

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 6th Day of September, 1910.

RIVER BOARDS AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. BUDDO, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

Audit Office to
certify to
balance-sheet,
to

3A. Section one hundred and fourteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

“(3.) The Audit Office shall examine such yearly balance-sheet and statement, and certify to the correctness thereof, either wholly or with such exceptions as it thinks fit, and shall send the same to the Board on or before the thirtieth day of April.”

Section 115 of
principal Act
amended.

3B. Section one hundred and *fifteen* of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “account,” the words “together with the certificate of the Audit Office.”

Financial
arrangements
on abolition or
severance of
district.

3c. (1.) Where a river district is abolished, enlarged, or diminished, the Audit Office, or such person as the Governor may appoint, shall hold an inquiry and make an award apportioning the property of the Board, and the debts, liabilities, and engagements thereof, amongst the boroughs, counties, road districts, and town districts, or portions thereof respectively, in the district so abolished, enlarged, or diminished.

(2.) Any such award may provide for all or any of the matters included in the subject for inquiry, and may declare in whom any property shall be vested, and by whom any moneys shall be paid, or other acts or things done, including the payment by either party of the whole or any part of the expenses of the inquiry; and the person making the award may make and give such directions generally as may be necessary for giving full effect to the objects of the inquiry.

(3.) Every such award shall be final, and shall from the date thereof have the operation of and be enforceable as a judgment of the Supreme Court.

(4.) Nothing in this section shall in any way affect the rights or interests of any bondholder or other creditor of the Board, or shall relieve the ratepayers for the time being in the area comprised in the river district from their liability to pay any special rate made under the principal Act as a security for any loan.