

Mr. McKenzie moved, That the amendment on the draft report of the sub-committee be adopted.

The question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 3.—Mr. Duncan, Mr. Lawry, Mr. McKenzie.

Noes, 8.—Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Walker, Hon. Mr. Wigley, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Lance, Captain Russell.

So it passed in the negative.

The draft report of the sub-committee was then considered.

Report read seriatim.

Paragraph 1 : The Hon. the Chairman moved that Paragraph 1 be agreed to.

The question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 7.—Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Walker, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Lance, Captain Russell.

Noes, 3.—Mr. Duncan, Mr. Lawry, Mr. McKenzie.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 4 read, and amendment proposed in last line : After "list," to insert the words "but it is fair to say the company dispute the ownership of the land." Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 4, as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph 5 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 6 read. Amendment proposed.

Motion made and question proposed, That the words "and in coming to this decision," and "a grave mistake has been made," remain part of the paragraph.

The Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 5.—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Lance, Mr. Lawry, Mr. McKenzie.

Noes, 7.—Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Pharazyn, Hon. Mr. Walker, Hon. Mr. Wigley, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Kerr, Captain Russell.

So it passed in the negative.

Paragraph 6 agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned till Wednesday at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1889.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present : Hon. Mr. Acland (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Pharazyn, Hon. Mr. Walker, Hon. Mr. Wigley, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Lance, Mr. Lawry, Mr. J. McKenzie, Captain Russell.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Consideration of the draft report was resumed.

Paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 were read and agreed to.

Paragraph 14 read. Amendment proposed. Mr. Lance moved, To add at end of paragraph the following words : "Taking into consideration the trouble and hardship that small settlers in the neighbourhood of large tracts of uncultivated land are subject to from the incursion of rabbits, the Committee suggest to the Government that assistance should be given to enable them to protect themselves by supplying them with wire-netting, on easy terms, without interest, and by carrying the material on the railways free of cost."

And the question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 6.—Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Walker, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Lance, Mr. McKenzie.

Noes, 5.—Hon. Mr. Pharazyn, Hon. Mr. Wigley, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lawry, Captain Russell.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraph 14, as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph 15 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 16 read. Amendment proposed. Mr. Buchanan moved, To add, at end of the paragraph, these words : "and should be held responsible for the suppression of the rabbits in the Board's district."

The question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraph 16, as amended, agreed to.

Paragraphs 17 and 18 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 19 read. The Hon. Mr. Miller moved, That the first part of the paragraph be struck out.

And the question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 6.—Hon. Mr. Pharazyn, Hon. Mr. Walker, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Lance, Mr. Lawry.

Noes, 7.—Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Wigley, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McKenzie, Captain Russell.