

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of August, 1891.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE BILL.

Mr. FISH, in Committee, to move the following additional clauses :—

That this Act shall not come into operation until after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

This Act shall not come into operation until a poll has been taken of the males and females in the colony of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, nor unless at such poll a majority of the votes of both males and females respectively shall be in favour of conferring the franchise upon females.

That, for the purpose of taking such poll as aforesaid, with respect to males, the electoral roll of the colony shall be used.

That, for the purpose of taking such poll with respect to females, the Governor in Council shall make such regulations as he deems fit.

That, for the purpose of taking such poll as aforesaid, "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1881," shall be held to be a part of, and is hereby incorporated with, this Act.

Contingent upon the foregoing not being adopted, to move, as an addition to clause 2 :—

Provided that no woman under the age of thirty-five years shall be allowed to vote at such election.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. J. W. KELLY, in Committee, to move the following :—

It shall be lawful for the Council of the Borough of Invercargill, either by public auction or tender, by an instrument in writing made in the name of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Invercargill, and sealed with their common seal, to vest in any person or persons, body corporate or bodies corporate, the management and control of the New River Harbour, for such period of time, and under such restrictions, and upon such terms and conditions as the said Council shall think fit; and also by public auction or tender, by the same or some other instrument, to lease any lands which, by the operation of "The Invercargill Corporation Empowering Act, 1888," are vested in the said Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Invercargill, for such term of years, at such rents, and upon such terms and conditions as the said Council shall think fit.

No such instrument shall have any force or effect unless and until a proposal to bring the same into force has been submitted to the ratepayers of the Borough of Invercargill in the same manner as a proposal to raise a special loan is prescribed in Part IX. of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and the ratepayers have consented thereto in the manner prescribed therein, and the provisions of sections one hundred and eighty-three and one hundred and eighty-four of the said last-named Act shall apply thereto.

Immediately such first-named instrument, vesting the management and control of the said harbour in some person or persons or body corporate or bodies corporate, shall come into force, all the powers, functions, duties, and authorities by "The Harbours Act, 1878," and every amendment thereof, conferred upon a Harbour Board, shall and may thenceforth be exercised and performed in respect of the New River Harbour by the person or persons or body corporate or bodies corporate named in such instrument as fully and effectually as if such person or persons or body corporate or bodies corporate had been constituted a Harbour Board by and under the said Act, subject, however, to the restrictions, terms, and conditions contained or expressed in such instrument.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BILL.

Mr. O'CONNOR, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2, line 13, to strike out the words "he shall think fit," and insert in lieu thereof, "may be recommended by a resolution of the House of Representatives."

Clause 3, to strike out all words, and insert,—

Every person who now occupies a seat in the Council shall hold such seat therein for seven years, to be reckoned from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and no longer, unless reappointed: Provided that members appointed previous to the date last named shall be entitled to retain all privileges accorded to them except those connected with sitting and voting in the Council and the duties connected therewith.

Clause 4, subsection (6), to strike out all words after "fails" in line 25.