of the new section contains the first part of the repealed section without change. Subsection (3) enables the Dog Fence Board to recommend a variation in the site of the dog fence if the owners of the fence have concluded satisfactory arrangements or if, upon default of agreement, the matter has been referred to arbitration. Subsection (3) provides that, where the owners fail to agree, the Minister may, at the request of both or either of them, refer the matter to arbitration by one or more arbitrators appointed by the Minister. Subsection (4) is a machinery clause incorporating the Arbitration Act.

Clause 4 is a formal provision dealing with a consequential amendment to the Vermin Act. Clause 5 adds a new subsection to section 202 of the Vermin Act providing that any payment of an amount awarded by arbitration as contribution to the cost of the fence under section 203 shall be a discharge of liability to pay that amount under the section.

The Hon. S. C. BEVAN secured the adjournment of the debate.

EXCHANGE OF LAND: PARNDANA.

The House of Assembly transmitted the following resolution in which it requested the concurrence of the Legislative Council:

That the proposed exchange of allotments 82 and 85, Town of Parndana as shown on the plan and in the statement laid before Parliament in terms of section 238 of the Crown Lands Act, 1928-1960, on February 18, 1961, be approved.

MINES AND WORKS INSPECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. Sir LYELL McEWIN (Minister of Mines) obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Mines and Works Inspection Act, 1920-1925. Read a first time.

The Hon. Sir LYELL McEWIN: I move:

That this Bill be now read a second time.

The Mines and Works Inspection Act makes various provisions in connection with the safety and health of persons employed in or about mines and for the protection of members of the general public who may be affected by mining operations. It provides for the appointment of inspectors, the inspection of mines, the prevention of dangerous practices or omission, in mines, and covers other matters, such as accidents, ventilation, health, safety, and machinery. The Act applies to every mine within this State. A "mine" is defined in the Act as any place in or under which any mining operation is carried on, and "mining" is defined as including quarrying, and all modes of prospecting for, obtaining, collecting, or treating metals, minerals, and the like.