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## INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(HON. A. D. McLEOD, CHAIRMAN.)

*Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.*

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### ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

FRIDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1933.

*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. de la Perrelle, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, the Hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. McSkimming, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. COBBE.)

TUESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1933.

*Ordered*, "That the petitions of the Associated Motorists Petrol Company, Limited, the New Zealand Farmers' Union, Incorporated, and the South Island (N.Z.) Motor Union, Incorporated, be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee."—(Mr. LINKLATER.)

THURSDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1933.

*Ordered*, "That the Hire of Films Bill be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee."—(Mr. LEE.)

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## REPORTS.

No. 187.—Petition of THORPE AND SON, of Onehunga, and 27 Others.

PRAYING that action be taken to establish fair trading-conditions with the sale of meat.

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

30th November, 1933.

## HIRE OF FILMS BILL.

I AM directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee an exhaustive inquiry into the Film Industry in all its bearings should be undertaken at the earliest possible date. That, in view of the amount of evidence offering and the limited time at the disposal of the Committee, it is impossible to undertake such inquiry during the present session. The Committee therefore recommends such inquiry be made by the Government, and, pending same, that the Hire of Films Bill be not allowed to proceed this session.

30th November, 1933.

No. 217.—Petition of ASSOCIATED MOTORISTS PETROL COMPANY, LIMITED, of Courtenay Place, Wellington; No. 218.—Petition of SOUTH ISLAND (N.Z.) MOTOR UNION, INCORPORATED, of Christchurch; No. 219.—Petition of THE NEW ZEALAND FARMERS' UNION, INCORPORATED, of Wellington.

PRAYING that legislation be enacted to provide for the fixation of prices of petrol with the intent to prevent unfair competition, or other action as may be advisable in the public interest.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion—(1) That the recent progressive fall in prices was due mainly to combination on the part of the major oil companies, with the object of crushing the Associated Motorists Petrol Company, Limited; (2) that present selling-prices are uneconomic, and are likely to result in destroying competition among sellers, thus bringing about monopoly; (3) that such monopoly will probably result in substantially increasing prices to consumers; (4) that in the public interest the petitions should be referred to the Government for immediate and most favourable consideration, with a recommendation that special legislation should be enacted to control selling-prices, or, in the alternative, that the powers provided in the Board of Trade Act, 1919, be invoked for that purpose.

5th December, 1933.

No. 47.—Petition of H. M. MEAD, of Shannon, and 6 Others, and sixty-six Similar Petitions as per Schedule attached.

PRAYING that action be taken under the Board of Trade Act, 1919, to establish fair trading-conditions in the retail tobacco trade, to develop the tobacco industry, and to protect consumers against monopoly prices.

I am directed to report that, while unable to recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the Government for favourable consideration, the Committee recommends the Government to give favourable consideration for the removal of tobacco (including cigarettes and cigars) from the Schedule of the Commercial Trusts Act, 1910, provided the manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers enter into agreement safeguarding consumers.

## SCHEDULE.

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62	Gardiner, K. C., and 22 others.	102	Adams, G. C., and 2 others.
63	Brown, C. D., and 59 others.	103	McClymont, G., and 45 others.
64	Simpson, J. H., and 52 others.	104	Asher, G., and 34 others.
65	Harvey, A., and 15 others.	109	Wilkinson, R. L. C., and 2 others.
66	Johnson, M. J., and 43 others.	110	Hoppy, R., and 4 others.
67	Dye, F., and Sons, and 17 others.	111	Lister, J. C., and 9 others.
68	Edwards, W. R., and 106 others.	112	MacClure and MacClure, and 26 others.
69	Andrews, A. S., and Sons, and 64 others.	113	Cooper and Hesp, and 8 others.
70	Dolores, P., and 33 others.	114	Milnes, V. H., and 79 others.
71	Harris, W. J., and 13 others.	115	Gillies, H., and 71 others.
79	Burns, W., and 57 others.	123	Collins, T., and 1 other.
80	Jensen, J., and Son, and 44 others.	124	Stowell, J. W., and Sons, and 18 others.
81	White, O. C., and 21 others.	125	Kinniburgh, A. E., and 36 others.
82	Feary, P. R., and 10 others.	133	Hamilton, W. K., and 12 others.
83	Deere, J., and 15 others.	134	Armit, R., and 118 others.
84	Turnbull, P. S., and 19 others.	135	Eccles Bros., and 17 others.
85	Kirby, W., and 34 others.	136	McDowell, J. A., and 6 others.
86	Richardson, R., and 26 others.	137	Giorgi, L., and 28 others.
87	Jordin, J. L., and 7 others.	142	Fowkes, E., and 19 others.
88	Petchford, R. G., and 3 others.	162	Johnston, K., and 17 others.
89	Walker, R., and Son, and 38 others.	163	Doig, J. A., and 36 others.
90	Priestnal, S. E., and 1 other.	164	Langmuir, W. R., and 12 others.
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92	Bainbridge, C., and 12 others.	171	Lightfoot L. J., and 57 others.
93	Cleal, H. J., and 30 others.	172	Brown, J. C., and 12 others.
94	Badcock, H. G., and 17 others.	173	Nunes, J., and 4 others.
95	Cock, L. L., and 9 others.	185	White, R., and Co., and 16 others.
96	Scrimshaw, A. A. H., and 12 others.	188	Clark, H. J., and 25 others.
97	Mitchell, W. A., and 8 others.	221	Edmonds, A. W., and 12 others.
98	Haybittle, E. C., and 20 others.	222	Armit, R. W., and 37 others.
99	Betten, L. A., and 14 others.	223	Duncan, C. W., and 33 others.

13th December, 1933.

## SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting on Thursday, 14th day of December, 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.

20th December, 1933.

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## 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. Seventy-one petitions were referred to the Committee and reported on to the House. Sixty-seven of these petitions asked that action be taken under the Board of Trade Act, 1919, to establish fair trading-conditions in the retail tobacco trade, three asked that legislation be enacted to provide for fixation of prices of petrol, and one that fair trading-conditions in the sale of meat be established. One Bill was referred to the Committee, and reported on to the House.

20th December, 1933.

A. D. McLEOD, Chairman.

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