Mr. Witty moved to amend the clause by inserting the words "the land would fetch in the open market at the time of sale" after the word "price" in line 7.

On the question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the clause,

it passed in the negative.

Mr. Witty moved to amend the clause by striking out the words "the lease" in line 11, and

inserting in lieu thereof the word "purchase."

And, the question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:-

Ayes, 6.-Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. T. Y. Duncan, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

Noes, 4.—Mr. Ell, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Witty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That clause 12 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Clause 13. Mr. Witty moved to amend clause 13 by striking out the words "it may also be disposed of by sale of the fee-simple" in subclause (1).

On the question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:-

Ayes, 6.—Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. T. Y. Duncan, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

Noes, 4.—Mr. Ell, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Witty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Witty moved to amend clause 13 by striking out the words "it shall also be opened for

purchase of the fee-simple" in lines 36 and 37.

On the question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:-

Ayes, 6.—Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. T. Y. Duncan, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

Noes, 4.—Mr. Ell, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Witty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative. Resolved, That clause 13 as printed stand part of the Bill.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Witty, That clause 46 be recommitted.

Mr. Witty moved to amend clause 46 by inserting after the word "Act" in line 19 the words "Section 109 of the Land Act is hereby amended by striking out the word 'five' and inserting the word 'ten' in lieu thereof."

On the question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:-

Ayes, 3.-Mr. Ell, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Witty.

Noes, 7.—Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. T. Y. Duncan, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That clause 46 as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That the preamble as printed stand part of the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill as amended be reported to the House.

The Committee then adjourned.

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