

1903.
NEW ZEALAND.

EXTENSION OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE, ON THE FROZEN MEAT TRADE OF THE COLONY), TOGETHER WITH
MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

(MR. THOMAS MACKENZIE, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on Wednesday, the 11th day of November, 1903, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1903.

Ordered, That Standing Order No. 211 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of nineteen members, to inquire into and report as to the best means of promoting the commerce of the colony, and the sale of the colony's produce in markets other than those at present obtainable; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Aitken, Mr. Barber, Mr. Bollard, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Field, Mr. Hanan, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Harving, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Houston, Mr. Laurensen, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. McNab, Mr. Millar, Sir W. R. Russell, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Witheford, and the mover.—(Hon. Sir J. G. WARD.)

TUESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 1903.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 67 H. (estimate of capital required, cost of fitting up depot, expenses of business, cost of stock, sale of stock, profit of business for the working of depot for the sale of New Zealand meat in a large centre of population in England, and No. 66 H. (New Zealand meat—distribution in the markets of Great Britain), be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.—(Right Hon. R. J. SEDDON.)

REPORT.

YOUR Committee have the honour to report that they have investigated the position of the meat trade of the colony both here and abroad, and have taken evidence concerning the same.

The following witnesses were examined: Messrs. H. C. Cameron, Produce Commissioner, London; Captain Pearse, of the *Pastoralists' Review*, Melbourne; Dilnot Sladden, general manager, Wellington Meat Export Company; John Holmes, merchant, Wellington; F. J. Shelton, late proprietor Gisborne Freezing-works; William Nelson (of Nelson Bros.), Tomoana, Hawke's Bay; and Gilbert Anderson, managing director, Christchurch Meat Company.