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NEW ZEALAND.

RAILWAYS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. G. WITTY, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, 1924.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to examine and report upon questions relating to railways; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum; the Committee to consist of Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. McIlvride, Mr. Munro, Mr. Nash, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Witty, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. COATES.)

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1924.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1923 be again referred to the same Committee as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1924.

Ordered, "That the petition of James Wall and others be referred back to the Railways Committee for further consideration."—(Mr. FIELD.)

TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1924.

Ordered, "That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be referred to the Railways Committee."—(Hon. Mr. COATES.)

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REPORTS:

No. 3 of Session I, 1923.—Petition of AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS, of Wellington. PRAYING that the standard of wages existing prior to the passing of the Expenditure Adjustment Act be reinstated.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that, in accordance with the request of petitioners, leave be given for petition to be withdrawn.

28th August, 1924.

No. 202 of Session II, 1923.—Petition of W. H. PARFITT and 454 Others, of Greymouth. PRAYING that the Greymouth Borough Council be granted half the cost of protective works against erosion on the banks of the Grey River.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

28th August, 1924.

No. 54.—Petition of WILLIAM HODGE, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for further inquiry into his claim for compensation for loss of employment in the New Zealand Railways Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

28th August, 1924.

No. 13.—Petition of the CO-OPERATIVE FRUITGROWERS OF OTAGO (LIMITED) and 187 Others, of Dunedin.

PRAYING that a Commission be set up to inquire into better railway facilities for the carriage of fruit.

I am directed to report that the Railways Committee has carefully considered the above petition, and, in view of the endeavour made by the Railways Department to provide an adequate supply of suitable trucks for the carriage of fruit, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1924.

No. 3 of Session II, 1923.—Petition of JAMES WALL and 18 Others, of Pukerua. (First Report.) PRAYING that the Government construct a road and bridge over railway at Pukerua.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this is not a matter for its consideration, and it accordingly has no recommendation to make.

9th September, 1924.

No. 268.—Petition of JAMES DOUGLAS, of Wellington.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance in recognition of his services in the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

30th September, 1924.

No. 279.—Petition of ALFRED AUGUSTINE KINGSTON, of Papakura.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of limb whilst employed by the New Zealand Railways Department.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petitioner has been given effect to, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th September, 1924.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Railways Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

9th October, 1924.

No. 3 of Session II, 1923.—Petition of JAMES WALL and 18 Others, of Pukerua. (Second Report.)

PRAYING that the Government construct a road and bridge over railway at Pukerua.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this is not a matter for its consideration, and accordingly it has no recommendation to make.

3rd November, 1924.

No. 295.—Petition of ISABELLA RUTHERFORD WARD, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance, in addition to the £1,000 already granted her, for loss of husband in North Island Main Trunk Railway accident.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd November, 1924.

No. 383.—Petition of JOHN NEIL, of Manawaru.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance for injuries sustained in North Island Main Trunk Railway accident.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above petition, and, in view of the special circumstances of the case, it is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th November, 1924.

No. 393.—Petition of HARRY FLAY, Jun., of Te Aroha.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance for injuries sustained in the North Island Main Trunk Railway accident.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above petition, and, in view of the special circumstances of the case, it is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th November, 1924.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Railways Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman (Mr. Witty) has presided over its deliberations during the session, and that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House.

4th November, 1924.

G. R. SYKES,
Member of the Committee.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee, consisting of ten members, during the session held nine meetings, the average attendance being six members at each meeting.

The number of meetings held by the Committee	9
The number of petitions referred to the Committee	12
The number of petitions referred to the Government for consideration	1
The number of petitions referred to the Government for favourable consideration	3
The number of petitions on which the Committee had no recommendation to make	5
The number of reports brought down by the Committee and presented to the House	14
The number of petitions withdrawn	1

The Government Railways Amendment Bill was referred to the Committee, duly considered, and reported upon.

4th November, 1924.

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