

as pastoral land, or such portions thereof as the Governor may determine, may be dealt with as herein provided for the sale and disposal of pastoral land."

Clause 76 read. Amendment proposed, In line two, after the word "acre," to insert the words "except where the ordinary price of such lands shall exceed that sum, in which case such lands shall be sold at public auction at an upset price not less than the ordinary price for the sale of such lands in such land district." (Hon. Mr. Reid).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 77 read. Amendment proposed, To insert the word "and" after the word "sale." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, To omit the words "exceed an area of," and insert the words "be less than five hundred (500) or more than." (Mr. Rolleston).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 78 read. Amendment proposed, To omit the word "the" and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 79 to 82 read and agreed to.

Clause 83 read. Amendment proposed, To omit the word "thirtieth" and insert the word "twentieth" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Ballance.)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 84 read. Amendment proposed, In sub-section 4, line 1, To omit the word "six" and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Sharp).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned until Wednesday, 12th September, at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

PRESENT:

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

Hon. D. 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."

Resolved, on the motion of Sir R. Douglas, That the postponed clause 8 be considered.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed, To insert after the word "say" the words "The Ngaputi Land District." (Sir R. Douglas.)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 96 read.

And the question being put that the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Ballance,
Mr. Harper,
Mr. Lumsden,
Hon. Mr. Reid,
Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Teschemaker.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Bastings,
Sir R. Douglas,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Thomson.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Amendment proposed, To omit all words after the word "be," in line 5, to end of clause. (Hon. Mr. Reid.)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, In line 5, after the word "be," to insert the words "determined according to the quality of the run. Such rent shall not be more than , nor less than , for every head of sheep, and not more than , nor less than , for every head of cattle which such run shall be determined by the Board to be capable of carrying." (Hon. Mr. Reid.)

Amendment proposed thereto, To insert, in lieu thereof, the words, "a rate per acre, to be determined by auction, as hereinafter mentioned." (Mr. Stout.)

And the question being put, That the words, "a rate per acre, to be determined by auction, as hereinafter mentioned," be inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—