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*For the amendment.*—Messrs. Bennet, Fraser, Kirkbride, and Malcolm.—4.

*Against.*—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, Laurenson, Lawry, Mills, Witty.—11.

The amendment was therefore lost.

Mr. Witty moved, That the following proviso be added: "Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any lease existing at the passing of this Act."

This being objected to, a division was called for, and there voted—

*For the amendment.*—Messrs. Bennet, Fraser, Jennings, Kirkbride, Malcolm, and Witty.—6.

*Against.*—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Greenslade, Hall, Laurenson, Lawry, and Mills.—9.

The amendment was therefore lost.

The subclause as amended was then put and agreed to.

Subclause (2) agreed to.

Subclause (3).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That after the word "of," in the middle of line 45, the following words be inserted: "the unencumbered fee-simple of."—Agreed to.

Subsection (b) agreed to.

Subsection (c).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That after the word "owner," in the first line, the words "or lessee" be inserted, and after the word "list" in the same line the following words: "or other person interested in any land comprised therein" be inserted.—Agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Subsection (d).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That after the word "shall," in line 9, the following words be inserted: "as regards the question of his ownership and in all other respects."

This was opposed by Mr. Fraser, who called for a division, when there voted—

*For the amendment.*—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Greenslade, Hall, Laurenson, Lawry, and Witty.—9.

*Against.*—Messrs. Bennet, Fraser, Malcolm.—3.

The amendment was therefore carried, and the words inserted accordingly.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Subsection (e).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved the insertion of the words "and lessees" after the word "owners" in line 16.—Agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Subsection (f) agreed to.

Subsection (g).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That after the word "owner," in line 27, the following words be inserted: "in fee-simple or lessee." And after the same word in the following line the words "or lessee." Also, that the words "in fee-simple" be deleted, and after the word "value," in line 30, the words "of the unencumbered fee-simple" be inserted.—Agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Subsection (1) agreed to.

Subsection (2) agreed to.

Subsection (3).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved the insertion of the words "of the unencumbered fee-simple" after the word "value" in line 36.—Agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Subsection (h) agreed to.

Subsection (i) agreed to.

Subsection (j) agreed to.

Subsection (k) agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the first word be struck out, and the following words be inserted: "Upon the gazetted of the reduction roll it shall be the duty of each Registrar in whose district any of the land is situate to register the same against the title to the land by recording a memorandum that the land is subject to the Excess Estate Reduction Roll, and on."—Agreed to.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Subsection (l) agreed to.

Subsection (m) agreed to.

Subsection (n).

The Hon. Mr. McNab moved, That the words "or lessee" be inserted after the word "owner" in line 20, and after the word "roll," in the following line, the words "of which he therein appears as the owner or lessee (whether alone or with any other person or persons)," also the word "lands" after the word "same" in the same line.—Agreed to.

The clause as a whole, as amended, agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. McNab notified the members that certain proposed amendments in some of the clauses would be supplied to them in the course of the day.

The Committee then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

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

*Present:* Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Bennet, Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Fraser, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, Kirkbride, Laurenson, Lawry, Malcolm, Mills, and Witty.

Mr. Martin was also in attendance.