

SESSION II.  
1912.  
NEW ZEALAND.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :  
ESTIMATES OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND

REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31ST MARCH, 1912.

(MR. HINE, CHAIRMAN.)

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*Reports brought up on Friday, 9th August, Friday, 16th August, and Friday, 23rd August,  
and ordered to be printed.*

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ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

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

TUESDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1912.

*Ordered*, "That a Committee be appointed, to consist of ten members, to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the Public Accounts as it may think desirable, or that may be referred to it by the House or the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the Dominion which the Government may refer to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Craigie, Mr. Hine, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hanan, Mr. Myers, Mr. E. Newman, Dr. Newman, Mr. Pearce, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. ALLEN.)

*Ordered*, "That the estimates of the expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration, advice, and report, the Committee to report to the House on Friday next."—(Hon. Mr. ALLEN.)

FRIDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1912.

*Ordered*, "That an extension of time for one week be granted to the Public Accounts Committee within which to bring up the report on the estimates of expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund."—(Mr. HINE.)

FRIDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1912.

*Ordered*, "That an extension of time for one week be granted to the Public Accounts Committee within which to bring up the report on the estimates of expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund."—(Mr. HINE.)

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## REPORTS.

### INTERIM REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1913.

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom were referred the estimates of expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending 31st March, 1913, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the following classes, and recommend that they be allowed to proceed:—

- Class II. Department of Finance.  
 „ III. Post and Telegraph Department.  
 „ IV. Working Railways Department.  
 „ VI. Native Department.  
 Native Land Settlement Account.

The Committee also recommend that Class X, Defence, be allowed to proceed with the amended schedules as proposed by the Minister of Defence and which are attached hereto.

I am directed to report these several resolutions, and ask that the Committee be granted an extension of time until Friday, the 16th instant, to consider the remaining classes.

9th August, 1912.

J. B. HINE, Chairman.

#### SALARIES, IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF AND NEW ZEALAND STAFF CORPS.

##### *Salaries:—*

	£	£
1 Major-General ... ..	1,000	
2 Colonels at £750 and 1 for 6 months ... ..	1,875	
5 Lieut.-Colonels at £575 ... ..	2,875	
1 Director of Ordnance and Artillery ... ..	650	
1 Army Service Corps Officer ... ..	600	
5 General Staff Officers at £550 (4 at £550 and 1 for 6 months at £550) ... ..	2,475	
6 Majors at £475 ... ..	2,850	
22 Captains—		
5 at £400 ... ..	2,000	
3 at £375 (6 months at £350 only) ... ..	1,087	
14 at £350 (5 for the whole year and 9 for 6 months only at £250) ... ..	4,450	
	—	7,537
30 Lieutenants—		
10 at £300 (6 months at £250 only) ... ..	2,750	
10 at £275 (6 months at £250 only) ... ..	2,625	
10 at £250 (1 for 6 months) ... ..	2,625	
	—	8,000
4 2nd Lieutenants at £160 for 4 months and £200 for 8 months ... ..	746	
	—	746
77		£28,608

##### *Royal New Zealand Artillery:—*

3 Majors at £475 ... ..	1,425	
5 Captains (2 at £375 for 6 months and £350 for 6 months, 2 at £350, 1 at £250 for 6 months and £350 for 6 months) ... ..	1,725	
4 2nd Lieutenants at £160 for 3 months and £200 for nine months ... ..	760	
	—	£3,910

### INTERIM REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1913.

The Public Accounts Committee, to whom were referred the estimates of expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending 31st March, 1913, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the following classes, and recommend that they be allowed to proceed:—

- Class I. Legislative Department.  
 „ V. Public Buildings, Domains, and Maintenance of Roads.  
 „ VII. Justice Department.  
 „ VIII. Mines Department.  
 „ IX. Department of Internal Affairs.  
 State Coal-mines Account.  
 Public Trustee's Account.  
 New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Account.

I am directed to report these several resolutions, and ask that the Committee be granted an extension of time until Friday, the 23rd instant, to consider the remaining classes.

16th August, 1912.

J. B. HINE, Chairman.

REPORT ON THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31ST MARCH, 1913.

THE Public Accounts Committee, to whom were referred the estimates of expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending 31st March, 1913, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the following classes, and recommend that they be allowed to proceed :—

- Class XI. Customs, Marine and Harbours, and Inspection of Machinery Departments.  
 „ XII. Department of Labour.  
 „ XIII. Department of Lands and Survey.  
 „ XIV. Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce.  
 „ XV. Education Department.  
     State Forests Account.  
     Land for Settlements Account.  
     Scenery Preservation Account.  
     Government Insurance Account.  
     State Fire Insurance Account.  
     Government Accident Insurance Account.

The Committee have directed me to report the following resolutions :—

1. That the Government be recommended to supply a more detailed account with regard to the items of the Scenery Preservation Account.
2. That the Government be recommended to lay before the House a return showing the total expenditure on the Township of Runanga.
3. That the Government be recommended to lay before the House a return showing the details of the total expenditure incurred by the Dominion on the Roubaix Exhibition, France.
4. That the Government be recommended to lay before the House a return showing the details of the total expenditure incurred by the Dominion regarding Trade Representatives and Oversea Agents, Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce.
5. The Committee recommend that the Minister be asked to present to the House a statement showing full details in connection with the purchase and fencing of Runanga No. 1A Block (Lands and Survey Department, Miscellaneous Services, £650).
6. That it be a recommendation to the Government to lay before the House a return showing the expenditure year by year on the subsidized Wanganui-Pipiriki steamer service since its establishment.
7. That the Committee recommend the Minister of Marine to look into the item, “Acetone light for Bean Rock, £320 (Marine and Harbours),” before payment.

The Committee beg to state that they have now completed the consideration of the estimates.

23rd August, 1912.

J. B. HINE, Chairman.

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