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PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE)

(DR. A. M. FINLAY, CHAIRMAN)

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WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 1947

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of nine members, to consider all petitions from M to Z which may be referred to it; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House; and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House: the Committee to consist of Dr. Finlay, Mr. Fortune, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. R. Macdonald, Mr. Maher, Mr. Neale, Mr. Omana, Mr. T. E. Skinner, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. HACKETT.)

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1946 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

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No. 8.—Petition of MATE SOHO URLICH, of Auckland

PRAYING for compensation for injuries sustained.

I am directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

6th August, 1947.

No. 74/1946.—Petition of L. H. SCOTT and Others, of Tauranga

PRAYING for a referendum in conjunction with the 1946 election on the question of the ratification of the Bretton Woods Agreement.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th August, 1947.

No. 57/1946.—Petition of MATE MATICH, Farmer, of Waipapakauri

PRAYING for compensation in respect of the use of his property by the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

I am directed to report that the petitioner having expressed a desire to withdraw the petition, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

6th August, 1947.

No. 10.—Petition of N. G. SWANSON and Others, of Auckland

PRAYING that a certain portion of the Birkenhead Riding in the Waitemata County be incorporated in either the Borough of Northcote or the Borough of Birkenhead.

I am directed to report that as more appropriate machinery to deal with the petition is now available through the recently constituted Local Government Commission, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th August, 1947.

No. 25.—Petition of ANNIE A. OLIVER, of Wellington

PRAYING for the refund of death duties.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th August, 1947.

No. 22.—Petition of A. J. WATSON and Others, of Silverdale

PRAYING for the erection of a new post-office and residence at Silverdale.

I am directed to report that, due to the fact that the Post and Telegraph Department is fully aware of the situation existing at Silverdale and has the matter in hand, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

20th August, 1947.

No. 9.—Petition of D. B. W. SOMERVILLE, of Auckland

PRAYING for compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of a motor-car.

I am directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

10th September, 1947.

No. 11.—Petition of W. T. MORPETH, of New Plymouth

PRAYING for compensation for alleged loss of promotion in his employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee is satisfied that the petitioner was a capable and conscientious officer of the Lands and Survey Department, but, owing to the lapse of time since the occurrence of the events complained of, it is now impossible to establish the truth of the allegations in the petition, and the Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

10th September, 1947.

No. 35.—Petition of M. E. R. MINGAY, of Auckland

PRAYING for relief in respect of payment of succession duty.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration. The Committee further recommends that adoptions made in accordance with the law of the country where the adopting parents are domiciled at the time of the adoption be recognized for death-duty purposes in this country.

17th September, 1947.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has passed the following resolution:—

“That the written submissions laid before the Public Petitions M to Z Committee at the hearing on the 14th and 15th of October, 1947, of the petition of the Second N.Z.E.F. Association (Incorporated) be made available to accredited representatives of the press.”

Ordered, That the report be adopted and agreed to.

16th October, 1947.

No. 64.—Petition of SECOND N.Z.E.F. ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

PRAYING that legislation be passed ensuring maintenance of stable purchasing-power in the monetary unit.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has carefully considered this petition, and is of the opinion that the petitioner is correct in emphasizing the imperative need for maintaining a stable internal price-level, and that the Government should examine closely all factors that may upset this equilibrium, including the power of the trading banks to create money by issuing credit, and should by legislative action assume and exercise whatever further powers are necessary to stabilize the purchasing-power of the monetary unit. In view, however, of the fact that Government policy is directly involved, the Committee has resolved that it is undesirable that it should make any recommendation on the actual prayer of the petition.

30th October, 1947.

No. 99.—Petition of W. B. WHITE, of Waipukurau

PRAYING for remission of sales tax on a second-hand motor-car, and other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends it be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration in that the car in question be regarded as having been in use for not less than twelve months overseas, and therefore qualifying for the exemption attaching to personal effects.

13th November, 1947.

No. 76.—Petition of THE NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

PRAYING that the age-qualification for the entry of Indians into New Zealand be relaxed in respect of those Indians who held permits prior to the war and were prevented from coming owing to transport difficulties and who are now over age.

I am directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has carefully considered this petition and recommends that the Government give most favourable consideration in granting permits to a total of not more than fifteen in respect of the classes of persons mentioned in the petition.

A. M. FINLAY, Chairman.

21st November, 1947.

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