

Clause 10: The question being put, That clause 10 as printed stand part of the Bill, it passed in the negative.

Hon. Mr. Massey moved to insert the following new clause in lieu thereof:—

“10. On the application of the lessee or licensee of any rural land, and on payment by the lessee or licensee of the prescribed valuation fee, the Board shall request the Valuer-General to cause a new valuation of the land to be made, and the value as determined by the Valuer-General shall be final and conclusive. If the value so determined is less than the original value as determined by the Board, the rent payable in respect of the land shall, as from the date of the new valuation, be reduced proportionately.”

And the question being put, That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

Ayes, 10: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham.

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

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Witty moved to add the following proviso to the clause:—

“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.”

And the question being put, That the proviso proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

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

Noes, 10: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That new clause 10 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 18: Resolved, That clause 18 be recommitted for further consideration.

And the question being put, That the clause 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:—

“18. (1.) On the application of the lessee or licensee of any rural land (other than settlement land) the Board may dispense with the personal residence on the land of the lessee or licensee in any case where it is satisfied that the land has been acquired for the use and benefit of the lessee or licensee or of his family, and that the lessee or licensee, by reason of his vocation or calling, is unable to comply with the conditions as to residence.

“(2.) Where the Board dispenses with personal residence under this section it may impose such conditions as it thinks fit, and in particular shall in every case require that—

“(a.) The lessee or licensee shall, in each year or other specified period, as the case may be, put on the land substantial improvements to twice the value required by section one hundred and sixty-two of the principal Act; and

“(b.) The lessee or licensee shall provide a substitute who shall remain in continuous residence on the land for such period as the lessee or licensee would have been required by his lease or license to have resided thereon.”

Clause 21: Resolved, That clause 21 be recommitted for further consideration.

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

Hon. Mr. Massey moved, That the following new clause be inserted in lieu thereof:—

“21. (1.) Personal residence on a small grazing-run by the lessee may, if the improvement conditions of the lease have been complied with, be dispensed with by the Board after the expiration of ten years from the date of the lease:

“Provided that the lessee shall make provision to the satisfaction of the Board for a substitute, who shall remain in continuous residence on the land during the remainder of the term of the lease.

“(2.) This section shall not apply to settlement lands.”

And the question being put, That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

Ayes, 10: Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham, Mr. Witty.

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

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 32: Resolved, That clause 32 be recommitted for further consideration.

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

“and by adding the following subsections:—

“(8.) The rent to be reserved by every such lease shall be fixed in the same manner as in the case of a renewable lease.

“(9.) The provisions of the principal Act relating to the improvements to be made by the holder of a renewable lease and to his residence on the land shall extend and apply to the holders of leases under this section.”

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