

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 10th Day of September, 1894.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Clause 3. That all the words after the word "Act" in the 1st line of the clause be struck out, with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof, viz. :—

Railways to
be re-vested in
Her Majesty
the Queen.

the railways in the colony, now vested in the Commissioners, should again be vested in Her Majesty, and the management of the said railways should pass to the Minister, to be controlled and regulated under "The Public Works Act, 1882," and the several Acts amending the same.

- (1.) "The Government Railways Act, 1887," and all the preceding sections of this Act, except sections one and two thereof, shall be repealed :
- (2.) The appointments of the Commissioners shall be determined, but they severally shall receive appointments from the Governor as officers of the railway service of the colony, to date from the aforesaid day, for the residue of the terms of office for which they were respectively appointed as Commissioners aforesaid, and at the same rate of salary :
- (3.) All railway servants and other persons in the employ of the Commissioners shall be deemed to be the servants and employés of Her Majesty, without prejudice to any rights preserved to any of the said persons under the provisions of section seventy-six of the said Act :
- (4.) All property of every sort mentioned in section sixteen of the said Act, and which by the said section was vested in the Commissioners for any estate, shall vest absolutely in Her Majesty for the same estate :
- (5.) All transactions of any kind mentioned in section nineteen of the said Act, entered into, made, or given by or to the Commissioners in connection with any property whatever vested in the Commissioners, shall be binding, and may be enforced as if Her Majesty or the Minister, as the case may be, had been a party thereto :
- (6.) All powers of Her Majesty, the Governor in Council, or the Governor or Minister, under any Act, relating to the management, working, and maintenance of railways, and all rights and privileges accrued or accruing under or by virtue of any such Act, and which by section twenty of the said Act were authorised to be exercised, enforced, and enjoyed by the Commissioners, shall revert to and be exercised, enforced, and enjoyed respectively in manner as before the said Act was passed :

- (7.) All by-laws and regulations made by the Commissioners shall continue in operation as if they had been made under "The Public Works Act, 1882," and the several Acts amending the same, and any penalty, forfeiture, or other punishment incurred or to be incurred thereunder respectively may be enforced and recovered in the same manner :
- (8.) No action or other proceeding whatsoever commenced by or against the Commissioners shall abate or be discontinued, or be prejudicially affected, but the same shall continue and take effect in favour of or against Her Majesty or the Minister, as the case may be :
- (9.) All judgments, decrees, or orders made in favour of or against the Commissioners, and all fines and penalties imposed or incurred under "The Government Railways Act, 1887," or under any other Act in respect of any matter or thing vested in the Commissioners, and unsatisfied or unperformed, or that have not been recovered or enforced, shall be respectively enforced, levied, proceeded for, and recovered by, against, with reference to, and in the name of Her Majesty, or the Minister, in the same manner as they might have been enforced, levied, proceeded for, and recovered by, against, with reference to, and in the name of the Commissioners.

Clause 20. That clause 20 be struck out.

Mr. PIRANI, in Committee, to move,—

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Minister shall have power to enforce a trial of what is known as the Vaile system on any section of the railways which he deems most suitable.

ABATTOIRS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES BILL.

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

Where, as a result of the provisions of this Act, any slaughterhouse premises are closed, the lessee of such premises may, within fourteen days after such closing, give written notice to the lessor of his desire to terminate the lease or tenancy; and the same shall, on the expiration of fourteen days from the giving of such notice, be deemed to be determined as by effluxion of time.