

"20h. (1.) On the completion of a purchase by the lessee in the case of purchase for cash or by the licensee in the case of a purchase on deferred payments, the Board shall certify to the Minister that the lessee or licensee is entitled to a Crown grant of the land purchased, and a Crown grant accordingly shall in due course be issued to him.

"2. The fee-simple so granted shall continue to be subject to any right, title, interest, or incumbrance existing or vested in any other person than the lessee or licensee at the time of such completion."

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

"20i. The provisions of section ninety-seven of the principal Act as to the limitation of areas shall apply to the exercise of a right of purchase under this Part of this Act as if the purchaser were not already in occupation of the land in respect of which the right of purchase exists."

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

"20j. The Governor may, by Order in Council, make such regulations as he considers necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this Part of this Act."

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

"20k. The proceeds derived from any sale of land under the provisions of this Part of this Act shall be paid into the Land for Settlements Account."

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

"20l. The provisions of this Part of this Act do not apply to land which is subject to the provisions of the Land for Settlements Act, 1908."

The Hon Mr. Massey moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"20m. Section one hundred and seventy-seven of the principal Act is hereby repealed."

And the question being put, That the clause as printed stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

Ayes, 10: Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham.

Noes, 3: Mr. Forbes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Witty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 31: Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That clause 31 be amended by striking out the words "section one hundred and seventy-seven of the Land Act, 1908," and the insertion of the words "Part 1A of this Act" in lieu thereof.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Massey, That the clause be further amended by striking out the words "subsections two to thirteen of that section," and the insertion of the words "that Part" in lieu thereof.

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

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

"20n. For the purposes of this Part of this Act the term 'owner' means the person or all the persons who are for the time being beneficially entitled (whether legally or equitably) to the fee-simple of any land."

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

*"Agreements with Owners of Native Land."*

"27A. (1.) In this section, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"'Native freehold land' and 'Native' have respectively the meanings assigned to those terms in the Native Land Act, 1909:

"'Land Officer' means and includes a Commissioner of Crown Lands, or such other officers of the Lands and Survey Department as the Minister appoints to be Land Officers for the purposes of this section:

"'Agents' means persons appointed by Native owners to be agents under the provisions of this section, and where only one such person is so appointed means that person.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything in the Native Land Act, 1909, the Native owner or owners of any Native land may, either personally or by an agent or agents as hereinafter provided, enter into an agreement with the Minister for the sale or lease of such Native freehold land (or of any part thereof) in the manner prescribed in the preceding provisions of this Part of this Act, as if such Native freehold land were European land.

"(3.) The Native owners of any Native freehold land may by writing under their hand appoint some person or persons not exceeding three in number to be the agents of all such owners for the purposes of this section.

"(4.) Where the Native owners of any Native freehold land exceed five in number, the appointment of agents for the purposes of this section may, if the Minister so directs, be made in the manner following:—

"(a.) The provisions of sections three hundred and thirty-eight to three hundred and fifty-one inclusive of Part XVIII of the Native Land Act, 1909 (relating to the powers of assembled Native owners) shall (except as hereinafter otherwise provided) be deemed to be incorporated in this section.

"(b.) The provisions of section three hundred and forty-six of the said Act shall not apply to proceedings under this section, but in lieu thereof it is hereby enacted