

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Thursday, the 18th day of August, 1881.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

LAND ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. DE LAUTOUR, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

*Deferred Payments.*

Any person who shall be in occupation of an allotment of land which shall have been selected on deferred payments, the area of which shall be less than three hundred and twenty acres, shall be entitled to select a second allotment, of such area as, together with the allotment first selected, to make up an area not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres in the aggregate: Provided that such second allotment is in the same block or within two miles of the allotment first occupied; and provided also, that it shall not be necessary for such person who has fulfilled the conditions in the case of the first allotment to reside upon the second allotment so selected.

Mr. BASTINGS, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clause:—

*Land on Deferred Payments.*

Where more than one application made on the same day for the same land, decision to be arrived at by ballot.

Where more applications than one are made on the same day for the same land, open for occupation on deferred payments, the Land Officer shall appoint some convenient day and place for the decision of such applications,—

- (1.) On the day appointed, the applicants shall attend at the hour of noon at the place appointed, and the Land Officer shall, in the presence of the applicants or such of them as shall be in attendance, in person or by agent, prepare twice as many ballot-tickets as there shall have been applications for the license; the ballot-tickets shall be as nearly as may be two inches square, and shall be numbered consecutively from one upwards, and, being so numbered, shall be folded in such a manner as to conceal the numbers thereon, and to be as nearly as possible of equal size, shape, and appearance:
- (2.) The ballot-tickets, so prepared, shall be placed in a box, and shall be drawn therefrom by the applicants who shall be in attendance as aforesaid, in turns, one ticket only being drawn at a time; and the applicant who draws the ticket marked with the highest number shall be entitled to the license to occupy the land:
- (3.) If only one applicant shall be in attendance at the time appointed for the ballot, no ballot shall take place, but such applicant shall be entitled to the license. All applicants not in attendance in person or by agent, as aforesaid, at the time appointed for the ballot, shall be deemed to have withdrawn their applications.

## ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to substitute for the clauses of the Bill, the following clauses in lieu thereof:—

2. "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," is hereby repealed.

3. There shall be a close time annually for all imported animals and birds (except sparrows), from the *first* day of *August* till the *thirty-first* day of *March*, both days inclusive.

Any person killing imported animals or birds (except sparrows) during the above-mentioned close time shall be liable, on conviction of the offence, to a penalty of not less than *one* pound, and not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

Any person destroying the eggs, or injuring or killing the unfledged broods of imported birds (except sparrows), shall be liable, on conviction of the offence, to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds.

And any person selling any imported animals or birds during the close time shall be liable, on conviction of the offence, to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds.

4. All penalties under this Act shall be recoverable in a summary way.

## PARLIAMENTARY OATHS BILL.

Sir. G. GREY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

To omit clause 2 and insert instead:—

2. In all cases where any person elected to be a member of the House of Representatives is now required, before taking his seat therein, to take an oath, but who shall object so to do, it shall be lawful for every person so objecting, and he is hereby authorized, to make and subscribe in lieu of such oath his promise, affirmation, or declaration in the words following, that is to say,—

"I, A.B., do sincerely promise and affirm [*or* declare] that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria."

which promise, affirmation, or declaration shall be of the same force and effect as if such person had taken the said oath. And every person required, authorized, or qualified by any Act or law in force in New Zealand or otherwise to receive or administer the said oath, shall permit and accept in lieu thereof the promise, affirmation, or declaration aforesaid.

To insert the following new clause:—

3. Section seventeen of "The Promissory Oaths Act, 1873," is hereby repealed, except so far as the same relates to members of the Legislative Council.

## REPRESENTATION BILL.

Mr. BASTINGS, in Committee, to move the following amendment:—

In clause 3. That all the words after the word "into," in line 11, be struck out, and the following inserted:—

"*nine* electoral districts: that each provincial district shall constitute one electoral district, and that each elector therein shall have as many votes as there are members allotted to the provincial district.

Mr. SHEEHAN, in Committee, to move the insertion of the following new clause:—

Every man of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, having a leasehold estate in possession, situate within any electoral district constituted under this Act, of the clear annual value of *ten* pounds, held upon a lease which at the time of registration shall have not less than three years to run, or, having a leasehold so situate or of such value as aforesaid of which he has been in possession for three years or upwards at the time of such registration, shall be entitled to be registered under "The Registration of Electors Act, 1879," and to vote at the election of members of the House of Representatives; and this clause shall be read as part of "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1877."