

Clause 9 and its subclauses agreed to.

Clause 10.

Mr. Jennings moved to strike out the letter "a" from the beginning of the word "avocations" in the tenth line.—Agreed to.

Subclauses (a), (b), (c), and (d) agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved to add the following new subclause (e): "All such regulations shall be signed by the Minister, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and no such regulation shall come into force until approved of by resolution of each House."—Agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Mr. Mills moved and it was agreed that the hour of meeting be 10.30 a.m. in future instead of 10.

The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 10.30 a.m.

*Present:* Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Bennet, Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Fraser, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, Kirkbride, Laurenson, Lawry, Malcolm, Mills, and Witty.

Mr. Martin, solicitor, was also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. McNab handed in the return called for by the Committee on the 20th instant on the motion of Mr. Kirkbride.

Mr. Witty moved and it was agreed that a copy of the said return be supplied to each member of the Committee.

Mr. Fraser again referred to the publication by various newspapers of the Committee's proceedings.

Mr. Hall moved, That the attention of the Committee having been drawn to the fact that the business of the Committee has been published in certain newspapers, the Committee report the same to the House.

This having been objected to a division was called for, and there voted—

*For the motion.*—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Bennet, Ell, Flatman, Fraser, Hall, Kirkbride, Lawry, Malcolm, and Witty.—10.

*Against.*—Messrs. Duncan, Greenslade, Jennings, Laurenson, and Mills.—5.

The motion was therefore carried by ten to five.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. McNab it was agreed to postpone clause 11 and subsequent clauses, and resume consideration of postponed clause 3.

The Chairman having moved that clause 3, subsection (1), stand part of the Bill,

Hon. Mr. McNab moved the omission of the words "now" and "hereafter" from line 16 of the subclause, and the addition thereto of the following: "Provided that nothing in this Act shall prevent the future reservation or setting-aside under any Act of reserves for any purposes."—Agreed to.

Subsection (2) agreed to.

Subsection (3) agreed to.

Subsection (4) agreed to.

Subsection (5) agreed to.

Subsection (6) agreed to.

On the clause as amended being put, objection was taken and a division called for, when there voted—

*For the motion.*—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Hall, Laurenson, Lawry, Mills, and Witty.—9.

*Against.*—Messrs. Bennet, Fraser, Greenslade, Kirkbride, and Malcolm.—5.

Motion carried, and clause passed as amended.

The Minister having handed in copies of a proposed new clause numbered 10A, and amendments in other clauses (which were distributed to members), the Committee adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m. pursuant to notice.

*Present:* Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Bennet, Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Fraser, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, Kirkbride, Laurenson, Lawry, Malcolm, Mills, and Witty.

Mr. Martin was also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Clause 11. Subclause (a), as far as the word "showing," agreed to.

Subclause (a).

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. McNab, it was agreed to insert after the word "owner," in the 38th line, the words "in fee-simple or lease," to strike out the words "in fee-simple" at the commencement of line 39, and to insert after the word "value" in the same line the following words: "the unencumbered fee-simple."

Hon. Mr. McNab also moved, That the following words be added at the end of the subclause: "or the owner of same and the lessee of other rural lands, the unimproved value of the unencumbered fee-simple of all which lands ascertained as aforesaid as on the same date exceeds fifty thousand pounds."—Agreed to.

Mr. Fraser moved to add the following proviso: "Provided that the word 'lessee' in this subsection (1) shall not include a lessee of pastoral lands held under the Crown."