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AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND STOCK COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(REPORTS OF).

Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the Legislative Council.
WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE, 1904.

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 of 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. Walker, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. PITT.)

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 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.)

REPORTS.

JOINT AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND STOCK COMMITTEE.

(Hon. Mr. T. KELLY, Chairman.)

FERTILISERS BILL.

THE Joint Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee, to whom was referred the above-mentioned Bill, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments shown in the copy of the Bill attached hereto. (Vide also Appendix I.-12.)

16th August, 1904.

AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND STOCK COMMITTEE.

(Mr. LAWRY, Chairman.)

BLACK-LEG IN CATTLE.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee, to whom were referred 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—namely, "the district lying between the Wanganui and Mokau 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. (Vide also Appendix I.-12a.)

30th August, 1904.

FARRIERS BILL.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee, to whom was referred the Farriers Bill, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the said Bill, and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

30th September, 1904.

No. 743.—Petition of James Topham and 129 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that some alteration may be made in the Stock Act Amendment Act relating to compensation for condemned cattle.

I have to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

30th September, 1904.

No. 874.—Petition of T. R. Walton, of Petone, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the facts of his dismissal.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 30th September, 1904.

No. 492.—Petition of Donald Kerr. (No. 1.)

Petitioner prays that his claim be referred to arbitration.

I have to report that the Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Public Trustee (Mr. Poynton) for his decision, and that no further evidence be taken, the decision of the Public Trustee to be final.

6th October, 1904.

No. 492.—Petition of Donald Kerr. (No. 2.)

REFERRING to the report on this petition presented on the 6th October, 1904, I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the same be referred to the Government with a view to effect being given thereto.

14th October, 1904.

JOINT AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, AND STOCK COMMITTEE.

(Hon. Mr. J. D. Ormond, Chairman.)

Letter from the Hon. The Minister for Agriculture relating to Noxious Weeds. I have to report that the Committee, having considered the above, recommends that the following plants be included in the Third Schedule of "The Noxious Weeds Act, 1900": namely, hemlock, pennyroyal, St. John's wort, tutsan, and fennel.

19th October, 1904.

No. 879.—Petition of J. A. McKenna and 336 Others.

Petitioners pray that an agricultural college be established at the Momohaki Experimental Farm.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

3rd November, 1904.

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