**IRRIGATION AND RECLAIMED LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1915**

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Second reading.

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. C. Goode)—**The object of this short amending Bill is to enable land compulsorily acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts, which is included within an irrigation area, to be offered on lease under the provisions of the Irrigation and Reclaimed Lands Act, 1914. At present the only lands which can be so offered are lands purchased under the Irrigation and Reclaimed Lands Acts or under part 10 of the Crown Lands Act, 1903. Clause 3 therefore amends section 27 of the Irrigation and Reclaimed Lands Act, 1914, so as to give power to grant leases under the Irrigation and Reclaimed Lands Act of land acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts, which is included in an irrigation area. This is purely a machinery Bill, and I ask honorable members to be prepared to pass the Bill without delay, and take the Bill through Committee without adjournment. I move the second reading of this Bill.

Mr. ANGUS—As the Minister has mentioned this is purely a machinery Bill, and a necessary one, so that lands for closer settlement, with regard to their being leased as irrigation settlement blocks, may be dealt with. There is nothing that this side of the House can take exception to, and we are pleased to support the Bill.

Bill read a second time and taken through remaining stages.