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NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(COLONEL T. W. McDONALD, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1929.

Ordered, "That a 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 Rev. Clyde Carr, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Lye, Colonel McDonald, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. Massey, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Semple, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. RANSOM.)

THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1929.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the sessions of 1928 be again referred to the same committees that they were referred to during the said sessions."—(Right Hon. Sir JOSEPH WARD.)

MONDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1929.

Ordered, "That, in view of the announced intention of the Government to go fully into the question of superannuation, this petition (J. H. W. Wardrop's) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."—(Mr. FIELD.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1929.

Ordered, "That the petition of M. J. Marsh be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."—(Mr. FRASER.)

MONDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1929.

Ordered, "That the report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on the petition of the creditors of the Mount Eden Motor-bus Co., Ltd., be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."—(Mr. SEMPLE.)

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1929.

Ordered, "That the petition of M. McLean and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."—(Mr. BLACK.)

MONDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1929.

Ordered, "That the petition of Hannah T. Scully be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."—(Mr. SEMPLE.)

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No. 19.—Petition of A. S. WALLACE and 124 Others (and 116 Similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for amendment of the Gaming Act.

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

27th August, 1929.

Debate on the question, "That the report do lie upon the Table and be referred to the Government for favourable consideration," interrupted by the 5.30 adjournment on 27th August, 1929, but the report laid on the Table on 8th November, 1929.

SCHEDULE.

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Nos. 49 and 73.—Petitions of SAMUEL TURKINGTON, of Auckland.

PRAYING for inquiry into alleged false representation in the matter of title-deeds.

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

27th August, 1929.

No. 216.—Petition of ALEXANDER REID YOUNG, of Lower Hutt.

PRAYING that the report of Public Petitions M to Z Committee respecting his former petition 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.

27th August, 1929.

No. 74.—Petition of EARLE VAILE and 88 Others.

I AM directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee this day resolved, That the proceedings of the Committee while taking evidence on the petition of Earle Vaile and others be open to the press.

11th September, 1929.

Nos. 138/29 and 350/28.—Petitions of THOMAS ORMSTON, of Tahmoor, New South Wales.

PRAYING for inquiry into the withholding at Auckland of a passport issued to him in the year 1916 at Sydney, New South Wales.

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

11th September, 1929.

No. 88.—Petition of VICTOR MARCANTELLI, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for compensation for suffering loss of liberty caused through alleged wrongful imprisonment.

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

11th September, 1929.

No. 32.—Petition of MARY PILLING, of Auckland.

PRAYING for inquiry into the administration of her estate by her agent.

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

11th September, 1929.

No. 35.—Petition of WILLIAM LEONARD WALKER, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for the investigation into and the examination of his books and affairs by a State accountant.

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

11th September, 1929.

No. 46.—Petition of FREDERICK PETERS, of Otahuhu.

PRAYING for compensation for loss owing to his being unable to be registered as a dentist.

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

11th September, 1929.

No. 176.—Petition of JOHN PALLENSSEN and 418 Others, of Hawke's Bay.

PRAYING for inquiry into the circumstances under which the approval of the Minister of Public Works was granted to a certain scheme for flood-prevention in Hawke's Bay.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition is dealt with in a local Bill at present before the House, the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Local Bills Committee.

11th September, 1929.

No. 131.—Petition of WILLIAM HERBERT SLY, of Papatotetoe.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance owing to alleged hardship caused by the passing of the Mortgages Extension Act.

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

2nd October, 1929.

No. 71.—Petition of JOHN J. MEIKLE, of Auckland.

PRAYING that certain recommendations of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee 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, with the suggestion that it should consider granting the petitioner a suitable annuity of not less than £4 per week.

2nd October, 1929.

No. 70.—Petition of W. B. WATSON and 5 Others, of Hamilton.

PRAYING for £5,000 compensation or other relief owing to loss consequent on the passing of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
2nd October, 1929.

No. 91.—Petition of ELIZA J. MCCARTHY, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance or an annuity in respect of her late husband's services as a Stipendiary Magistrate.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
2nd October, 1929.

Nos. 260/28 and 239/29.—Petitions of JOHN FREDERICK PARKER, of Hamilton.

PRAYING for payment of certain moneys from the estate of the late Patrick Desmond.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
2nd October, 1929.

No. 90.—Petition of JAMES HOSEASON WADDELL WARDROP, of Nelson.

PRAYING that on payment of £350 and interest his superannuation on retirement be assessed on the basis of continuous service.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
7th October, 1929.

No. 219.—Petition of P. ROSELLI and 2 Others, of Westport.

PRAYING that the recommendation of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee be given effect to, and for inquiry.

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

14th October, 1929.

No. 95.—Petition of CREDITORS OF THE MOUNT EDEN MOTOR-BUS Co., LTD., of Auckland.

PRAYING for relief in respect of losses incurred by the passing of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926.

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

14th October, 1929.

No. 365.—Petition of M. J. MARSH, of Wellington.

PRAYING that the Customs Department be not allowed to send him out of New Zealand, as he claims to be a British-born subject.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition has already been dealt with by the Government, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st October, 1929.

No. 348.—Petition of H. B. WOODS, of Waihi.

PRAYING that, owing to her husband being an invalid with no means and her health having failed, she be granted a compassionate allowance.

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

29th October, 1929.

No. 90.—Petition of JAMES HOSEASON WADDELL WARDROP, of Nelson. (Second Report.)

PRAYING that on payment of £350 and interest his superannuation on retirement be assessed on the basis of continuous service.

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

29th October, 1929.

No. 63.—Petition of DAVID STONE, of Wellington.

PRAYING for adjustment of administration charges in the purchase of a house under the Housing Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
29th October, 1929.

No. 312.—Petition of H. S. C. WHYTE, of Wellington.

PRAYING for compensation for injuries allegedly received while a motor-driver for the Post and Telegraph Department.

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

29th October, 1929.

No. 350.—Petition of F. RICHARDSON, of Wellington.

PRAYING for inquiry as to the circumstances surrounding admission to Porirua Mental Asylum.

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

29th October, 1929.

No. 136.—Petition of M. J. O'GRADY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance for an injury allegedly received while a visitor on H.M.S. "New Zealand."

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

29th October, 1929.

No. 48.—Petition of C. E. MACE and 6 Others, of Ohinemuri County.

PRAYING for compensation for flood damage to land on east bank of Waihou River between Mangaiti and Tirohia.

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

29th October, 1929.

No. 281.—Petition of B. J. WILTSHIRE, of Wellington.

PRAYING for inquiry into alleged wrongful charges made against her.

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

29th October, 1929.

No. 137.—Petition of J. PERIS, of Wellington.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged wrongful imprisonment.

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

7th November, 1929.

No. 224.—Petition of NEIL McLEAN, of Oropi.

PRAYING for compensation in respect of injuries received while bushfelling.

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

7th November, 1929.

No. 92.—Petition of E. S. WATSON, of Wharepuhunga.

PRAYING for investigation into his dismissal from the Public Service, and for compensation.

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

7th November, 1929.

No. 347.—Petition of OTAHUHU BOROUGH COUNCIL.

PRAYING for amendment of the Valuation of Land Act, 1925.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry, with a view to giving relief.

7th November, 1929.

No. 355A.—Petition of F. E. THORNTON and 3,673 Others, of Wellington.

PRAYING for repeal of the Arms Act.

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

7th November, 1929.

No. 379.—Petition of M. McLEAN and 314 Others, of Karamea.

PRAYING that steps be taken for the immediate construction of a coastal road from Karamea to Westport.

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 best means of communication be decided as early as possible.

8th November, 1929.

No. 235.—Petition of ADA M. SHADBOLT, of Blockhouse Bay.

PRAYING for an allowance in respect of losses incurred in certain land transactions.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
8th November, 1929.

No. 402.—Petition of RICHARD WILLIAM NEWBY, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for an allowance in respect of ill health alleged to have been contracted while employed by the Post and Telegraph Department.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 392.—Petition of ROBERT JAMES McLEOD, of Petone.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of injuries allegedly received while in the employ of the Public Works Department.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 366.—Petition of HAROLD ALBERT NIND, of Tarras.

PRAYING that he be allowed to contribute to the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 377.—Petition of ALBERT THOMAS MANDER, of Cardiff.

PRAYING that he and another be relieved of the payment of gift duty on a third mortgage, which the mortgagee is willing to release.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in view of the fact that no gift duty will be assessed on the third mortgage.

8th November, 1929.

No. 411.—Petition of ARTHUR RICHARDSON, of Nelson.

PRAYING for increased compensation for service rendered to the Mental Hospitals Department.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 67.—Petition of P. J. O'REGAN, of Wellington.

PRAYING for the rights of passengers against shipowners in respect of injuries by accident resulting from negligence of the shipowner.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 345.—Petition of C. W. R. SUSTED, of Wellington.

PRAYING that he be granted compensation for loss of position as an Inspector of Machinery.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 27.—Petition of FRANK REED, of Auckland.

PRAYING for increase in his superannuation allowance.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the petitioner receive superannuation on the highest scale for the full term of service, as though his compulsory retirement by the Public Service Commissioner had not taken place.

8th November, 1929.

No. 257.—Petition of JAMES PHIZACKLEA, of Wanganui East.

PRAYING for Government assistance for people requiring artificial limbs.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 280.—Petition of PERCY WALLACE RYBURN, of Pokeno.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance owing to purchasing at auction sheep wrongfully seized by a bailiff.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 74.—Petition of EARLE VAILE and 88 Others. (Second Report.)

PRAYING for resumption of work on the Rotorua-Taupo Railway.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having heard the evidence of a considerable number of settlers and other representatives of the Railway, Lands, Agriculture, Forestry, and Prisons Departments, is of the opinion that the action of the Government in discontinuing the Rotorua-Taupo Railway was thoroughly justified, and that the said railway should not be continued, and that in regard to the prayer of the petitioners the Committee recommends that no action be taken. The Committee is also of the opinion that the Government should consider the putting into operation of an exhaustive experimental test on a limited area of, say, 10,000 acres of the better-class pumice land, to be brought into permanent pasture on the principle of mass employment.

8th November, 1929.

[NOTE.—Minutes of Evidence laid on Table and ordered to be printed. *Vide* I.—2A.]

No. 289.—Petition of PETER MALONEY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for redress by having a certain record expunged from the *Police Gazette* and the Police Department's files, and for compensation for loss sustained.

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

8th November, 1929.

No. 95.—Petition of CREDITORS OF THE MOUNT EDEN MOTOR-BUS CO., LTD., of Auckland. (Second Report.)

PRAYING for relief in respect of losses incurred by the passing of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926.

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

8th November, 1929.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee desires to record its appreciation of the ability, care, and attention devoted by the Chairman, Colonel McDonald, to the business of the Committee, and of the courteous manner in which his duties have been carried out during the session; and further desires that this resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

8th November, 1929.

A. M. SAMUEL,
Member of the 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. E. A. Dobbie, 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.

8th November, 1929.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, held twenty-six meetings during the session; the average attendance of members at each meeting was eight.

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8th November, 1929.

T. W. McDONALD, Chairman.

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