

already there, and (2) to enable those whom it is proposed to place on the land as new settlers to get established. The Committee recommends that legislation be passed this session placing the guarantee of the State behind the bonds issued by the Rural Intermediate Credits Board."

The following resolutions of the Committee have been submitted to the House by the Committee in its previous reports:—

(1) "That the Government be urged to take whatever action may be necessary to encourage the establishment of additional coal-carbonization plants in New Zealand."

(2) "That the Committee recommend the Government to compel an improvement in the quality of flax grown and manufactured in New Zealand, and to encourage an increase in the quantity produced, as it is apparent that there is a world market for good-quality fibre. The Committee is of opinion that the Government should consider the advisability of granting a subsidy on the production of best-quality fibre for a limited period, as a means of securing the end in view. The Committee recommends that a conference of Government representatives, mill-owners, flax-land owners, and employees in the industry be called by the Government for the purpose of considering the whole position in regard to the flax industry, with special regard to (a) reduction in costs by increased efficiency; (b) the vital necessity for improvement in the quality and grade of the fibre produced; and (c) the establishment of a State flax-mill for training purposes, or, alternatively, the appointment of additional instructors for the purpose of educating those engaged in the industry in the best methods to be employed."

(3) "That, in view of the fact that the Stores Control Board is the largest purchaser in New Zealand, the Committee recommend that Ministers in charge of all Departments instruct their respective Departments, when supplying specifications of goods required, to stipulate that the article shall be New Zealand made, conditionally on its being of sufficiently good quality and reasonable price. The term 'reasonable price' should be interpreted as a fair and reasonable price, having regard to the cost of production in New Zealand by established and efficiently administered local industries."

At its final meeting to-day the Committee passed the following resolution: "That it be a strong recommendation to the Government that the investigations regarding primary and secondary industries—especially land-settlement and farmers' finance—be continued with a view to affording every possible assistance to the Unemployment Board in the prosecution of its important work."

25th October, 1930.

JAS. T. HOGAN, Chairman.

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that at its final meeting the Unemployment Inquiry Committee expressed its appreciation of the services rendered by the Clerk, Mr. W. J. Organ, and directed that the resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House.

25th October, 1930.

JAS. T. HOGAN, Chairman.

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that this Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the care and ability with which the Chairman, Mr. J. T. Hogan, has conducted the business of the Committee, and directs that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and reported to the House.

25th October, 1930.

R. SEMPLE, Member of the Committee.

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