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JOINT SOUTH ISLAND - AUSTRALIA SHIPPING FACILITIES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(SIR THOMAS MACKENZIE, M.L.C., 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 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1927.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eight members, with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to inquire into the shipping facilities at present existing between South Island ports and Australia, and to report as to the means of improving same; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to agree to a joint or separate report; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Howard, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Nash, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sidey, the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. McLEOD.)

MONDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

Ordered, "That the order of reference of the South Island-Australia Shipping Facilities Committee be amended by inserting after the words 'improving the same' the words 'and also as to what ports in the South Island it is practicable to be included in the itinerary of the N.Z.M.S. "Maui Pomare" in connection with the Pacific islands trade.'"—(Right Hon. Mr. COATES.)

Extracts from the Journals of the Legislative Council.

WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1927.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of six members, with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, to inquire into the shipping facilities at present existing between South Island ports and Australia, and to report as to the means of improving the same; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to agree to a joint or separate report; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Hon. Sir James Allen, the Hon. Sir William Hall-Jones, the Hon. Sir Thomas Mackenzie, the Hon. Mr. Newman, the Hon. Mr. Reed, and the Hon. Colonel Smith."—(Hon. Sir FRANCIS BELL.)

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REPORT ON THE SHIPPING FACILITIES AT PRESENT EXISTING BETWEEN SOUTH ISLAND PORTS AND AUSTRALIA.

THE Joint South Island - Australia Shipping Facilities Committee, to which was referred the question of the shipping facilities at present existing between South Island ports and Australia, having considered the evidence placed before it, has the honour to report that, in view of the unsatisfactory shipping service between Australia and the South Island via Bluff, the Committee recommends the Government to open negotiations with the Australian Government with a view to seeing if it is not to the interest of both parties to establish a better service.

22nd November, 1927.

THOS. MACKENZIE,
Chairman of Joint Committee.

[Minutes of evidence brought up—not ordered to be printed.]

REPORT ON THE ITINERARY OF THE N.Z.M.S. "MAUI POMARE" IN CONNECTION WITH THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TRADE.

THE Joint South Island - Australia Shipping Facilities Committee, to which was referred the matter of the itinerary of the N.Z.M.S. "Maui Pomare" in connection with the Pacific islands trade, having considered the evidence placed before it, has the honour to report that the Committee is of opinion that the present arrangements for the Government fruit-steamer to call only at Lyttelton in the South Island are very unsatisfactory; and, the Department of External Affairs having admitted that a limited number of trips could be made farther south, the Committee suggests that the "Maui Pomare" should call at Dunedin at least four times per annum, so that fruit may be landed in good order and at a reasonable price.

22nd November, 1927.

THOS. MACKENZIE,
Chairman of Joint Committee.

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