

1914.
NEW ZEALAND

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. HINE, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 1914.

Ordered, "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven 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. Hanan, Mr. Hine, Mr. Lee, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Dr. Newman, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Pearce, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. ALLEN.)

TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1914.

Ordered, "That the New Zealand Loans Amendment Bill be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—Hon. Mr. ALLEN.)

Ordered, "That the Banking Amendment Bill be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Hon. Mr. ALLEN.)

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1914.

Ordered, "That the estimates of expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending the 31st March, 1915, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Hon. Mr. ALLEN.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1914.

Ordered, "That paper No. 305—B.-1 (Part II), Public Accounts for the Financial Year, 1913—be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

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REPORTS.

BANKING AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned 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.

4th August, 1914.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1915.

THE Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the estimates of expenditure of the Government of New Zealand for the year ending the 31st March, 1915, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that the estimates be allowed to proceed with the corrections as shown on the attached copy.

For the information of the House I am also instructed to report the details of expenditure for the year 1913- in the following items in Class III (Post and Telegraph Department).

	1914-15.		1913-14.		
			Voted.	Expended.	
	£	£	£	£	s. d.
Contribution to Railway Department for combined Post-Telegraph-Railway Offices	8,730		8,666	8,755	18 0
Non-classified officers, including country postmasters and telephonists, payable by salary or fee (number 2,306)	43,006		42,416	42,326	2 0
Payment to Eastern Extension Company for working Wakapuaka-Nelson telegraph-line	800		800	800	0 0
Total Item No.	52,536		51,882	51,882	0 0
Total Vote No.		755,971	705,627	699,408	0 0

2nd September, 1914.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER B.-1A.—STATEMENT IN DETAIL OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT.

THE Public Accounts Committee, to which the Government referred paper B.-1A (Public Accounts for New Zealand for Year ended the 31st March, 1914), has the honour to report the same, together with a communication received by the Committee from the Secretary of the Treasury wherein he states that a great amount of work is entailed in including in the Public Accounts the detail of incidental expenses of each estate under the Land for Settlements Account, and suggesting that this system be discontinued.

The Committee desires to report it is of opinion that the system of accounts in reference to land-for-settlement estates as at present shall obtain.

27th October, 1914.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER B.-1 (PART II).—ABSTRACT OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT.

THE Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred paper B.-1, Part II, embodying the revenue and expenditure of the Public Account for the year ended the 31st March, 1914, together with the report of the Controller and Auditor-General thereon, has the honour to report it has considered same, and recommends that it do lie upon the table.

27th October, 1914.

NEW ZEALAND LOANS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

27th October, 1914.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the courtesy and tact manifested by the Chairman (Mr. Hine) in presiding over the deliberations of the Committee during the session.

29th October, 1914.

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