

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Committee then resumed further consideration of the Land Bill.

Clause 4. Line 46, amendment proposed, After the word "the" to insert the word "management."—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

Clause 13. Subsection (3), amendment proposed, "After the word "trustees" to insert the words "Provided that subsections 2 and 3 alone shall only be applied with the consent of the Road Board, or County Council if there be no Road Board, or other local authority in whose district the lands are situated." After word "mentioned," to insert the words "and may grant such closed road in exchange for a road taken hereunder, and the Crown grant or other instrument of title may be amended accordingly by indorsement under the provisions of 'The Crown Grants Act, 1883.'"—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

Clause 17. Line 29, amendment proposed, After the word "thereof" to insert the words "Provided, also, that in cases where towns have been laid out and have been in existence for a period of fifteen years since the same was laid out, and where the local authority had approved and formed any road or street of a less width than sixty-six feet, then in such case the Governor may, in his discretion, approve of such streets or roads."—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

Clause 61. Subsection (1), line 18, further amendment proposed, After the word "*Gazette*" to insert the words "and in a newspaper printed." Line 21, to strike out the word "and," and insert in lieu thereof the word "or."—(Mr. C. H. Mills.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

Clause 76. Amendment proposed, To add to subsection (2) the following: "A mortgagee, having a power of sale in case of default under the mortgage, shall not in any case be admitted into possession or occupation of the land comprised in his mortgage, and shall exercise his power of sale within twelve months from the time when such power accrued; and such sale shall be conducted by public auction in the ordinary manner, and the mortgagee shall not be entitled to sell through the Registrar under 'The Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883.' The purchaser at any such sale may have the lease or license transferred to him under this section, and subject thereto."—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

Clause 78. Amendment proposed, To strike out the clause, and insert the following in lieu thereof, namely:—

The interest of a licensee or of a lessee in land held on any tenure under this Act, except as hereinafter mentioned, shall not during the currency of the first twelve months of such lease or license be assignable at law or in equity, or be capable of being charged, encumbered, extended, or taken in execution in any manner; but after that time such interest may be transferred under and subject to section seventy-six.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to apply to land within any village settlement under Part IV. of this Act, or to land held for pastoral purposes under Part VI. of this Act.—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.)

Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

Clause 122. Subsection (1), line 32, amendment proposed, After the word "aforesaid" to strike out the words "and of lands disposed of under section eight of the aforesaid Appendix C," and insert in lieu thereof the words "for a period of ten or fourteen years, as may be the case, from the date of the license."—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

Clause 138. Line 40, amendment proposed, To strike out the word "such," and insert the word "any" in lieu thereof.—(Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.) Amendment agreed to. Clause as further amended agreed to.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. W. C. Smith, That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reinserting the word "four" in clause 150 and other clauses of the Bill, the Committee having struck out the word "four," and inserted the word "five" in lieu thereof. On the question being put, That the word "four" stand part of the clause as originally printed, the motion was declared carried on the voices. "Four" was accordingly retained and "five" struck out.

*Resolved*, on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, That the Chairman report the Bill to the House as amended.

*Resolved*, To adjourn till a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

*Resolved*, That the Committee meet on Wednesday, the 31st August, to draw up a report on the petition of the Masterton Road Board, No. 169, Session 1892.

The Committee then rose.

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