

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 13th Day of September, 1898.

NATIVE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT.

The Hon. Mr. CARROLL, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

1. The provisions of subsection ten of section fourteen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," shall apply to all lands held by Natives under grant from the Crown, other than such lands as are by the said subsection expressly excepted from the operation thereof.

The Court, in exercising jurisdiction under the said subsection, shall, as part of the inquiry thereby authorised, proceed to determine the relative interests of the persons whom it shall find entitled to be included in the ownership of any land, whether as original owners or otherwise, and may, at its discretion, afterwards proceed to partition any such land.

Every partition or determination of relative interests heretofore made by the Court in the course of any inquiry under subsection ten aforesaid shall be as valid as if made after the passing of this Act.

2. Section eighty-six of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," is amended by omitting the words "at any time before the expiration of twenty-one days." Section forty-four of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," is hereby repealed.

3. When notice shall be given to the Minister of Lands by any lessee under section seventy of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," requiring a lease to be determined as therein mentioned, the Governor may, by Order in Council, in lieu of determining such lease, order that the same shall be taken over by and vested in the Crown. And upon the gazetting of such Order in Council such lease shall pass to and become vested in Her Majesty for all the residue thereof as if an assignment of such lease to Her Majesty had been duly made and executed by all necessary parties; subject nevertheless to the payment of compensation where payable, as in the said section is provided.

4. Section ten of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1896," is amended by the insertion of the words "or on any subsequent partition thereof" after the words "Native land."