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INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

HON. A. D. McLEOD, CHAIRMAN.

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ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all matters in connection with industries and commerce that may be referred to it: the Committee to consist of Mr. Ansell, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, the Hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. McSkimming, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. COBBE.)

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1931 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session, and that all petitions received during the first session of 1932 be dealt with as if they had been received this session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

TUESDAY, 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That the proposals relating to the sardine canning industry, and to the manufacture of nitrogen, cellulose, and rubber products, and motor benzole at gasworks be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee for inquiry and report."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

THURSDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That the Industries and Commerce Committee have leave to sit this day during the present sitting of the House."—(Hon. Mr. McLEOD.)

THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That the Industries and Commerce Committee have leave to sit this day during the present sitting of the House."—(Hon. Mr. McLEOD.)

THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That the Industries and Commerce Committee have leave to sit this day during the present sitting of the House."—(Hon. Mr. McLEOD.)

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REPORTS.

No. 97.—Petition of R. D. TAYLOR, Farmer, Hunua, and 1,283 Others.

PRAYING for a reduction in Customs duties.

I am directed to report that, as a question of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

3rd November, 1932.

No. 102/31, Sess. 2.—Petition of W. N. MCNABB, Miko Post-office, Westport, and 18 Others, and 11 similar Petitions as per Schedule attached.

PRAYING for legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuff, and other matters.

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

3rd November, 1932.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Petition.	Petitioner.	No. of Petition.	Petitioner.
155, Sess. 2, 1931	B. L. Win and 15 others.	172, Sess. 2, 1931	Mrs. E. Rostern and 7 others.
164, „	B. Sutherland and 4,584 others.	173, „	G. N. Snow and 6 others.
165, „	J. Brown and 34 others.	174, „	E. Samuel and 18 others.
166, „	Mrs. J. Richardson and 816 others.	175, „	W. Hannah and 6,000 others.
170, „	R. Trembath and 15 others.	176, „	L. J. Vincent and 6, 255 others.
171, „	F. Thorpe and 16 others.		

SARDINE CANNING INDUSTRY, ETC.

I AM directed to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee has considered carefully the proposals referred to it relating to the sardine canning industry, manufacture of nitrogen, of cellulose and other products from *Phormium tenax*, of rubber products, and of motor benzole at gasworks, and has heard evidence thereon.

The Committee, while drawing the Government's attention to the grave danger associated with the granting of monopolies to private companies, even if only for a short period of years, is of the opinion that with adequate safeguards such action may be justified in special circumstances, particularly in view of the amount of unemployment at present in the Dominion, and the possibilities of establishing in the Dominion secondary industries not seeking tariff protection and dealing with raw materials produced in New Zealand.

In the opinion of the Committee, exclusive rights of manufacture should be granted only in cases where large financial commitments are called for, and where the circumstances are of exceptional character, having regard to technical and other features, and where the industry concerned is a key industry or industry of national importance, or where the industry would be a substantial employer of labour.

Subject to the above conditions and reasonable prospects of marketing, the Committee recommends that favourable consideration be given by the Government to such applications as are supported by adequate and satisfactory financial and technical backing and subject to satisfactory safeguards against exploitation or detriment to public interest.

In the special case of the manufacture of nitrates the Committee recommends that no grant of a monopoly to any company be made until it has had an opportunity of reporting further.

The Committee recommends that the manufacture of motor benzole at gasworks be encouraged by granting some concession of excise duty subject to the use of no coal other than New Zealand in the manufacture thereof.

9th December, 1932.

No. 10.—Petition of WAIRARAPA FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, LTD., of Pahiatua, and 26 Others, and 74 Petitions of a similar nature as per Schedule attached.

PRAYING that the Commercial Trusts Act, 1910, be amended.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the Commercial Trusts Act was passed for the purpose of protecting the public as well as retailers against the fixation of prices by monopoly interests, the Committee is unanimously of opinion that tobacco (including cigarettes and cigars) should not be removed from the Schedule of the Act.

While the Committee could not recommend the removal of tobacco (including cigarettes and cigars) from the Schedule of the Commercial Trusts Act, they are of the opinion that the Government should make representations to all sections of the trade with a view to establishing more equitable trading conditions.

The Committee therefore recommends that the Petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

28th February, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

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7	C. G. Watson and 2 others.	68	E. F. Lee and 14 others.
8	Tattersall and Bayly and 14 others.	69	M. Shine and 8 others
9	G. F. Peters and 16 others.	70	M. Luttrell and 44 others.
11	W. E. Clouston and Co. and 29 others.	71	A. E. Crane and 16 others.
21	S. E. Priestnall and 4 others.	72	A. J. Entrican and Co. and 17 others.
22	A. J. Makepeace and 11 others.	73	W. E. Webb and 8 others.
23	J. Clowes and 4 others.	74	W. J. Harris and 6 others.
24	L. T. Cole and 31 others.	75	J. A. Peters and 12 others.
25	W. K. Hamilton and 9 others.	76	W. G. McDowell and 13 others.
26	F. E. Wilson and 59 others.	77	J. D. Clyde and 17 others.
27	H. E. Hook and 5 others.	78	J. Jensen and Son and 5 others.
28	A. J. Burns and 125 others.	79	J. Anderson and 8 others.
29	L. H. Brian and 46 others	80	W. T. Elliott and 46 others.
30	C. Jackson and 33 others.	81	R. White and Co. and 32 others.
31	Baillie and Co., Ltd., and 2 others.	82	D. Martin and 15 others.
32	Irene Ryan and 5 others.	83	C. L. Hunt and 24 others.
33	Skilton and Jones and 70 others.	84	A. B. Hall and 17 others
34	J. D. Forbes and 10 others.	85	Rose Bros., Ltd., and 6 others.
35	A. R. Phillips and 17 others.	86	W. J. Croker and 10 others.
36	G. C. Adams and 4 others.	87	H. O. Orsborn and 36 others.
37	J. H. Walker and 29 others.	88	E. Hyde and Son and 19 others.
38	J. Terril and 9 others.	89	M. E. Norton and 10 others.
39	J. Deere and 35 others.	90	D. Lewis and 12 others.
40	W. A. Webb and 107 others.	91	H. W. McNamara and 24 others.
41	G. Owen and Son and 110 others.	93	R. A. Campbell and 12 others.
42	H. J. Ruston and 2 others.	94	G. W. Hunt and 13 others.
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ADDITIONAL REPORT ON THE PROPOSALS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE
MANUFACTURE OF NITRATES.

AFTER full consideration the Committee is unanimously of the opinion that no company or organization should be granted a monopoly for the manufacture of nitrates.

28th February, 1933.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting on Friday, 24th day of February, 1933, the Industries and Commerce Committee by resolution expressed its appreciation of the services rendered by the Clerk, Mr. M. S. Pasley, and directed that the resolution be recorded on the minutes and reported to the House.

3rd March, 1933.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee, consisting of ten members, has held ten meetings during the session, with an average attendance of six members.

The Committee reported on the proposals referred to it relating to the sardine canning industry, the manufacture of nitrogen, cellulose, rubber products, and motor benzole at gasworks.

Eighty-eight petitions were referred to the Committee and reported on to the House. Twelve of these petitions referred to the resale of foodstuffs, and seventy-five to amendment of the Commercial Trusts Act, 1910.

3rd March, 1933.

A. D. McLEOD, Chairman.

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