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NEW ZEALAND.

GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE
(REPORTS OF).

(MR. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

TUESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 1913.

Ordered, "That a Goldfields and Mines Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to mining, and all Bills relating to mines : with power to call for persons and papers : three to be a quorum : the Committee to consist of Mr. R. F. Bollard, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Lee, Hon. Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Poland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Scott, Mr. Seddon, Mr. G. M. Thomson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1913.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that the names of Sir W. C. Buchanan and Mr. Webb be added to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1913.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during Session II, 1912, stand referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

THURSDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1913.

Ordered, "That the petition of Haora Tareranui and others be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Mr. YOUNG.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1913.

Ordered, "That the petition of P. L. Sim and another, presented by the Hon. Mr. McKenzie yesterday, be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Hon. Mr. McKENZIE.)

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1913.

Ordered, "That the Mining Amendment Bill be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

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No. 82.—Petition of JESSIE F. HUNT, of Avondale, Auckland.

PRAYING for a reward in recognition of the services of her late husband in discovering gold in the Kurunui Stream, Thames district.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
4th September, 1913.

No. 63.—Petition of ALEXANDER MACKAY, of Paeroa, Ohinemuri County.

PRAYING for a reward in recognition of his services in discovering gold at Waihi, Ohinemuri, Karangahake, and other places.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
4th September, 1913.

No. 102.—Petition of HAORA TARERANUI and 60 others, of Paeroa, County of Ohinemuri.

PRAYING for relief *re* damage to their land, which is caused by the silting-up of the Ohinemuri River in consequence of operations by gold-extraction companies.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
19th September, 1913.

No. 364 (1912).—Petition of PETER McLACHLAN CAMPBELL, of Waimate, Canterbury.

PRAYING for compensation for loss sustained through being unable to obtain plans of workings of a certain coal-mine from the Inspector of Mines.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
26th September, 1913.

No. 364.—Petition of THOMAS NEALE, of Nelson, Liquidator of the Puponga Coal Company (in Liquidation).

PRAYING for the remission of coal royalties.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
16th October, 1913.

No. 307.—Petition of RICHARD AUGUSTUS HALL and WILLIAM HENRY BLACK, of Kawakawa, Auckland.

PRAYING for permission to surrender coal lease, and for withdrawal of Court proceedings.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
16th October, 1913.

No. 390.—Petition of JAMES HOSIE, of Kuaotunu.

PRAYING for a reward for the discovery of gold at Karangahake, Ohinemuri, Owahioa, and Waihi.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
30th October, 1913.

No. 362.—Petition of the MOUNT RADIANT PROSPECTING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY) (P. L. SIM, Secretary) and Another.

PRAYING that provision be made on this year's Mines estimates to extend the track from Belltown to Silver Creek (Mount Radiant).

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration with a view to assisting the petitioners to bring out a bulk parcel of ore for treatment.
11th November, 1913.

MINING AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Goldfields and Mines Committee, to which was referred the Mining 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 annexed hereto.

3rd December, 1913.

SPECIAL REPORT.

THAT this meeting place upon record its appreciation of the able manner in which the Chairman (Mr. R. Scott) has conducted the business of the Committee and of the impartiality he has shown.

12th December, 1913.

FINAL REPORT.

THE Committee held 8 meetings during the session.

The Committee considered the Mining Amendment Bill and reported the same to the House with amendments.

The number of petitions referred to the Committee was 8

The number of petitions dealt with by the Committee and referred to the Government for consideration was 1

The number of petitions dealt with by the Committee and referred to the Government for favourable consideration was 3

The number of petitions on which the Committee had no recommendation to make was.. .. 4

The average attendance of members for the 8 meetings was 6

The average attendance of members for each meeting was 9

12th December, 1913.

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