

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Tuesday, the 21st day of August, 1877.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

*On going into Committee of Supply.*

Mr. WOOLCOCK's amendment, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a change in the incidence of taxation is become necessary, in order to secure the best interests of all classes of the community.

Sir G. GREY's amendment to the foregoing, That the system of taxation should immediately be altered, with a view of imposing taxes upon income and property, and of relieving the people of the colony from some onerous Customs duties now paid.

Hon. Major ATKINSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the incidence of taxation should be so adjusted as to impose on property a fair share of the burden entailed on the colony by expenditure on public works, and thereby afford means for the reduction of taxes on necessaries; and that the financial proposals of the Government next Session should embody this principle.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, to move, That it is expedient,—

(1.) That the system of free selection, with a fixed price of £2 an acre for all blocks containing more than twenty acres, be applied to all the waste lands of the Crown throughout the colony, including the confiscated lands.

(2.) That all blocks not exceeding twenty acres be submitted to public auction at an upset price of £2 an acre for rural lands, and £12 10s. a quarter-acre for town lands.

(3.) That one-fifth of the land revenue be paid directly to the County Fund of the county within which such revenue arises.

(4.) That the remaining four-fifths of the land revenue be paid into the Consolidated Fund, for ordinary appropriation by this House.

(5.) That all pre-emptive rights shall cease.

(6.) The costs and expenses of the following services to be defrayed from Colonial revenue, viz.,—

1. All existing departments of the Government, including the Civil List.
2. The interest and Sinking Fund of all loans, whether Colonial or Provincial.
3. Primary education.
4. Gaols, police, and lunatic asylums.
5. Public railways, and arterial roads and bridges.
6. Subsidies to local bodies.

(7.) The cost and expenses of the following services to be defrayed by local bodies:—

1. Roads, bridges, and other local public works other than arterial.
2. Hospitals and charitable institutions.
3. Penitentiaries and reformatories, not being public gaols.

Mr. SHARP to move, in Committee on the Education Bill, the following addition to clause 89:—

The Board may also, on the recommendation of the Inspector, in such outlying districts which it would be premature or inconvenient to constitute school districts, assist schools started by private enterprise in books, school apparatus, or money, as the Board shall think expedient.