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NEW ZEALAND.

GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1915.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Goldfields and Mines Committee be appointed, consisting of twelve members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to mining and all Bills relating to mines; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bollard, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Poland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Scott, Mr. Seddon, Mr. W. Stewart, Mr. Walker, Mr. Webb, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

FRIDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1915.

Ordered, "That the name of the Hon. Mr. MacDonald be added to the list of members of the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

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REPORTS.

No. 77.—Petition of ALEXANDER MACKAY, of Paeroa.

PRAYING for compensation for the discovery of gold in the Thames district.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
26th August, 1915.

No. 150.—Petition of PATERSON BROS., of Queenstown.

PRAYING for relief in connection with Customs duties paid and to be paid on mining-machinery imported into the Dominion.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view of having the Customs laws amended in the direction of allowing mining machinery intended exclusively for mining purposes to be imported free of duty, under proper safeguards.

26th August, 1915.

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.

7th October, 1915.

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