Session II. 1912. N E W Z E A L A N D.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF), ON THE PETITION (No. 358, SESSION II, 1912) OF F. W. HAYBITTLE AND FIVE OTHERS; TOGETHER WITH COPY OF PETITION, MINUTES OF EVIDENCE, AND APPENDIX.

(MR. MALCOLM, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on the 4th November, 1912, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of October, 1912.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that the petition of F. W. Haybittle and five others, regarding the establishment of the iron and steel industry in the Dominion, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Craigie, Mr. Davey, Hon. Mr. Fraser, Mr. Lee, Mr. Malcolm, Hon. Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. Sidey, Mr. G. M. Thomson, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover; three to be a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers; the Committee to report to the House within seven days."—(Hon. Mr. Massey.)

MONDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1912.

Ordered, "That seven days' extension of time be granted to the Iron and Steel Industries Committee within which to bring up its report."—(Mr. Malcolm.)

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

THE humble petition of Frederick William Haybittle and others respectfully submits that it is desirable in the interests of this Dominion to encourage the production of iron and steel from New Zealand iron-ore and ironsand, and that an Iron and Steel Industry Bill as drafted and submitted to Cabinet be passed, or that the Government be authorized to enter into the necessary contracts with investors for the immediate development of the said industry.

Your petitioner therefore prays that your honourable House will inquire into the allegations

contained in the petition and pass such legislation as may be necessary.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

F. W. HAYBITTLE (And five others).