

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 21st Day of August, 1903.

ARBITRATION COURT EMERGENCY BILL.

Rt. Hon. R. J. SEDDON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

In clause 2, in subclause (2), omit all the words after "the President thereof," and add the following new subclauses:—

(2A.) The President shall thereupon, by telegram or other expeditious means, request the secretary of the Employers' Association at each of the following places—namely, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin—or the secretary of each of the industrial unions of workers, as the case may require, to recommend on behalf of his association or union the name of some person, and from the names so recommended the President shall select one willing to act, and recommend him to the Governor for appointment as an acting member of the Court in the place of the member so unable to attend:

Provided that if for the space of three days after such request no name is recommended to the President as aforesaid, he may himself recommend some fit person to the Governor for appointment.

(4.) This section shall remain in force only until the next appointment of members of the Court under the principal Act, when it shall be deemed to be repealed.

3. Whenever after the passing of this Act industrial unions are requested by the Governor, under section sixty-three of the principal Act, to recommend to the Governor persons to be members of the Court, each such union shall recommend the names of two persons, one to be the member and one to be the acting member, and from the names so recommended the Governor shall select four persons as follows:—

One from the persons recommended by the unions of employers and one from the persons recommended by the unions of workers, and shall appoint them to be members of the Court; and

One from the persons recommended by the unions of employers and one from the persons recommended by the unions of workers, and shall appoint them to be acting members of the Court.

4. (1.) If at any time either of the members of the Court so appointed is unable by reason of illness or other cause to attend any sitting of the Court on the day fixed for the same, and it is likely that he will be unable to attend any sitting of the Court within seven days after the day so fixed, he may notify the Clerk thereof.

(2.) If at any time the Clerk (whether or not he has been so notified) is satisfied that any such member is by reason of illness or other cause unable to attend any sitting of the Court on the day fixed for the same, and it is likely that he will be unable to attend for seven days after the day so fixed, he shall notify the President thereof, who shall thereupon summon the acting member appointed as aforesaid on the recommendation of the industrial unions of employers or of workers, as the case may be, to attend the sittings of the Court, and to act as a member of the Court during the absence of the member who is unable to attend, and while so acting he shall have and may exercise all the powers, functions, and privileges of the member for whom he is acting.

(3.) On receipt by the Clerk of a notice in writing, signed by the member of the Court, that he is able to resume the duties of his office, the acting member shall cease to act as aforesaid.

(4.) The absence of the member of the Court while the acting member is so acting shall not be deemed to have created a casual vacancy under section sixty-seven of the principal Act.

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