

Ordered, "That the petitions of Toka Potangaroa and others and Hone McMillan and others be referred to the Otaki-Porirua and Papawai-Kaikokirikiri Trusts Committee."—(Mr. O'BRIEN.)

Ordered, "That the petitions of Henare Tahiri and others, Wirihana Rawhira Paku and others, Wiremu Tahana and others, D. Ransfield and others, Te Hioirangi Te Whaiti and others, the Porirua College Trust Board, and the Papawai and Kaikokirikiri Trusts Board be referred to the Otaki-Porirua and Papawai-Kaikokirikiri Trusts Committee."—(Hon. Sir APIRANA NGATA.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1942.

Ordered, "That the petition of Kahurautete Durie and others be referred to the Otaki-Porirua and Papawai-Kaikokirikiri Trusts Committee."—(Mr. LOWRY.)

FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1942.

Ordered, "That the Otaki-Porirua and Papawai-Kaikokirikiri Trusts Committee have power to sit during the recess and for fourteen days after the commencement of the next session at such times as the Committee may see fit: the Committee to report to the House before the expiration of fourteen days after the commencement of the next session."—(Hon. Mr. MASON.)

FRIDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 1943.

Ordered, "That the period set down by order of the House dated 4th December, 1942, within which the Otaki-Porirua and Papawai-Kaikokirikiri Trusts Committee was required to present its report be extended for a further period of seven days to enable the Committee to complete its deliberations and prepare its report."—(Hon. Mr. MASON.)

REPORT OF THE OTAKI-PORIRUA AND PAPAWAI-KAIKOKIRIKIRI TRUSTS COMMITTEE.

In the matter of the following petitions: No. 65/1941, TOKA POTANGAROA and Others; No. 66/1941, HONE McMILLAN and Others.

PRAYING that, whereas certain lands at Porirua, Otaki, Papawai, and Kaikokirikiri were Crown-granted to the Bishop of New Zealand in the year 1853 by Sir George Grey for the education of children of British subjects of all races and of children of other poor and destitute persons being inhabitants of the islands of the Pacific Ocean on the promise that colleges or schools were about to be established in the districts named, and whereas no college or school has been built with the exception of certain spasmodic and unsuccessful efforts over the past ninety years, and whereas the lands have not produced sufficient revenue to carry out the purpose of the said trusts, legislation be enacted to establish trust boards in the Wairarapa and Manawatu districts respectively with a view to establishing hostels in the vicinity of existing State colleges under the management of the Native Trustee, and that none of the trust lands be sold except with the consent of the donor tribes.

And the petitions of No. 26/1942, HENARE TAHIRI and Others; No. 27/1942, WIRIHANA RAWIRI PAHU and Others; No. 28/1942, WIREMU TAHANA and Others; No. 29/1942, DAN RANSFIELD and Others; No. 30/1942, TE HIOIRANGI TE WHAITI and Others; No. 31/1942, PORIRUA TRUST BOARD; No. 32/1942, PAPAWAI and KAIKOKIRIKIRI TRUSTS BOARD; No. 36/1942, KAHURAUTETE DURIE and Others.

PRAYING that no action be taken regarding the two aforementioned petitions numbered 65 and 66 of 1941, and that no such legislation as therein prayed be recommended or granted, as the existing Porirua College Trust Board and Papawai and Kaikokirikiri Trusts Board propose to seek legislation to grant scholarships at Church of England schools to cover allowances for clothes, books, travelling, tuition, and board fees and to make grants to parents and guardians of scholars attending local schools where desirable, to appoint extra Maori representatives on each Board, and a representative of the Education Department.

The Committee has the honour to report that it has heard voluminous evidence from the petitioners, including a large amount of documentary evidence and addresses of counsel. Meetings have been convened by the Committee in the areas in which the trust lands are situated, and the Committee has carefully considered the reports of such meetings.

As a result of its deliberations the Committee recommends:—

(1) That in consideration of the fact that the lands referred to in the petitions were vested in the Church of England for the education of the Maoris in the Porirua, Otaki, Masterton, and Greytown districts, and that the inability of the Church to administer the trusts according to the original intention was not due to any fault of its own, the trusts be continued in the name of the Church of England and as far as possible be administered so as to provide the educational training contemplated by the Maoris when the lands were gifted.

(2) That with a view to the administration of the trusts to the satisfaction of the Maoris concerned the Committee is of opinion that the Boards governing the trusts should be representative of the Church of England, of the Maoris, and of the Education Department.

(3) That the lands at Porirua and Otaki given by the Ngatitoa, Ngatiraukawa, and Ngatiawa, together with the assets derived therefrom, shall be administered to carry out as far as is practicable the terms and intentions of the original grant, but the Committee is of opinion that the Trust Board should emphasize assistance in the education of the members of these tribes, including all their descendants.