

Ayes, 1.
Mr. Stout.

Noes, 9.
Mr. Ballance,
Mr. Bastings,
Mr. Beetham,
Sir R. Douglas,
Mr. Harper,
Mr. Pyke,
Hon. D. Reid,
Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. Teschemaker.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion No. 6. Moved by Sir R. Douglas, That the following words be inserted in Appendix K to the Bill, after Clause 4 :—"All other regulations which apply to pastoral lands in Canterbury Provincial District, shall in a similar manner be made applicable to Southland." And the question being put, that these words be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows :—

Ayes, 2.
Sir R. Douglas,
Mr. Teschemaker.

Noes, 7.
Mr. Ballance,
Mr. Bastings,
Mr. Beetham,
Mr. Pyke,
Hon. D. Reid,
Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. Stout.

So it passed in the negative.

Notice of Motion (No. 10) was given by Mr. Sharp, to move—That sections 79 to 88, inclusive of "Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1874," be included in Appendix E to this Bill.

The Committee then adjourned until Wednesday, 19th September, at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1877.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT :

Mr. Curtis in the chair.

Mr. Ballance
Mr. Beetham
Sir R. Douglas
Mr. Harper
Mr. Pyke
Mr. Rolleston
Mr. Stout
Mr. Thomson

Mr. Bastings
Mr. Bunny
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Lumsden
Hon. D. Reid
Mr. Sharp
Mr. Teschemaker

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Motion No. 10, moved by Mr. Sharp, "That sections 79 to 88 inclusive of Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1874, be included in Appendix E., as follow :—

MINERS' PROSPECTING LICENSES AND MINING LEASES.

79. When it shall be reported to the Board that minerals of value exist in any unsurveyed land, they may at their discretion grant to the informant or to any other person applying for the same a prospecting license, giving to such applicant for a term not exceeding twelve months the exclusive right to search for any or all minerals other than gold over such land, not exceeding in quantity six contiguous square miles, on the following terms :—

- (1.) The description of the land over which the license is sought, and a sketch of the boundaries thereof, must be lodged with the application.
- (2.) A fee of one penny per acre on all the land applied for must be paid on application being made for the license : Provided that in the event of a license being granted in respect of part only of the land applied for, a proportionate part of the fee paid shall be returned to the applicant in respect of the area over which the license shall not be granted.

80. The holder of any prospecting license may upon application at any time during its currency, and on payment of the deposits and fees hereinafter provided, obtain a mining lease of such portion not exceeding two square miles of the land comprised within the license as the Board may determine, on the terms and subject to the exceptions hereinafter provided ; and no mining lease of any land under license shall be granted to any other person than the licensee or his assigns during the currency of such license.

81. No transfer of a prospecting license shall be valid unless registered at the Land Office, and a memorandum thereof indorsed on the license by the authority of the Commissioner.

82. Any person applying for a lease of any waste lands not already included in any reserve lease or prospecting license, for the purpose of mining for any or all minerals other than gold, shall at the time of application deposit one shilling for every acre over which the application extends, which deposit shall be deducted from any future fees royalty or rent to be paid for or under the lease to be granted in respect of such application, and a further payment of one shilling for every acre shall at the same time be made for the survey of the land applied for.

83. The survey thereof shall be made with as little delay as may be by the Government ; but in case