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NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

TONGARIRO TIMBER COMPANY AND WEST TAUPO TIMBER LANDS.

REPORT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF EVIDENCE AND APPENDIX.

(Mr. C. H. CLINKARD, CHAIRMAN.)

Report brought up on the 21st day of August, 1930, and ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

. WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1930.

Ordered, "That a Native Affairs Committee, consisting, by leave, of sixteen members, be appointed to consider all petitions, reports, returns, and other documents relating to affairs especially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Clinkard, the Right Hon. Mr. Coates, Mr. Endean, Mr. Healy, Mr. Henare, Mr. Howard, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Martin, Mr. O'Brien, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Waite, Mr. Williams, and the mover."—(Hon. Sir Afirana Ngata.)

Wednesday, the 6th Day of August, 1930.

Ordered, "That Paper No. 88, West Taupo Timber Lands and the Tongariro Timber Co., Ltd.: Statement as to Claims made in respect of Liabilities of the Tongariro Timber Co., Ltd., and regarding effect on Egmont Box Co., Ltd., of the Determination of the Tongariro Timber Co.'s Rights, be referred to the Native Affairs Committee."—(Hon. Sir APIRANA NGATA.)

REPORT.

WEST TAUPO TIMBER LANDS AND THE TONGARIRO TIMBER CO., LTD.

Paper No. 88.—Statement as to Claims made in respect of the Liabilities of the Tongariro Timber Co., Ltd., and with regard to the Effect on the Egmont Box Co., Ltd., of the Determination of the Tongariro Timber Co., Ltd.'s Rights.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Native Affairs Committee has duly considered the above-mentioned paper, and begs to report the following resolutions:-

1. That the Committee, having investigated the case, is of opinion that the Tongariro Timber

Co., Ltd., has not been able to substantiate any claim against the State.

2. That the Committee is of opinion that the Egmont Box Co., Ltd., has legal rights to the Western A Block, and that these should be defined by legislation, or a fresh agreement.

CECIL H. CLINKARD, Chairman.

21st August, 1930.