

1911.
NEW ZEALAND

RAILWAYS COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF) ON THE PETITION OF THE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS;
TOGETHER WITH THE PETITION, DEPARTMENTAL REPORT, AND MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

(MR. HOGAN, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on the 27th October, 1911, and ordered to be printed.

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1911.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to examine and report upon questions relating to the railways; with power to call for persons and papers: three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Brown, Mr. Buick, Mr. Craigie, Mr. Hine, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Ross, Mr. Witty, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MILLAR.)

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Dominion of New Zealand in Parliament assembled.

THE petition of the AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS, for and on behalf of itself the said society and members thereof, humbly sheweth,—

That your petitioner now desires to withdraw the petition presented to your honourable House in the session of 1910, and substitute the following :—

That your petitioner is the society referred to in section 121 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, as the "Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants." That your petitioner has from time to time made representations on various matters respecting the regulations governing the service, conditions of employment, and other matters of vital importance to its members, without redress. We therefore humbly pray that your honourable House will consider the various matters stated and set forth in the petition, and say whether our claims in these respects are just and reasonable.

Wages.

We desire,—

1. That a 10 per cent. increase in wages shall be granted to all branches of the Railway service throughout the Second Division.

2. That men termed "hour-to-hour casuals" be paid not less than 1s. 3d. per hour and given the usual privileges.

3. That all men engaged in shunting operations be paid as shunters.

4. That the Classification Act be amended so as to maintain the full percentages in both grades.

5. That when a man is brought on duty he be paid not less than half a day's pay.

6. That 6d. per day tool allowance be granted to carpenters.