

2. Alternative report by the Hon. Mr. Bolt. [See Appendix F.]

3. Sundry papers—namely: 1, Extracts from Mr. J. E. March's report—C.-12, 1895; 2 and 3, Reports by Colonel Goldstein for 1896-97 on the State farm at Leongatha; 4, Report of Mr. J. E. March on settlement associations in South Australia and New South Wales; 5, Mr. March's remarks, "What may be done in New Zealand"; 6, Departmental report for 1898 on Co-operative Settlements in South Australia; 7, Detailed information relative to the Levin State Farm by the Labour Department. [See Appendix G.]

Mr. Flatman read (4) a paper on the subject of State farms. [See Appendix H.]

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pinkerton, *Resolved*, That the paper read by Mr. Flatman be printed.

On motion of Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That Mr. J. E. March and Mr. Mackay be summoned to give evidence before the Committee.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Rigg, *Resolved*, That Mr. Le Grove, Mr. Monro, and Mr. Ensom be summoned to give evidence.

The Hon. Mr. Pinkerton moved, That the evidence taken before this Committee be taken down in shorthand.

And the question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

Ayes, 6.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Flatman, Hon. Mr. Jennings, Hon. Mr. Pinkerton, Hon. Mr. Rigg, Hon. W. C. Walker.

Noes, 7.—Mr. Bollard, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Mr. Jenkinson, Mr. Massey, Mr. W. H. Montgomery, Hon. Mr. Williams.

So it passed in the negative.

It was resolved that this Committee meet again on Tuesday, the 27th September, at 11 a.m.

Then the Committee adjourned.

TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

The Joint Committee met at 11 a.m.

Present: Hon. Mr. Bolt (Chairman), Mr. Bollard, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Flatman, Hon. Mr. Jenkinson, Hon. Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Millar, Mr. Montgomery, Hon. Mr. Pinkerton, Hon. Mr. Rigg, Hon. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. E. March attended and gave evidence, Mr. Le Grove attended and gave evidence, Mr. Monro attended and gave evidence, Mr. Ensom attended and gave evidence; and, being thanked, they withdrew.

Mr. Bollard laid upon the table (5) a paper on the subject before the Committee, which was read. [See Appendix I.]

Mr. Millar read (6) a paper on the same subject. [See Appendix J.]

Resolved, That the paper read by Mr. Millar be printed.

Mr. Flatman moved, That the paper submitted by Mr. Bollard be printed.

The Committee deliberated.

Motion made, and question proposed, That this debate be now adjourned.

And the question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

Ayes, 4.—Hon. Mr. Bonar, Hon. Mr. Jenkinson, Mr. Millar, Mr. Montgomery.

Noes, 4.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Flatman, Hon. Mr. Rigg.

The numbers being equal, the Hon. the Chairman gave his casting-vote with the Ayes.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate adjourned.

Mr. J. E. March laid on the table a letter from Colonel Goldstein. [See Appendix K.]

Mr. Ensom laid before the Committee a report by the Progressive Liberal Association, relative to subjects before the Committee.

Then the Committee adjourned till to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1890.

The Joint Committee met at 11 a.m. pursuant to notice.

Present: Hon. Mr. Bolt (Chairman), Mr. Bollard, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Flatman, Hon. Mr. Jenkinson, Mr. Massey, Mr. Montgomery, Hon. Mr. Pinkerton, Hon. Mr. Rigg, Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker, Hon. Mr. Williams.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Mackay, Chief Clerk of the Labour Department, attended and gave evidence, and, being thanked, withdrew.

Then the Committee adjourned till Friday, 30th September.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1898.

The Joint Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Hon. Mr. Bolt (Chairman), Mr. Bollard, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Flatman, Hon. Mr. Jenkinson, Mr. Millar, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Pinkerton, Hon. Mr. Rigg, Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

A paper containing further details relative to the working of the Levin State Farm, furnished by Mr. Mackay, as requested by the Hon. Chairman, was laid before the Committee. [See Appendix L.]