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AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND STOCK COMMITTEE:

REPORT ON QUESTION OF "BLACK-LEG" IN CATTLE, TOGETHER WITH COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

(Mr. Lawry, Chairman.)

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

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives. THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1904.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 218 be suspended, and that a Committee consisting of fourteen 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 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. Bollard, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. Massey, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Sir W. J. Steward, Mr. Symes, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. Duncan.)

REPORT.

QUESTION OF "BLACK-LEG" IN CATTLE.

The Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence on the question of "black-leg" in cattle, have the honour to report as follows:—

1. That it is expedient that effect be given to the recommendations of the Department as to the enforcement of quarantine in the district mentioned—viz., "the district lying between the Mokau and Wanganui Rivers, or within a larger or lesser area as circumstances may require."

2. That it is expedient that vaccination be enforced within an area to be described in the

Gazette, being the area within which the disease is known to exist.

3. That in the area aforesaid prescribed, or any affected area, the owners be required to burn the carcases of all animals found dead from disease."

Tuesday, 30th August, 1904.

FRANK LAWRY, Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Department of Agriculture, Head Office, Wellington, 26th July, 1904.

The Chairman, Joint Agricultural, Pastoral and Stock Committee.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of correspondence in regard to the cattle-disease known as "black-leg."

The Government will be glad to have the Committee's opinion on the matter.

T. Y. DUNCAN,

Minister for Agriculture.