

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 16th Day of October, 1924.

POST AND TELEGRAPH AMENDMENT BILL.

NEW CLAUSE proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Persons or companies authorized to maintain broadcasting services deemed, for purposes of law relating to patents, to be agents of Post and Telegraph Department.

6A. (1.) Every person or company for the time being party to an agreement with the Minister of Telegraphs in respect of a broadcasting service, as provided for in the *last preceding* section, shall, during the currency of such agreement, be deemed for the purposes of section thirty-two of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921-22, to be the agent of the Post and Telegraph Department, duly authorized by the Minister of Telegraphs to make, use, or exercise, in connection with the maintenance of a broadcasting service pursuant to such agreement, any invention the subject-matter of any patent.

(2.) For the purposes of subsection two of section thirty-two of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921-22, in its application in respect of any invention to which this section relates, any benefit or compensation received, directly or indirectly, from any person or company which is by this section declared to be the agent of the Post and Telegraph Department, shall be taken into consideration as if it was received from the Crown.

(3.) No person shall have any right of action against any person or company, being the agent of the Post and Telegraph Department as herein provided, in respect of any infringement of any patent arising out of the making, use, or exercise of any invention, the subject-matter of the patent, in connection with any licensed broadcasting service.

(4.) Any moneys payable to a patentee in respect of any invention to which this section relates, whether pursuant to an agreement made under section thirty-two of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921-22, or pursuant to an order of the Court or of any referee or arbitrator made under that section, may be paid out of the Consolidated Fund without further appropriation than this section.