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# GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF).

MR. GUINNESS, CHAIRMAN.

*Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.*

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## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

FRIDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 1891.

*Ordered*, "That a Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of ten members, be formed, to which shall be referred all matters relating to mining, and all Bills relating to mines; three to be a quorum. The Committee to consist of Mr. Duncan, Hon. Mr. Fergus, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. R. H. J. Reeves, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Valentine, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. SEDDON.)

TUESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

*Ordered*, "That the Coal-mines Bill and the Mining Bill be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Hon. Mr. SEDDON.)

FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, 1891.

*Ordered*, "That the petitions of Michael Hennessy and others and Edward Loughnan be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Mr. T. THOMPSON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 1891.

*Ordered*, "That Standing Order No. 178 be suspended, and that the names of Mr. M. J. S. Mackenzie and Colonel Fraser be added to the Goldfields and Mines Committee"—(Hon. Mr. SEDDON.)

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### No. 21.—Petition of JAMES SUISTED and 50 Others.

PETITIONERS, who are lessees on the Colliery Reserve, Westport, pray that new leases be granted to them upon certain conditions.

Your Committee have the honour to report that the present leases of the Colliery Reserve be renewed for a term of twenty-one years at a rental to be fixed by valuation, without valuing improvements, and that such renewed leases contain a clause for perpetual renewal and similar reassessment of rent every twenty-one years; this recommendation not to apply to any portion of the Colliery Reserve that may be required for public purposes.

30th June, 1891.

### No. 76.—Petition of D. DUBIEG and Others.

PETITIONERS hold land under the agricultural lease system, and pray that relief similar to the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act may be afforded them.

I am directed to report the following resolution of the Committee: *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be recommended for the favourable consideration of the Government.

15th July, 1891.

### No. 64.—Petition of EDWARD ARTHUR and Another, of Cromwell, Otago.

PETITIONERS are holders of water-rights on the Clutha River, and were subjected to a lawsuit in connection therewith.

I am directed to report that the Committee are unanimous, and recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

15th July, 1891.