

SESSION II.
1906.
NEW ZEALAND.

LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE, 1905 :

REPORT OF THE) ON THE PETITIONS *RE* INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER TRUST; TOGETHER
WITH MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

(MR. ARNOLD, CHAIRMAN.)

*Report brought up on the 26th day of October, 1905, and ordered to be printed on the
3rd October, 1906.*

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 1905.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 218 be suspended, and that a Committee consisting of twenty-one members be appointed, to whom shall be referred the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill and certain other Bills more particularly referring to labour; five to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Aitken, Mr. Alison, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Barber, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Bollard, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Davey, Mr. Ell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Kirkbride, Mr. Laurenson, Mr. Millar, Sir W. R. Russell, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Withford, Mr. Wood, and the mover."—(Right Hon. R. J. SEDDON.)

THURSDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905.

Ordered, "That the petitions of W. J. Cunningham and others, G. Henderson and others, A. C. Innes and others, W. McDougall and others, W. H. Orme and others, E. V. Price and others, E. Till and others, and F. F. McCausland and others, be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. McLACHLAN, Mr. ELL, Mr. TANNER, Mr. DAVEY, Mr. E. G. ALLEN, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. BUDDO, and Mr. LEWIS.)

FRIDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905.

Ordered, "That the petitions of T. W. McCune and others, J. Thompson and others, J. Goodall and others, A. E. Andrews and others, E. B. Aitken and others, P. H. Pay and others, and E. E. Pichlis and others, be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BAUME, Mr. BEDFORD, Mr. FLATMAN, Mr. ARNOLD, Mr. DAVEY, Mr. HANAN, and Mr. MILLAR.)

MONDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905.

Ordered, "That the petition of B. S. Nicholls and 34 others be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BAUME.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905.

Ordered, "That the petition of A. Rosser and others be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BAUME.)

REPORT

ON PETITIONS *RE* INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER TRUST COMPANY.

PETITIONS of W. J. Cunningham and 76 others (No. 616), G. Henderson and 1,113 others (No. 617), A. C. Innes and 899 others (No. 618), F. F. McCausland and 384 others (No. 619), W. McDougall and 599 others (No. 620), W. H. Orme and 100 others (No. 621), E. V. Price and 3,850 others (No. 622), E. Till and 125 others (No. 623), E. B. Aitken and 541 others (No. 633), A. E. Andrews and 554 others (No. 634), J. Goodall and 40 others (No. 635), T. W. McCune and 38 others (No. 636), J. H. Pay and 269 others (No. 637), E. E. Pichlis and 1,081 others (No. 638), J. Thompson and 359 others (No. 639), B. S. Nicholls and 34 others (No. 646), A. J. Roberts and 76 others (No. 648), L. Willis and 593 others (No. 649), and A. Rosser and 107 others (No. 652).

Petitioners pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to take steps to prevent the establishment in this colony of a huge trust whose methods and operations, not being subject to labour laws akin to those of New Zealand, will be detrimental to the best interests of the workers of this colony.

The Labour Bills Committee, to whom was referred by your Honourable House the above petitions, have the honour to report that the matter involved is one of policy, and they refer the matter to the earnest consideration of the Government.

Parliament Buildings, 26th October, 1905.

J. F. ARNOLD, Chairman.