

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 12th day of September, 1907.

COAL-MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. GUINNESS, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :—

Additional
general rules.

19c. Section thirty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following general rules :—

- (48.) The brattice in a mine shall at all times be kept within twelve feet of the working-face.
- (49.) A coal-miner's jig shall not exceed one chain in length.
- (50.) The headings in a mine shall not be more than fifty yards apart; the pillars between the headings shall be at least fifty yards thick; and the slits in the pillars shall not be more than twenty-five yards apart.

Allowance to
widow when
miner killed by
accident.

19d. Where a coal-miner dies from the effects of an injury by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, there shall be paid to his widow and his children (if any) who are under the age of sixteen years at the date of his death, the sum of fifty pounds out of the Sick and Accident Fund or the Coal-miners' Relief Fund, as the case may be, in such shares as the persons having the management of such fund decide.

No deposit to be
required as
security for
fulfilment of
conditions of
lease.

19e. It shall not be lawful for the Warden or Commissioner of Crown Lands before or at the time of granting a coal lease under the principal Act, or for the Minister before or at the time of giving his consent to such lease, to require the applicant to deposit or agree to deposit any sum of money as security for the due performance and observance of the covenants and conditions of such lease.