

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee desires to record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Clerk, Mr. M. S. Pasley, in the discharge of his various duties during the session; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House.

31st October, 1936.

No. 249.—Petition of E. B. WYLIE, of Wellington, and 9,482 Others.

PRAYING that legislation be enacted with a view to preventing:—

- (1) Departmental stores from carrying on more than one class of business under the same roof.
- (2) Overseas capital from entering the New Zealand retail trade.

I have the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee has taken evidence on and carefully considered this and a cognate petition.

The Committee is presenting a special report dealing with the subject-matters of the petitions, and recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

31st October, 1936.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee, consisting of ten members, has held forty-one meetings during the session, with an average attendance of eight members.

Twenty petitions were referred to the Committee and reported on to the House.

Thirteen of these petitions referred to pharmaceutical chain stores, two to the Cook Islands Fruit Industry, and two to the chain grocery stores.

The Committee considered, and reported on to the House, the Whakatane Paper Mills, Limited, Water-supply Empowering Bill.

31st October, 1936.

J. HODGENS, Chairman.

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