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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. THOMSON, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

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FRIDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1917.

Ordered, "That a Select 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, 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. Anderson, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Isitt, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Parr, Mr. Poland, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Wright, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. HANAN.)

TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1917.

Ordered, "That the petition of J. G. Ward and 1,610 others be referred direct to the Education Committee."—(Mr. T. A. H. FIELD.)

REPORTS.

No. 419.—Petition of HILDA BURNSIDE.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of the death of her husband, an officer in the Education Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a view of granting to the widow of the late Mr. Burnside a compassionate allowance commensurate with his services.

22nd October, 1917.

No. 467.—Petition of J. G. WARD and 1,610 Others.

PRAYING that the Imperial system of dress-cutting and dressmaking be introduced into our schools.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion the evidence given demonstrates that charts are not educative, but rather of utilitarian value. Their use should be made optional in the technical and secondary schools of the Dominion. The Committee strongly recommends that Miss Roberts should be given an opportunity of proving her confidence in her own scheme and its value by being placed in charge of a class for a period of six months.

22nd October, 1917.

No. 96.—Petition of JOHN MACGIBBON and ANDREW MARTIN.

PRAYING that certain education reserves in Otago and Southland be set aside for the benefit of the Gore High School.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, and the Government be urged to pool the revenue from all reserves not attached to any particular school and divide it amongst the unendowed or poorly endowed schools of the Dominion in such a way as to equalize their incomes from endowments, and that the Tenth Schedule of the Act be amended in such a way as to adjust more equitably the rates of capitation paid for free pupils.

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