1910 NEW ZEALAND

AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, STOCK, AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. LAWRY, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts 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 consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries, stock, and commerce, with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate report; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bollard, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dillon, Hon. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Field, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Okey, Mr. Witty, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. T. MACKENZIE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1910.

Ordered, "That the Beet-root Sugar Bill be referred to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.)

THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1910.

Ordered, "That the Commercial Trusts Bill and the Secret Commissions Bill be referred to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Right Hon. Sir J. G. WARD.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1910.

Ordered, "That the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill be referred to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Hon. Mr. T MACKENZIE.)

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1910.

Ordered, "That the Auctioneers Amendment Bill be referred to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Buddo.)

Ordered, "That the Public Holidays Bill be referred to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Buddo.)

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of November, 1910.

Ordered, "That the petition of R. Watkins and others be referred direct to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee."—(Mr. Dillon.)

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No 10.—Petition of WILLIAM JOHN PALMER, of Newmarket, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for consideration in connection with his services in the Department of Agriculture.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

17th August, 1910.

No. 605 (Session II, 1909).—Petition of Hugh McLean, of Waipawa, Hawke's Bay Petitioner prays that an inquiry be held into his dismissal.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

19th August, 1910

No. 105.—Petition of J W RAYMOND, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for public services rendered to the Dominion by reason of his being the discoverer of oat phosphorus poison for rabbit-destruction.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to Government

for consideration

30th August, 1910

No. 101.—Petition of John Hale, Nurseryman, of Nelson

Petitioner prays for compensation for loss sustained in connection with the suppression of an outbreak of San José scale in his orchard.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to Government

for consideration. 30th August, 1910.

SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom the above-mentioned Bill was referred, has the honour to report that it has considered the same, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

12th October, 1910.

COMMERCIAL TRUSTS BILL

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom the above-mentioned Bill was referred, has the honour to report that it has considered the same, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

12th October, 1910.

BEET-ROOT SUGAR BILL.

The Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom was referred the Beet-root Sugar Bill, has the honour to report that, after taking the evidence of four witnesses and receiving a written statement and statutory declaration from the general manager of the Colonial Sugar-refining Company (Limited), Sydney, the Committee has not had sufficient evidence before it to justify a definite recommendation, and it leaves the matter of proceeding with the Bill to the discretion of the Government, and recommends that the report, together with the evidence, do lie on the table. [Vide Appendix I.-12A.]

14th October, 1910.

SLAUGHTERING AND INSPECTION AMENDMENT BILL.

The Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom was referred the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

18th November, 1910.

AUCTIONEERS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom was referred the Auctioneers Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

18th November, 1910.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BILL.

The Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee, to whom was referred the Public Holidays Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto. 18th November, 1910.

No. 755.—Petition of REES WATKINS and 2 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the inclusion of St. David's Day in the list of bank holidays.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the matter be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

24th November, 1910.

No. 441.—Petition of Donald Kerr, of 298 Tinakori Road, Wellington. Petitioner prays that his claim for salary and compensation be referred to arbitration.

I am directed to report that, in order, if possible, to reach finality in connection with petitioner's claim for salary during suspension between the 24th June, 1898, and the 30th October, 1902, when he was dismissed, the matter should be referred to arbitration—preferably before a Stipendiary Magistrate—and the Committee recommends this course to the favourable consideration of the Government.

24th November, 1910

SPECIAL REPORT.

The Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee has the honour to report that, at a meeting held on the 23rd instant, the following resolution was passed:—

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be accorded to the Chairman (Mr Lawry) for the able, fair, and impartial manner in which he has conducted the business, and for his courtesy to the members of the Committee and the various petitioners and that this motion be recorded on the minutes and reported to the House.

24th November, 1910.

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