

# SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 4th Day of September, 1896.

### RATING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. CARROLL, in Committee, to move the following new clause, to follow clause 2:—

Minister may grant lease on certain terms.

2A. In lieu of granting such consent, the Minister, if he deems it expedient in the interests of all parties so to do, may either authorise the Native owners to grant, or may himself grant, a lease of the whole or any part of the land, anything in "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," or in any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and in any such case the following provisions shall apply:—

- (1.) The land to be leased shall be the whole of the block, or such portion thereof as, in the opinion of the Minister, can be most advantageously leased, having regard to the wishes and requirements of the Native owners, the sites of their dwellings and cultivations, and all other surrounding circumstances.
- (2.) The lease shall be for such term (not exceeding twenty-one years), in such form, and subject to such covenants and conditions, as the Minister thinks fit to prescribe.
- (3.) The rents shall be the best obtainable, and for that purpose the lease shall be disposed of by public auction or tender as the Minister thinks fit.
- (4.) If the lease be granted by the Minister it shall be executed by him in the name and on behalf of the owners, they being therein described not by their individual names, but collectively as the "Native owners"; but for all the purposes of receiving or recovering the rent and enforcing the covenants he shall be deemed to be the lessor, nevertheless without incurring any liability under the lease.
- (5.) If the lease is granted by the Minister, the net proceeds of the rents as and when received shall be applied, first, in satisfying the aforesaid judgment; secondly, in paying the current rates on the whole block as they become due; and the residue shall be divided amongst all the Native owners of the block according to their respective interests therein.

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

It shall not be lawful for the Crown to purchase, or for any Native to sell to the Crown, the freehold of any lands leased under the provisions of this Act.

Section five of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," shall not apply in the case of any lease under the provisions of this Act.

No lease executed under this Act shall be liable to the payment of the special duties imposed under Part III. of "The Stamp Act, 1882," or any amendment thereof, but such lease shall be stamped under the last-mentioned Act or the Acts amending the same.