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NEW ZEALAND

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE) ON THE PETITION OF THOMAS H. LABY AND TWELVE OTHERS (UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS).

(MR. SIDEY, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on the 16th November, 1910, together with Copy of Petition and Two Departmental Reports, and ordered to be printed.

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 1910.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all matters relating to school-teachers, education, and public instruction generally, public-school training of teachers, higher education, technical education, and manual instruction, and such other matters affecting education as may be referred to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Hanan, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Luke, Mr. Poole, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. G. M. Thomson, Mr. J. C. Thomson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. FOWLDS.

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Dominion of New Zealand in Parliament assembled.

THE Petition of Thomas H. Laby H. B. Kirk, and others, of Wellington, humbly sheweth,—

That the University of New Zealand was established for "the promotion of sound learning" (charter of the University of New Zealand).

That your petitioners believe that the present constitution of the University is unsound, that the methods of administration of the University and colleges are inefficient, and that sound learning is not being promoted in the way most effective for the development of the national life and industries of the Dominion, and for thorough professional training in medicine, education, law, and applied science.

In support of the above contention your petitioners submit the subjoined statement, which they believe to be true.