

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 11th Day of September, 1908.

MINING AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. POLAND, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :—

Men may
appoint check-
weighman.

19. (1.) The persons who are employed in a mine to which this Act applies, and are paid according to the weight of the material gotten by them, may, at their own cost, station a person (in this Act referred to as "a check-weighman") at the place appointed for the weighing of such material in order to take an account of the weight thereof; and if in any mine reasonable facilities are not afforded to him for taking such account, the owner and agent of the mine shall each be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Check-weighman
not to interrupt
the working of
the mine.

(2.) The check-weighman shall not be authorised in any way to impede or interrupt the working of the mine or to interfere with the weighing, but shall be authorised only to take such account as aforesaid, and his absence shall not be a reason for interrupting or delaying such weighing.

May be removed
by Court if he
interrupts.

(3.) If a check-weighman impedes or interrupts the working of the mine, or interferes with the weighing, or otherwise misconducts himself, the owner or agent may complain to the nearest Magistrate's Court, which, if it thinks fit, may call upon the check-weighmen to show cause against his removal.

(4.) The Court shall hear the parties, and, if it thinks that sufficient ground is shown to justify the removal of the check-weighman, may make a summary order for his removal, and he shall thereupon be removed.

(5.) The Court may in every case make such order as to the cost of the proceedings as it thinks just.

Payment of
check-weighman.

(6.) The payment of a check-weighman appointed by the persons employed in a mine shall be a charge upon every miner employed in the mine and getting material by weight in the said mine, and may be recovered from any such miner.

Where persons
employed are
paid by measure
or gauge.

20. If the persons employed in a mine are paid by the measure or gauge of the material gotten by them, the provisions of the *last preceding* section shall apply in like manner as if the term "weighing" included measuring and gauging, and the terms relating to weighing shall be construed accordingly.

Weights and
Measures Act to
apply.

21. The Weights and Measures Act, 1908, shall apply to the weights and machines used in or at any mine for weighing material; and the Inspector shall, once at least in every three months, without unnecessarily impeding or interrupting the working of the mine, inspect and examine, in manner directed by the said Act, the weighing-machines and weights so used, or the measures or gauges used at or in such mines in lieu of weights.