

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 22nd Day of September, 1904.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE UPON THE WAIPORI FALLS ELECTRICAL POWER BILL.

In the matter of the Private Bill intituled "The Waipori Falls Electrical Power Act, 1904."

Your Committee have the honour to report:—

They find the allegations of the preamble proved to their satisfaction.

They have carefully considered the several clauses of the Bill, and have made the following amendments therein:—

Clause 3.—They have struck out the words giving the company power to execute necessary works, and have repeated those words in a new clause (3B). They have added a proviso prohibiting the company from supplying energy for lighting or domestic heating within the City of Dunedin without the consent of the Corporation first obtained; but this prohibition is not to apply to cases where the company is supplying a certain amount of energy for industrial purposes.

They have added two new clauses—viz., 3A—providing for the establishment of a Board of Control; and 3B, giving power to the company to execute necessary works, subject to such regulations as may be agreed upon between the company and the local authorities concerned, with power to the company to appeal to the Board of Control against any oppressive conditions imposed by a local authority.

Clause 6.—They have added a new proviso, making, in certain cases, the Supreme Court sitting at Dunedin the Compensation Court for the purposes of the Bill.

Clause 7.—In view of the provisions of section sixty-eight of "The Public Works Act, 1894," they have omitted this clause as unnecessary.

Clause 8.—They have added a provision that the draft of any by-laws proposed to be made by the company shall be forwarded to the local authorities concerned.

Clause 10.—They have struck out a portion of the clause, so as to restrict the operations of the company to the area of supply as described in the Bill.

They have added a new clause—11A—imposing penalties on the company in case it fails to comply with the provisions of the Bill, or with any requirement of the Board of Control.

They have added at the end of the Bill the following new clauses:—

13. Giving the company power to assign its undertaking.

14. Giving the Corporation of the City of Dunedin power to purchase the company's undertaking within a certain time and on certain conditions.

15. Saving to the local authorities concerned the right to agree with any other company or person for the supply of energy, or to supply the same themselves.

W. FRASER,
Chairman.

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NOTE.—For reprint of Bill showing the above amendments, *vide* No. 2—2 (Private).