

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of August, 1893.

NATIVE LAND (VALIDATION OF TITLES) BILL.

The Hon. Mr. CARROLL to move the following amendments,—

Clause 2: In the definition of "Court," omit "means," and substitute, "or 'Validation Court' mean."

Clause 10, page 5, line 18: In the proviso, omit "in any and every such case," and substitute "in every case brought before the Court under any section of this Act."

Clauses 11 and 12 to be omitted, and the following substituted:—

11. No agreement for the purchase or lease of Native land, after the publication by the Governor of an intention to negotiate for the acquisition of the said land by Her Majesty, under any Act in force at the time of such publication, shall be validated, or in any way given effect to by the Court as against Her Majesty, unless Her Majesty's Attorney-General or his agent shall in open Court, on behalf of Her Majesty, consent to such validation, and agree to forego the claims of Her Majesty in respect of such land.

Clause 13, page 6, line 1: After "Court" insert "when signed by the Judge and sealed by the seal of the Court;" and after "being" insert "first."

Lines 8 and 9: Omit "if the said lands are defined in the said order," and substitute "so soon as the lands affected thereby are defined by any order of the Court, or of the Native Land Court, as provided by this Act."

Clauses 15 and 16 to be omitted, and the following substituted:—

15. A return of all orders and decrees, and of all applications in which orders and decrees are refused, shall from time to time be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be, if Parliament be sitting, and if not, then within ten days after the commencement of the next session thereof.

16. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, every final order and decree affecting land given by the Court shall be of no effect, and shall remain in the office of the Court, and shall not be delivered to any person for any purpose whatever or be capable of registration under any Act, until ten days after the prorogation of the session in which the return has been laid before both Houses of Parliament as provided by the *last preceding* section.

There shall be excepted, however, from the provisions of this section, orders given by the Court to give effect to a voluntary arrangement mutually agreed upon between the parties, or where there are technical mistakes, or errors, or omissions, or irregularities only, in the instruments of title in respect whereof an order of the Court has been given.

In the case of final orders and decrees laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament during the last ten days of any session no action shall be taken thereon until ten days after the expiry of the next session held thereafter.

Every order and decree laid before Parliament during any session thereof shall be deemed to be confirmed by Parliament unless a resolution to the contrary be passed by either House of Parliament during the said session, or the next session, as the case may be.

Clause 18, subsection (7): Omit "adoption," and substitute "admission."

Clause 20, line 15: Omit "the plea of *lis pendens* before this Court"; substitute "a plea that it was brought within the said six months"; line 21, after "the date of," insert "the delivery of the."

Clause 21, line 25: Omit "or rejection"; line 31, after "fourteen days," insert "or within such extended time as the Judge may allow"; line 33, after "Appeal Court," insert "of New Zealand"; line 38, before "order" insert "*interim*."