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NEW ZEALAND.

MANUFACTURES AND INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE, TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF EVIDENCE).

Report brought up 6th October, 1892, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 1892.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed to consider how the manufactures and industries of the colony may be encouraged. The Committee to consist of Mr. Buckland, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Sir John Hall, Mr. Lawry, Hon. Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. E. M. Smith, Mr. Tanner, and the mover; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum; and to report within a month."—(Hon. Mr. REEVES.)

FRIDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 1892.

Ordered, "That the petition of Edward Smyth and others be referred to the Manufactures and Industries Committee."—(Mr. T. THOMPSON.)

TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 1892.

Ordered, "That the petition of Thomas Skelton and others be referred to the Manufactures and Industries Committee."—(Mr. SHERA.)

THURSDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1892.

Ordered, "That the petition of R. Dawson and others, of Alexandra, be referred to the Manufactures and Industries Committee."—(Mr. C. H. MILLS.)

REPORT.

YOUR Committee have the honour to report having received numerous communications, and have also obtained the evidence upon several subjects which is annexed to this report. To deal in a satisfactory manner with the various subjects brought under consideration would require much more time and minute investigation than is at the disposal of your Committee. The development of our manufactures and industrial pursuits would properly form a subject for the continued attention of Parliamentary Committees, regularly brought into operation at the commencement of each session; thus the work of one sessional Committee could be revised and added to by its successor.

Upon the appointment of the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries Committee, your Committee transferred to it papers received and evidence taken upon the fruit and dairy industries.

Notes and suggestions are offered upon some subjects indicated in the list marked A. List B enumerates subjects of inquiry which have not advanced beyond receiving preliminary evidence or correspondence.

Subjects considered by the Manufactures and Industries Committee to the 4th October, 1892:—

A.—Reported upon, with Memoranda and Evidence.

1, colonial ammunition factory; 2, iron; 3, galvanising and corrugation of iron; 4, machinery; 5, leather; 6, kauri timber; 7, coal.

B.—Not reported on: Memoranda and Evidence only.

1, bottle manufactory; 2, carpet manufactory; 3, cement; 4, cocoa trade; 5, cork; 6, fish-curing; 7, glassware; 8, hat manufactory; 9, hæmatite; 10, monuments and tombstones; 11, oil, seals, &c.; 12, paper; 13, sheep-dip; 14, sugar; 15, woollen manufacture; 16, writing-inks; 17, the manufacture of fibre from flax and tussock grass.

Referred, with evidence, &c., to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries Committee: Dairy, fruit, and bacon-curing.