

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.

SCHEDULE.

No. 201.—Charles P. Roke and 39 others.
 No. 202.—John J. Sturge and 25 others.
 No. 203.—F. McDonald and 95 others.
 No. 204.—W. Grounds and 113 others.
 No. 205.—L. Lecoustie and 22 others.
 No. 206.—W. R. Grigg and 60 others.
 No. 207.—J. P. McKay and 7 others.
 No. 208.—Leslie Barkla and 39 others.
 No. 209.—D. Wills and 23 others.
 No. 210.—D. J. Williams and 19 others.
 No. 211.—Chas. Preston and 38 others.
 No. 212.—C. J. Hawken and 24 others.
 No. 213.—B. Alison and 16 others.
 No. 214.—J. W. Crawley and 11 others.
 No. 215.—Andrew Eddie and 13 others.
 No. 216.—A. S. Clulow and 10 others.

No. 217.—Milton Alpass and 24 others.
 No. 218.—W. Brown and 36 others.
 No. 219.—John Fawcett and 40 others.
 No. 220.—George Perry and 17 others.
 No. 221.—James Fleming and 35 others.
 No. 255.—W. A. Porter and 196 others.
 No. 256.—H. Hirsch and 13 others.
 No. 257.—Alexander D. Mackintosh and 21 others.
 No. 258.—E. M. Peffers and 47 others.
 No. 260.—P. Allen and 28 others.
 No. 250.—John Murphy and 11 others.
 No. 251.—Charles William Botham and 13 others.
 No. 252.—Alexander Manson and 15 others.
 No. 253.—A. J. Murray and another.
 No. 259.—S. G. Blacklock and 11 others.
 No. 286.—H. C. Hawes and 61 others.

No. 13.—Petition of C. DE VERE TESCHEMAKER-SHUTE, of Avondale, Marlborough.

PRAYING that the Government will resume the issue and control of priced catalogues by the wool-brokers.

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

23rd October, 1919.

No. 124.—Petition of DONALD KERR, of Wellington.

PRAYING for payment of salary for services rendered to the Agricultural Department.

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

23rd October, 1919.

No. 222.—Petition of C. C. M. OLLIVIER, of Christchurch.

PRAYING that the allegations made that Sims, Cooper, and Co. (Limited) have been or are now associated with the American meat trust should be investigated by a Committee of the House.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee Dr. Reakes in his evidence before the Meat-export Trade Committee acted in good faith and in the public interest; and, further, the Committee had no evidence to connect Messrs. Sims, Cooper, and Co. (Limited) with the American meat trust, but, on the contrary, the evidence adduced showed that the company is in no way connected with the trust. This view is borne out by the finding of the Meat-export Trade Committee in 1917.

4th November, 1919.

No. 124.—Petition of DONALD KERR, of Wellington.

PRAYING for payment of salary for services rendered to the Agricultural Department.

I am directed to report that, the report having been referred back to the Committee for further consideration, they have no recommendation to make.

4th November, 1919.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the above Committee desires to place on record its great appreciation of the ability, tact, and courtesy with which the Chairman (Mr. G. Hunter) has conducted the business of the Committee during the past session.

4th November, 1919.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Committee held eight meetings during the session. The Committee dealt with thirty-six petitions. The results were as follows: One, no recommendation; one, consideration; one, favourable report; thirty-three, favourable consideration.

The Committee also dealt with Paper No. 142, H.—29B, Nauru and other phosphate islands in the Pacific, also terms of agreement therewith, and recommended same to the House for the members' ratification.

4th November, 1919.

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