**ASSESSMENT ON STOCK TRIBUNAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1862**

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Second reading

**Mr. BROWNE** moved the second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Amendment Bill. The hon. member was almost inaudible to us in consequence of the hum of conversation going on in the body of the House. We understood him to say that the object of this Act was merely to provide an appeal in certain cases of over-assessment, and also to provide for the discontinuance of the principle of paying in money on an over assessment. In Victoria a similar power was given to the pastoral lessees, and the House would see that it was a desirable measure. He should move the second reading.

The COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS said the Government were prepared to assent to the second reading of the Bill, but there were some matters of detail which they were not prepared to assent to altogether, but which he had no doubt could be amicably settled in Committee. He would ask the hon member not to proceed with the Bill in Committee on that day, but to allow members an opportunity of considering the precise terms on which appeals should be granted. There was no wish on the part or any member of the Government to do otherwise than to carry out the provisions of the Assessment on Stock Act in their integrity, and if it could be shown that that had not been done there would be no objection either to reduce or increase the assessments as might be shown on appeal to be necessary.

Mr. TOWNSEND did not rise to oppose the second reading of the Bill, but to express a hope that the hon member would not go further with the measure on that day.

The Bill was then read a second time.

In Committee.

Preamble postponed.

The CHAIRMAN reported progress, and obtained leave to flit again on Wednesday next.