**MUIRHEAD AND MAYURRA AREAS BILL 1872**

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Second reading

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. E. H. Derrington)** believed it was only necessary to say that under existing regulations the price of land continually fell till it reached £1, without reference to the progress of the drainage, which gave value to the land. This Bill was to protect the public interest, and by preventing the price from falling below £2, to cover cost of drainage, and was precisely similar to the Bill introduced last session. He begged to move the second reading.

Mr. WARD said there were a number of sections which were upon ridges, and had never been drained. That land should certainly be excepted from this Bill, and he would like the Treasurer to state whether it had been reckoned in fixing the average cost of drainage, because if so the cost of draining the flats would be so much more than they had hitherto been given to understand.

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