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INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. GIRLING, 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 Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven members, to deal with all matters in connection with industrics and commerce; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bartram, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Girling, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Waite, and the mover."- (Hon. Mr. McLeod.)

TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of G. Armstrong and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee."—(Mr. J. S. DICKSON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1928.

WEDNESDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of G. Gordon and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee."--(Mr. J. S. DICKSON.) Ordered, "That the petition of P. Hicks and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee."--(Mr. McKEEN.)

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1928.

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No. 27.—Petition of G. PAUL, of Wanganui, and 315 Others (and 72 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for the abolition of the cash-on-delivery parcel system.

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

13th September, 1928.

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No. 185.—Petition of E. P. EDWARDS, of Otaki, and 37 Others (and 30 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for relief in the matter of motor taxation on commercial motor-vehicles.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. And the Committee is further of opinion that the petitioners are entitled to some relief.

13th September, 1928.

SCHEDULE.

No. 227.-H. J. Hodgson and 30 others.

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No. 263.--P. Hicks and 400 others.

LICENSING AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that, the member in charge of the Bill having stated to the Committee his intention of asking leave of the House to withdraw it, the Committee recommends that such leave be accorded.

4th October, 1928.

No. 261.-Petition of G. GORDON, of Auckland, and 299 Others.

PRAYING for the abolition of the cash-on-delivery system.

I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of this petition having been dealt with in an earlier report of this Committee during the present session, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th October, 1928.

Special Report.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee desires to record its great appreciation of the ability and courtesy with which the Chairman, Mr. Girling, has conducted the business of the Committee during the session. It further desires that the resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House.

> C. E. MACMILLAN, A Member of the Committee.

4th October, 1928.

SPECIAL REPORT.

1 HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee desires to express once more its complete satisfaction with the care and attention shown by the Clerk, Mr. Fox, in the performance of the various duties of the position.

9th October, 1928.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee, consisting of eleven members, has held seven meetings during the session, with an average attendance of seven. The Committee dealt with 104 petitions, of which 71 referred to the cash-on-delivery system (C.O.D.), and the remainder with the subject of motor taxation fees on heavy motor-vehicles. Favourable consideration was accorded to both groups. The Committee also considered one Bill and reported it to the House.

4th October, 1928.

W. J. GIRLING, Chairman.

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