

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1910.

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

*Present:* Mr Russell (Chairman), Mr Allen, Mr Buxton, Mr Fraser, Mr Graham, Hon. Mr T Mackenzie, Mr Massey, Mr Reed, Right Hon Sir J G Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

*Public Revenues Bill*

On the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J G Ward, it was resolved, That the Chairman consult with the Chairman of the Lands Committee, and that the Auditor-General be requested to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday next, 7th September, at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 1910.

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

*Present* Mr Russell (Chairman), Mr Allen, Mr Buxton, Mr Fraser, Mr Graham, Hon Mr T Mackenzie, Mr. Massey, Mr Reed, Right Hon. Sir J G Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

*Public Revenues Bill*

Colonel R J Collins, Auditor-General, attended, and was examined by members of the Committee, his evidence being taken down in shorthand by a reporter

The Committee then proceeded with the consideration of the Bill.

Clause 1, Short Title. Agreed to.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Agreed to.

Clause 8. Postponed on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward.

Clause 9. Lines 19 and 20: Amendment proposed, That the words ' with the approval of the Governor in Council ' be deleted. (*Right Hon. Sir J. G Ward*)

Agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 15. Postponed.

Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17 Agreed to.

Clause 18. On the motion of the Right Hon Sir J. G. Ward, this was postponed.

Clauses 19, 20, and 21 Agreed to.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1910.

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

*Present* Mr Russell (Chairman), Mr Allen, Mr Fraser, Mr Graham, Hon Mr T Mackenzie, Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward.

*Public Revenues Bill.*

Colonel R. J Collins, Auditor-General, attended, made a statement, and was examined by members of the Committee, his evidence being taken down in shorthand by a reporter

The Committee resumed consideration of the Bill at clause 22

Proposed by the Right Hon Sir J G Ward, That the following new subclause—1A—be inserted in clause 8:—

“ While so acting such person shall be paid a salary at the rate of eight hundred pounds a year out of the Consolidated Fund, which to the necessary extent is hereby appropriated accordingly:

“ Provided that if he is already in receipt of a salary from the Government, this subsection shall apply only to the difference between that salary and the sum of eight hundred pounds for the period during which he is so acting ”

Agreed to.

Amendment proposed, That the following be inserted, and stand in place of clause 18:

“ In case any difference of opinion arises between the Audit and the Treasury as to the vote, appropriation, fund, account, or other authority to which any expenditure ought to be charged, or as to the proper head of revenue, fund, or account to which any receipt should be credited, the question shall be determined by the Minister, and his determination shall be laid before Parliament