**VERMIN ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 1912**

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Second reading.

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS,** in moving the second reading, said that was another of a series of measures which it had been found necessary to introduce that session. Under the Vermin Acts the rate to be paid as interest on advances for wirenetting was absolutely fixed at 4 per cent. Now the Government was taking steps, similar to those adopted in connection with the Advances to Settlers and Advances for Homes Acts, and asking the House to say that the rate of interest in the future should be as declared by the Treasurer from time to time. The first four clauses were to alter the existing Act, to achieve that purpose. Clause 5 was to make it clear that existing obligations were not affected.

Mr. VAUGHAN said he recognised the Bill was merely a machinery measure made necessary by the tightness of the market. He hoped the money market would soon become sufficiently elastic to enable the interest to be reduced. There was no other interest involved in the Bill, and he did not think any member of the Opposition would oppose it.

Carried.

In committee. Clauses\_ 1 to 5 inclusive, and title passed. Bill reported; report adopted. Standing orders suspended; Bill read a third time and passed.

At a later stage the Bill was returned from the Legislative Council without amendment**.**