

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 28th Day of November, 1913.

RATING AMENDMENT BILL.

100. Mr. HERRIES, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 5, subclause (2): To omit the subclause, and substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

(2.) Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the definition of "rateable value" the following paragraph:—

"(e.) In respect of pastoral lands of the Crown (other than small grazing-runs) held under lease or license in districts where the system of rating property on its capital value or its unimproved value is in force, means the sum which invested at six pounds per centum per annum would produce a yearly income equal to the rent paid therefor by the tenant or licensee thereof to the Crown, Land Board, or other public officer or body."

To add the following new clauses:—

Section 4 of
principal Act
amended.

2A. Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:—

"(3.) Where a district, other than a district as defined by section thirty-six hereof, includes more than one or parts of more than one district as so defined the following provisions shall apply:—

"(a.) If the system of rating in force in all the last-mentioned included districts is the same, then the rates made and levied in the first-mentioned district shall be made and levied according to that system.

"(b.) If the system of rating is not the same in all the said included districts, the local authority of the first-mentioned district shall, before making and levying any rate, decide by resolution which of the systems so in force shall be adopted, and the rate shall be made and levied accordingly.

"(4.) Where the whole of such first-mentioned district is contained within a district as defined by the said section thirty-six the rates made and levied by such first-mentioned district shall be made and levied on the system of rating in force in the district in which it is contained."

"(5.) The River Boards Act, 1908, the Land Drainage Act, 1908, the Water-supply Act, 1908, and every other Act, whether general, special, or local, creating or authorizing the creation of districts other than districts as defined by section thirty-six hereof shall be read as if this section were contained therein, and where any provision of any such Act is at variance with or inconsistent with this section, such provision shall not have effect to prevent full force and effect being given to this section."

Section 53 of
principal
Act amended.

4A. Section fifty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

"(2.) The local authority may from time to time correct any errors in the rate-book although no appeal in respect thereof has been made, and notwithstanding that a demand for rates may have been previously made, and in the latter case the local authority may make an amended demand for any rates in substitution for the original demand."