

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1932.

THE Committee met pursuant to notice at 2 p.m.

Present : Mr. Ansell, Mr. Bodkin, Right Hon. Mr. Forbes, Mr. McCombs, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Wilkinson.

Order of Reference.—The order of reference setting up the Committee was read by the Clerk.

Election of Chairman.—On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Ansell, Mr. J. A. Nash was elected Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. J. A. Nash accordingly took the Chair, and thanked members for the honour paid him in electing him Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, That Committee reporters be engaged to take down the evidence and that fourteen copies of the evidence be taken off for use of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Ansell, That the Public Service Commissioner and Government Actuary be asked to prepare typewritten statements for the Committee, and these gentlemen be called to give evidence on next sitting-day.

The Clerk was instructed to circulate the statements as soon after receipt as possible.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. W. Nash, That copies of B.-4A, D.-5A, E.-8A, H.-26A, D.-5, E.-8, and H.-26, together with all legislation and commission reports concerning superannuation, be procured for use of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of the Right Hon. Mr. Forbes, That the organizations of contributors to the Superannuation Funds desiring to give evidence be advised to prepare typewritten statements and to hold themselves in readiness to be called before the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. W. Nash, That the Government Actuary be asked to prepare a table for D.-5A (Railway Superannuation Fund) similar to Table IX in E.-8A (Teachers' Superannuation Fund).

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Savage, That the proceedings of the Committee during the taking of evidence on the Government Superannuation Funds Bill be open to accredited representatives of the press, and that the Chairman do report this resolution to the House and move the adoption thereof by the House.

Resolved, That the Committee meet on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1932, and Thursday, 3rd November, 1932, at 10 a.m.

The Committee continued to sit until 2.30 p.m., and then adjourned until Wednesday, 2nd November, 1932.

THURSDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 10 a.m.

Present : Mr. J. A. Nash (Chairman), Mr. Ansell, Mr. Bodkin, Right Hon. Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hargest, Mr. McCombs, Mr. W. Nash, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Savage, Mr. Veitch, and Mr. Wilkinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Orders of Reference.—An order of reference, referring the Government Superannuation Funds Bill to the Committee, was read. Another order of reference, dated 1st November, 1932, That the proceedings of the Committee during the taking of evidence be open to accredited representatives of the press, was read.

The Chairman explained that he had directed that the meeting set down for Wednesday, the 2nd November, be postponed until the following day.

Absence.—Mr. Hargest apologized for the absence of Mr. Dickie, who was attending another Committee.

Correspondence.—A letter was read by the Chairman from Professor H. G. Denham, President of the University Teachers' Association, asking that a deputation from that association be permitted to appear before the Committee on Friday, the 4th, or Saturday, the 5th.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Ansell, That the association be informed that the Committee was unable to meet the request, but that a later date would be arranged so that the representatives could be heard.

A letter from Mr. William Coster to the Prime Minister was read.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, That the letter be received.

The Chairman also read a letter from Mr. John Caughley, asking permission to appear before the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, That Mr. Caughley be informed that he should make a written statement, and that he could appear before the Committee when called.

Mr. Hargest handed in a letter from Ethel G. Dugleby.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Hargest, That the letter be regarded as evidence, and be brought forward at a later date.

Mr. P. D. N. Verschaffelt, Public Service Commissioner, and Mr. C. Gostelow, Government Actuary, appeared before the Committee and gave evidence, and were questioned by members of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, That the secretaries of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute be written to informing them that representatives will be heard on Wednesday, the 9th instant; and the Secretaries of the New Zealand Locomotive Engineers', Firemen's, and Cleaners' Association and New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association be informed that representatives will be heard on Thursday, the 10th instant.

The Committee continued to sit until 12.45 p.m., and then adjourned until Wednesday, 9th November, 1932.