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WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 25TH OCTOBER, 1905.

No. 20.—*Papua (British New Guinea) Bill.*—Consideration of the Senate's amendments (*continued from previous Session.*)

Amendment No. 1 (*continued*)—

(The Senate's amendment to omit clause 21 having been agreed to, but their proposed new clause in place thereof having been disagreed to—)

New clause proposed to be added to the Bill in place of omitted clause 21—

21.—(1.) After the commencement of this Act, licences shall not be granted in the Territory in excess of the number of licences in existence at the commencement of this Act.

(2.) The number of licences in the Territory may be reduced or licences may be abolished in the Territory in accordance with this section.

(3.) A poll may be taken in the whole Territory or in any Division thereof, once in each year, for the purpose of obtaining the vote of the people on the question whether the number of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be reduced by any and what number.

(4.) Subject to sub-section (3), a poll under this section shall be taken in the Territory or a Division thereof when requested by petition to the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by one-third of the people in the Territory or Division.

(5.) The adult white people shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be the people of the Territory or Division, as the case requires.

(6.) The times and manner of taking a poll and the manner of giving effect to the decision arrived at by the poll taken shall be as directed by Ordinance.

(7.) No person shall supply to any native by sale gift or in any other way either directly or indirectly any intoxicating liquor, and any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to a fine of not less than Twenty pounds and not exceeding Two hundred pounds and to imprisonment for any term not less than one month and not exceeding two years.

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this section for any person, for any urgent cause or necessity (the burden of proof whereof shall rest upon him) to administer intoxicating liquor to a native for purely medical purposes and without recompense or remuneration.

(8.) It shall not be lawful for any native to have in his possession any intoxicating liquor, and if any intoxicating liquor is found in the possession of any native it may be seized by any officer in the service of the Government and brought before any officer exercising judicial functions, who shall in a summary manner direct that it be confiscated, and that it be disposed of according to his discretion, and the native shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months.

(9.) In this section—

- (a) "licence" means a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor ;
 (b) "intoxicating liquor" means any spirituous or fermented liquor of an intoxicating nature used or intended to be used as a beverage ;
 (c) "native" means any person in the Territory not of European descent.

—(The Prime Minister.)

Question—That the proposed new clause be now read a second time—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 6.
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Fuller,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Ronald,	
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,	
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Wilkinson,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilson.	
Mr. Isaacs,		
Mr. Kelly,		
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,	
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Frazer.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 21.—*Papua (British New Guinea) Bill.*—Consideration of the Senate's amendments (*continued*).

Amendment No. 1 (*continued*)—

New clause proposed to be added to the Bill in place of omitted clause 21—

21.—(1.) After the commencement of this Act, licences shall not be granted in the Territory
 in excess of the number of licences in existence at the commencement of this Act. [^]

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—(The Prime Minister.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "for the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquor or opium excepting for medicinal purposes" be inserted after the word "Territory" in sub-clause (1).

—(Mr. McDonald.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 25.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Wilkinson.	Mr. Batchelor,
Mr. Fisher,		Sir Langdon Bonython,
Mr. Hutchison,		Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Deakin,
		Mr. G. B. Edwards,
		Mr. Ewing,
		Sir John Forrest,
		Mr. Isaacs,
		Mr. Kelly,
		Mr. Lee,
		Sir William Lyne,
		Mr. Mahon,
		Mr. Maloney,
		Mr. Mauger,
		Mr. McCay,
		Mr. Page,
		Mr. Poynton,
		Mr. Ronald,
		Mr. David Thomson,
		Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Webster.
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Frazer.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 22. *Papua (British New Guinea) Bill.*—Consideration of the Senate's amendments (*continued*).

Amendment No. 1 (*continued*)—

New clause proposed to be added to the Bill in place of omitted clause 21—

21.—(1.) After the commencement of this Act, licences shall not be granted in the Territory
 in excess of the number of licences in existence at the commencement of this Act [^]

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—(The Prime Minister.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "except to a house to be conducted as a Government undertaking" be inserted at the end of sub-clause (1).

—(Mr. Frazer.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Batchelor,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Frazer,	Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. David Thomson.	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Wilkinson.		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McCay,
		Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McDonald,
		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McWilliams,
		Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Page,
		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ronald,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilks,
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilson.
		Mr. Isaacs,	
		Mr. Johnson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fuller.
		Mr. Lonsdale,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 23.—*Papua (British New Guinea) Bill.*—Consideration of the Senate's amendments (*continued*).

Amendment No. 1 (*continued*)—

New clause proposed to be added to the Bill in place of omitted clause 21—

21. * * * * *

(6.) The times and manner of taking a poll and the manner of giving effect to the decision arrived at by the poll taken shall be as directed by Ordinance.

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—(*The Prime Minister.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the following new sub-clause be inserted in the proposed new clause :—

(6A.) Within four years from the proclamation of this Act the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be made a Government monopoly.

—(*Mr. Hutchison.*)

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. David Thomson,	Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Chanter,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson.	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Lonsdale,		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Maloney,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Sir John Forrest,	
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Webster.	Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Conroy,
		Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hume Cook.

And so it passed in the negative.