## 1903. NEW ZEALAND.

## JOINT AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND STOCK COMMITTEE:

REPORT ON FERTILISERS BILL, TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF EVIDENCE AND APPENDIX.

(Hon. Mr. ORMOND, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on Thursday, the 22nd October, 1903, and ordered to be printed.

## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the Legislative Council. THURSDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, 1903.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 162 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed to consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries and stock, with power to sit and confer with any similar Committee that may be appointed by the House of Representatives, and to agree to a joint or separate report; with power to call for persons, papers, and records: the Committee to consist of the Hon. Mr. Baldey, the Hon. Mr. Bowen, the Hon. Major Harris, the Hon. Mr. T. Kelly, the Hon. Mr. W. Kelly, the Hon. Mr. McLean, the Hon. Mr. Ormond, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Smith, the Hon. Mr. L. Walker, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. Pitt.)

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 consisting of twelve members be Orderea, "That Standing Order No. 211 be suspended, and that a Committee consisting of twelve members be appointed to consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries and stock, with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate report; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. Massey, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Rutherford, the Hon. Sir W. J. Steward, Mr. Symes, and the mover."— (Hon. Mr. Duncan.) FRIDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1903.

Ordered, "That the names of Mr. Bollard and Mr. McLachlan be added to the Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Duncan.)

Extract from the Journals of the Legislative Council.

TUESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1903.

Ordered, "That the Fertilisers Bill be referred to the Joint Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee."-(Hon. Mr. PITT.)

## REPORT.

THE Joint Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee to whom was referred the above-mentioned Bill, having taken evidence and carefully considered the whole question of fertilisers and the legislation necessary in connection with their purchase and sale, now have the honour to report to your honourable House that they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed subject to the amendments shown on a copy of the Bill hereto attached.

A copy of the evidence taken by your Committee accompanies this report.

Parliament Buildings, 21st October, 1903.

J. D. Ormond, Chairman.

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