

## SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 5th day of September, 1889.

## NATIVE LAND COURT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

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

A notification published in the *New Zealand Gazette* that the Governor has entered or intends to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of any lands owned by Natives in the North Island shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to all persons of the prior rights to the Crown in respect of such lands; and it shall not be lawful for any person other than the Governor thereafter to purchase or acquire from the Native owners any right, title, or interest therein unless and until such notice shall have been previously withdrawn by the Governor.

Whereas, at a sitting at Taupo, the Native Land Court, on the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, gave its decision on an investigation of the title to the block of land known as Tauponuiatia, in the Taupo District, in the Provincial District of Auckland, and a question arose as to the western boundary of the said block: And whereas the Honourable Theodore Minet Haultain and Hanita te Aweawe were, on the ninth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, appointed to be a Royal Commission, to inquire, among other things, as to the correct boundary thereof: And whereas the said Commission, on the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, reported thereon, which report has been presented to both Houses of the General Assembly during the present session, and marked G.-7:

And whereas it is expedient that effect should be given to such report in respect of the matters hereinbefore mentioned, and that further investigation should be made with regard to the blocks of land known as Maraeroa and Horaaruhe-Pouakani:

Be it enacted as follows: The western boundary of the land known as Tauponuiatia is hereby declared to be, and shall be deemed to have been, the line defined as such western boundary in the said report, and shown in the map numbered one hundred and eighty, and deposited in the office of the Surveyor-General in Wellington.

The lands excluded from the Tauponuiatia Block by the alteration of the boundary and the subdivisions of the Horaaruhe-Pouakani Block, known as Pouakani, containing by estimation sixty-three thousand acres, more or less; Pouakani number two, containing by estimation thirty thousand acres, more or less; Kaiwha, containing by estimation seven thousand two hundred acres, more or less; and Hapotea, containing by estimation two thousand five hundred acres, more or less, are hereby declared to be Native land within the meaning of "The Native Land Court Act, 1886," and its amendments.

The Court may, by order, direct that the cost of surveying the boundary adopted by the Court in its decision of the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, before mentioned, and also the boundary described in the said report, shall be a charge upon the estates and interests of the persons

who may be declared to be the owners of the said Maraeroa Block, in manner provided in Part VII. of "The Native Land Court Act, 1886."

. Nothing in this section shall affect any interest acquired by the Crown, or any order made in its favour.

ORIMAKATEA TITLE EMPOWERING BILL.

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

5. Nothing herein contained shall invalidate the existing lease of the said land granted by the Public Trustee under the provisions of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1881," and Acts amending the same.

6. Any rent received and receivable at and after the passing of this Act shall be retained by the Public Trustee, and paid to the Natives found to be entitled as aforesaid, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge therefor.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS BILL.

Major STEWARD, in Committee, to move the addition of the following clauses:—

3. With the consent in writing of any Board of Trustees or Commissioners in whom are vested any educational reserves, the Governor may, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, exchange any such reserve or portion of such reserve for Crown land of equivalent value, and upon such exchange being effected, the land conveyed to Her Majesty shall become waste land of the Crown, and the land given in exchange therefor shall be subject to the trusts under which such first-mentioned land was held by such Board of Commissioners or Trustees prior to the exchange being effected.

4. If at any time it shall appear to the Governor that any Board of Trustees or Commissioners, in whom are vested any educational reserves, are not administering their trust estate, or any part thereof, to the best advantage, in the interest of settlement or in the interests of the trust, he shall require such Board of Trustees or Commissioners to submit for his approval a scheme for the disposal of the lands comprised in such trust estate or part thereof, as the case may be, together with a plan and schedule showing the areas, proposed term of lease and upset rentals of such reserve, and the Governor, within thirty days of the receipt of such scheme, shall notify the said Board of Trustees or Commissioners of his approval thereof, or of any alteration in the mode of dealing with such reserve which he desires to be made, and upon receipt of such notification the aforesaid Board of Trustees or Commissioners shall proceed to deal with the reserve accordingly.

THE NGARARA AND WAIPIRO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BILL.

Mr. TAIWHANGA, in Committee, to move, That all clauses of this Bill are to be struck out (except clause one and preamble), and in lieu thereof the following new clauses to be added in continuation of the Bill:—

2. This Act shall come into force on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

3. That all special legislation relating to Ngarara and Waipiro Blocks shall be abolished immediately after this Act comes into force.

4. That the investigation of Ngarara and Waipiro Blocks shall be vested in a Maori Committee, to consist of twelve persons of the Maori race, to be elected by the proper owners of the Ngarara and Waipiro Blocks.