CROWN LANDS AND TRREGA-TION (AMENDMENT) ACT.

Act No. 10, 1914.

An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation George V, Act, 1913, the Irrigation Act, 1912, and the Water Act, 1912, in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. [Assented to, 16th April, 1914.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act shall come into force on the first day Commence of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, ment and and may be cited as the "Crown Lands and Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1914."

2.

George V, No. 10. Amendments of Crown Lands Consolidation Act. Section 138. 2. The following amendments are made in the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913:—

Section one hundred and thirty-eight: The words "may be composed of officers of the Commissioner for Water Conservation and Irrigation and" are inserted next after the word "which"

The words "Notwithstanding section eleven of this Act, the fact that a duly appointed member of the special land board is an officer of the commissioner shall not be deemed to render such officer in any way interested or liable to penalty under the provisions of that section," are inserted next after the words "local land board."

Section 143.

Section one hundred and forty-three: The words "at the end of each year" are substituted for the words "half-yearly in advance"

Section 222.

Section two hundred and twenty-two, subsection two: The following proviso is inserted at the end of the subsection:—"Provided that in the case of a surrender of a lease or part thereof within an irrigation area, or of the granting of tenant right upon the forfeiture of a lease within an irrigation area the Commissioner may pay to the surrenderor or to the last owner thereof the value of such tenant-right, and thereupon—if it has not already occurred—the tenant-right shall cease and the improvements, the subject of such tenant-right, shall become the property of the Crown."

Section 231.

Section two hundred and thirty-one, subsection two:
The following proviso is added at the end of
the subsection:—" Provided that part of a
lease within an irrigation area may also be
surrendered in the manner aforesaid."

Section 273.

Section two hundred and seventy-three, subsections one and two: The words "or otherwise dealt with" are omitted, and the words "except by way of mortgage" are inserted in lieu thereof.

Amendments of Irrigation Act, 1912.

3. The following amendments are made in the Irrigation Act, 1912:—

Section 8 (1).

Section eight, subsection one: The words "the Water Rights Act, 1902," in paragraph (c) are omitted,

omitted, and the words and figures "Part II G and Part V of the Water Act, 1912," are inserted in lieu thereof.

George V, No. 19.

The words "the Artesian Wells Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, and the Water and Drainage and Artesian Wells (Amending) Act, 1906," in paragraph (d) are omitted, and the words and figures "Part III of the Water Act, 1912," are inserted in lieu thereof.

The words "that Act" are substituted for Section 15, the words "those Acts" in paragraph (d)

Sub-section two—The word "Act" is section 19. substituted for the word "Acts" wherever occurring.

The word "it" is substituted for the words "those Acts"

Section fifteen: The words "and shall, when so prescribed, be paid in advance" are omitted.

Section nineteen is repealed, and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:—

19. The commissioner, with the approval of the Minister on application as prescribed and subject to such conditions as are deemed advisable, may for any year of a tenancy, in his discretion, suspend for a period not exceeding three years the payment by the occupier of any part of the rent, not exceeding seventy-five per centum of the value of the unencumbered permanent improvements effected by the occupier on the land leased. Payment of the amount of rent so suspended shall be extended over a period not exceeding ten years, and shall bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum.

4. The following amendment is made in the Water Amendment of Water Act, 1912:—

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Section one hundred and thirteen, subsection one, (i) is amended by substituting "Commissioner for Water Conservation and Irrigation," for "Under Secretary for Public Works."