

# Supplementary Order Paper.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 8th Day of November, 1920.

### LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

AMENDMENTS proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Clause 11: To insert, after paragraph (b) of subclause (2), the following words: "or

(c.) Any national endowment land disposed of under the Land Act, 1908, and held under lease or license by any person who is competent to acquire land under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915; or

(d.) Any national endowment land held as a small grazing-run under a lease issued pursuant to the Land Act, 1892, or issued before the passing of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1918, pursuant to the Land Act, 1908,"

To insert, after subclause (5), the following new subclause:—

(5A.) In the case of any land which on the issue of a Proclamation in respect thereof under this section is held as a small grazing-run, the lessee having complied with all the conditions of his lease, may at any time during the currency of the lease acquire the fee-simple of the whole or part of the land comprised therein pursuant to the provisions in that behalf of section thirty-one of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1918.

To omit the words "into the National Endowment Account" in subclause (6), and to add at the end of the subclause the words "into a special account to be called the National Endowment Trust Account."

To omit subclauses (7) and (8), and substitute the following subclauses:—

(7.) All revenues received from the lease of lands excluded from the national endowment as aforesaid, after deducting therefrom all moneys payable in respect thereof to any local or public authority and any sums otherwise charged on or payable out of such revenues in respect of administration, shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue into the National Endowment Account.

(8.) All revenues received from the sale of lands excluded from the national endowment as aforesaid (including revenues derived in respect of timber or other valuable products thereon or therein), after deducting therefrom all moneys payable in respect thereof to any local or public authority and any sums otherwise charged on or payable out of such revenues in respect of administration, shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue into the National Endowment Trust Account.

(8A.) The moneys in the National Endowment Trust Account shall be administered by the National Endowment Trust Administration Board, hereinafter constituted, and shall be applied in the purchase of land by or on behalf of the Crown pursuant to any lawful authority in that behalf.

(8b.) Pending their application in the purchase of land as hereinbefore provided, any moneys for the time being in the National Endowment Trust Account may be temporarily invested in Government securities, or in such other manner as the Administration Board thinks proper.

(8c.) The revenues derived from the sale or lease of any lands acquired by the Crown out of money in the National Endowment Trust Account shall be applied in the same manner as if they were revenues derived from the sale or lease of lands excluded from the national endowment pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(8d.) The proceeds derived from the investment of any moneys in the National Endowment Trust Account, after deducting therefrom the cost of administration, shall be paid into the National Endowment Account, and shall be disposed of in the manner defined by section two hundred and sixty-three of the Land Act, 1908.

To add to subclause (9) the following paragraph:—

(e.) Particulars as to the area, price, and disposal of land purchased pursuant to subsection *eight* <sup>a</sup> hereof.

Clause 28: To omit all words after the words "is hereby amended," and substitute the words "by omitting from paragraph (a) the words 'the Land Revenue Receiver's receipt,' and substituting the words 'a certificate under the hand of the Commissioner of Crown Lands to the effect that the purchase-money has been paid.'"

To add the following new clauses:—

Constitution of  
National  
Endowment  
Trust  
Administration  
Board.

11A. (1.) For the purposes of the administration of the National Endowment Trust Account there shall be constituted a Board, to be called "The National Endowment Trust Administration Board," consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a.) The State Advances Superintendent:

(b.) The Under-Secretary of Crown Lands:

(c.) The Valuer-General:

(d.) Two other persons, being officers of the Public Service, to be appointed by the Governor-General and to hold office during his pleasure.

(2.) In the absence from any meeting of the Board of any member who is the permanent head of a Department of State, his deputy, or if there is no deputy, then such officer of the Department as the permanent head may appoint in that behalf, may attend such meeting in his stead and as his substitute, and while so attending shall be deemed to be a member of the Board.

(3.) The fact that any such substitute so attends and acts at any such meeting shall be conclusive proof of his authority so to do.

Procedure of  
Board.

11B. (1.) The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, and thereafter from time to time, elect one of their number to be Chairman.

(2.) In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Board the members present shall appoint one of their number to be chairman of that meeting.

(3.) Three members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

(4.) The Chairman shall have a deliberative vote and, in case of an equality of votes, shall also have a casting vote.

Extension of  
benefits under  
Discharged  
Soldiers  
Settlement Act.

32. Section three of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1916, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

"(3.) Every person to whom this section applies shall be deemed to be a discharged soldier within the meaning and for all the purposes of the principal Act."