

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1890.

OATHS BILL.

Mr. W. D. STEWART, in Committee, to move the following new clause :

Evidence of
child of
tender years.

Where in any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, any child of tender years who is tendered as a witness does not, in the opinion of the Court, understand the nature of an oath, the evidence of such child may be received, though not given upon oath, if, in the opinion of the Court, such child is possessed of sufficient intelligence to justify the reception of the evidence, and understands the duty of speaking the truth.

Provided that—

- (a.) A person shall not be liable to be convicted of any offence unless the testimony admitted by virtue of this section and given on behalf of the prosecution is corroborated by some other material evidence in support thereof implicating the accused; and
- (b.) Any child whose evidence is received as aforesaid, and who shall wilfully give false evidence, shall be liable to be indicted and tried for such offence, and on conviction thereof may be adjudged such punishment as is provided for by section one hundred and seventy-six of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882," in the case of juvenile offenders.

SHEEP BILL.

Mr. VERRALL to move, That the Sheep Bill be recommitted, in order to reconsider clause 22, in order to strike out all the words in line 50 and the three following lines, from the words "the same" to the word "all," and to insert the following words: "a yearly rate according to Schedule F."

To add to the Schedules—

SCHEDULE F.
YEARLY RATE.

From	1	to	100	sheep or lambs	¼d.	per head.
"	100	"	5,000	"	"	...	1s.	" hundred.
"	5,000	"	10,000	"	"	...	2s.	" "
"	10,000	"	15,000	"	"	...	3s.	" "

And an increase of 1s. per hundred for every increase of 5,000 sheep or lambs belonging to the same owner or company.