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MEAT EXPORT TRADE COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF): TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF EVIDENCE, EXHIBITS, AND APPENDICES.

Report brought up 25th October, and, together with the Minutes of Evidence, Exhibits, and Appendices, ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1917.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to inquire into and report upon the present position and future prospects of the export meat trude of the Dominion, and more particularly the operation of the organization known as the American Meat Trust; with power to call for perso s and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Anstey, Mr. W. H. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Lee, Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Dr. A. K. Newman, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Scott, Mr. Talbot, and the mover."—(Right Hon. Mr. Massey.)

FRIDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1917.

Ordered, "That the number of members of the Select Committee appointed to inquire i to and report upon the present position and future prospects of the export meat trade of the Dominion, and more particularly the operations of the organization known as the American Meat Trust, be increased to fourteen by the addition of the names of Mr. Dickie, Mr. T. A. H. Field, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Witty."—(Right Hon. Mr. Massey.)

FRIDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1917.

Ordered, "That the names of the Hon, Mr. Ngata and Mr. Anderson be added to the Meat Export Trade mittee,"—(Right Hon, Mr. Massey.) Committee.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the present position and future prospects of the export meat trade of the Dominion, and more particularly the operation of the organization known as the American Meat Trust, has the honour to report that the Committee held twenty-three meetings and examined the following witnesses:-

Right Hon. W. F. Massey.

Dr. C. J. Reakes, Director Live-stock Division, Agricultural Department. Mr. W. H. Millward, managing director Gear Meat Company.

Mr. W. G. Foster, managing director Wellington Meat Export Company. Mr. M. A. Eliott, partner Mellsop, Eliott, and Co., Palmerston North.

Mr. H. J. Gill, managing director East Coast Freezing Company.

Mr. A. S. Paterson, merchant (A. S. Paterson and Co.).

Mr. J. C. Cooper, managing director Wellington Farmers' Meat Company.

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