**MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL 1901**

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Second reading.

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS,** in moving the second reading, said the Bill was a very short one. It had been carried by the Legislative Council, and its ob­ject was to further the interests of mining on private property. Under existing condi­tions a lessee could work the mineral on his land or let it to somebody else. There was nothing in the conditions of the lease to compel the owner to work the ground. The Bill provided that where land was suitable for mining purposes! the Government could compel the owner to carry out the work. There was no necessity for further explana­tion of it, and members could see that it was necessary.

Mr. HOOPER said that unless they made the Bill read that the Minister “shall” can cases out of ten persons were not aware of the conditions under which they took out min­ing leases.

Second reading carried.