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Mr. Guinness. To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he can state on what date the present land laws of the British East Africa Protectorate came into force, for what term leases are granted to settlers thereunder, and how many applications for land have been dealt with in each of the last five years. [Wednesday 3rd May]

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Reply

The present Crown Lands Ordinance of the East Africa Protectorate is that the answer to the first question is ~~that the law came into force on the 1st of~~ ^{the 1st of} ~~October 1902~~ ^{October} 1902; the Ordinance is at present under revision and as stated in my reply to the hon. member for Newcastle under Lyme on the 30th of March, the policy which the Government has been instructed to follow ^{in the revision} contemplates ^{to the second} the grant of leases for 99 years with a revision of rent at the end of the

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... of the last grants made from the 1st of Jan^y 1906 to the 30th of June 1910 will be found appended to the reports on the Protectorate for 1905-6 and the subsequent years which have been presented to Parliament. During the half year ended the 31st of Dec^r 1910, 127 such grants were made.

(The amount which has not yet been returned is 127)

The new tenure can be ^{is being} enforced by Rules under the old Ordinance pending the introduction of the new Ordinance, in case Mr Guinness raises the point. Our difficulty is that we do not yet know what precise steps Sir P. Girouard has taken since he arrived.

Mr Guinness asks about applications dealt with. I have explained that he means finally dealt with. It would need much more time to analyse the returns of applications received but not yet disposed of.

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In case of a supplementary, you will remember the concession given in 1150.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES Mr. HARCOURT: The answer to the first question is the 31st of October, 1904. The second question is a little more difficult to answer, but I think that the answer is that the returns of the machinery for the year ending 31st January, 1904, to the 30th of June, 1904, are the returns which are presented to Parliament. During the half-year ended the 31st of December, 1904, the returns which are not yet published are the returns for the year ending 31st December, 1904, and the subsequent years which have been presented to Parliament.

Mr. GUINNESS: It has been mentioned that the rent is raised the rent at the end of thirty-three years, is it that from the point of view of the tenants the rent is raised thirty-three years only?

Mr. HARCOURT: No, Sir.

Mr. WEDGWOOD: Is it not the fact that the rent is only raised on the unimproved value of the land but not on any improvement which is made?

Mr. HARCOURT: Yes, Sir.

Mr. ASHLEY: Are we to understand that there are no modifications?

Mr. HARCOURT: I have stated exactly what the facts are in my reply.

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