

FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1913.

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

Present: Mr. E. Newman (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, 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.

*Land Laws Amendment Bill.*

Clause 49: On the question being put, That subclause (1) of clause 49 as printed stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

Ayes, 8: Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Statham.

Noes, 3: Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Witty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Subclause (2): Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That subclause (2) be amended by striking out the words "including the right to acquire the fee-simple" in lines 9 and 10.

And the question being put, That subclause (2) as amended stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

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

Noes, 4: Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Witty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That the clause be amended by the addition of the following new subclause:—

"(3.) A plan of the land proposed to be acquired shall be submitted to the Board for its approval, and such approval shall be given only in cases where the Board is satisfied that the balance of the land will not be injuriously affected for the purposes of closer settlement."

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. Anderson, Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Statham.

Noes, 4: Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Witty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 50: Resolved, That subclause (1) as printed stand part of the clause.

Subclause (2): Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That subclause (2) be amended by striking out the word "four" in line 24, and inserting the word "five" in lieu thereof.

Resolved, That the subclause as amended stand part of the clause.

Resolved, That subclauses (3) and (4) as printed stand part of the clause.

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

Resolved, That clause 51 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 52: Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That subsection (d) of subclause (9) be amended by striking out the word "seven" in line 6, and inserting the word "four" in lieu thereof.

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

Clause 53: Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That the clause be amended by striking out the proviso in subsection (e) in subclause (4), "Provided that all such claimants shall be satisfied out of the compensation hereinafter provided as far as such compensation extends."

Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That subclause (7) be amended by the insertion of the words "in any" after the word "purchase-money" in line 24.

Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That the clause be amended by the following amendments to subclause (12): By striking out the word "acquired" in line 41, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "taken by the Governor"; by inserting the words "in each year" after the word "shall" in line 43; by striking out the word "first" before the word "session" in line 44; and by striking out the words "in each year" in line 44.

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

Clause 7: Resolved, That clause 7 be recommitted for consideration.

And the question being put, That clause 7 as printed stand part of the Bill, it passed in the negative.

Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Massey, That the following new clause be inserted in lieu thereof:—

"7. (1.) Every person who hereafter acquires an allotment under this Act or the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and who makes any disposition of such allotment, or of any part thereof, whether by way of assignment or sublease, shall, unless the Board (taking into consideration the circumstances of the case) otherwise determines, be disqualified for the period of ten years after the date of such disposition from acquiring any Crown land or settlement land, or any interest therein respectively.

"(2.) Section one hundred and nine of the Land Act, 1908, section eleven of the Land for Settlements Administration Act, 1909, and section twelve of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, are hereby repealed."