

## SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 27th Day of July, 1894.

## IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION.

Hon. Mr. SEDDON, in Committee, to move to substitute the following for the first paragraph of section 2 of the Bill:—

Except as hereinafter mentioned, no person who is a debtor shall, after the commencement of this Act, be imprisoned or committed to prison for making default in payment of a sum of money if he prove on oath or affirmation to the satisfaction of the Court or Judge to whom the application for committal is made, that a majority of the creditors of such person, representing not less than three-fourths in value of the total debts then due or owing by him, are averse to any such committal or imprisonment.

In the event of any application for committal or imprisonment being dismissed upon the grounds aforesaid, the debtor shall be entitled to obtain from the Clerk of the Court or Registrar, as the case may be, a certificate of such dismissal; and the production of such certificate shall be a bar to the hearing of any subsequent application for committal or imprisonment of the debtor in respect of any debts due or owing as aforesaid.