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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT ON THE WAR EXPENSES ACCOUNT AND ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL (B.-1 [Pt. II]) SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives by Leave

Memorandum for the Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Wellington.

Office of the Minister of Finance, Wellington, New Zealand, 23rd June, 1943.

Forwarded herewith for the information of yourself and other members of the Public Accounts Committee are copies of the War Expenses Account in detail, since its inception in September, 1939, up to 31st March, 1943.

W. NASH, Minister of Finance.

Memorandum for the Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Wellington.

Office of the Minister of Finance, Wellington, New Zealand, 9th August, 1943.

In accord with your memorandum of the 5th instant I am referring to you the report of the Controller and Auditor-General (B.-1 [Pt. II]) for consideration of the Public Accounts Committee.

I note that the Committee will meet in Room No. 61 at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 11th instant. Notification has already been made to the Auditor-General and other necessary officers to be in attendance at the time mentioned.

W. NASH, Minister of Finance.

Memorandum for the Hon. the Minister of Finance, Wellington.

Wellington, 25th August, 1943.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Public Accounts Committee, to which were referred for consideration the War Expenses Account and the report of the Controller and Auditor-General (B.-1 [Pt. II]).

J. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

THE Public Accounts Committee has considered the War Expenses Account, and also the report of the Controller and Auditor-General, and particularly his comments on war expenditure, as submitted by you to the Committee.

The following gentlemen appeared before the Committee and were of great assistance:—

- Mr. C. G. Collins (Auditor-General).
- Mr. E. Pearce (Audit Department).
- Dr. A. R. F. Maekay (Treasury).
- Brigadier Avery (Quartermaster-General, Army).
- Mr. F. B. Dwyer (Army Secretary).
- Air Commodore Hewlett (Air Force).
- Group Captain Denton (Air Force).
- Mr. G. A. Barrow (Secretary, Air Department).
- Mr. J. Fletcher (Commissioner of Defence Construction).
- Mr. N. E. Hutchings (Public Works Department).
- Mr. W. C. Smith (Chief Executive Officer, Ship Building Division, Marine Department).
- Mr. G. H. Jackson (Director of Production).
- Mr. S. J. Collins (Supply).