

it shall not be practicable for the Government to make such survey without great delay, the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, allow the applicant to employ at his own expense some surveyor approved by the Commissioner to make such survey, and in such case the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of the payment on account of survey as soon as the plan is accepted by the Commissioner.

84. A lease of land surveyed as aforesaid may be granted by the Board to such licensee or applicant as aforesaid, his executors administrators or assigns, for the purpose of mining for any or all minerals other than gold, on the following terms and conditions :—

- (1.) The contents shall not exceed two square miles.
- (2.) The term shall be twenty-one years.
- (3.) There shall be paid a rent of not less than sixpence per acre for each of the two first years of the lease, and not less than one shilling per acre for every subsequent year.
- (4.) There shall be reserved such royalty as the Board may determine, being not less than a fiftieth nor more than one twenty-fifth of the minerals raised, and the value of royalty on any sums paid in lieu of royalty for any one year shall be deducted from the rent for such year, and when the amount of royalty for one year shall equal or exceed the rent for such year, no rent shall be paid for such year.
- (5.) The right to mine for gold shall be expressly reserved in the lease.
- (6.) The lease shall include only so much of the surface of the land to which it refers as may be agreed between the Board and the lessee.
- (7.) The lease shall contain clauses for protecting the interests of the Crown, for enabling the lessee to surrender the lease, for granting free access, where necessary, over the waste lands to the lands or mines demised, and for reserving full right of way over and through such lands or mines.

85. Provided that in every lease there may be inserted such conditions for securing the efficient working of the mines, and for the payment of such rents and royalties in addition to the amounts above specified, as the Board may think fit.

86. No land comprised in any prospecting license or mining lease shall be sold during the currency thereof; and in every case where the conditions of the mining lease have been fulfilled, the lessee shall be entitled to a renewal thereof for the same term at double the rents and royalties reserved in the original lease.

87. All objections to applications for mining leases, and all disputes arising with respect to the boundaries of lands under such leases, shall be decided by the Board.

88. Auriferous lands may not be leased under the foregoing provisions, and the decision of the Board whether land is auriferous or not shall be conclusive.

And the question being put, that the sections proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down, as follows :—

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Ballance
Sir R. Douglas
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Harper
Mr. Lumsden
Mr. Rolleston
Mr. Sharp
Mr. Stout
Mr. Teschemaker

Noes, 3.

Mr. Bastings
Hon. D. Reid
Mr. Thomson

So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Sharp, That the Committee do consider, without notice, a new clause to be added to Appendix K.

Moved by Mr. Sharp, That the following words be inserted in Appendix K to the Bill :—“ That an extension of lease for five years be granted to the pastoral tenants of the late Province of Southland, such extension to date from the expiry of their present leases, at a rent to be assessed in the manner provided by this Act.

Amendment proposed thereto, To omit the word “ five ” in the amendment. (Mr. Rolleston.)

Amendment agreed to.

And the question being put that these words be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows :—

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Bastings,
Sir R. Douglas,
Mr. Hamlin,
Mr. Harper,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Teschemaker,

Noes, 5.

Mr. Ballance,
Mr. Lumsden,
Hon. D. Reid,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Thomson

So it passed in the affirmative.

Clause as inserted read. Amendment proposed, To fill up the blank with the word “ two.” (Mr. Stout.)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed, to fill up the blank with the word “ three.” (Mr. Pyke.)

Amendment agreed to.