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NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(REV. A. H. NORDMEYER, CHAIRMAN.)

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1937.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from M to Z that may be referred to it; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House; and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House: the Committee to consist of the Rev. Mr. Carr, the Hon. Mr. Cobbe, Mr. Coulter, Colonel Hargest, Mr. Holland, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Neilson, the Rev. Mr. Nordmeyer, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. SEMPLE.)

THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1937.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1936 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. SAVAGE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1937.

Ordered, "That the name of the Rev. Mr. Carr be discharged from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee and that of Mr. Osborne substituted therefor."—(Hon. Mr. SEMPLE.)

THURSDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 1938.

Ordered, "That the Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Rev. Mr. NORDMEYER.)

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No. 306/1936.—Petition of K. J. B. McCARDLE, of Maramarua.

PRAYING for compensation for loss allegedly sustained owing to the belated publication of a bankruptcy dividend.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
20th October, 1937.

No. 307/1936.—Petition of F. H. W. TRAILL and 137 Others, of Stewart Island.

PRAYING for a license in respect of an accommodation-house at Half-moon Bay, Stewart Island.

I am directed to report that, as a question of policy is involved, in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th October, 1937.

No. 3.—Petition of C. E. MILLIGAN, of Auckland.

PRAYING for amendment of the Stamp Duties Act, 1923.

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

20th October, 1937.

No. 15.—Petition of ESTHER SAUNDERS and Another, of Auckland.

PRAYING for refund of conveyance duty.

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

22nd October, 1937.

No. 11.—Petition of A. F. SHANKS, of Waimate.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of license to operate a passenger-carrying service under the provisions of the Transport Licensing Act, 1931.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration, with a view to the payment of a sum of money equivalent to that which the petitioner paid for the service.

22nd October, 1937.

No. 4.—Petition of AMY PLATT, of Wellington.

PRAYING that she be granted a gratuity in consideration of her late husband's services with the Public Works Department and Dominion Laboratory.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a view to the petitioner receiving a gratuity of not less than £50 owing to her late husband's long and faithful service to the State.

2nd November, 1937.

No. 40.—Petition of H. TREWBY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for the abandonment of the tourist industry, and its replacement by efforts to improve the quality of the primary produce of New Zealand.

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

2nd November, 1937.

No. 24.—Petition of J. F. B. SMITH and 266 Others (Taxi-drivers of the City of Auckland).

PRAYING for the appointment of a person experienced in the handling of taxi systems as the transport-licensing authority for the Auckland Metropolitan Area, or, in the event of a corporation being appointed, that adequate representation of local bodies adjacent to the city area be provided for.

I am directed to report that the member in charge of the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

2nd November, 1937.

No. 5.—Petition of J. J. MEIKLE, of Dunedin.

PRAYING that certain reports of Select Committees be given effect to.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
2nd November, 1937.

No. 22/1936.—Petition of ALICE A. WILKIN, of Mangonui County.

PRAYING for an inquiry into certain transactions in connection with the erection of a house at Wilkin's Inlet, and for relief.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the petitioner still retains the title to her property, the Committee has no recommendation to make.
11th November, 1937.

No. 118/1936.—Petition of T. F. SIMPSON, of Wellington.

PRAYING for compensation or other relief for loss of property allegedly seized under a warrant of distress for rent.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
11th November, 1937.

No. 17.—Petition of BACHINT SINGH, of Fordell.

PRAYING for compensation and other relief on account of alleged miscarriage of justice.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration, with a view to a Commission of inquiry being appointed to investigate this case.
18th November, 1937.

No. 14/1935.—Petition of J. PAYNE, of Napier.

PRAYING for an inquiry into the affairs of a motion-picture company of which he is a shareholder.

I am directed to report that the member in charge of the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.
18th November, 1937.

No. 69.—Petition of C. ONYON, of Wellington.

PRAYING that certain Court proceedings affecting the estate of Marion Howard be reopened.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
18th November, 1937.

No. 70.—Petition of C. ONYON, of Wellington.

PRAYING for the annulment of an order affecting the control of certain property.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
18th November, 1937.

No. 112.—Petition of MARY PILLING, of 17 Mamie Street, Remuera.

PRAYING for enactment of legislation enabling certain Court proceedings to be reopened.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
26th November, 1937.

No. 94.—Petition of S. SADLER, of Paeroa.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Public Works Department, and reinstatement in his former position.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view to the petitioner being reinstated in the Public Service.
2nd December, 1937.

No. 109.—Petition of P. O. SMITH, of 8 Victoria Street, Christchurch.

PRAYING for re-employment in the Public Service, compensation on account of wrongful dismissal from the Marine Department, and other relief.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration, with a view to the petitioner receiving compensation for the period he has not been employed in the Government Service and his immediate re-employment in some Government Department.
2nd December, 1937.

No. 242/1934.—Petition of E. S. TAYLOR, Electrical Mechanic, Ngakawau, via Westport.

PRAYING for amendment of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922, as will enable him to now apply for compensation on account of injuries allegedly sustained in the course of his employment.

I have the honour to report that the member in charge of the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

2nd December, 1937.

No. 137.—Petition of A. SHAW, of New Lynn.

PRAYING for relief in respect of loss allegedly sustained through difficulty in interpretation of section 4 of the Valuation of Land Amendment Act, 1933.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view to the recovery of the legal expenses incurred by him in the Supreme Court action taken to obtain a judicial interpretation of the said section 4.

9th March, 1938.

No. 129.—Petition of P. J. O'SHEA.

PRAYING that a compassionate allowance equivalent to the old-age pension be granted to J. O'Connor.

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

9th March, 1938.

No. 126.—Petition of W. D. TAYLOR and Another.

PRAYING for remission of portion of the death duties assessed in respect of the estate of the late Thomas Saunders, and also the remission of the interest charged thereon.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view to an investigation as to the amount of hardship involved.

11th March, 1938.

No. 113.—Petition of MARCELLINA NOLAN, of Invercargill.

PRAYING for compensation on account of the death of her husband while in the employ of the Railways Department.

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

15th March, 1938.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, held thirteen meetings during the session; the average attendance at each meeting was seven. The following shows the disposal of the business that came before the Committee :—

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A. H. NORDMEYER, Chairman.

15th March, 1938.

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