

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 29th Day of September, 1896.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

A. The Governor may at any time, by Proclamation,—

- (1.) Upon the petition, publicly notified, by the Mayor and Council of a borough which has not contracted for, nor is liable for, any loan, declare any outlying portion of such borough, not being a reserve, to be severed therefrom, and declare the same annexed to the adjacent road district or riding of a county; or,
- (2.) Upon the petition of three-fifths of the ratepayers of any portion of a borough, to be defined in such Proclamation, declare such portion of the borough to be severed therefrom, and declare the same annexed to the adjacent road district or riding of a county:

Provided that in either of the aforesaid cases the consent of such road district or county has been previously obtained to such annexation.

B. In relation to any such alteration the Council or Board of such county or road district may agree with the Council of the borough as to the following things:—

- (1.) What part of the property, real or personal, of such borough shall become the property of the borough.
- (2.) What part of the rates payable to such borough at the date of such severance shall be deemed to be rates payable to the borough.
- (3.) What part of the debts, liabilities, and engagements of such borough, whether absolute and outstanding at the date of such severance, or then contingent or prospective, so long as the same are capable of extinction, shall be the liabilities and engagements of the borough.

And such agreement shall be in writing, and shall be final as between such county or road district and the borough.

C. If no such agreement is made within *two* months after the first meeting of the Council of such borough, the Controller and Auditor-General, or such other person as the Governor may appoint, shall, upon the application either of the Council of such borough or the Council or Board of the county or road district, hold an inquiry and make an award as to the several matters mentioned in the last foregoing section.

D. Any such award may direct either party or any person to do any acts and things, and the payment by either party of the whole or any part of the expenses of such inquiry, and generally may make and give such directions as may be necessary for giving full effect to the provisions of section .

Every such award shall be final, and shall from the date thereof have the operation of, and be enforceable as, and be held to be, a judgment of the Supreme Court.