**BRANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1905**

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Second reading

**Mr. LIVINGSTON**, in moving the second reading, said it was the same Bill that was introduced last session. The only clause to which exception had been taken in another place was that dealing with earmarks in sheep. In New South Wales there were 2,396 registered earmarks, and in Queensland there were earmarks for cattle and sheep. That showed the advantage of having registered earmarks. It was proved by a sheep-stealing case in the southeast recently. The Chief Justice had accepted the earmark as proof of the ownership. That was a great benefit, because previously they had been told that unless the mark was registered it would not be accepted as evidence. He wanted particularly to draw attention to the clause requiring the proper branding of sheep sold out of pound. At present they were sold and the wool taken off, after which there were no means of identifying them. A further provision was the waybilling of drovers. That was not a hardship on the drovers, and was no trouble for the owners. He should be very sorry to introduce a measure which would be a hardship on owners of stock. Members need not fear to accept the Bill. He would explain the clauses more fully in committee.

On the motion of the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS the debate was ad­journed until October 11.