

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 22nd day of August, 1883.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. ROLLESTON, in Committee, to move the following new clauses at the end thereof:—

1. (a.) Every Land Board is hereby empowered from time to time, as occasion may require, to sit as a board of inquiry into any matter arising out of the administration of its functions under "The Land Act, 1877," and its amending Acts (herein referred to as "the said Acts").

For the purposes aforesaid every such Board shall have all the powers granted by "The Commissioners Powers Act, 1867," and the Act passed in amendment thereof to a Board appointed by the Governor in Council.

2. (b.) Whenever a Land Board has reason to believe that any lessee or licensee is not fulfilling the conditions of his lease or license in a *bond fide* manner according to their true intent and purport, the Board may hold an inquiry into the case under the powers aforesaid, and shall declare all the rights of the lessee or licensee under his lease or license to be forfeited, and shall cancel such lease or license, in every case where, upon inquiry, and after hearing witnesses, or without such hearing, the Board shall be satisfied that the lessee or licensee—

- (1.) Has not strictly conformed with the requirements of personal residence during the whole term prescribed; or
- (2.) Has not occupied the land comprised in his lease or license exclusively for his own personal use and benefit; or
- (3.) Has occupied such land for his own use and benefit nominally, but has permitted other persons to derive the virtual use and benefit thereof by depasturing their stock on the land, such stock not being agisted to the lessee or licensee upon adequate terms or for an adequate money consideration; or
- (4.) Has occupied such land apparently for his own use and benefit, but virtually has so occupied on behalf of another person who has supplied the lessee or licensee with money or stock in that behalf; or
- (5.) Has in any manner evaded, or attempted to evade, the requirements of the said Acts in their true intent and spirit.

And the Land Board shall declare every transaction null and void, and all deposit moneys to be forfeited, in any case where any lessee or licensee has purchased or acquired any lease or license not exclusively for his own personal use, occupation, and benefit.

3. (c.) The terms "lease or license" and "lessee or licensee" in the *last preceding* section include—

- (1.) A selector of suburban or rural land on deferred payments;
- (2.) A purchaser of pastoral lands on deferred payments;
- (3.) A lessee of rural land with perpetual right of renewal;
- (4.) A lessee of pastoral lands under "The Land Acts Amendment Act, 1883."

Every person feeling himself aggrieved by a decision of the Land Board under this Act may appeal to a Judge of the Supreme Court, in manner provided by "The Land Act, 1877," in relation to appeals in ordinary cases from the decisions of Land Boards.

NATIVE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. DE LAUTOUR, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Native Land Division Act, 1882," it shall not be lawful for the Court, upon the hearing of any application for subdivision now pending or hereafter to be made, to order the issue of any new grant without imposing in each such new grant the same restrictions against alienation as were contained in the original grant, in all cases where such original grant was issued to any number of owners less than the whole who were found by the Court to be interested at the time the Native title was first ascertained:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to preclude the withdrawal of any such restrictions by the Governor if he see fit so to do.