

REGULATIONS UNDER THE MINING ACT, 1908.—PARLIAMENTARY PAPER 166.

THE Goldfields and Mines Committee, to which was referred Parliamentary Paper 166, Regulations under the Mining Act, 1908, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and made amendment therein, and recommends the amendments to the consideration of the Government.

21st September, 1915.

No. 576 (1914).—Petition of WALTER SMITH, of Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation for being the first discoverer of gold at the junction of the Greenstone and Taramakau Rivers.

I am directed to report the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.

28th September, 1915.

COAL-MINES AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Goldfields and Mines Committee, to which was referred the Coal-mines Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

28th September, 1915.

MINING AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Goldfields and Mines Committee, to which was referred the Mining 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 as shown on copy attached hereto.

28th September, 1915.

No. 302.—Petition of R. JOHNSON.

PRAYING for remission of rents and rates on special mining claims.

I am directed to report that as the remission, which is revenue of local authorities, can only be made by the Minister at the request of the local authorities, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th October, 1915.

No. 387.—Petition of L. GABRIEL, of Reefton.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance for being the first discoverer of gold on the west coast of the South Island of this Dominion.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee, owing to the valuable services rendered by petitioner to the Dominion and his advanced years, this petition should be referred to the Government for immediate and favourable consideration.

7th October, 1915.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services of the Chairman (R. Scott, Esq.) rendered to the Committee during the session.

7th October, 1915.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Committee held seven meetings during the session, and dealt with the following business: Paper 166, Regulations under the Mining Act, 1908, the Mining Amendment Bill, and the Coal-mines Amendment Bill; also three petitions on which the Committee had no recommendation to make, one which was referred to the Government for consideration, and one which was referred to the Government for immediate and favourable consideration.

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