

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 28th day of October, 1878.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

ON GOING INTO COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

Mr. MURRAY to move,—

(1.) That more revenue should not be raised by general taxation than is sufficient to meet the existing liabilities of the colony and the efficient and economical performance of the legitimate functions of Government; that local taxation should provide for local requirements; and that State subsidies, from taxation, to local governing bodies should cease after the 30th June, 1879.

(2.) That property specially benefited by public expenditure should be specially taxed, and that all such property should be taxed, without exception.

- Mr. MURRAY to move, That money raised under the Land-Tax Act should be devoted to repay to the Consolidated Fund any deficiency between the interest on the cost of railways constructed or to be constructed in the provincial district and the net revenue derived from such railways; provision being made that, in boroughs and counties where no railways have been constructed, the whole of the net money raised under the said Act within the borough or county shall be paid to the Borough or County Council respectively.
- Mr. GIBBS to move, That the Government be requested to accept a guarantee of £160 per annum, offered by the local bodies of the County of Collingwood, for the extension of the Telegraph to that district, and to carry out such extension as soon as possible.
- Mr. REEVES, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum of £4,000, for constructing a stock road from Maruia Plains to Inangahua.
- Mr. REEVES, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum of £3,000, for a road from the Count's Station to Kopra Flat.
- Mr. REEVES, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum of £4,000, for river protection works in Reefton.
- Mr. REEVES, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates a sum of £3,000, for augmenting Vote No. for constructing certain road from Ahaura to Kopra Flat.
- Mr. WASON, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That in future, tenders be invited for the supply of coal (native and sea borne) for Government purposes; and that wherever there may be difference of quality as well as price, it is desirable that the Government obtain the opinion of the Geologist-in-Chief, with the view of securing the most economical article.
- Mr. FOX, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That the arrangement entered into with the *Otago Daily Times*, *Lyttelton Times*, and *Auckland Herald* shall be suspended till the machinery of the Telegraph Department shall be in a condition to extend equal privileges, if required, to all journals and Press Agencies in the colony.
- Mr. McLEAN, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should give effect to the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee in the matter of the impounded land revenue of the counties in Otago.
- Mr. MURRAY-AYNSLEY, on going into Committee of Supply, to move, That all free passes on Government railways should be cancelled on the 31st December next, and that for the future no free passes, except for officers and employés upon the railways and Police Department, should be issued except by order from the Minister for Public Works; and that a Return of those issued by his order should be laid before this House within a week of its meeting each year.

WHAKATANE GRANTS VALIDATION BILL.

Hon. Mr. SHEEHAN to move the following new clauses:—

3. The land comprised in the said several Crown grants shall be deemed to be land contracted to be alienated by the Crown in fee prior to the day on which such land was included in the Land Registrar's District under "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," and such grants shall be registered in the Register Office of the Registration District, under "The Deeds Registration Act, 1868," within which the granted land is situated.

4. It shall be lawful for the Secretary for Crown Lands to indorse on any such grant a memorandum under his hand that the legal estate in the granted land shall be deemed to have been in the grantees on and from such date as the Secretary for Crown Lands may deem advisable, and such memorandum shall have the same effect as the insertion of the antevesting date in the habendum of a grant under "The Crown Grants Act, 1866."

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. STOUT to move the addition of the following new clause:—

21. The election of councillors to fill the vacancies in the Council of the Borough of the City of Dunedin, held on the sixteenth September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and all acts and things in connection therewith, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual for all purposes whatsoever.

Mr. CURTIS, in Committee on the Municipal Corporations Amendment Bill, to add the following subsection to clause 14:—

In section 207, after the word "may" in the first line, the words "whenever the public health or safety shall render it necessary," shall be inserted.

Mr. TOLE to move, in Committee on the Municipal Corporations Amendment Bill, the addition of the following subsection to clause 14:—

In section 62, after the word "Mayor," where it first occurs, the words "or any Councillor" shall be inserted.

Mr. TOLE to move, in Committee on the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill, the following new clause:—

Notwithstanding anything in any Licensing Act or Ordinance to the contrary, in cities and towns lighted by gas at the expense of the ratepayers thereof, it shall not be necessary for the holder of a publican's license to keep a light burning in front of his licensed premises, except in cases where there is no public lamp so lighted as aforesaid kept burning within fifty yards of the said premises, in the street or place where the same are situated.

WELLINGTON RECLAIMED LAND BILL.

The Hon. Mr. STOUT, in Committee on the Wellington Reclaimed Land Bill, to move the following amendments:—

Section 1. Before "Act, 1878," insert "and Hospital."

Section 3. Before "Schedule" insert "First."

Also, to add the following sections after section 5:—

HOSPITAL TRANSFER.

And whereas the Corporation aforesaid have agreed to complete the erection and furnishing of the new hospital at Te Aro, in the City of Wellington, and to undertake the management and maintenance thereof on and after its occupation, in consideration of the transfer to the aforesaid Corporation of the reserves belonging to the existing hospital at Thorndon, in the said city:

Be it therefore further enacted:

6. Upon completion by the aforesaid Corporation of the afore-

said new hospital, and the furnishing thereof, the said Corporation shall, from and after the day of the occupation of the same as a hospital for patients, have the entire future management and control thereof, and shall continue to maintain the same for such purpose.

7. Upon occupation of the new hospital as aforesaid, all parcels of land at any time reserved for the purposes of the hospital at Thorndon, in the City of Wellington, or for the endowment thereof, and at the time of occupation aforesaid vested in or granted to the Trustees of the Wellington Hospital Reserves, or otherwise vested, granted, or set apart, but not granted for the purposes aforesaid, shall vest, without any transfer or conveyance, in the aforesaid Corporation, upon the same trusts as have heretofore attached thereto respectively, and subject to any leases, contracts, or engagements existing in relation thereto; and any lands which, under any Act or Ordinance in force at the time of the passing of this Act, might be vested or granted in any way or set apart for the purposes of any hospital at Wellington aforesaid, or for the endowment thereof, may, from and after the transfer hereinbefore mentioned, be vested or granted to the aforesaid Corporation for such purposes respectively.

8. The Trustees for the time being of the Wellington Hospital Reserves shall be freed and discharged from all trusts, duties, and liabilities in respect of the said reserves, saving and except that each of such Trustees respectively shall be responsible for his own wilful act, omission, or default.

9. The aforesaid Corporation shall have, with regard to the reserves so transferred to them, the same powers, duties, and functions as theretofore attached to the Trustees above-named in respect thereof; and the several Acts relating to the Wellington Hospital shall, from the day of the aforesaid transfer and vesting, be read and construed with the substitution of the term "Municipal Corporation of Wellington" in the place of the terms "Trustees of the Wellington Hospital Reserves," or "Trustees," wherever the same respectively occur in the said Acts.

BORROWING POWERS.

10. For the purpose of carrying out the objects hereinbefore stated it shall be lawful for the Corporation aforesaid and their successors to borrow, from time to time, any sum or sums of money not exceeding a total sum of *one hundred and twenty thousand* pounds, at any rate of interest not exceeding *seven* pounds per centum per annum, which sum shall be applied as follows:

In payment as mentioned in section <i>three</i> hereof	...	Eighty-nine thousand pounds.
Completion of Te Aro Hospital	...	Thirty thousand pounds.
Incidental expenses	One thousand pounds.

11. The aforesaid sum of *one hundred and twenty thousand* pounds, or any portion thereof, may be raised in the manner in which special loans are authorized to be raised by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," and shall be deemed to be a special loan sanctioned by the ratepayers within the meaning of the said Act, and Part X. of the said Act shall apply in respect of the loan hereby authorized to be raised.

12. The Corporation aforesaid and their successors may, for the purpose of raising the said sum of *one hundred and twenty thousand* pounds, or any part thereof, and for the purpose of paying off the same and all interest for the time being due in respect thereof, levy and raise, by way of mortgage upon the whole or any part or parts of the land described in the First Schedule, such sum as may be necessary for fully paying off the said sum of *one hundred and twenty thousand* pounds and interest, or such part thereof as shall for the time being remain unpaid.

13. Subject to any powers of sale and mortgage and of leasing the lands described in the First Schedule which the Corporation aforesaid may have, and to the rights which may be acquired by any person under the said powers, the principal and interest secured by any debentures which may be issued under the sanction of this Act, and the payments to sinking fund in respect of the same, shall, after the above-mentioned land shall be conveyed as aforesaid, be a first charge on the land described in the First Schedule hereto, and on the rents and profits thereof.