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NEW ZEALAND

# LANDS COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE) ON THE PETITION OF W MUNN AND OTHERS AND NINETEEN SIMILAR PETITIONS; TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

(HON. MR. T Y DUNCAN CHAIRMAN.)

*Report brought up on the 13th September, and ordered to be printed.*

## ORDER OF REFERENCE.

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

THURSDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF JULY 1910.

*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 Bills; 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. Y. Duncan, Mr. Ell, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Witty, and the mover."—(Right Hon. Sir J. G. WARD.)

## REPORT

No. 86 (1909).—Petition of W MUNN and 11 Others, of West Oxford, and 19 similar Petitions as per Schedule attached.

PETITIONERS pray for payment of "thirds" from Crown land conveyed to the Midland Railway Company, or, in the alternative, for a full investigation of the claims of the local Road Boards by a Royal Commission or a Committee of the House of Representatives, with power to finally determine the rights involved.

I am directed to report that the Committee considers that the petitioners have no claim to any portion of the Land Fund, but, under the special circumstances of the case, would recommend that the Government have an inquiry made into the circumstances of the various local bodies in the district covered by the petitions, with a view of making a reasonable grant for roading the back portion of their districts.

The minutes of evidence are attached hereto.

13th September 1910.

T Y DUNCAN, Chairman.

## SCHEDULE.

1909.

- No. 87.—W Berry and 115 others.
- " 88.—E. Butcher and 49 others.
- " 89.—J Cameron and 29 others.
- " 90.—J W M. Cox and 27 others.
- " 91.—J Dodson and 44 others.
- " 92.—O. T. Evans and 8 others.
- " 93.—M. Fitzgibbon and 48 others.
- " 94.—H. T. Mathews and 49 others.
- " 95.—W McGowan and 51 others.
- " 96.—R. McIntosh and 38 others.

1909.

- No. 97.—E. Pepper and 29 others.
- " 98.—F. S. Rhodes and 41 others.
- " 99.—H. Smith and 12 others.
- " 100.—J T. Taylor and 8 others.
- " 101.—J. Waller and 49 others.
- " 102.—W White and 21 others.
- " 103.—G. H. Wright and 21 others.
- " 104.—J R. Youngman and 38 others.
- " 375.—J McTaggart and 109 others.