

AUCTIONEERS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom was referred the Auctioneers Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

18th November, 1910.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BILL.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom was referred the Public Holidays Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

18th November, 1910.

No. 755.—Petition of REES WATKINS and 2 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the inclusion of St. David's Day in the list of bank holidays.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the matter be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

24th November, 1910.

No. 441.—Petition of DONALD KERR, of 298 Tinakori Road, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that his claim for salary and compensation be referred to arbitration.

I am directed to report that, in order, if possible, to reach finality in connection with petitioner's claim for salary during suspension between the 24th June, 1898, and the 30th October, 1902, when he was dismissed, the matter should be referred to arbitration—preferably before a Stipendiary Magistrate—and the Committee recommends this course to the favourable consideration of the Government.

24th November, 1910.

SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee has the honour to report that, at a meeting held on the 23rd instant, the following resolution was passed:—

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Committee be accorded to the Chairman (Mr. Lawry) for the able, fair, and impartial manner in which he has conducted the business, and for his courtesy to the members of the Committee and the various petitioners and that this motion be recorded on the minutes and reported to the House.

24th November, 1910.

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