

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

*Present:* Hon. Mr. McNab, Hon. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Bollard, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Okey, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Witty. Messrs. Ross and Field, M.P.s, Clifton, Ritchie, and Cumming were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Papers were handed in by the Chairman and Messrs. Witty, Hogg, and Rhodes, relating to the proposed Dairy Regulations, for the consideration of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. McNab notified certain amendments which he intended to move in the proposed regulations.

The following witnesses gave evidence and answered questions: Witness No. 21, Mr. Isaac Gray, farmer, Papatoetoe; witness No. 22, Mr. Alexander McFarlane, chairman of directors, Ballance Co-operative Dairy Company, Palmerston North; witness No. 23, Mr. John White Foreman, chairman, Dairy Company, Tikorangi; witness No. 24, Mr. James George Brechin, dairy-farmer, Scarborough; witness No. 25, Mr. Alexander Redpath, dairy-farmer, Nireaha; witness No. 26, Mr. Joseph Brown, farmer, Inglewood; witness No. 27, Mr. James Southey Fowler, dairy-farmer, Manakau; witness No. 28, Mr. Joses Griffith, dairy-farmer, Otaki; witness No. 29, Mr. A. Wing, dairy-farmer, Manakau; witness No. 30, Mr. William George Yardly, dairy-farmer, Hautere Cross; witness No. 31, Mr. David Judd, dairy-farmer, Otaki.

The Committee then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

The Committee met at 11 a.m.

*Present:* Hon. Mr. McNab, Hon. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Bollard, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Okey, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Witty. Messrs. Hall, M.P., Ritchie, Clifton, and Cumming were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen gave evidence relating to the proposed Dairy Regulations, and answered questions: Witness No. 32, Mr. William Louttit Falconer, farmer, near Masterton; witness No. 33, Mr. Edmund Clifton, Chief Inspector of Stock, Wellington.

The Hon. Mr. McNab read and put in a memorandum from Mr. Cuddie showing the grading scores of the "Glen Oroua" brand of creamery butter for the past three years.

The Committee then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1908.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

*Present:* Hon. Mr. McNab, Hon. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Bollard, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Okey, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Witty. Messrs. Ritchie, Clifton, and Cumming were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

*Re* proposed Dairy Regulations, The evidence of witness No. 34, Mr. Harold Burgoyne, farmer, Clevedon, was taken; after which it was decided that no more evidence be taken.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the proposed regulations.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2: Paragraph (1), on motion of the Hon. Mr. McNab, amended by striking out the figure "8" in the fourth line, and substituting "9" therefor, and by the insertion of the word "July" before "1909" in the same line.

Paragraph (2) amended by striking out the last four lines.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3: On motion of the Hon. Mr. McNab, proviso struck out.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4: First paragraph agreed to. Second paragraph agreed to. Third paragraph: On motion of the Hon. Mr. McNab, *Resolved*, That the transfer fee be 1s. instead of 2s. 6d.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6: First paragraph having been put, Mr. Lang moved, That after the word "dairy" in the second line "1s." be inserted as fee; and on the motion being put there voted—

*For.*—Hon. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Bollard, Mr. Lang, Mr. Okey, Mr. Rhodes.

*Against.*—Hon. Mr. McNab, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Witty.

The motion was therefore lost.

Mr. Hogg then moved, That after the word "be" in the same line "5s." be inserted; and on the motion being put there voted—

*For.*—Mr. Hogg.

*Against.*—Hon. Mr. McNab, Hon. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Bollard, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lang, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Okey, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Witty.

The motion was therefore lost.

The subclause was then put and agreed to.

On paragraph (a) of the same subclause being put, Mr. Duncan moved, That the word "two" be omitted in the first line, and "three" substituted therefor.—Agreed to.