

1904.
NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE:

REPORT ON THE PETITION OF THOMAS KING AND OTHERS: TOGETHER WITH MINUTES
OF EVIDENCE THEREON.

(MR. SYMES, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on the 30th September, 1904, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1904.

Ordered, "That a Public Petitions A to L Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed to consider all petitions that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereupon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Hall, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. Remington, Mr. Symes, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wood, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MILLS.)

TUESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1904.

Ordered, "That the name of the Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones be substituted for the name of the Hon. Mr. Mills on the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—(Hon. Mr. MILLS.)

REPORT.

No. 545.—Petition of THOMAS KING, of Bull's, and 11 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that steps be taken for the completion of railway communication—Levin to Greatford.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, and that the evidence taken thereon should be laid upon the table of the House.

30th September, 1904

WALTER SYMES, Chairman.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

FRIDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

Mr. J. Vile: Mr. Chairman, I presented the petition, you will remember, on behalf of the local bodies interested. I do not know that I have anything further to state than I stated at the time when I presented the petition, and when speaking on the Railway Appropriation Bill. It seems to me that it is a matter of some moment to the local authorities and to the people who are residing in this particular locality and through the Manawatu, and I hope you will weigh carefully all the evidence that may be brought before you so that at least if nothing happens now, by-and-by something may be done. Mr. Purnell, the Clerk of the Manawatu County Council, has the whole matter and a large number of points to put before you, the whole of which it may not be necessary to go into just now, as it will be laid on the table and afterwards made use of.