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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. HUDSON, 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 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1926.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1925 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. Coates.)

THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1926.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all matters relating to school-teachers, education and public instruction generally, public-school training of teachers, higher education, technical education, manual instruction, and such other matters affecting education as may be referred to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bellringer, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Hudson, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sidey, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. Wright.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 1926.

Ordered, "That the petitions of the staff of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind be referred to the Education Committee."—(Mr. J. McC. Dickson.)

TUESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1926.

Ordered, "That the Education Amendment Bill be referred to the Education Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Wright.)

Ordered, "That the New Zealand University Amendment Bill be referred to the Education Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Wright.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1926.

Ordered, "That the petition of William Stirling be referred back to the Education Committee for further consideration."—(Mr. H. E. Holland.)

MONDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1926.

Ordered, "That the petition of J. F. C. Hiddleston be referred direct to the Education Committee."—(Mr. Hudson.)

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No. 211/25.—Petition of GEORGE LAING, of Auckland.

PRAYING for a Royal Commission to be set up to inquire into the state of affairs at the Auckland Technical College.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that an independent inquiry be held.

11th August, 1926.

No. 271/25.—Petition of CLUTHA MACKENZIE and 14 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING that the staff, Jubilee Institute for the Blind, Auckland, may be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund or the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 9.—Petition of MARIA DOUDS, of Dunsandel School.

PRAYING that she may be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund as an "original contributor."

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 15.—Petition of M. ALDIS and 11 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING that the staff, Jubilee Institute for the Blind, Auckland, be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund or the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 30.—Petition of A. M. PERRY, of Auckland.

PRAYING that the amount received as house allowance be taken into account for superannuation purposes.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 37.—Petition of MARY SCHULTZ, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance owing to loss of her position as a school-teacher on account of ill health.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 41.—Petition of HERBERT MASON, of Auckland.

PRAYING that the amount received as house allowance be taken into account for superannuation purposes.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 48.—Petition of T. L. MAY, of Auckland.

PRAYING that the amount received as house allowance be taken into account for superannuation purposes.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 65.—Petition of WILLIAM STIRLING, of Blackball. (First Report.)

PRAYING that he may be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund as an "original contributor."

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 84.—Petition of JAMES METHVEN and W. S. MACINTOSH, of Timaru.

PRAYING that they be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund as "original contributors."

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th August, 1926.

EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL.

I AM directed to report that the Education Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has heard evidence on and carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on copy of Bill attached hereto.

20th August, 1926.

No. 114/25.—Petition of H. MACKENZIE and 6 Others (and 6 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING that the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed.

I am directed to report that as this is a matter of policy the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1926.

SCHEDULE.

No. 144/25.—A. Forrest and 22 others.

No. 152/25.—George Manning and 17 others.

No. 156/25.—James B. Donald and 4 others.

No. 176/25.—E. T. Rogers and 40 others.

No. 179/25.—F. A. de la Mere and 19 others.

No. 242.—New Zealand Educational Institute.

No. 266/25.—Petition of J. C. PRUDHOE, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for the introduction of religious instruction in European and Native schools.

I am directed to report that, as this is a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1926.

No. 13.—Petition of DORA GRANT NICOLSON, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of the loss of her husband through the negligence of an officer of the Public Service.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

24th August, 1926.

No. 221.—Petition of W. C. SMITH, of Tauranga.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of services rendered the Cook Islands Department as a teacher.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

24th August, 1926.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL.

I AM directed to report that the Education Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has heard evidence on and carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on copy of Bill attached hereto.

19th August, 1926.

No. 65.—Petition of WILLIAM STIRLING, of Blackball. (Second Report.)

PRAYING that he may be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund as an "original contributor."

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st September, 1926.

No. 259.—Petition of J. F. C. HIDDLESTON, of Lyall Bay.

PRAYING that an inquiry be directed into the circumstances leading up to his resignation from the headmastership of the Takaka District High School.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
6th September, 1926.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Education Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the ability and tact displayed by the Chairman, Mr. R. P. Hudson, in the conduct of the business of the Committee during the session; and further desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

6th September, 1926.

HARRY ATMORE,
Member of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee desires to record its appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Clerk of the Education Committee, Mr. H. Thomas, has carried out his duties during the session; and further desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

6th September, 1926.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Education Committee, consisting of ten members, has held nine meetings during the session, and that the average attendance has been seven per meeting. The Committee had referred to it the New Zealand University Amendment Bill and the Education Amendment Bill, which were duly considered and reported upon.

Twenty-one petitions were also referred to the Committee, which were disposed of as follows: Favourable consideration, 9; consideration, 4; no recommendation, 8.

6th September, 1926.

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