

REPORTS.

EDUCATION BILL (*vide* also I.—13A).

THE Education Committee, to which was referred the Education Bill, has the honour to report that it has fully considered the Bill, taken evidence thereon, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed as amended in the copy attached hereto.

The copy of the minutes of evidence is attached hereto (*vide* I.—13A).

30th September, 1914.

No. 203.—Petition of EMILY A. CHAPLIN and 1,100 Others.

PRAYING that the educational claims of girls and infants be recognized by making special provision for the appointment to the Council of Education of women members who have had practical experience in primary schools.

I am directed to report that the subject-matter of the petition has been considered and dealt with in the Education Bill as reported to the House.

No. 216.—Petition of AUCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSISTANT MASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

PRAYING that house allowance be granted to married assistant masters in primary schools.

I am directed to report that the subject-matter of the petition has been considered and dealt with in the Education Bill as reported to the House.

No. 232.—Petition of AUCKLAND WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE (ROSETTA BAUME and 2,166 Others).

PRAYING that in the event of a Council of Education being set up, women should have representation on the said Council.

I am directed to report that the subject-matter of the petition has been considered and dealt with in the Education Bill as reported to the House.

No. 286.—Petition of D. W. DUNLOP and 25 Others, and 14 similar Petitions (as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING that the proposed subdivision of the Auckland Education District be not given effect to.

I am directed to report that the subject-matter of the petitions has been considered and dealt with in the Education Bill as reported to the House.

30th September, 1914.

SCHEDULE.

No. 402.—Armstrong, J., and 109 others.
No. 414.—Bass, Elsa G., and 278 others.
No. 322.—Bishoprick, C., and 17 others.
No. 345.—Burns, —, and 8 others.
No. 354.—Clifford, H., and 10 others.
No. 295.—Kay, William, and 87 others.
No. 314.—Lowe, F. E., and 74 others.

No. 332.—Lorking, S., and 3 others.
No. 344.—Lowe, Henry, and 9 others.
No. 374.—McLean, E. M., and 68 others.
No. 317.—Rennick, J. W., and 5 others.
No. 440.—Shaw, J. L., and 159 others.
No. 401.—Taylor, Alfred, and 149 others.
No. 400.—Wilson, H. B., and 6 others.

No. 426.—Petition of H. J. FLETCHER and 27 Others.

PRAYING that better school accommodation be provided at the Taupo District School.

I am directed to report that the Education Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th September, 1914.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Education Committee, to which was referred the New Zealand University Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has considered the Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed as amended in the copy attached hereto.

2nd October, 1914.

No. 451.—Petition of JANET A. FINLAYSON.

PRAYING that she be granted relief in respect of the loss of status as a teacher in the Island Bay School.

I am directed to report that the Education Committee recommend, although the time has passed in which the petitioner has a right to appeal, that the Minister, in accordance with section 220 of the present Act, grant the petitioner leave to bring the case before the Court of Appeal.

7th October, 1914.