

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 10th Day of October, 1930.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LANDS CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT BILL.

Mr. LYSNAR, in Committee, to move to add the following new clause:—

18A. Whereas under the said cancelled agreement certain provisions in clause thirty-one required the said Maori Land Board, in the event of cancellation, to grant areas of trees in lieu of repayment of advance royalties paid to the Board in respect of timber which had not been cut: And whereas certain doubts have arisen as to whether these provisions should now apply, and it is desirable that these doubts should be removed: Be it enacted as follows:—

(1) The Maori Land Board is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to submit to an Arbitration Tribunal, consisting of two assessors and a Judge of the Supreme Court, the question of whether the Board should enter into a contract with the English investors, Cammell, Laird, and Company, John Plowright, Houfton Estate, Alice Mary Wright, and William Allan Chapple, who, under an Act and Order in Council advanced to the said Board the sum of thirty-five thousand pounds in advance royalties on timber still standing, for the grant, in lieu of repayment of the said sum, with interest thereon, of a right to cut and remove timber from the lands affected by the Tongariro Company's agreements, on such terms and conditions as the said tribunal may, in equity and good conscience, determine.

(2) The Maori Land Board may, with the consent of the Native Minister, enter into such a contract, providing terms and conditions can be satisfactorily arranged between the Board and the said English investors, without the intervention of the said Tribunal.