1915. NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. HINE, CHAIRMAN.)

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

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THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1915.

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. Hindmarsh, Mr. Hine, Mr. Lee, Mr. Myers, Dr. A. K. Newman, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Russell, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. Allen.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1915.

Ordered, "That the Mortgages Extension Amendment Bill be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Hon. Mr. HERDMAN.)

Tuesday, the 20th Day of July, 1915.

Ordered, "That Paper 124—Sinking Funds, Report of the Commissioners of the Public Debts Sinking Funds for the year ended 31st March, 1915—be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Allen.)

THURSDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1915.

Ordered, "That the Public Revenues Amendment Bill (No. 2) and the New Zealand Loans Amendment Bill be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."—(Right Hon. Sir J. G. WARD.)

Ordered, "That the estimates of expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration, advice, and report; the Committee to report within fourteen days."—(Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.)

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MORTGAGES EXTENSION AMENDMENT BILL.

The Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the Mortgages Extension Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with amendments as shown in the copy attached hereto.

24th August, 1915.

Public Revenues Amendment Bill (No. 2).

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 August, 1915.

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 August, 1915.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER B. 8 .- SINKING FUNDS.

The Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred paper B.-8 (Reports and Accounts of the Commissioners of the Public Debts Sinking Funds for the Year ended 31st March, 1915), has the honour to report that it has considered same, and recommends that it do lie upon the table.

27th August, 1915.

Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New Zealand for the Year ending 31st March, 1916.

The Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the estimates of expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1916, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that the estimates be allowed to proceed without amendment.

The Committee also recommends that, in view of the large war expenditure, it is of opinion that economy in every branch of the Public Service is absolutely necessary.

31st August, 1915.

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