1928. NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. J. MCC. DICKSON, 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 19th DAY OF JULY, 1928.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from M to Z 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. Bell, Mr. Bellringer, the Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Savage, Mr. Seddon, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. YouNG.)

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.)

TUESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of S. Tovey be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."-Mr. WRIGHT.)

TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of Alice Quinney be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."-Sir JOHN LUKE.)

THURSDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of C. Nisbet and another be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."--(Mr. BELL.)

TUESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF CCTOBER, 1928.

Ordered, "That the petition of L. P. Voice be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."--(Mr. HOWARD.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1928.

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PRAYING for an economic pension on account of the death of her husband.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted her legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th August, 1928.

No. 22.—Petition of JOHN JAMES MEIKLE, of Auckland.

PRAYING that the recommendations of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, 1921, 1922, 1924, 1926, and 1927 be given effect to.

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

16th August, 1928.

No. 23.—Petition of JOHN JAMES PETER MCDOUGALL, of Grey Lynn, Auckland.

PRAYING for inquiry into an alleged miscarriage of justice in Magistrate's Court, Auckland.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th August, 1928.

No. 33.—Petition of ELLEN MARGARET SMITHSON, of Mount Albert. PRAYING for annulment of sale of property, and other matters.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 16th August, 1928.

No. 34.—Petition of ELLEN MARGARET SMITHSON, of Mount Albert. PRAYING for the setting-aside of a settlement made at the Supreme Court, Hamilton. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 16th August, 1928. No. 38.—Petition of D. A. McLEAN, of Devonport.

PRAYING for redress and compensation in respect of an alleged injustice done to him by certain members of the Police Force.

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

16th August, 1928.

No. 59.--Petition of J. H. W. WARDROP, of Nelson.

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.

16th August, 1928.

No. 103.—Petition of ALICE BEATRICE TARGUSE, of Auckland.

PRAVING for investigation into the conviction and imprisonment of F. E. P. Shortland.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted her legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th August, 1928.

No. 128.—Petition of DUNEDIN R. DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

PRAYING that the Summer Time Act may not be re-enacted.

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

16th August, 1928.

No. 140-Petition of W. J. POLSON and 8,744 Others.

PRAYING that the Summer Time Act be not re-enacted.

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

16th August, 1928.

No. 145.—Petition of E. F. SHADBOLT, of Block House Bay.

PRAYING for inquiry and relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 16th August, 1928.

No. 99.—Petition of D. J. YOUNG, of Epsom, Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of property owing to alleged negligence of police. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 24th August, 1928.

No. 173.—Petition of TE KUITI RACING CLUB.

PRAYING for remission of penal interest on arrears of stamp 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. 194.—Petition of JOHN FRANCIS PYM YEATMAN, of Wellington.

PRAYING for an increased payment for auditing the Wellington Education Board's accounts for the year 1926.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that leave be granted by the House to the honourable member presenting the petition to withdraw same, on the grounds that it is out of order. 24th August, 1928.

No. 1.—Petition of W. MEIKLE and 43 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING for alteration of the law as to rating in town districts.

I am directed to report that, as legislation dealing with the subject-matter of the petition is now pending, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

19th September, 1928.

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No. 8.—Petition of THE CREDITORS OF THE MOUNT EDEN MOTOR-BUS Co., LTD., of Auckland. PRAVING for relief owing to alleged losses incurred by the passing of the Motor Omnibus Traffic Act, 1926.

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

19th September, 1928.

No. 35.—Petition of W. E. MARTIN and 63 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING for alteration of the law as to rating in town districts.

I am directed to report that, as legislation dealing with the subject-matter of the petition is now pending, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

19th September, 1928.

No. 150.—Petition of P. J. O'REGAN, of Wellington.

PRAYING for the introduction of legislation in connection with the rights of passengers against shipowners and other transport proprietors in respect of injuries by accident resulting from negligence of the shipowner or other defendant.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view to concerted action being taken with the Imperial Government.

19th September, 1928.

No. 221.—Petition of SYDNEY TOVEY, of Wellington.

PRAVING for compensation for alleged neglect of medical treatment after injury received on a troopship. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

19th September, 1928.

Nos. 342/27 and 9/28.---Petition of MOUNT EDEN MOTOR-BUS Co., LTD., of Auckland. PRAYING for relief owing to alleged losses incurred by the passing of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926.

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

19th September, 1928.

No. 192.-Petition of E. G. SKEATES and 2,120 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING for cancellation of an order of imprisonment and granting probation in lieu thereof.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a recommendation that the matter be referred to the Prisons Board at an early date.

25th September, 1928.

No. 212.—Petition of G. A. PHILLIPS, of Awakino.

PRAYING for remission of arrears of land-tax.

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

25th September, 1928.

No. 219.-Petition of E. L. MACASSEY and 197 Others.

PRAYING that amateur boxing be given statutory recognition, and for the amendment of the Police Offences Act.

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

25th September, 1928.

No. 237.—Petition of A. R. YOUNG, of Lower Hutt.

PRAYING that his service in the Agriculture Department be declared continuous, and for increased superannuation.

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

25th September, 1928.

No. 254.—Petition of J. F. P. YEATMAN, of Wellington.

PRAYING for increased fees for auditing the accounts of the Wellington Education Board. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 4th October, 1928.

No. 282.--Petition of JOSEPHINE O'DONOVAN, of Wellington.

PRAYING for relief on account of the services of her late husband, a former Police Commissioner. 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. 284.—Petition of ALICE QUINNEY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for inquiry and compensation for loss of position in Public Service.

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

4th October, 1928.

No. 295.—Petition of C. NISBET and Another, of Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation for land taken for railway purposes.

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

4th October, 1928.

No. 345.—Petition of L. P. VOICE, of Spreydon.

PRAYING for relief owing to loss of money paid to a defaulting solicitor.

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

4th October, 1928.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee desires to record its hearty appreciation of the ability, care, and attention devoted by Mr. J. McC. Dickson, a member of the Committee since 1915, and Chairman since 1919, to the business of the Committee, and of the courteous and tactful manner in which his duties have been carried out, not only during this session but also since 1915; and further desires that this resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House. C. E. BELLRINGER,

4th October, 1928.

Member of Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee desires to record its appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Clerk of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, Mr. J. D. Hislop, has carried out his duties during the session; and, further, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

4th October, 1928.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, held ten meetings during the session; the average attendance of members at each meeting was six. The following table shows the disposal of the business which came before the Committee :---

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J. McC. DICKSON, Chairman.

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