

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 14th Day of September, 1898.

POLICE COMMISSION.

Hon. Mr. T. THOMPSON to move, That the Report of the Police Commission and the Report of the Commissioner of Police be referred to the Public Accounts Committee, with special directions to the Committee for it to examine into and report as to what the increased cost to the colony would be should effect be given to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and the Commissioner of Police; and to report as to whether the circumstances warrant the said increased expenditure, in whole or in part; with power to call for persons and papers; and to report within fourteen days.

Mr. KELLY to move, That the question be amended by the insertion of the following words after the word "That," in line 1: "as a result of the report of the Royal Commission on the Police Force, it is desirable that immediate provision should be made,—

"(1.) For the removal of the Police Force from political control, as the Commissioners report that the Police Commissioner should have absolute authority in regard to appointments, transfers, promotions, and dismissals;

"(2.) For improving the present system of recruiting in the Force;

"(3.) For the efficient training and instruction of members of the Force;

"(4.) For the retirement of officers and men who, by reason of age or otherwise, are inefficient, or are of drunken or immoral habits, or are addicted to gambling;

"(5.) For the amendment of the law so as to enable the police to suppress the sale of liquor during prohibited hours;

"(6.) For retiring-allowances and pensions to deserving members of the Force; and that"