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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(Mr. W. A. BODKIN, CHAIRMAN.)

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ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1935.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all matters relating to school-teachers, education, and public instruction generally, public-school training of teachers, higher education, technical education, manual instruction, and such other matters affecting education as may be referred to it: the Committee to consist of Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bodkin, the Rev. Mr. Carr, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Holland, the Hon. Mr. McLeod, the Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Schramm, Mr. Sykes, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. SMITH.)

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1935.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1934-35 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

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No. 244, 1934.—Petition of W. A. Brown, or Dorset Avenue, New Plymouth, and 531 Others, and 43 Petitions of a Similar Nature, as per Schedule attached.

Praying that legislation be enacted providing for the enrolment of children at public schools

on attaining the age of five years.

I have the honour to report that, in view of the strong case made by the petitioners and of the fact that the five-year-old children were excluded as an economy measure, having regard to the improved condition of the country's finances, this Committee is of the opinion that the readmission of the five-year-old children to the schools should receive the most favourable consideration when the whole system of education comes up for review next year.

25th October, 1935.

SCHEDULE.

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245	W. Hollyman and 21 others.	267	W. G. H. Weadon and 1,210 others.
246	F. A. Rich and 8 others.	268	C. M. Robinson and 827 others.
247	G. Watson and 509 others.	269	R. R. Johnston and 76 others.
248	P. O. Veale and 401 others.	270	W. Murray and 1,077 others.
249	T. R. Hine and 165 others.	271	M. Milne and 333 others.
250	J. C. Hollyman and 122 others.	272	A. J. Pearce and 261 others.
251	W. Ireland and 966 others.	273	V. J. Taylor and 1,092 others.
252	J. S. Baskett and 349 others.	274	F. W. Cain and 829 others.
253	E. Fraser and 405 others.	275	M. Richmond and 1,144 others.
254	J. Kilkeny and 1,918 others.	276	E. Standen and 1,032 others.
255	J. L. Lock and 297 others.	277	W. G. Bond and 1,232 others.
256	R. H. Williamson and 667 others,	278	L. McCarthy and 1,086 others.
257	W. F. Thompson and 1,014 others.	279	J. Coglan and 133 others.
258	R. Fitzgerald and 279 others.	283	V. L. Manson and 1,512 others.
259	J. H. Mills and 540 others.	309	S. A. S. Hart.
260	S. A. Williams and 38 others.	310	W. T. London.
261	E. Lee and 138 others.	311	G. P. Williams and 21 others.
262	F. S. Hewer and 85 others.	312	H. Cleaver and 15 others.
263	A. Galloway and 258 others.	314	H. Byng and 184 others.
264	A. Allen and 1,195 others.	324	C. Best and 10 others
265	C. F. Riggs and 1,175 others.	1935.	
266	C. E. Grudgean and 307 others.	328	C. M. Symes and 26 others.

No. 146.—Petition of E. GOODALL, of Dunedin.

Praying for financial relief and the setting-up of a Commission to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the termination of his daughters' engagement with the Dunedin Training College.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

H. Atmore, for Chairman.

25th October, 1935.

Special Report.

I have the honour to report that the Education Committee desires to record its appreciation of the care, ability, and tact with which the Chairman, Mr. Bodkin, has conducted the business of the Committee throughout the session; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

S. G. Smith, a Member of the Committee.

25th October, 1935.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Education Committee desires to record its appreciation of the capable manner in which the Clerk, Mr. M. S. Pasley, has discharged 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.

25th October, 1935.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Education Committee, consisting of ten members, has held six meetings during the session, with an average attendance of five members. Fifty petitions were referred to the Committee, and forty-five petitions were considered and reported on to the House. Five petitions are held over until next year.

H. Atmore, for Chairman.

25th October, 1935.

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