MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1913

THE Committee met at 10 a.m. pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. E. Newman (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham, Mr. Witty.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Order of reference referring the Land Laws Amendment Bill to the Committee was read.

Land Laws Amendment Bill.

Resolved, That clause I as printed stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, That clause 2 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, That clause 3 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, That clause 4 as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 5 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, That clause 6 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 7: Resolved, on motion of Mr. Witty, That clause 7 be amended by striking out the word "seven" in line 44, and inserting the word "ten" in lieu thereof.

Resolved, That clause 7 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, That clause 8 as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 9 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 10: Mr. Witty moved, That clause 10 be amended by the addition of the following proviso :--

"Provided that a revaluation shall be made of the land so reduced within ten years, and if any increased value has accrued the rent shall be increased accordingly, but in no case shall it exceed the original rent."

Resolved, That consideration of clause 10 be postponed.

Resolved, That clause 11 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 12: Resolved, on motion of Mr. Witty, That clause 12 be amended by striking out the word "seven" in line 28, and inserting the word "ten" in lieu thereof.

Resolved, That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 13 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, That clause 14 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, That clause 15 as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 16 as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 17 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 18: Resolved, on motion of Mr. Witty, That the clause be amended by inserting the

word "personal" before the word "residence" in line 6.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Witty, That the clause be amended by inserting the word "personal" before the word "residence" in line 11.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend the clause by striking out the word "twice" in line 14, with a view of inserting the words "three times."

And the question being put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

Ayes, 9: Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Statham, Mr. Witty.

Noes, 2: Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Witty, That the clause be amended by inserting the words "Under section 162 of the Land Act, 1908."

And the question being put, That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:-

Ayes, 9: Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Statham, Mr. Witty. Noes, 2: Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That clause 19 as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 20 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 21: Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That the clause be amended by striking out the word "seven" in line 30, and inserting the word "ten" in lieu thereof.

Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That the clause be amended by the addition of the following words: "after which personal residence shall not be compulsory."

Resolved, That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 22 as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That clause 23 as printed stand part of the Bill.