

such license shall cease and be determined at any time, in respect of the whole or any portion of the land over which it may have been granted, in the event of the whole or such portion of the said land being reserved, leased, or sold by the Board, and that without any notice to that effect being necessary to be given to any such licensee.

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, whenever any lands shall be reserved for a town or village and be open for sale as town lands, if any of such lands so reserved shall have been within a proclaimed gold field, and at the time of the withdrawal of the same from such gold field, such reservation or opening of such land for sale shall have, for a period of two years preceding, been occupied under business license or other lawful authority as a residence or business site, or shall have been so occupied for any less period than two years, and a building of the value of fifty pounds at least have been erected on such land by the occupier or some person through whom he claims, then the Board may, if they shall think fit, sell such land to such occupier, without putting up the same to auction, at such price as shall be fixed by the Board, not being less than at the rate of ten pounds for forty perches of land."

Notice of motion (No. 5) was given by (M. Stout), To move "That no land shall be sold in Canterbury before survey.

Notice of motion (No. 6.) was given by (Sir R. Douglas), To move "That all other regulations which apply to waste lands in Canterbury Provincial District shall, in a similar manner, be made applicable to Southland."

The Committee, then adjourned until Monday, 17th September, at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, 1877.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ballance,
Mr. Bastings,
Mr. Beetham,
Sir R. Douglas,
Mr. Hamlin,
Mr. Harper,
Mr. Lumsden.

Mr. Lusk,
Hon. B. Reid,
Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Teschemaker,
Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the Bill intituled "The Land Act, 1877."

APPENDIX G, clause 4, read. Amendment proposed, In line 1, to omit the words "in the manner directed by this Act." (Hon. Mr. Reid).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

APPENDIX H, clauses 1 to, 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed, In line 2, to omit the word "unsurveyed." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read.

Amendment proposed, To add at end of clause the words, "Provided always that no compensation whatever shall be payable for the determination of any pastoral lease or license granted under this Act, where the provisions of section 117 of this Act, as to twelve months' notice have been complied with." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 31 read and agreed to.

Clause 32 read. Amendment proposed in line 4, to substitute the word "five" for the words "three and sixpence;" and in line 5, to substitute the words "one shilling and threepence" for the word "sevenpence." (Mr. Stout).

And the question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill; Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Harper,
Mr. Lumsden,
Hon. D. Reid,
Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. Teschemaker.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Ballance,
Mr. Bastings,
Mr. Beetham,
Sir R. Douglas,
Mr. Hamlin,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Thomson.

So it passed in the negative.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 44 read and agreed to.