

1874.
NEW ZEALAND.

COLONIAL INDUSTRIES,

(REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON).

Final Report brought up and ordered to be printed, 19th August, 1874.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 1874.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to recommend what steps, if any, should be taken to ascertain and develop the producing and manufacturing resources of the Colony; the Committee to have power to confer and act with any similar Committee of the Legislative Council on the same subject, and to make either a joint or a separate report; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum. Such Committee to consist of the following members:—Mr. Seymour, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. J. Shephard, Mr. Bryce, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Taiaoroa, Mr. Steward, Mr. Webb, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sheehan, the Hon. Mr. Reynolds, and the Mover.—(*Hon. Mr. Richardson.*)

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1874.

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Steward be discharged from the Colonial Industries Committee.—(*Mr. Steward.*)

REPORT No. 1.

I AM directed by the Committee to report that, having taken evidence upon the subjects of Coal and Iron, in connection with the Coal and Iron Company, Collingwood District, the Committee unanimously passed the following resolution:—

“That the Government be urged to take into consideration the alternative proposals hereto annexed, with the view to the adoption of one of them, upon such terms as the Government think fit, in order to insure the establishment of the manufacture of iron in the Collingwood District; and that, failing such arrangements, the Government should earnestly consider the propriety of establishing Iron Works on behalf of the colony.”

WM. ARCHD. MURRAY,
Chairman.

14th August, 1874.

Proposals of Mr. Anderson.

1st. That the Government should make the Tramway from the Mine to the site of the Works, a distance of three or four miles, which would be also available for the shipment of coal from this and other mines.

2nd. That the General Government advance the sum of £5,000, to enable the Company to take up the unsubscribed shares: the Company to give security to the approval of the Government.

3rd. That the Government guarantee interest upon capital paid up and expended at the rate of 5 per cent. for ten years upon an amount not exceeding £40,000: the Company to repay any such payments by the Government by refunds out of the bonus or out of future profits of the Company: the term for claiming the bonus to be extended to 30th June, 1876.

REPORT No. 2.

I AM directed by the Committee on Colonial Industries to report, that the Committee having taken evidence, hereto appended, recommends—

Paper.

That in the event of the bonus offered for the manufacture of paper not being claimed, the sum of £1,500 should be offered for the production of the first 50 tons of grey or wrapping paper, and the sum of £1,000 be offered for the production of the first 50 tons of printing paper, and that the bonus be claimable any time before the 30th of June, 1876—the conditions being the same as those previously recommended.