

No. 104.—Petition of NEW ZEALAND SPORTS PROTECTION LEAGUE (GERALDINE BRANCH), (and 36 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for legislation to provide a reasonable extension of the present number of racing-days, and that the prohibition of the publication of dividends be removed.

I am directed to report that, as the questions involved are matters of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th November, 1912.

SCHEDULE.

New Zealand Sports Protection League.

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| No. 105.—North Otago Branch. | No. 133.—Maniototo Branch. |
| No. 106.—Stratford Branch. | No. 134.—Palmerston North Branch. |
| No. 107.—Wanganui Branch. | No. 143.—Hamilton Branch. |
| No. 108.—Wellington Branch. | No. 144.—Southland Branch. |
| No. 117.—Cambridge Branch. | No. 152.—Otahuhu Branch. |
| No. 118.—Hawera Branch. | No. 153.—Cromwell Branch. |
| No. 119.—Helensville Branch. | No. 159.—Patea Branch. |
| No. 120.—Huntly Branch. | No. 176.—Ashburton Branch. |
| No. 121.—Marlborough Branch. | No. 177.—Dannevirke Branch. |
| No. 122.—Otago Branch. | No. 178.—Dargaville Branch. |
| No. 123.—Taumarunui Branch. | No. 187.—Onehunga Branch. |
| No. 124.—Te Awamutu Branch. | No. 188.—Hokitika Branch. |
| No. 125.—Timaru Branch. | No. 197.—Te Kuiti Branch. |
| No. 126.—Tuakau Branch. | No. 198.—Ohakune Branch. |
| No. 127.—Waipawa Branch. | No. 199.—Taihape Branch. |
| No. 128.—Westport Branch. | No. 220.—Otahuhu Branch. |
| No. 131.—Greymouth Branch. | No. 243.—Ponsonby Branch. |
| No. 132.—Karangahake Branch. | No. 245.—Auckland Branch. |

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that this Committee desires to express its appreciation of the courtesy and business ability of the Chairman (Mr. Malcolm). The Committee recognizes that the thoroughness and despatch with which a large amount of business has been disposed of is largely due to the Chairman's tactful conduct of affairs.

5th November, 1912.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report,—

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| (1.) That the Committee held 15 meetings during the session. | |
| (2.) That the Committee dealt with 123 petitions (including 5 held over from last session). | |
| (3.) That the number referred to the Government for consideration was | 22 |
| (4.) That the number referred to the Government for favourable consideration was .. | 15 |
| (5.) That the number on which the Committee had no recommendation to make was .. | 14 |
| (6.) That the number on which the Committee made special reports was .. | 2 |
| (7.) That the number of the petitions held over until next session was | 3 |
| Total | 123 |

I am also directed to report that this Committee wishes to put on record its appreciation of the capable way in which the clerk (Mr. E. D. Dunne) has performed his duties.

6th November, 1912.

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