1896. NEW ZEALAND.

GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF).

JAMES McGOWAN, CHAIRMAN.

Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 25TH DAY of JUNE, 1896.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 211 be suspended, and that a Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of fifteen members, be appointed, to which shall be referred all matters relating to mining, and all Bills relating to mines; five to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Carneross, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Guinness, Mr. W. Kelly, Hon. Mr. Larnach, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. McGowan, Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. Mills, Mr. O'Regan, Hon. Mr. Seddon, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. Cadman.)

FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, 1896.

Ordered, "That the Goldfields and Mines Committee have power to call for persons and papers,"

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No. 73.—Petition of John Galway, of Grey District, West Coast.

PETITIONER claims compensation for damage done to his farm and grazing-land through the action of sludge from mining workings.

The Committee, having given careful consideration to the matters involved in the petition of John Galway, recommend that the said petition be referred to the favourable consideration of the Government.

9th July, 1896.