

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 14th day of August, 1889.

PUBLIC RESERVES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. SAMUEL, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :—

3. The Governor may, by instrument under his hand, dedicate any portion of any public reserve as a public road or street, and any person or body politic or corporate owning land contiguous to any such public reserve may, with the previous consent of the Governor, dedicate any portion of such land as a public road or street; and the Governor may, if requisite or expedient, by notification in the *Gazette*, cause such portions of any such public reserve or land as aforesaid to be vested in the local body in such notification mentioned for the purposes of a public road or street, and the same shall thereupon become and be a public road or street accordingly.

4. The Governor may exchange with any person or body politic or corporate any portion of any public reserve for any other land contiguous thereto which the Governor shall deem of equal value therewith and more suitable for the purposes of the reserve; and the Governor and any such person or body politic or corporate may do all such acts and execute all such instruments as may be necessary to effectuate any such exchange.

OTAGO CENTRAL RAILWAY BILL.

Mr. SMITH, on the committal of the Bill, to move, That the Bill be postponed, in order that the Government may have an opportunity of including in it the other unfinished railway-lines.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT 1886 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. RHODES to move the following amendment :—

To strike out section 2, and insert the following in lieu thereof :—

2. The following words are hereby added to section three hundred and sixty-nine of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," at the end thereof; that is to say :—

unless—

- (a.) The Council shall have first made an offer, in writing, under the seal of the Corporation, to the proprietors of such gasworks, proposing to purchase the undertaking at a price to be fixed by arbitration as hereafter provided :
- (b.) Such offer shall have been refused, in writing, or shall not have been accepted by such proprietors within six months after the same was made.

Upon the acceptance of such offer by such proprietors the agreement for sale and purchase shall be complete and binding upon both parties, and each party shall forthwith appoint an arbitrator, and the submission to arbitration may be made a rule of the Supreme Court by either party.

The arbitrators or their umpire, in fixing the price to be paid by the Corporation, shall value the whole undertaking as a profit-earning business, the assets whereof and the benefit of the goodwill and profits whereof are being sold and purchased.