

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 55 read and agreed to.

Clause 56 read. Amendment proposed, In line 3, to omit the words "town or." (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 57 read and agreed to.

Clause 58 read. Amendment proposed, To omit the word "town" in sub-section 1. (Mr. Stout).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 59 to 62 read and agreed to.

Notice of motion (A) was given by Mr. Ballance. In page 15, clause 59, line 8, after the word "thereto" to add the following words:—"A proportion of one-third of the price of any block of land disposed of under this part of the Act shall be handed over to a County Council or Road Board, to be expended in the construction of roads within the block, or for the benefit of the selectors. Such proportion shall be made up and appropriated out of the first payments by the selectors, and the different payments, until the proportion is reached, shall be handed over from time to time to the local body. The plans of proposed roads shall in all cases receive the sanction of the Board."

Notice of motion (B) was given by Mr. Thomson. To move that the following words be added to the Bill:—"The Receiver of Land Revenue in each provincial district of the colony shall, as soon as possible after the end of each of the quarters ending March, June, September, and December in each year, make out a return showing the lands disposed of by sale or by deferred payments in each county or part of a county within the provincial district, and the said Receiver of Land Revenue shall, within one month from the end of each of the quarters above specified, pay over to the Treasurer of the County Council of the county within which such lands have been so disposed of twenty-five per cent. of the moneys arising from the disposal as aforesaid of lands within such county, and which have been paid over to him as Receiver of Land Revenue during the preceding quarter, such twenty-five per cent. of moneys so arising to be expended by such County Council in the construction of roads and bridges within the county: Provided that no part of the moneys so paid over to the county shall be expended in repairs or maintenance."

The Committee then adjourned until Monday, 10th September, at 11 o'clock.

#### MONDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

#### PRESENT :

Mr. Ballance,  
Mr. Bastings,  
Mr. Beetham,  
Mr. J. E. Brown,  
Mr. Bunny,  
Sir R. Douglas,  
Mr. Harper,  
Mr. Lumsden,

Mr. Lusk,  
Mr. Pyke,  
Hon. D. Reid,  
Mr. Rolleston,  
Mr. Sharp,  
Mr. Stout,  
Mr. Teschemaker.  
Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr Bastings—That Mr. George Bell be summoned to attend the Committee at 12.45 o'clock this day.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Bill intituled "The Land Act, 1877."

Clause 63 read. Amendments proposed, To omit the words—"town or" in line 1, sub-section (1); "town and" in line 2, sub-section (2); "town or" in line 3, sub-section (4); "town or" in line 3, sub-section (5); "town or" in line 3, sub-section (6); "town or" in line 3, sub-section (7); "town or" in line 1, sub-section 9. (Mr. Stout).

Amendments agreed to.

Sub-sections 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Sub-section 4 read. Amendment proposed to strike out the word "two" in line 7. (Mr. Ballance).

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed to insert the word "four" after the word "first" in line 7. (Hon. Mr. Reid).

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-section as amended agreed to.

Sub-section 5 read.

Amendment proposed to omit sub-section 5. (Mr. Curtis).

Amendment negatived.

Sub-section agreed to.

Sub-sections 6 to 10 read and agreed to.

Sub-section 11 read. Amendment proposed, To omit sub-section 11. (Mr. Stout).

And the question being put, that the sub-section as read stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

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