

1919.
NEW ZEALAND

AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, STOCK, AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. HUNTER, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of thirteen members, to consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries, stock, and commerce; with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate report: the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Anstey, the Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Dickie, Mr. W. H. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hunter, the Hon. Mr. MacDonald, the Right Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. Nash, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. GUTHRIE.)

THURSDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Ordered, "That the name of the Hon. Mr. Nosworthy be added to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Ordered, "That Paper No. 142, 'Report on Phosphate Islands in the Pacific,' be referred to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee for consideration and report."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

Ordered, "That the petition of Checkley Bros. and another, and all subsequent petitions on the same subject, be referred direct to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Mr. W. H. FIELD.)

THURSDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1919.

Ordered, "That the report on the petition of Donald Kerr be referred back to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee for further consideration."—(MR. LUKE.)

REPORTS.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER NO. 142 (H.-29B), NAURU ISLAND.

I AM directed to report that the Committee recommends that Parliament approves the Nauru agreement as arranged between the three Governments concerned and the company which has secured the rights to exploit the phosphate deposits of Nauru Island, and further recommends the Government to have a statement prepared for publication in the *Agricultural Journal* and for distribution among farmers, furnishing all necessary information in connection with the supply of phosphates from Nauru Island.

9th October, 1919.

No. 245. —Petition of CHECKLEY BROS. and Another, of Rahiti (and 32 other similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for reimbursement out of the Consolidated Fund of the difference between the local and export prices of butter.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

22nd October, 1919.