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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Nos. 38, 48, 133A-133c, &c.—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 85.
3. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 3 further considered.

Mr. Greené moved the following further amendment:—

Page 2, clause 3, line 39, after the word "land." insert—

“ ‘Improvement’ in relation to land means any improvement whatsoever made by the owner or occupier of the land the benefit of which is unexhausted at the time of valuation, and particularly, but not so as to restrict the generality of the above definition, houses, buildings, fencing, planting, dams, excavations for holding water, wells, bores, drainage, irrigation, ringbarking, suckering, clearing from timber or scrub or stone or any noxious weed or plant or shrub and laying down in grass or pasture.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment—put and negatived.

Clause 3, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 read.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendments were made, after debate:—

Line 24, omit "and secrecy".

Lines 29 to 33, omit sub-clause (2.).

Clause 7, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 read.

Mr. Hughes moved the following amendment:—

Line 13, omit "all" and insert "each parcel of".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Fairbairn moved the following amendment:—

Line 9, omit "all the" and insert "each as if it were the only parcel of".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Cook	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick
Mr. Beard	Mr. Ozanne	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Cann	Mr. Scullin	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Spence	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Groom	
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Harper	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hedges	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. W. J. Johnson		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Greene
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Carr		
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Roberts		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendment was made :—

Line 13, omit "all" and insert "each parcel of".

Mr. Hedges moved the following further amendment :—

Line 13 after "land" insert "in excess of the amount (actual or estimated) originally paid to the Crown, on grant in fee simple of the land"

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Riley, Mr. Webster, Mr. West, and Mr. Wise.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*