

APPENDIX K, clause 1 read. Amendment proposed, In line 1, before the word "a" to insert the words, "Notwithstanding anything contained in section 117 of this Act, all rural lands in Southland shall be open for sale." (Hon. W. Reid).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

Amendment proposed, In line 5 to insert after the word "acre," the words "Provided always that the price of land set aside for deferred payments shall be the same as that in the Land District of Otago." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed, In line 2, after the word "any" to omit the word "unsurveyed." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, In line 3, after the word "days" to insert the words "in the case of unsurveyed land." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, In line 3, after the word "made" to insert the words, "And in the case of surveyed lands, within thirty days after application." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed, In line 2, after the word "time," to insert the words, "After the expiration of the existing leases or licenses." (Hon. Mr. Reid).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed, After the word "hundred," and before clause 7, to insert the words, "Sections 16 to 44, both inclusive, in Appendix H, shall apply to the management of Crown Lands in hundreds in Southland." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, To omit clauses 7 to 23. (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

APPENDIX L, clause 1 read. Amendment proposed, In line 2 to omit all words after the word "acre." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed, To omit all words after the word "acre." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 negatived.

Clauses 8 to 10 read and agreed to.

*Resolved*, on motion of Mr. Stout. (Motion No. 3), That the following words be added to the Bill after the word "relate," page 12, clause 45:—"Notwithstanding anything in the appendices of this Act contained, no confiscated land shall be sold or offered for sale at a less price than twenty shillings per acre."

*Resolved*, on motion of Mr. Ballance, (Motion A), That the following words be added to the Bill after the word "thereto," page 15, clause 59, line 8:—"A proportion of one-third of the price of any block of land disposed of under this part of the Act shall be handed over to the County Council or Road Board of the district within which such land is situated, to be expended in the construction of roads within or to open up the block for the benefit of the selectors; such proportion shall be made up and appropriated out of the first payments by the selectors and the different payments until the proportion is reached shall be handed over from time to time to the local body. The plans of proposed roads shall in all cases receive the sanction of the Waste Lands Board of the district."

*Resolved*, on motion of Mr. Sharp, (Motion No. 4), That the following words be added to the Bill after the word "money," page 40, clause 7:—"Any applicant for a lease of Crown land may in his application request the Board to assess the land at its value to sell, in accordance with such regulations as may at the time be in force for the sale of Crown lands in the province, and in the event of such application for a lease being acceded to, shall be entitled to a lease thereof for a term of fourteen years at an annual rental of ten pounds per centum on such assessed value for sale, payable in advance; and on the due and punctual payment of such rent for the term of fourteen years, and upon the due performance and observance of the covenants contained or implied in such lease, he shall be entitled to a Crown grant of such land: Provided always that no greater quantity of land than three hundred and twenty acres shall be so leased to any one person: Provided also that the minimum price of such land shall not be less than ten shillings per acre."

It shall be lawful for the lessee of any lands assessed under the last preceding section, and at the rental therein mentioned, to purchase the fee-simple of the land comprised in such lease at any time before the expiration thereof, upon paying in one sum the balance of the total amount of the fourteen years' rental reserved in and by such lease.

It shall be lawful for the Board to grant to any person an occupation license for pastoral purposes of any waste lands, of such area and subject to such payment by the licensee, and upon such other terms as may be agreed upon by and between the Board and the licensee: Provided that any such license shall cease and be determined at any