**RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1923**

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Second reading

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS** —This short Bill is introduced in order to remedy an injustice which, as a result of the Renmark Irrigation Trusts Act Further Amendment Act, 1914, might unwittingly be done to the holders of a piece of land adjoining Tolarno Street, Renmark. The piece of land to which this Bill refers originally formed portion of the 30,000 acres which were held by Messrs. Chaffey Brothers for some time under licence. Later on the fee simple was vested in them by a grant from the Crown. Having acquired the fee simple of this piece of land, Messrs. Chaffey Brothers disposed of it to certain private owners whose names are immaterial for the present purpose. For some unexplained reason, however, the Surveyor-General was not informed of the fact that this land had been granted to the Chaffey Brothers, and sold by them, and assumed that it still formed portion of the large block held by Messrs. Chaffey Brothers under licence. All the land which in 1902 was still held under licence by Chaffey Brothers, was in that year dedicated as commonage for the Renmark settlement, by section 4 of the Chaffey Brothers Amendment Act, 1902; and later on, by section 33 of the Renmark Irrigation Trusts Acts Further Amendment Act, 1914, the same land described as *‘'* The balance of the land held under licence by Chaffey Brothers” (in which was wrongly included the privately owned piece of land to which this Bill refers) was comprised in the land which the Governor was given power to dedicate as commonage for the District of Renmark Town; and a proclamation actually was made dedicating all the land as commonage. The Surveyor-General has only just become aware, by reason of the depositing of a plan of subdivision, the fact that portion of the land dealt with under the Act was privately owned. It is accordingly desired to omit this privately owned land from the land affected by section 33 of the Renmark Irrigation Trusts Acts Further Amendment Act, 1914, and this effect is achieved by enacting in effect that the Schedule to that Act is amended by excepting from it the piece of land privately owned, and that the amended Schedule shall be deemed at all times to have been the Schedule to the 1914 Act.

Thus any proclamation dealing with the privately owned land would not be warranted by the Act and would therefore be void. As. a result the title of the private owners remains unaffected.

Mr. McINTOSH secured the adjournment of the debate until September 4,