

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 14th Day of October, 1903.

INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.

Mr. ARNOLD to move, That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding the following new clause:—

Preference to
unionists.

5A. (1.) Subject to the observance of any conditions imposed upon an industrial union by any industrial agreement or award, or by regulations, employers shall employ members of the industrial union in preference to non-members, provided there are members of the industrial union competent to do the work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake it.

(2.) Proof that within a reasonable time before the coming into operation of any industrial agreement or award a worker was being paid the minimum wages paid before the coming into operation of such industrial agreement or award shall (unless in the meantime the worker has suffered some physical disablement by reason of accident or otherwise) be conclusive evidence in all proceedings under the principal Act that such worker is competent to receive the minimum wages prescribed by such industrial agreement or award.

(3.) Every employer who commits a breach of this section shall be deemed,—

(a.) If he is bound by an industrial agreement or award, to have committed a breach thereof; and

(b.) If he is not so bound, to have committed an offence against the principal Act, and is liable to the same penalties as if he had been bound by an award and had committed a breach thereof.

Mr. WILLIS to move to add the following words to Mr. Arnold's motion, "and for the addition of the following new clause":—

Power of Court
to extend
award.

3A. The power given by subsection two of section eighty-seven of the principal Act to the Court to extend an award so as to join and bind as parties thereto any specified trade-union, industrial union, industrial association, or employer in the colony may be exercised in any case where the award relates to a trade or manufacture the products of which enter into competition in any market with those manufactured in another industrial district, irrespective of the number of employers engaged or of the unions of workers concerned in the trade or manufacture that are bound by the award.