SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of November, 1910.

PUBLIC WORKS AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Sir W. J. Steward, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:-

Ascertainment of compensation for a public work, or the local authority before applying for the issue

of any such Proclamation, may—

(a.) Call upon the owner of the land proposed to be taken to state in writing, as set forth in section forty-three of the principal Act, the particulars of the compensation which would be claimed by him in respect thereto if the land were so taken; and if, upon receipt of such particulars, the Minister or the local authority, as the case may be, shall determine not to proceed to take the land, or not to apply for a Proclamation enabling the land to be taken, then such owner shall be refunded by the Minister, or the local authority, all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by him in ascertaining and assessing such compensation:

(b.) Apply to the Compensation Court to determine the sum payable to the owner in the event of the land being taken, and may, upon receiving the award of the Court, elect to proceed or to abandon the proposal to take the land:

Provided always that if the Minister or local authority shall elect to abandon the proposal, then the Minister or local authority shall, in addition to all reasonable costs incurred by the owner in ascertaining and assessing the compensation claimed by him, also pay to such owner all expenses incurred by him in connection with the adjudication of such claim by the Compensation Court.

Section 146 of principal Act amended. B. Section one hundred and forty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in the fourth line thereof, after the word "street," the words following, viz.: "or to keep such road or street during winter in a frost-bound condition, or to obscure or partially obscure the view at any bend, or at any junction with a branch road or street, so as to render it dangerous to traffic."