

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 25th day of June, 1886.

COAL MINES.

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

In lieu of first paragraph of clause 19 insert the following:—

No youth shall be employed as lander or braceman at any time at a brace set over any shaft. No boy or youth shall be employed for more than forty-eight hours in any week, exclusive of the time allowed for meals, nor more than eight hours in any day, except in cases of emergency.

New subsection in section 38,—

(4.) The Inspector may at any time by a written notice exempt any mine wherein altogether not more than seven men are employed from the operations of this section, and therefore the provisions of this section shall not apply in respect to such mine until the Inspector thinks fit to withdraw such exemption for sufficient reasons, which he is hereby authorized to do.

*Section 52 under heading Miscellaneous.*

52. Where, for the purpose of working any mine, it is required to carry any work on, or over, or under any private land, or to take any such land, or any part thereof, for mining works in connection with such mine, the Governor, on the application and at the proper cost and charges of the owner of the said mine, may take such land, or any part thereof, under "The Public Works Act, 1882," as for a public work within the meaning of such Act.

All provisions of the said Act shall apply accordingly for the purpose, but the effect of the Proclamation taking the land shall be to vest such land in the applicant instead of in Her Majesty, and all proceedings after the aforesaid Proclamation in respect of compensation and otherwise in respect of complying with the said Act shall be had against the applicant who shall be deemed to be the respondent, and shall be liable in respect of such taking in the same manner and to the same extent as Her Majesty or the Minister for Public Works would be in respect of taking land for a Government work under the said Act.

*New Section after Section 53.*

54. Every owner of a mine, where there is an accumulation of water, who shall permit any water to overflow or percolate into any adjoining mine to the injury thereof, or to the impeding of any working therein, shall be liable to pay to the owner of such adjoining mine a contribution towards the cost of draining the said last-mentioned mine, which shall be in proportion to the amount of water allowed to overflow or percolate into it, and such contribution, with costs, may be recovered by the owner of the said adjoining mine into which the water has been allowed to overflow or percolate, in any Court of competent jurisdiction.