

1909.
NEW ZEALAND.

LANDS COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE) ON PETITIONS Nos. 319, 563, AND 185, RELATIVE TO CERTAIN GRIEVANCES
IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRAINAGE OF TAIERI PLAINS; TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF
EVIDENCE AND APPENDICES.

(HON. MR. DUNCAN, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on the 20th December, 1909, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1909.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to whom shall stand referred after the first reading all Bills affecting or in any way relating to the lands of the Crown or educational or other public reserves; the Committee to have power to make such amendments therein as they think proper, and to report generally when necessary upon the principles and provisions of the Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. T. Duncan, Mr. Ell, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Witty, and the mover."—(Right Hon. Sir J. G. WARD.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1909.

Ordered, "That the petition of H. Palmer and others be referred to the Lands Committee."—(Mr. CRAIGIE.)

THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1909.

Ordered, "That the petition of C. Findlay and others be referred direct to the Lands Committee."—(Hon. Mr. T. MACKENZIE.)

REPORT.

Nos. 319, 563, and 185.—Petitions of TIEKE KOONA and 22 Others, CHARLES FINDLAY and 232 Others, and H. PALMER and 7 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for inquiry into and redress for certain grievances in connection with the drainage of the Taieri Plain.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that one Board is best able to deal with the Taieri drainage scheme; that the classification and boundaries are not satisfactory on the East Taieri side; that some judicial authority or commission be appointed to deal with the latter recommendation.

The minutes of evidence are attached hereto,
20th December, 1909.

T. Y. DUNCAN, Chairman.