Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 18th Day of September, 1924.

LAND BILL.

Amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Clause 20, subclause (3): To omit all words after the words "Public Works Amendment Act, 1909," in line 5, and substitute the following words: "the Minister of Finance may, without further authority than this section, transfer to the Public Works Fund out of the Land for Settlements Account an amount not exceeding the amount theretofore paid out of the Public Works Fund in respect of the said land; and thereupon the said land shall be deemed to be settlement land, and a notification in the Gazette to that effect shall be sufficient evidence of the fact."

Clause 94, subclause (2): To add at the end of the subclause the words "or the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915."

Clause 124, subclause (1): To insert, after the words "reasonable and equitable to afford relief" in line 10, the words "may remit not more than one year's rent, or."

Clause 137, subclause (2): To add the following words, "In computing the said period of fifteen years no account shall be taken of any period during which any land may not be held under lease or license."

Clause 165, subclause (1): To omit the words "granted for a period of nineteen years," in line 5; to omit the words "for a period of five years," in line 8, and substitute the words "but so that the term of the license shall not in any case exceed thirty-four years": and to omit the words "if the term of the license had been originally fixed at twenty-four years," in line 13, and substitute the words "if the license had been originally granted for the extended term."

Clause 216, subclause (7): To insert after the word "Where," in line 39, the words "at any time within five years after the taking effect of a revaluation under this section, or under the corresponding provisions of any former Land Act"; and to omit from the same subclause the words "under this section or the corresponding provisions of any former Land Act," in lines 41 and 42.

Clause 265, subclause (1): To add to the subclause the following words: "For the purposes of this subsection, any rent shall be deemed to have been paid within either of the aforesaid periods of one month if within such period it is in course of transmission to the Receiver, though not actually received by him."

Clause 280: To omit subclause (2), and substitute the following subclause:—

(2a.) In the event of any subsequent disposition in one lot of any land acquired in fee-simple pursuant to either of the said sections the area thereof, if in excess of the area specified in section three hundred and seventy-four of this Act, shall, for the purposes of that section, be deemed to be the maximum area specified therein, in lieu of the area actually specified therein.

Clause 302, subclause (9): To insert, after the word "revenues" in line 29, the words "(not being moneys to which the next succeeding subsection applies)"; and to omit from the same subclause the words "the lease of," in line 29.

Clause 302, subclause (10): To omit the word "revenues" in line 36 and also in line 40, and in each case to substitute the word "moneys."

Clause 317, subclause (1): To insert, after the word "received" in line 46, the words "on or before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five"; and to add to the subclause the words "and all rents received in respect of such lands after the said date shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue into a deposit account."

Clause 317, subclause (2): To omit the words "aforesaid account" in line 51, and substitute the words "Mining Districts Land Occupation Account"; to omit the words "from time to time arise," in line 52, and substitute the words "arise before the said thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five"; and to add to the subclause the words "and the Receiver of Land Revenue may pay out of the aforesaid deposit account any such claim arising after the last-mentioned date."

Clause 317: To add the following subclause as subclause (3) thereof:—

"(3.) Forthwith after the close of every financial year (commencing with the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six) the Receiver of Land Revenue shall, without further authority than this section, pay one-half of the moneys then in the aforesaid deposit account and not required for the purposes mentioned in the last preceding subsection to the local authorities from whose districts the moneys were derived, and the residue shall be paid into the Ordinary Řevenue Account of the Consolidated Fund."

Clause 318: To omit this clause and substitute the following new clause:

318A. (1.) The Mining Districts Land Occupation Account is Mining Districts Land Occupation hereby abolished as from the thirty-first day of March, nineteen Account

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account during the financial year then ended shall, without further appropriation than this section, be paid to the local authorities from whose districts the moneys were described. (2.) On or before that date one-half of the moneys paid into that whose districts the moneys were derived, and the balance of the moneys standing to the credit of the said account shall, without further appropriation than this section, be paid into the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund.

Clause 332, subclause (1): To add to the subclause the following words: "with rights of renewal from time to time as provided in the next succeeding

Clause 333: To omit from paragraph (b) the words "but shall not be further renewed."

Clause 385, subclause (3): To omit the words "by the Valuer-General," in line 4, and substitute the words "in accordance with a special valuation to be made for the purpose by the Valuer-General."

To insert, after clause 385, the following new clause:

Provisions as to limitation of area may be of company formed for afforestation purposes.

385_A. (1.) Where, on the joint recommendation of the Minister and of the Commissioner of State Forests, the Governor-General is waived in favour of opinion that it is desirable that any company, whose object or principal object is afforestation, should be allowed to acquire any land in excess of the maximum area that may be acquired or held under this Act or the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, such company may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this or any other Act, acquire such land, irrespective of its area or of the area of any other land already held by such company.

(2.) The District Land Registrar is hereby empowered and directed to register a transfer of any such land to any such company if the said transfer has endorsed thereon a certificate signed by the Minister that the Governor-General has consented to the transfer.