

Consideration of the Land Bill was resumed at clause 15.

Subclause (1).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the following proviso be added at the end of the subclause: "Provided always that the word 'lessee' in this subsection shall not include the lessee or licensee of Crown lands, being pastoral lands, or pastoral-agricultural lands, or small grazing-runs."—Agreed to.

Old subclause (2), now subclause (3), of the same clause—15.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That after the word "instrument" the following words be inserted—"and every instrument under section 11A"; and after the word "declaration" in the same line, that the following words be inserted—"or the declaration under section 11A (as the case may be)."—Agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the words "by the Registrar" be added after the word "cancelled" at the end of subsection (a) of the same subclause.—Agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the following additional subsection be added as subsection (c):—

"The declarations required by section 11A and section 15 shall, in the case of the Corporation, be made by the manager or other principal officer thereof."

Agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the words "satisfies the Court" be omitted, and the word "proves" be substituted in the proviso to subclause (b).—Agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the following be added as a new subclause:—

"(4.) Where a person satisfies the Supreme Court, upon motion, that he did prior to the commencement of this Act in good faith enter into a genuine and absolute contract for the purchase or lease of rural land, the Court shall order that the land so agreed to be purchased or leased shall not be taken into account in determining the value of the rural lands of which such person is the owner or lessee, and thereafter such person may make the declaration under subsection one of this section irrespectively of the value of the lands so agreed to be purchased or leased."

Agreed to.

Clause 16.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the clauses be struck out.—Agreed to.

Clause 17.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved to insert the following subclause:—

"Settlement land shall be selected on the renewable-lease system and not otherwise."

On this being put a division was called for, and there voted—

For the subclause.—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Ell, Laurensen, Mills, and Witty.—5.

Against.—Messrs. Bennet, Duncan, Flatman, Fraser, Greenslade, Hall, Lawry, and Malcolm.—8.

The motion was therefore negatived.

The Chairman then put, That clause 17 stand part of the Bill.

This was negatived on the voices, and the clause struck out accordingly.

Clause 8, subclause (b).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the subclause be struck out.—Agreed to.

Clause 18 as amended was then put and agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the following be added to clause 19: "Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to repeal 'The New Plymouth Harbour Board Endowment Act, 1874.'"—Agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the schedule be struck out.—Agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1906.

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

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

Mr. Martin, solicitor, was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, after certain corrections, were confirmed.

Consideration of the Bill was resumed at the postponed clause 2 ("Interpretation").

The Chairman having put, That clause 2 be a clause of the Bill,—

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved to add the following:

"'Unselected' means not selected on the deferred-payment system, or for occupation with right of purchase, or on lease in perpetuity, or on perpetual-renewal lease."

Agreed to.

The clause as amended was then put and agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved the insertion of the following clause, numbered 3A:—

"Out of the revenues derived from the lands hereinafter set apart as a National endowment there shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, be continued to be paid or allowed to all local authorities or public authorities of every kind all such moneys, royalties, license fees, and other sums whatsoever as are directed by any Act to be paid or allowed to them out of the same revenues, and shall be paid the cost of surveying the said lands and of making roads and bridges thereon; and, moreover, sections seventy-three to seventy-five of 'The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901,' shall apply to those lands."

Agreed to.