1892. NEW ZEALAND.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE.

(Mr. T. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives. TUESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1892.

Ordered, "That a Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed to consider all petitions; that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, 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 thereupon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Buckland, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Meredith, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Taylor, Mr. T. Thompson, Mr. Wright, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. W. P. REEVES.)

THURSDAY, 7TH JULY, 1892.

Ordered, "That Mr. McGuire be discharged from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, and that Mr. Dawson be added thereto."—(Hon. Mr. W. P. REEVES.)

No. 14.—Petition of J. McKenzie and Others, of Dunedin.

Petitioners, commercial travellers, pray that they may be granted the same privilege that seamen at present enjoy in being enabled to record their votes wherever they may be upon the day of the election.

I am directed to report that, as it is proposed to deal with this question in the Electoral Bill now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make. 8th July, 1892.

Nos. 49 and 50.—Petitions of Mary McDonald and Others, and Simon McDonald and Others, of Dunedin (Report No. 1).

PETITIONERS pray that the House will refuse to pass any Bill providing for the extension of the electoral franchise to women.

I am directed to report that, as there is a Bill before the House proposing to deal with the subject-matter of these petitions, the Committee has no recommendation to make. 8th July, 1892.

Nos. 77, 78, 75, 76, and 79.—Petitions of Bishop Moran and Others, Bishop Nevill and Others, Mayor of Dunedin and Others, John A. Miller and Others, Vincent Pyke and Others.

Petitioners pray that such permanent provision may be made as will admit of the construction of the Otago Central Railway being expeditiously prosecuted towards completion.

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

8th July, 1892.

No. 31.—Petition of WILLIAM ROBERTSON and Others, of Sandymount, Otago.

RE a Crown Grant.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

8th July, 1892.

No. 61.—Petition of the Roslyn Borough Council.

Petitioners pray against the passing of the Ocean Beach Public Domain Bill.

I am directed to report that, as this Bill is now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th July, 1892. 1—I. 2.