted to the persons interested, to make an order directing the Tokerau District Maori Land Board to execute a lease of the said land to the persons named in the said order for the balance of the unexpired term and at the rentals named in the said memorandum of lease, and subject to the conditions named in such memorandum of lease, and other conditions as may be named in such order.
- (2.) Notwithstanding anything in section two hundred and fifty-seven of the principal Act (regarding leasing by public auction or private tender) the Tokerau District Maori Land Board in whom the said land is vested shall, upon the making of any such order, execute a memorandum of lease of the same in accordance with the directions contained in such order. Before any memorandum of lease is executed hereunder a declaration that no person proposing to acquire an interest thereunder is prohibited by law from acquiring that interest shall be lodged with the Board. Any memorandum of lease so executed by the Board shall take effect and be registerable as if the land were leased by the Board in pursuance of its powers under Part XIV of the principal Act.

(3.) Any order made under this section shall be deemed to be an order of the Native Land Court, but shall not be subject to appeal.

Schedule: To add the following:—

(2.) Petition No. 237 of 1921 (Session II), of Nupere Waaka and 7 others: Praying for the return of Rangiahua Island.