1934–35. NEW ZEALAND.

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.

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 1934.

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

THURSDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 1934.

Ordered, "That the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Act Repeal Bill be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee."—(Mr. Harris.)

THURSDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 1934.

Ordered, "That all petitions referred to the Public Petitions A to L (Supplementary) Committee and the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee during the session of 1933, and not finally dealt with, be referred to the Public Petitions A to L and M to Z Committees respectively, and that all other petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1933 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

Wednesday, the 8th Day of August, 1934.

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

THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1934.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1934.

Ordered, "That the name of Mr Savage be discharged from the Industries and Commerce Committee and that of Mr. Jordan substituted therefor."—(Hon. Mr. Cobbe.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1934.

Ordered, "That the Cinematograph Films Amendment Bill be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee."—(Hon. Mr. YOUNG.)

FRIDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1934.

Ordered, "That the name of Mr. Sullivan be discharged from the Industries and Commerce Committee and that of Mr. Lee substituted therefor."—(Hon. Mr. Cobbe.)

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No. 98.—Petition of J. Hayes and 1,142 Others, and 16 Petitions of a Similar Nature, as per Schedule attached.

Praying for the repeal of the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Act, 1933.

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

The Committee, however, is of opinion that amendments to the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Act, 1933, are necessary, and suggests that the Milk Council should consist of not more than six members—two representing the Auckland City, to be elected by municipal voters; two representing suburban local bodies, to be elected by municipal voters; and two representing the producers, to be elected by vote of suppliers.

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17th August 1934.

AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN MILK ACT REPEAL BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee has carefully considered the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Act Repeal Bill, and recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

23rd August, 1934.

No. 260, 1933.—Petition of J. B. Moor and 80 Others, of Christchurch.

Praying for legislation to regulate the condition and methods of working in connection with carriers.

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

25th September, 1934.

No. 7.—Petition of S. H. Jansen and 4 Others, of 40 Stanley Street, Berhampore, and 60 Petitions of a Similar Nature, as per Schedule attached.

Praying that action be taken under the Board of Trade Act, 1919, to establish fair trading conditions in the retail bread trade, protecting both the consumer and manufacturer of bread.

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

The Committee is of the opinion, however, that the sale of bread on consignment is an undesirable practice, and recommends an investigation into its operation by the Industries and Commerce Department.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Petition.	Petitioner.	No. of Petition.	Petitioner.
8	McLeod Bros. and 12 others.	43	Davis, F., and 7 others.
9	Jones, A., and Son, and 5 others.	44	Hazelwood, J. A., and Co., and 9 others.
10	Kellow, W. A., and 22 others.	45	Yarrow, A. H., and 4 others.
11	Parsons, C., and 10 others.	46	Mullis, C. E., and Co., and 8 others.
12	Lever Bros., and 5 others.	47	May and Sons, Ltd., and 11 others.
13	Tonks, M. I., and 14 others	48	Whitford, C., and 9 others.
14	Bewley, G. F., and 2 others.	49	Ryan, T., and another.
15	Fraser, F., and 3 others.	50	Gregg, R. E., and 13 others.
16	Collins Bros., and 10 others.	51	Boniface Bros. and 10 others.
17	Linkhorn and Son and 6 others.	52	Derbie, J. R., and 8 others.
18	Mills, W. J., and 2 others.	53	Hall, R. F., and 9 others.
19	Start, R. B., and 10 others.	54	Ruston, C. S., and 16 others.
20	Buchanan, C., and 7 others.	55	Cornes, A. D., and 11 others.
21	Croucher, H., and Son and 9 others.	56	Hart, H., and 9 others.
$22 \cdot$	Kettle, H., and 5 others.	57	Ritchie, G. F., and 13 others.
23	Underhill, J., and 14 others.	58	Excelsior Bakery, Ltd., and another.
24	Hendry, W. C., and 8 others.	59	Laing, H., and 8 others.
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29	Ford, J. W., and 2 others.	68	Towersey, J., and 7 others.
30	McGregor, A., and 16 others.	69	Harrison Bros. and 2 others.
31	Dawe, F. H. J., and 11 others.	70	Brazier, G. E., and 3 others.
32	Stewart, C. E., and 13 others.	71	Whitehead, E., and 5 others.
33	Phillips, J. E., and 4 others.	76	Bonnett, N. M., and 12 others.
34	Bell, T. C., and 4 others.	77	Preston, F., and 17 others.
35	Johnson, L., and 13 others.	80	Bowman, P. J., and 11 others.
36	Williams, P. L., Ltd., and 8 others.	: 87	Griffen and Son and 9 others.
42	Joiner, J., and 10 others.	91	Gorman, P. O., and 7 others.

25th September, 1934.

A. D. McLeod, Chairman.

CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS AMENDMENT BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee has carefully considered the Cinematograph Films Amendment Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments shown in the copy of the Bill hereto attached.

25th October, 1934.

ALEX. HARRIS, for Chairman.

No. 177.—Petition of W. W. Thomson, of New Plymouth, and 9 Others, and 26 Petitions of a Similar Nature, as per Schedule attached.

Praying that a minimum retail price be forthwith fixed for the sale of motor-spirits.

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

The Committee, however, expresses the opinion that an investigation into the working of the Commercial Trusts Act with a view to preventing undue price-cutting is desirable, and recommends accordingly.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Petition.	Petitioner,	No. of Petition.	Petitioner.
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No. 139.—Petition of MILDRED A. BARWELL, of Ashburton.

Praying that legislation be enacted to prevent unfair competition in the photographic trade. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 30th October, 1934.

No. 320.—Petition of W. S. Wilson, of Wellington.

Praying that legislation be enacted with a view to encouraging reciprocal trading with other countries.

I have the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

5th March, 1935.

A. D. McLeod, Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee desires to place on record the valuable services rendered to the Committee by the Chairman, Hon. A. D. McLeod, whose courtesy, tact, and business ability has greatly assisted the harmonious activities of the Committee during the session; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House.

28th March, 1935.

ALEX. HARRIS, Member of Committee.

Special Report.

I have the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee desires to record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Clerk, Mr. M. S. Pasley, in the discharge of his various duties during the session; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House.

28th March, 1935.

FINAL REPORT.

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

One hundred and eight petitions were referred to the Committee and reported on to the House. Seventeen of these petitions referred to the repeal of the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Act, 1933, sixty-one to establish fair trading conditions in the retail bread trade, and twenty-six that a minimum retail price be forthwith fixed for the sale of motor-spirits.

The Committee considered and reported on to the House the following Bills: Auckland

Metropolitan Milk Act Repeal, and the Cinematograph Films Amendment Bill.

28th March, 1935.

A. D. McLeod, Chairman.

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