

# SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of October, 1895.

### NATIVE RESERVES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Subsection three of section eight of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892," is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted that the proceedings for ascertaining the rent to be reserved on the new leases to be granted under the principal Act shall be conducted by the Land Board of the district within which the land the subject of each application for a new lease is situate, and in such manner as the Land Board shall, by regulations approved by the Minister of Lands, from time to time direct: Provided that the basis of the rent to be reserved under each new lease shall be *four* pounds per centum per annum upon the value of the land as for an estate in fee-simple.

All improvements on lands which are the subject of confirmed leases shall be paid or secured by the lessee in each case to the Public Trustee before the issue of the new lease. The Land Board shall, with the consent of the Minister of Lands as aforesaid, make such further regulations as may be necessary for giving effect to this part of the Act.

In respect of leases already granted under the principal Act, the lessees may apply to the Land Board to bring their holdings under the provisions of this enactment, whereupon the Land Board shall accept a surrender of such leases, and the lessees shall be entitled to be placed in as nearly as possible the same position as if their applications had been renewed at the date of their applications to the Land Board.