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NEW ZEALAND.

GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF).

THE HON. W. J. M. LARNACH, C.M.G., CHAIRMAN.

Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.

ORDER OF REFERENCE,

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1897.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 211 be suspended, and that a Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of seventeen members, be appointed, to which shall be referred all matters referring to mining, and all Bills relating to mines, with power to call for persons and papers; five to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Carnecross, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Gilfedder, Mr. Herries, Hon. Mr. Larnach, Mr. Lang, Mr. Massey, Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Mills, Mr. O'Regan, Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. CADMAN.)

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Nos. 101, 102, and 118.—Petitions of HUGH COWAN and Others, R. BELL and Others, and WILLIAM COX and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that "The Mining Act, 1891," may be amended in order to relieve certain prospectors and others, who have taken up claims on behalf of gold-mining companies, of the liabilities they have incurred thereby, and of which liabilities they were wholly ignorant at the time the claims were taken up.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee, having given their best consideration to the questions involved in the prayer of these petitions, have the honour to report that they have no recommendation to make.

26th November, 1897.

No. 6.—Petition of SIMON FRASER.

PETITIONER prays that a reward may be granted to him for the discovery of new goldfields.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report that, having investigated the claims of Simon Fraser, and dealt with them during many sessions, they have now no recommendation to make.

26th November, 1897.