

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 23rd Day of October, 1906.

PLUMBERS' REGISTRATION BILL.

Hon. Mr. FOWLDS, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2: Omit "Inspector-General of Schools," and substitute "Chief Health Officer."

Clause 3: Omit paragraph (b), and substitute—

(b.) He has served not less than *five* years at the trade, and holds a certificate in plumbers' work, recognised or granted by the Board hereinafter mentioned.

Clause 3: To add the following subsection:—

(2.) The Board shall recognise for the purposes of registration a certificate of the ordinary or honours grade in plumbers' work granted by the City and Guilds of London Institute or any other certificate the Board considers of at least equal value with the first-mentioned certificate of the ordinary grade.

Clause 7: Omit the word "sanitary."

To add the following new clauses:—

Board's
examination.

3A. (1.) The Board may hold examinations in plumbers' work, or for this purpose may make rules,—

(a.) Defining the syllabus of the examinations, or of similar examinations held on its behalf:

Provided that such syllabus shall not be lower than that of the examination of the City and Guilds of London Institute in the ordinary grade of plumbers' work;

(b.) Prescribing the fees to be paid by candidates for examination;

(c.) Providing for the conduct of such examinations.

(2.) Such rules shall not come into operation unless and until approved by the Governor, and the Governor may at any time revoke or suspend the operation of any such rules.

Plumbers'
Examination
Board.

8. (1.) There is hereby constituted a Board, to be called "the Plumbers' Examination Board" (hereinafter called "the Board"), consisting of—

The Inspector-General of Schools, who shall be Chairman;

The Chief Health Officer;

A Sanitary Engineer, to be appointed from time to time by the Governor;

A member to be elected by Borough Councils;

A member to be elected by the technical schools in which classes in plumbers' work are recognised under Part V of "The Education Act, 1904";

A member to be elected by the Master Plumbers' Association;

(2.) The elective members of the Board shall be elected annually, during the month of February, in the manner prescribed by regulations.

(3.) In any case where any of the electing bodies fail to elect a member the Governor may nominate some fit person as the representative of the elective body.

(4.) In the absence of the Inspector-General of Schools from any meeting of the Board the Minister of Education may appoint another officer of the Education Department to attend in his stead, and as his substitute; and, similarly, in the absence of the Chief Health Officer the Minister of Public Health may appoint another officer of the Health Department in his stead, and as his substitute; and any such substitute so attending shall be deemed to be a member of the Board.

(5.) The fact that any such substitute so attends and acts at any meeting of the Board shall be conclusive proof of his authority so to do.

(6.) The Governor shall, by notice in the *Gazette*, fix the time and place of the first meeting of the Board.

Regulations.

9. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations prescribing the mode of election of the respective electing bodies mentioned in the *last preceding* section, and generally making such provision as is necessary for the effectual carrying-out of the provisions of this Act.
