

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 17th day of July, 1885.

LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in section fifty-five of "The Licensing Act, 1881," it shall be lawful for the Licensing Committee to grant any new publican's license at any quarterly meeting of the Licensing Committee.

EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

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

In lieu of section 3, the following as sections 3 and 4:—

Proclamations and other official documents may be received as presumptive evidence.

Certain law-books may be referred to as evidence of laws.

3. Proclamations, international treaties, Orders in Council, and *Gazettes* of any country may, if the Courts or persons referred to in the *last-preceding* section consider the same to be of authority, be received in evidence in such Courts and by such persons as presumptive evidence of the laws in force in such country.

4. Printed books purporting to contain statutes, ordinances, or other written laws in force in any country although not purporting to contain reports of decisions of Courts or Judges in such country, and text-books treating of the laws of such country, may be referred to by all Courts and persons aforesaid for the purpose of ascertaining the laws in force in such country; but such Courts or persons shall not be bound to accept or act on the statements in any such books as evidence of such laws.

At the end of section 6, to add the words "or to prejudice the right to give in evidence or use any statements or representations already made or which hereafter may be made by any such physician or surgeon in or about the effecting by any person of an insurance on the life of himself or herself, or on the life of any person."

PROPOSED ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDER No. 30, RELATIVE TO PRIVATE BILLS.

Enclosure to Message from the Legislative Council, No 12.

30. Every petition for a Private Bill, headed by a Short Title descriptive of the undertaking or Bill, corresponding with that at the head of the advertisement, with a declaration signed by the promoters, and, where such promoters are a corporation, the common or corporate seal of the company affixed, shall, in addition to such seal, be signed by at least two directors of the company, and with a printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Examiner's Office either before or within fourteen days after the commencement of the session; and such petition, Bill, and declaration shall be open to the inspection of all parties, and printed copies of the Bill shall also be delivered therewith for the use of any member who may apply for the same.

REPORT OF JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Enclosure to Message from the Legislative Council, No. 13.

THE Joint Library Committee have the honour to report that they have agreed to the following resolutions:—

1. That the appointment of the Librarian and other officers of the library be made by the Crown, on the recommendation of this Committee.
2. That any vacancies occurring during the recess should be only temporarily filled by the Recess Committee.
3. That it be an instruction of this Committee to the Recess Committee to summarily suspend, until the decision of the Speakers (who shall have the power to dismiss) can be taken, any officer of the library guilty of any irregularities.
4. That both Houses of Parliament be asked to concur in the foregoing resolutions.

G. RANDALL JOHNSON,
Chairman of Joint Library Committee.