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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Census and Statistics Act—Specimen of proposed Schedules to be filled up at the Census on 3rd April, 1911.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
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 10 (*amended*) further considered.

Debate ensued on the following further amendment moved by Mr. Hedges :—

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".

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Page	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Beard	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick	Mr. Cann	Mr. Ozanne
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Groom		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harper		Mr. Hughes	Mr. West
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jensen	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Greene	Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Kelly	Sir William Lyne	Mr. Roberts
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin

And so it was negatived.

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

Sub-clause (2), paragraph (b), omit "all," insert "each parcel of".

Add new sub-clause :—

"(3.) Every part of a holding which is separately held by any occupier, tenant, lessee, or owner, shall be deemed to be a separate parcel."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 11 read.

Sir John Forrest moved the following amendment:—

Lines 17 to 19, omit all words after "owned" and insert "on 1st January, 1911."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Beard	Mr. Page
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. West
Mr. Mahon	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frank J. Foster
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Scullin

Noes, 23.

Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Greene

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hughes moved the following amendment:—

Add the following proviso to the clause—

"Provided that an owner of land who, after the thirtieth day of June, but before the thirtieth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and ten, has sold part of the land or has sold all the land to different purchasers, shall, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the sale was *bona fide* and not for the purpose of evading the payment of land tax, be separately assessed for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, in respect of the land so sold to any one purchaser, and be charged with land tax in respect of that land as if it were the only land owned by him."

Sir John Forrest moved, That the proposed proviso be amended by omitting "thirtieth day of September" and inserting "thirty-first day of December" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Beard	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jensen	Mr. West
Mr. W. J. Johnson	
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Frank J. Foster
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Mathews

Noes, 24.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Glynn	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Greene
Mr. Hedges	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Sinclair moved, That the proposed proviso be amended by omitting therefrom the words "and not for the purpose of evading the payment of land tax".

Debate ensued.

Amendment to proposed proviso—put and negatived.

Proposed proviso added to the clause.

Clause, as amended, after debate, agreed to.

Clause 12 read.

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

Omit paragraphs (a) to (c) inclusive, and insert the following paragraphs in place thereof—

- (a) all land owned by a State, or by a municipal, local, or other public authority of a State;
- (b) all land owned by a Savings Bank regulated by any State Act;
- (c) all land owned by any society registered under a State Act relating to friendly societies or trade-unions.

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Mr. Bamford moved the following further amendment:—

Add new paragraph—

(cc) all land owned by a building society registered under any State Act relating to building societies, and conducted on co-operative or mutual principles.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Hughes moved the following further amendment:—

Add new paragraph—

(d) all land owned by or in trust for a public charitable or public educational institution, if the institution, however formed or constituted, is carried on solely for public charitable or public educational purposes and not for pecuniary profit.

Mr. Glynn moved an amendment on the proposed paragraph, That the word "public" (*first occurring*) in line 1 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Glynn's amendment on the proposed paragraph, by leave, withdrawn.

New paragraph (d) agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following further amendments were made:—

Paragraph (d) altered to read as (e), and the words "or in trust for" inserted after the words "owned by" in line 31, and the words "wives or" inserted before the word "widows" in line 33.

Paragraph (e) altered to read as (f) and the words "or in trust for" inserted after the words "owned by" in line 35.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14 read.

Mr. Glynn moved the following amendment:—

Line 15, omit "each" and insert "the present and every third".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Clause 20 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 21 and 22 agreed to.

Clause 23 debated and agreed to.

Clause 24 read.

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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANK NOTES TAX BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Bank Notes*", to which it has agreed without requests.

Message No. 22.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—

Naval Forces—Regulation No. 74 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 87.

Military Forces—Regulations (Provisional) for the Entrance Examination to the Military College of Australia—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 88.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven 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. Hall, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wise.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.