

1938.
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.

THURSDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF JULY, 1938.

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 Hon. Mr. Cobbe, Mr. Coulter, Colonel Hargest, Mr. Holland, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Neilson, the Rev. Mr. Nordmeyer, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.”—(Hon. Mr. MASON, for Hon. Mr. SEMPLE.)

FRIDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 1938.

Ordered, “That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1937–38 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session.”—(Right Hon. Mr. SAVAGE.)

THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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. 76/1937-38.—Petition of J. DALE and 103 Others.

PRAYING that licensed premises be not established at Ngatea.

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

11th August, 1938.

No. 11.—Petition of MARY PILLING and 57 Others.

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.

11th August, 1938.

No. 158/1937-38.—Petition of G. W. SMITH and 9 Others.

PRAYING for revision of the Licensing Act, 1908, and its amendments.

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

11th August, 1938.

No. 12.—Petition of H. TREWBY.

PRAYING for the abandonment of the tourist traffic, and for the institution of measures as will lead to an improvement in the quality of the primary produce of New Zealand.

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

11th August, 1938.

No. 141/1937-38.—Petition of T. R. E. MOSS.

PRAYING for a compassionate grant in respect of injuries allegedly sustained whilst travelling on the New Zealand railways.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration. The Committee further recommends that a suitable position should be found for the petitioner in some Government Department.

24th August, 1938.

No. 32.—Petition of SUSAN McAVINUE.

PRAYING for payment of the sum of £52 10s. allegedly due to her late husband for services rendered to the Public Works Department.

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

24th August, 1938.

No. 9.—Petition of T. W. NIELD.

PRAYING for a retiring-allowance or other relief in consideration of his services as a member of the Police Force.

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

24th August, 1938.

No. 170/1937-38.—Petition of J. REDWARD.

PRAYING for payment of balance of fees for the massage treatment of persons injured during the Hawke's Bay earthquake of 1931.

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

24th August, 1938.

No. 95/1937-38.—Petition of W. E. TIMMINGS.

PRAYING for restoration of property of which he was allegedly wrongfully dispossessed, or for compensation.

I am directed to report that as the petitioner is now deceased, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1938.

No. 92/1937-38.—Petition of A. R. GORBEY and 473 Others.

PRAYING that licensed premises be not established at Wellsford.

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

1st September, 1938.

No. 115/1937-38.—Petition of J. L. NELSON.

PRAYING that the license now held in respect of the Puhoi Hotel be not transferred to Wellsford.

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

1st September, 1938.

No. 35.—Petition of J. N. ORMISTON.

PRAYING for compensation for injuries allegedly received in an accident involving a motor-vehicle driven by an employee of the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. In the opinion of the Committee a grant of fifty pounds (£50) would meet the circumstances of the case.

1st September, 1938.

No. 75/1937-38.—Petition of W. J. SCHOLLUM and 65 Others.

PRAYING that the license now held in respect of the Puhoi Hotel be not removed to another locality.

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

1st September, 1938.

No. 30/1937-38.—Petition of J. SINGLETON and 614 Others.

PRAYING for the enactment of legislation enabling an hotel license to be transferred from Puhoi to Wellsford.

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

1st September, 1938.

No. 40.—Petition of Reverend A. LAWRY and 39 Others.

PRAYING that the prayer of the petition of W. L. Walker be given effect to.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 69.—Petition of P. J. MULQUEEN and 104 Others.

PRAYING that a totalizator permit be granted to the Cattle Flat Hack Racing Club, of Balfour, Southland.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 99.—Petition of J. O'CONNOR.

PRAYING for compensation on account of alleged depreciation in the value of a property by the closing of a road under the provisions of section 26 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1907.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 80.—Petition of H. SCANDRETT.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Police Force, or reinstatement in his former position.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 72.—Petition of W. THOMSON.

PRAYING for a rehearing of his application for a reduction in his liabilities in respect of a property at Manukau.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 58.—Petition of ANNE M. TOOMEY.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance in consideration of her late husband's service with the Post and Telegraph Department.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 87.—Petition of MATE VUJCICH.

PRAYING for additional compensation on account of an injury sustained while in the employ of the Public Works Department.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 36.—Petition of J. WALKER and 99 Others.

PRAYING for the enforcement of regulations restricting trawling and seine-fishing in the Bay of Plenty.

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

16th September, 1938.

No. 39.—Petition of W. L. WALKER.

PRAYING for investigation into the circumstances surrounding his bankruptcy.

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

16th September, 1938.

A. H. NORDMEYER, Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Public Petitions M to Z Committee passed the following resolution: "That this Committee place on record its high appreciation of the care and ability with which the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Nordmeyer, has conducted the business of the Committee, and directs that this resolution be reported to the House."

16th September, 1938.

JOHN G. COBBE, Member of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Public Petitions M to Z Committee passed the following resolution: "That this Committee place on record its appreciation of the capable manner in which the Clerk, Mr. J. F. Keddell, has carried out his duties during the session, and directs that this resolution be reported to the House."

16th September, 1938.

FINAL REPORT.

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

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16th September, 1938.

A. H. NORDMEYER, Chairman.

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