

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 10th day of September, 1875.

1. Mr. REID to move, in Committee on the Railway Companies Bill, the following amendments:—

Add to line 10, section 4, “the boundaries of the district proposed to be benefited by the railway.”

Add to section 4: “No such railway shall be authorized to be constructed until the consent of not less than one-half of the owners of property in the district proposed to be benefited thereby shall have been obtained, and the votes of such owners shall be calculated in proportion to the property held by them, on the scale provided in the Road and Highway Board Acts or Ordinances in force in the district; and when the requisite number of owners shall have signified their consent, in a manner and form to be prescribed by the Governor, it shall be lawful for the Governor to issue a Proclamation authorizing the construction of the railway in the manner herein provided.”

2. Mr. ANDREW to move, in Committee on the Abolition of Provinces Bill, the following new clause:—

The three Provinces of Resolution Island, the Chathams, and Kawau are hereby established, with the organic constitution, in each case, of the Province of Westland, contained in “The Province of Westland Act, 1873.”

3. Mr. MURRAY to move, on the third reading of the Abolition of Provinces Bill, the following amendment:—

That, while the present form of government may now be unsuited to the altered circumstances of the colony, any change to be made therein should be in conformity with the views and wishes of the people who are to be affected thereby.

That, to practically ascertain these views, the whole colony should be constituted temporarily an electoral district, in which every elector may vote once, and for only one candidate, as a representative to a Convention specially elected to ascertain and consider what will be the best and most acceptable Constitution for the colony, and as soon as conveniently may be to report to the Governor.

The Convention to consist of eleven members, who should be those who hold the highest aggregate number of votes, and to have power to call for persons and papers, and to fix a quorum.

That the Governor, on receiving the report of the Convention, should convene the new Parliament to consider and prepare an Act, based on such report, to amend the Constitution Act.

That this present Parliament should take measures to obtain an Act of the Imperial Parliament to authorize future Parliaments of New Zealand to legislate to amend or repeal the Constitution Act, subject to the following conditions:—

That such legislation be reserved for the Royal assent.

That, if passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives for two successive Sessions, such legislation to become law upon receiving the Royal assent, even though it may have been rejected by the nominated branch of the Legislature.