**THE VINE BILL 1874**

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Second reading

The Hon. J. FISHER, in moving the second reading, said it was introduced in another place by the hon. member Mr. Krichauff, who had given a good deal of attention to the subject, for the protection of vines. The manufacture of wine would, he had no doubt, be in the future one of the most important industries in the country, and it was therefore very necessary to do what could be done to protect the vines from disease such as existed in some other countries. One of the most disastrous of these diseases was the phylloxera vastatrix. It was believed that insect had not yet reached South Australia, and it was desirable, if possible, to prevent it doing so. The Bill was a short one, giving the Government certain powers with a view to that object, and he did not think he need say more in support of it.

Sir. H. AYERS said the Bill was not only very short, but it would be a very short time in operation if passed in its present form, which confined it to countries whose vineyards were "now affected." He supposed, however, it was intended to apply to all countries at all times in which their vines might be affected with disease. There were also some other matters that would require alteration which he would point out in Committee.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. W. Everard said he should also endeavour to improve the construction in one or two particulars; but he believed the principle of the Bill was a correct one, that where the introduction of disease threatened or had occurred they should endeavour by all reasonable means to prevent its introduction or its spreading.

The Hon. J. FISHER said he was not responsible for the drafting of the Bill, and he should cheerfully concur in any attempts that were made to improve it.

The motion was carried, and the Bill read a second time.

In Committee.

Clause 1. Proclamation of prohibition.

On the motion of Sir H. AYERS, "a" was inserted before and published after the word "Prohibition" in the first line, and "now" before "infected" in the 4th line of the clause was struck out.

Passed as amended.

Clause 2. Proclamation removing a prohibition.

On the motion of Sir H. AYERS, the words "to be published as aforesaid" were inserted after "proclamation."

Passed as amended.

Clause 3. Penalty.

Sir H. AYERS said he could not understand that clause as printed. It would need to be considerably altered. Any such absolute prohibition was spoken of. There was no such thing as an absolute prohibition. He moved the word "absolute" be struck out.

The Hon. J. FISHER said he agreed that it would be better to strike the word out, as there were two kinds of prohibitions.

The word "absolute was struck out.

Sir H. AYERS moved to strike out the words "or as the case may be".

Carried

Sir H. AYRES moved that the words after proclamation "containing such prohibition" be struck out, as they were quite unnecessary.

Carried. Clause passed as amended.