

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 23rd Day of July, 1901.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Hogg, in Committee, to move the insertion of the following new clause:—

The Governor in Council may make regulations to authorise advances to be made out of the Land for Settlements Account to successful applicants for the allotments in aid of the cost of fencing and planting the same, and building dwellinghouses thereon:

Provided that in no case shall the total advance to any one such applicant exceed *fifty* pounds, nor shall any advance exceed pound for pound of the sum expended by him in fencing, planting, and building as aforesaid.

All such advances, together with interest thereon at the rate of five per centum per annum, shall be repayable by equal half-yearly instalments, extending over such period, not exceeding ten years, as, subject to regulations, the Minister thinks fit to prescribe.

Mr. Pirani, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

A list, to be called the "applicants' list," shall be kept in the principal Land Office in each provincial district, and such list shall be open for public inspection during office hours.

- (1.) Such list shall contain the names, addresses, and occupations of persons desiring to take up land whose applications shall have been approved by the Land Board.
- (2.) Persons wishing to have their names placed on the applicants' list may apply to the Commissioner of Crown Lands at any time.
- (3.) At the next meeting of the Land Board of the district in which such applications are made, the Board may approve of any of the applications on being satisfied, as far as possible, that such applicants will be likely to prove *bona fide* settlers.
- (4.) In the event of more than one application being received on one day, the Land Board shall by ballot decide priority of position on the applicants' list.
- (5.) An applicant may have his name placed on more than one list upon satisfying any Land Board in any district that he is likely to prove a *bona fide* settler.
- (6.) When land is open for selection in any land district, the Land Board shall notify the first person whose name appears on such list, and shall give such person the right to take up one section; should he exercise that right or not within *seven* days of such notice being posted to his address, the person whose name is second on the list will be given a similar privilege; and the same right shall be given in successive order to each person whose name is on the applicants' list, until all the names on the list have been dealt with.
- (7.) Should there be any land which is not selected, the Land Board must publicly notify that such land is open for selection.
- (8.) No selector of land shall be allowed to transfer his land except to a member of his own family: Provided that the Land Board may accept a surrender of such land, and pay the selector compensation for improvements, the amount payable to be decided by arbitration.