

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That the clause be further amended by the addition of the following proviso at the end of subclause (1): "Provided that the amount that may be so postponed shall not exceed three years' rent in the aggregate."

Resolved, That subclause (1) as amended stand part of the clause.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That subclause (2) be amended by the insertion of the words "together with interest thereon" after the words "portion" in line 18.

Mr. Witty moved to further amend the subclause by the insertion of the words "or it shall become a liability on the incoming tenant" after the word "thereon" of the preceding resolution.

And the question being put, it passed in the negative.

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

Resolved, That subclause (3) as printed stand part of the clause.

Resolved, That clause 8 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Clause 13: Resolved, That subclause (3) as printed stand part of the clause.

Resolved, That clause 13 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Clause 19: And the question being put, That clause 19 as printed stand part of the Bill, it passed in the negative.

Clause 20: Resolved, That consideration of clause 20 be postponed.

Schedule: Resolved, That the first paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the second paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the third paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That consideration of the fourth paragraph be postponed.

Resolved, That the fifth paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the sixth paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the seventh paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the eighth paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the ninth paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the tenth paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the eleventh paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, That the twelfth paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That the schedule be amended by the insertion of the following new paragraph:—

"Section 267 (2)—By adding the words "and shall be applied in the purchase of other lands which shall form part of the national endowment."

Resolved, That the fourteenth paragraph stand part of the schedule.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

"3A. (1.) The Minister may from time to time by writing under his hand appoint a fit person to be the Deputy of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to act in case of the death, illness, or unavoidable absence of the Commissioner.

"(2.) Every such Deputy, while so acting, shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions, and shall be subject to all the responsibilities of the Commissioner.

"(3.) The fact of a Deputy exercising any power, duty, or function as aforesaid shall be conclusive proof of his authority to do so, and no person shall be concerned to inquire whether the occasion has arisen requiring or authorizing the Deputy so to do."

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

"9A. (1.) The revenue received from national endowment land after deducting all sums which are now payable therefrom to any local or public authority shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue into the Public Account, to the credit of the National Endowment Account.

"(2.) Out of the moneys in the National Endowment Account, there shall be paid the cost of the administration of the national endowment land.

"(3.) Sections 261 and 263 of the principal Act are hereby repealed."

Resolved, That the Law Draftsman (Mr. Jolliffe) be empowered to make certain verbal amendments in the Bill.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, That Mr. Jolliffe be instructed to draft a clause for the Land Laws Amendment Bill to provide security of tenure to selectors within the goldfields district and to safeguard mining rights.

The Committee then adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 9th instant.

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1912.

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

Present: Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman (Chairman), Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham, Mr. Witty.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Land Laws Amendment Bill.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Land Laws Amendment Bill.

Clause 20: Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That clause 20 be amended by striking out the words "renewable lease under section one hundred and eighty of the said Act" in subclause (1), and the insertion of the words "lease as hereinafter described" in lieu thereof.