

agreed to. Line 19, After the word "lease," to insert the words "or on freehold in fixed proportions."—(Hon. Mr. Rolleston.)

On the question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow: Ayes, 3—Mr. Lake, Mr. T. McKenzie, Hon. Mr. Rolleston. Noes, 6—Mr. Hogg, Mr. Mackintosh, Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, Mr. Meredith, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. W. C. Smith. So it was resolved in the negative.

Subsection (2), line 23, amendment proposed, To strike out the words "perpetual lease," and insert the words "lease in perpetuity" in lieu thereof.—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Subsection (2), line 24, amendment proposed, *Resolved*, To strike out the word "four," and insert the word "five" in lieu thereof. Amendments agreed to.

Further amendment proposed to insert a new subsection after the word "thereof:" "That not more than 320 acres can be held by one person under this system."—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to, subject to its being redrafted by the Law Draftsman.

Clause 163 read and agreed to.

Clause 164 read and postponed.

Clauses 165 and 166 read and agreed to.

Clause 167 read. Amendments proposed, In subsection (4), line 28, To strike out all the words from "on" to "each" inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the words "in perpetuity under Part III. of this Act."—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Line 37, To strike out the word "four," and insert the word "five" in lieu thereof. Amendments agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 168 to 178 read and agreed to.

Clause 179 read. Amendment proposed, After the word "lease," in line 11, to insert the words "and subject to the same conditions of residence and improvements."—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 180 to 220 read and agreed to.

Resolved, To adjourn till Friday, the 19th August, at 10.30 a.m., when consideration of the Bill will be resumed.

The Committee then adjourned.

FRIDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1892.

THE Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. R. Thompson (Chairman), Mr. Hogg, Mr. Lake, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Rhodes, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, and Mr. W. C. Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Land Bill.

Clause 221 read. Amendment proposed, line 17, After the words "flour-mills" to insert the words "flax-mills."—(Mr. W. C. Smith.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 222 and 229 read and agreed to.

Clause 230 read. Struck out.

Clause 230A (new clause). *Resolved*, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, That the following be a clause of the Bill, namely:—

Notwithstanding anything contained or implied in "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885," the Governor from time to time may grant a lease for grazing purposes, for not exceeding twenty-one years, of any land subject to that Act from which the timber has been removed, burnt, or destroyed, subject to such conditions and covenants as the Governor, in his discretion, may think fit to impose, and subject also as follows:—

(1.) That the land comprised in the lease shall continue under the Act last aforesaid, subject only to the right of the lessee to use the land for grazing purposes;

(2.) That the lessee shall have no right to fell or remove from the land any live or dead trees or timber, whether standing or lying on the ground;

(3.) That all persons duly authorised in that behalf shall have free right of ingress, egress, and regress for any of the purposes of the Act last aforesaid, or for felling or removing from the land any trees or timber as aforesaid; and

(4.) That the lessee, at the expiration of the term of his lease, may remove all fencing and buildings erected by him on the land.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 230B (new clause). *Resolved*, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, That the following be a clause of the Bill, namely:—

If any person shall be found on any Crown lands whatever, or on any reserve, or on any lands subject to "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885," having in his possession any live or dead timber, bark, flax, clay, gravel, stone, guano, kauri-gum, or other substance whatever, he shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have cut, stripped, dug, or removed the same from Crown lands, and it shall lie on such person to prove that he did not so do, or that he had authority so to do.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 230C (proposed new clause). Proposed by Mr. Mackintosh, That the following be a clause of the Bill, namely:—

220c. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, any selector under this Act or any former Land Act may at all times while in the *bona fide* occupation of land, and without license from any Board or Commissioner of Crown Lands, enter upon any State forest and cut or remove therefrom any timber he may require exclusively for his own domestic use, or for fencing the land in his own occupation.