

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 27th Day of October, 1905.

REPORT OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE UPON THE SHOPS AND OFFICES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Managers appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct the Conference upon the Shops and Offices Act Amendment Bill have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, and they have come to the following agreement, namely :—

To erase subsection (1) of the new clause 3A, and to insert the following new subsections in lieu thereof :—

(1.) Subject to the provisions of the principal Act and to any award of the Arbitration Court, a shop-assistant shall not be employed—

(a.) In or about any shop in which any one or more of the trade or businesses mentioned in the Schedule hereto are exclusively carried on after the hour set opposite to such trade or business in the said Schedule :

Provided that no female assistant shall be employed in or about any such shop (other than a refreshment-room) after nine o'clock in the evening, except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve ; or

(b.) In or about any other shop if situate within a combined district or a borough not forming part of a combined district and having a population of five thousand or upwards, after one o'clock in the afternoon of the statutory closing-day, or nine o'clock in the evening on one working-day in each week, or six o'clock in the evening on any other working-day ; or

(c.) In or about any other shop if situate within a borough not included in paragraph (b) hereof, after one o'clock in the afternoon of the statutory closing-day, or nine o'clock in the evening of one working-day in each week, or seven o'clock in the evening on any other working-day ; or

(d.) In or about any shop not included in any of the foregoing paragraphs after one o'clock in the afternoon of the statutory closing-day, or such hours on other working-days as may be fixed by the occupiers for the closing of such shops.

(1A.) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act or in this section, a chemist may keep his shop open and employ his assistants (but only for the supply of medicines and surgical appliances) between the hours of seven and nine o'clock in the evening on the statutory closing-day.

(1b.) The members of an occupier's family shall not be deemed to be shop-assistants within the meaning of this section :

Provided that the provisions of the principal Act relating to the statutory half-holiday and to the number of hours that shop-assistants may be employed in any week shall apply the members of an occupier's family.

(1c.) Where a person who carries on the business of a hairdresser lets any chair or part of his shop to any other person, such last-mentioned person shall, for all the purposes of the principal Act, be deemed to be a shop-assistant, and such first-mentioned person an employer.

And to accept the other amendments made by the Council.

R. J. SEDDON,	} Managers.
W. F. MASSEY,	
JAMES ALLEN,	
J. F. ARNOLD,	

27th October, 1905.
