

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 6th Day of October, 1915.

RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL AND PUBLIC BODIES EMPOWERING BILL.

Mr. BUICK, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

Exempting the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association's Showgrounds at Palmerston North from payment of rates.

A. Whereas the Borough of Palmerston North includes certain lands vested in the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association and known as the Palmerston North Showgrounds: And whereas it is desirable, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified, to exempt the said lands from the payment of rates: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1.) The lands hereinafter described and such other lands as may from time to time be acquired by the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association shall, so long as the same are used as a showground or for show purposes, or for defence, or municipal, or recreation purposes, be exempt from rates that may hereafter be made or levied by the Palmerston North Borough Council, the Palmerston North - Kairanga River Board, or any other local body.

(2.) If the said lands or any part thereof are at any time hereafter disposed of by the said association or cease to be used for any of the purposes aforesaid, the said lands or such part thereof shall thereupon become liable to be rated by the said Council, River Board, or other local body entitled to levy rates thereon.

(3.) The Palmerston North Borough Council shall, on giving not less than seven days' notice to the said association, be entitled to the free use of the said lands for municipal purposes for twenty days in every year:

Provided that none of the days so selected shall be a day required by the association for any show.

(4.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

(a.) Lots 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, and 11, Section 294, containing four acres two roods; (b) Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, also closed road, part Oakley Street, Section 295, containing five acres one rood; (c) Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Section 296, containing four acres three roods thirty-two perches; (d) Lot 11, Section 297, containing twenty-one and one-half perches; (e) Section 307, containing four acres three roods; (f) Section 308, containing four acres three roods; (g) Lots 1, 2, and 3, and closed road, Section 309, containing four acres two roods thirty-six perches; (h) Section 310, Education Reserve Lease, containing nine acres one rood twelve perches.