

SESSION II.
1921.
NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. JONES, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1921.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven members, to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the public accounts as it may think desirable or that may be referred to it by the House or the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the Dominion which the Government may refer to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Craigie, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Isitt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCallum, Mr. McCombs, Dr. A. K. Newiman, the Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, and the mover."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

TUESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1921.

Ordered, "That the order of reference referring the Local Bodies' Finance Bill to a special Committee be discharged, and the Bill be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Hon. Mr. DOWNIE STEWART.)

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1921.

Ordered, "That the estimates of expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1922, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration, advice, and report. The Committee to report within fourteen days."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1921.

Ordered, "That the Public Accounts Committee be granted an extension of seven days in which to bring up its report on the estimates of expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1922."—(Mr. JONES.)

THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1922.

Ordered, "That the Finance Bill be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

REPORTS.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1922.

I AM directed to report that the Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the estimates of expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1922, has gone through the same, and recommends that the reductions be made as shown on the schedule attached hereto.

9th December, 1921.

Schedule.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1922.—REDUCTIONS

		PERMANENT CHARGES.—SPECIAL ACTS.	
PAGE	<i>Mines' Phthisis Act, 1915, and Finance Act, 1920—</i>	£	£
26	Pensions and allowances	2,500	
	<i>Pensions Act, 1913, and Finance Act, 1920—</i>		
28	Old-age pensions (off net amount)	30,744	
			33,244

PAGE	VOTE	STAMP DUTIES DEPARTMENT.	£	£
48	..	New postage and duty dies	500	
52	..	Special allowances to Recorders	150	650
VOTE ——— POST AND TELEGRAPH WORKING-EXPENSES.				
71	..	Salaries (total of)	16,000	
73	..	Rural telephones	800	
74	..	Temporary officers—Postmen, messengers, and General Division	18,000	
..	..	Overtime and meal allowances	10,000	44,800
VOTE ——— PUBLIC BUILDINGS.				
80	..	Contribution to Drainage Board for drainage, public buildings, Christchurch	150	
..	..	Contribution to Drainage Board for drainage, public buildings, Dunedin	150	300
VOTE ——— MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS.				
82	..	Expenses incidental to the maintenance and improvement of roads		8,000
VOTE ——— DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.				
92	..	Board of Trade	200	
94	..	Telephone services	25	
..	..	Travelling allowances and expenses	100	
96	..	Credits increased by	17,500	17,825
VOTE ——— COOK ISLANDS.				
118	..	Erection of fruit-packing sheds, Rarotonga	225	
..	..	Installation of wireless-telegraph system at Rarotonga and Niue	425	650
VOTE ——— PENSIONS.				
124	..	Pensions to epidemic widows and widowers and their dependants		1,170
VOTE ——— MINES.				
132	..	Advances to oil-boring companies	1,000	
..	..	Assistance towards ambulance classes	50	
..	..	Cost of collecting goldfields revenue	25	
134	..	Instruments and apparatus and chemical supplies	20	1,095
VOTE ——— DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.				
138	..	Assessment Courts under the Rating Act, 1908	5	
..	..	Astronomical stations, expenses in connection with	10	
..	..	Bird-life, expenses in connection with preservation of	20	
..	..	Protection of tuatara lizards	10	
140	..	Temporary assistance	274	
144	..	Fire drills, attendance at	10	
148	..	Census, 1921, cost of taking	1,000	
152	..	Museum publications, printing of	100	
..	..	Specimen and pictures, purchase and preparation of	100	
158	..	Absentee land-tax due by officer of High Commissioner's staff	1	
..	..	Allowance to officer of Tourist Department for extra duties as Permit and Passport Officer	10	
..	..	Cost of acquiring land for roads under section 115 of the Public Works Act, 1908	10	
..	..	Expenses of Public Service Stores Tenders Board	25	
160	..	Returned Soldiers' Association : Railway fares of delegates to annual conference	50	1,625
VOTE ——— PRINTING AND STATIONERY.				
170	..	Machinery	500	
..	..	Monotype metal	100	
..	..	Type and printing-material	100	700
VOTE ——— DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.				
184	..	<i>Journal of Health</i>	350	
188	..	Medical and nursing services in country districts	400	
..	..	Medical research work	250	
190	..	Refuge and charitable institutions	2,500	
..	..	St. John Ambulance Association	250	
..	..	Salvation Army Prison Brigade work	450	4,200
VOTE ——— NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES AND CADETS.				
220	..	Total to be reduced by		100,000
VOTE No. ——— AVIATION.				
222	..	Purchase of aircraft machines and spare parts	5,000	
..	..	Wireless sets, cameras, and camera-guns	1,000	
..	..	Meteorological instruments	1,000	7,000
VOTE ——— MARINE.				
238	..	Salaries—Professional Division, Class C	250	
246	..	Expenses connected with training-ship "Amokura"	1,750	
..	..	Working-expenses and repairs : s.s. "Hinemoa"	3,750	
250	..	Credits, increased by	500	6,250

		VOTE	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.					£	£
260	Credits, increased by	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,000
		VOTE							
		AGRICULTURE.							
288	Agricultural Instruction—								
..	Agricultural instruction generally	..	..	..	..	..	..	750
..	Departmental exhibits at agricultural and pastoral association shows	..	..	..	..	..	..	900
..	Utilization of pumice lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
..	Special phytopathological investigations	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
..	Allowances to officers temporarily performing special or higher duties	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
296	Subsidies to cost of erection of cattle-dips	..	..	..	..	..	..	500
..	Milton Poultry-farm	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
..	Poultry Industry, Grants to—								
..	Cost of printing report of New Zealand Poultry Conference	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
..	New Zealand Poultry Association's egg-laying competitions, Papanui and Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	127
300	Fostering the bee industry	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
304	Purchase of dairy requisites and produce for experiments	..	..	..	..	..	..	250
								2,842	
		VOTE							
		EDUCATION.							
316	Education Boards: General	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,250
..	Inspection: Extra clerical assistance, typing, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	115
..	Organizing-teachers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,600
..	Teachers' libraries	..	..	..	..	..	..	250
318	District High Schools: Salaries	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,500
320	Training Colleges—								
..	Allowances to students, and fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,000
..	Salaries of staffs of training colleges	..	..	..	..	..	..	200
322	Rebuilding and furnishing schools destroyed by fire	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,000
324	Courses of instruction for teachers	..	..	..	..	..	..	150
..	Travelling allowances and expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	300
328	Schools for feeble-minded: Salaries	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,250
332	Child welfare: Salaries	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,400
336	Conferences of education authorities	..	..	..	..	..	..	750
338	Subsidies to public libraries, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,000
								19,765	
								£260,116	

WAR EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

The total estimate of expenditure for the above account is £1,830,888, but against this amount may be set a sum of £507,000 recovered from the German Government as New Zealand's share of the cost of the Army of Occupation,

FINANCE BILL.

I AM directed to report that the Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the Finance Bill, has duly considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed subject to the addition of new clauses as shown on a copy of the Bill attached.

10th February, 1922.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Accounts Committee, to which Cabinet referred the supplementary estimates, has duly considered the same, and is of opinion that they should be allowed to proceed as shown in a copy attached.

10th February, 1922.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (450 copies), £3 15s.

By Authority: MARCUS F. MARKS, Government Printer, Wellington.—1922.

Price 3d.]

