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# GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. J. O'BRIEN, CHAIRMAN.)

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

## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

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

THURSDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 1936.

*Ordered*, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all Bills and other matters relating to mining which may be referred to it: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Denham, Mr. Herring, Mr. Holyoake, the Hon. Mr. Lee Martin, Mr. Moncur, Mr. O'Brien, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Thorn, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. SAVAGE, for Hon. Mr. WEBB.)

FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 1936.

*Ordered*, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1935 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Hon. Mr. SAVAGE.)

TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 1936.

*Ordered*, "That the Molyneux Gold Dredging Company (Claims Amalgamation) Bill be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Hon. Mr. WEBB.)

THURSDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF MAY, 1936.

*Ordered*, "That the Petition of F. Reed (No. 31/1936) be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Rev. Mr. CARR.)

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### No. 11.—Petition of W. H. EKLUND, of Waihi.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's phthisis pension or a compassionate allowance in lieu thereof.

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

30th April, 1936.

### No. 5.—Petition of T. POLAND, and 113 Others, of Thames.

PRAYING that A. C. Houghton be granted a miner's phthisis pension or a compassionate allowance in lieu thereof.

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

30th April, 1936.

### No. 1.—Petition of F. W. MURPHY, of Runanga.

PRAYING for compensation for injuries allegedly incurred in the State coal-mine, Rewanui.

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

15th May, 1936.

### No. 46.—Petition of A. H. ARBURY, and 41 Others, of Thames.

PRAYING that Henry Richard Rowe be granted a miner's phthisis pension or a compassionate allowance in lieu thereof.

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

15th May, 1936.

### No. 57.—Petition of G. STACE, of Waihi.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's phthisis pension or a compassionate allowance in lieu thereof.

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

15th May, 1936.

### MOLYNEUX GOLD DREDGING COMPANY (CLAIMS AMALGAMATION) BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee has duly considered the Molyneux Gold Dredging Company (Claims Amalgamation) Bill and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, without amendment.

28th May, 1936.

### No. 61.—Petition of F. REED, of Auckland.

PRAYING for an increase in his superannuation allowance.

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

20th August, 1936.

### No. 58.—Petition of D. MCGLENNON, of Thames.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's phthisis pension or a compassionate allowance in lieu thereof.

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

27th August, 1936.

## No. 142.—Petition of MARY A. NUTT, of Millerton.

PRAYING for a grant to cover expenses in connection with the death of her son, who was killed while prospecting.

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

27th August, 1936.

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## No. 107.—Petition of E. J. WILTON, and 39 Others, of Thames.

PRAYING that Frederick Cobb be granted a miner's phthisis pension or a compassionate allowance in lieu thereof.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in regard to this petition.

27th August, 1936.

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## No. 180.—Petition of H. J. DWYER, of Auckland.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's phthisis pension.

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

27th August, 1936.

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## No. 53.—Petition of J. W. DANBY, and 51 Others, of Thames.

PRAYING that T. Rowley be granted a miner's phthisis pension or a compassionate allowance in lieu thereof.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

29th September, 1936.

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## No. 149.—Petition of J. HALE, of Kaitangata.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's phthisis pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, but, as provision has been made by recent amendment of the Pensions Act for cases of this kind, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

29th September, 1936.

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## No. 227.—Petition of T. MORIARTY, of Stillwater.

PRAYING for additional compensation for alleged wrongful transfer of title to land and subsequent destruction of the said land by the dredging operations of a gold-mining company.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in regard to this petition.

29th September, 1936.

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## No. 187.—Petition of F. G. BIDDULPH, of Blackball.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance equivalent to a miner's phthisis pension.

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

31st October, 1936.

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## No. 156.—Petition of R. E. LAYBOURN, of Hikurangi.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's phthisis pension.

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

31st October, 1936.

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## No. 313.—Petition of J. COLLINS, of Runanga.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's phthisis pension.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petition is met by recent legislation, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

31st October, 1936.

J. O'BRIEN, Chairman.

## SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Goldfields and Mines Committee unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this Committee places on record its appreciation of the capable manner in which Mr. O'Brien, as Chairman, has conducted the business of the Committee, and of his interest and impartiality therein, and recommends that this resolution be reported to the House."

JAMES THORN, a Member of the Committee.

31st October, 1936.

## SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Goldfields and Mines Committee expressed, by resolution, its appreciation of the services throughout the session, of the Clerk of the Committee, Mr. E. M. Anderson, and directed that I should so report to the House.

31st October, 1936.

## FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that during the session the Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of ten members, has held ten meetings, with an average attendance at each meeting of seven members.

Seventeen petitions were referred to the Committee, sixteen were reported on and one is held over.

J. O'BRIEN, Chairman.

31st October, 1936.

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