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# GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(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.*

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1919.

*Ordered,* "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Goldfields and Mines Committee be appointed, consisting of thirteen 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. Bollard, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Holland, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Lee, the Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Poland, Mr. Reed, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Scott, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Walker, and the mover."—(Hon. Sir W. FRASER.)

THURSDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1919.

*Ordered,* "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the sessions of 1918 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said sessions."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

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## REPORTS.

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No. 78 of Session II, 1918. Petition of JAMES KELLY, of Westport.

PRAYING for a bonus as the discoverer of the first quartz reef in the quartz-mining area now known as Reefton.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a view to the grant of a small compassionate allowance to petitioner.

23rd October, 1919.

## MINING AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

23rd October, 1919.

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## STONE-QUARRIES AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above Bill, and recommends that it be not allowed to proceed.

23rd October, 1919.

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## COAL-MINES AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

27th October, 1919.

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## THE LATE MR. JAMES COLVIN, M.P. : VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

I AM directed to report that this Committee, of which the late Mr. James Colvin, M.P., was for many years a valued member, desires to tender to his family its sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement; and further desires that this resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and reported to the House, and that the Clerk be directed to prepare a copy to be forwarded to the late Mr. Colvin's family.

30th October, 1919.

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## SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the tact, skill, and attention shown by the Chairman (Mr. Scott) in directing the business of the Committee during the present session; and further desires that this resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and reported to the House.

H. POLAND.

3rd November, 1919.

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No. 28 of Session II, 1918.—Petition of ALBERT BRUCE and 376 Others, of Thames (and 1 similar Petition, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING that mining and other companies and individuals may be compelled to stack their tailings and debris on their own land.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

4th November, 1919.

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## SCHEDULE.

No. 124 of Session II, 1918.—Henry Lowe and 14 Others.

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## FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of thirteen members, has during this session held eight meetings, the average attendance at each meeting being eight.

During the session three Bills—namely, the Mining Amendment Bill, Coal-mines Amendment Bill, and Stone-quarries Amendment Bill—were considered by the Committee, evidence taken, and reports made to the House. Three petitions also were reported on in two reports.

4th November, 1919.

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