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NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. BITCHENER, 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 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1928.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from A to L that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bartram, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Harris, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. WRIGHT.)

TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

Ordered, "That the petition of J. G. Lagan be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—(Mr. KYLE.)

TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1928.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1927 be again referred to the same Committees to which they were referred during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. COATES.)

THURSDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of W. Andrews and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—Mr. SULLIVAN.)

THURSDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of P. E. Harris be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—(Mr. FRASER.)

Ordered, "That the petition of J. H. Lyon be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—(Mr. REID.)

FRIDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of E. C. Arlidge be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—(Mr. BELL.)

TUESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of G. Griffiths be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—(Mr. H. E. HOLLAND.)

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No. 5.—Petition of EMMA MAUD KING, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for remission of succession duty.

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

24th August, 1928.

No. 19.—Petition of CHARLES HENRY LENNON, of Timaru.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of injuries received whilst a member of the New Zealand Police Force.

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

24th August, 1928.

No. 26.—Petition of J. T. BULL and Others, of Canterbury.

PRAYING for the amendment of the licensing law.

I am directed to report that, as a matter of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1928.

No. 29.—Petition of WILLIAM ALFRED HEWITT, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for inquiry into evidence tendered before a Divorce Court, and to be allowed to appear before a Select Committee.

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

24th August, 1928.

No. 129.—Petition of J. H. KISSELL and 983 Others, of Southland.

PRAYING for amendment of the Gaming Act in relation to card tournaments.

I am directed to report that, as a matter of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1928.

No. 346/27.—Petition of RUBY BROWN, of Hikutaia.

PRAYING for reinstatement to her former position of Postmistress, or, as an alternative, that she be granted a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1928.

No. 3.—Petition of FREDERICK JAMES LAKE, of Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of business through the passing of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th September, 1928.

No. 17.—Petition of PATRICK LUNDON, of Wellington.

PRAYING for relief owing to alleged delay by the Wellington City Council in granting a permit to sell a portion of his property.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th September, 1928.

No. 21.—Petition of ROBERT JOHN CLARKE, of Wellington.

PRAYING that a Magistrate or other competent person be appointed to hear his claim for compensation for accident.

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

5th September, 1928.

No. 28.—Petition of FREDERICK GEORGE DALZIELL, of Wellington.

PRAYING that an investigation of the essentials of industrial organization may be made under the authority of the Government of New Zealand.

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

5th September, 1928.

No. 100.—Petition of JOSEPH LITT, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for compensation for injury caused by alleged negligence of authorities at Queen Mary Hospital at Hanmer.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th September, 1928.

No. 130.—Petition of FREDERICK ALOYSIUS CULLEN, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for increased superannuation allowance.

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

5th September, 1928.

No. 161.—Petition of JAMES CUMMINS, of Auckland.

PRAYING that his old-age pension be paid from the time of his original application.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th September, 1928.

No. 184.—Petition of CHARLES H. ILLSTON and Another, of Oroua.

PRAYING for refund of stamp duty on an agreement of sale and purchase not completed nor carried into effect in any way.

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

5th September, 1928.

No. 270/27.—Petition of FREDERICK GEORGE DALZIELL, of Wellington.

PRAYING that Parliament, by a Committee of its own members, or some other body having Parliamentary authority, be constituted to investigate means to prevent physical and mental disease and economic disorder.

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

5th September, 1928.

No. 338/27.—Petition of JAMES AGGERS, of Auckland.

PRAYING for amendment of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th September, 1928.

No. 343/27.—Petition of JAMES GREGORY LAGAN, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for incapacity allowance from the National Provident Fund for relief of family of three, which are too young to earn.

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

5th September, 1928.

No. 177.—Petition of PAUL AUSTIN ELDER, of Wellington.

PRAYING that three convictions recorded against him be expunged, and for other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

3rd October, 1928.

No. 180.—Petition of MARGARET C. BARRETT, of Nelson.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as a police officer.

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

3rd October, 1928.

No. 279.—Petition of LEOPOLD GEORGE CARTMELL, of Lower Hutt.

PRAYING for permanent employment in the Public Service, or other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

3rd October, 1928.

No. 280.—Petition of PERCY NORWOOD DENTON, of Wellington.

PRAYING for relief in regard to overpayment of income-tax.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the petitioner is entitled to a refund of the amount of the income-tax overpaid.

3rd October, 1928.

No. 298.—Petition of E. C. ARLIDGE, of Russell, Bay of Islands.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged loss incurred owing to the services of his fishing-launch not being required after engagement.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

3rd October, 1928.

No. 181.—Petition of MAATA M. ASHER, of Greytown.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of money, paid out by the Court to a single trustee and embezzled by him.

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

4th October, 1928.

No. 271.—Petition of WILLIAM J. KING, of Ohaeawai.

PRAYING for the granting of a retiring-allowance, after thirty years' service in the Police Force.

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

4th October, 1928.

No. 285.—Petition of SUSANNA COSGROVE, of Auckland.

PRAYING that she be granted the widow's pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that provision should be made for payment of a pension to the guardians on behalf of the children, at the same rate as would have been payable had a widow's pension been in force at the time of the mother's death.

4th October, 1928.

No. 36, Petition of J. ABBOTT and 17,685 Others; No. 101, Petition of R. D. TAYLOR and 3,165 Others; No. 139, Petition of N. NEWTON and 3,514 Others, all of Waitemata.

PRAYING that steps be taken for the construction of a bridge across the Waitemata Harbour.

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

9th October, 1928.

No. 141.—Petition of ROBERT THOMPSON ESTHER, of Hawke's Bay.

PRAYING that he may receive the benefit of the National Provident Fund.

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

9th October, 1928.

No. 158.—Petition of JANE SARAH CLARK, of Petone.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance owing to the loss of her husband by drowning in the Hutt River.

I am directed to report that, the member presenting this petition being desirous of withdrawing the same, the Committee recommends that the member be allowed to do so.

9th October, 1928.

No. 197.—Petition of WALTER GUBB and 5 Others, of Tuakau (and similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING that in computing income for economic pensions the amount received from friendly societies should not be included.

I am directed to report that the Committee finds a matter of policy is involved, and recommends the petition to the Government for consideration.

9th October, 1928.

SCHEDULE.

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No. 205.—A. E. Page and 4 others.
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 No. 207.—W. Whyte and 5 others.
 No. 208.—W. J. Gregory and 4 others.
 No. 223.—S. F. Moulden and 16 others.
 No. 224.—W. A. Knaggs and 5 others.

No. 238.—Petition of W. COOPER and 153 Others, of Avon.

PRAYING that the law be amended to make legal the holding of euchre tournaments by School Committees and others for public benefit.

I am directed to report that, as a matter of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th October, 1928.

No. 252.—Petition of E. LANGFORD and 1,035 Others, of Invercargill.

PRAYING for amendment of the licensing law.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th October, 1928.

No. 264.—Petition of W. ANDREWS and 86 Others, of Avon.

PRAYING that the law be amended to make legal the holding of euchre tournaments by School Committees and others for public benefit.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th October, 1928.

No. 278.—Petition of J. W. HOPE, of Auckland.

PRAYING for investigation into alleged wrongful conviction for disobedience of maintenance order.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
9th October, 1928.

No. 281.—Petition of S. HANNAFIN, of Riccarton.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as a police constable.
I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.
9th October, 1928.

No. 291.—Petition of J. H. LYON, of Waikato.

PRAYING for compensation for farming-drill damaged on railway controlled by Public Works Department.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
9th October, 1928.

No. 292.—Petition of MARGARET S. IRONSIDE, of Roskill.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as Superintendent of His Majesty's Prison.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
9th October, 1928.

No. 294.—Petition of P. E. HARRIS, of Wellington.

PRAYING for inquiry into circumstances of his confinement in Porirua Mental Hospital.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
9th October, 1928.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions A to L Committee desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the capable, courteous, and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Mr. John Bitchener, has presided over its deliberations during the session; and that the Committee further desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and also that it be reported to the House.

9th October, 1928.

ALEX. HARRIS,
A Member of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions A to L Committee wish to place on record its hearty approval of the excellent work done during the session by the Clerk, Mr. E. B. Harman, whose painstaking interest in his work is very helpful and much appreciated by the Committee.
9th October, 1928.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions A to L Committee, consisting of ten members, held twelve meetings during the session, with an average attendance of six members. Fifty-two petitions were referred to the Committee, and were dealt with as follows:

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9th October, 1928.

J. BITCHENER, Chairman.

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