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NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE  
(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. F. LYE, 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 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1930.

*Ordered*, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from M to Z that may be referred to it; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Rev. Clyde Carr, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Lye, Mr. Makitanara, Colonel McDonald, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Massey, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Semple, and the Hon. Mr. Taverner."—(Hon. Mr. RANSOM, for the Hon. Mr. TAVERNER.)

TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1930.

*Ordered*, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1929 be again referred to the same Committee that they were referred to during the said session."—(Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930.

*Ordered*, "That the petition of J. Penketh be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."—(Mr. J. A. NASH.)

MONDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1930.

*Ordered*, "That the petition of R. G. Stanley be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."—(Mr. SEMPLE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1930.

*Ordered*, "That the petition of H. Mayr be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."—(Mr. SYKES.)

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### No. 10.—Petition of LEO CASHION RAINS, of Auckland.

PRAYING for relief in respect of his dismissal from the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the punishment is unduly excessive, and that the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

3rd September, 1930.

### No. 31.—Petition of ROLAND BLAIR, of Auckland.

PRAYING for relief in respect of his dismissal from the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the punishment has been too severe, and that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd September, 1930.

### No. 12.—Petition of JAMES HENRY EDWARDS, of Auckland.

PRAYING for relief in respect of his dismissal from the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the punishment has been too severe, and that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd September, 1930.

### No. 11.—Petition of ERNEST WILLIAM ANSTIS, of Auckland.

PRAYING for relief in respect of his dismissal from the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the punishment has been too severe, and that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd September, 1930.

### No. 9.—Petition of R. W. S. SMITH, of Auckland.

PRAYING for relief in respect of his dismissal from the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the punishment has been too severe, and that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd September, 1930.

### No. 16.—Petition of OTAHUHU BOROUGH COUNCIL.

PRAYING that a Commission be set up to inquire into the matter of main highways.

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

11th September, 1930.

### No. 19.—Petition of OTAHUHU BOROUGH COUNCIL.

PRAYING for an amendment of the Valuation of Land Act.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry, with a view to giving relief.

11th September, 1930.

### No. 13.—Petition of MICHAEL POWER, of Whangarei.

PRAYING for inquiry into his dismissal from the Police Force.

I am directed to report that the Committee, after carefully weighing all the evidence, is of the opinion that the punishment meted out to ex-Constable Power was unduly severe, and recommends the petition to the Government for favourable consideration.

17th September, 1930.

### No. 90.—Petition of TIMOTHY MORIARTY, of Stillwater.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of title to certain land in Grey district.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

17th September, 1930.

No. 122.—Petition of C. W. R. SUISTED, of Wellington.

PRAYING for financial relief for loss of position in the Public Service.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.  
17th September, 1930.

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No. 76.—Petition of A. B. TARGUSE, of Auckland.

PRAYING for the reopening of the case of alleged wrongful imprisonment of her son, F. E. P. Shortland, and for a compassionate allowance to be paid to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.  
2nd October, 1930.

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No. 101.—Petition of HARRIET E. VANSTONE, of Little River.

PRAYING that certain property be vested in her name, and that she be granted the right to a party-line telephone.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.  
2nd October, 1930.

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No. 32.—Petition of HARRIET E. VANSTONE, of Little River.

PRAYING for a rehearing of a Court decision regarding a boundary-fence.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.  
2nd October, 1930.

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No. 126.—Petition of DAVID STONE, of Wellington.

PRAYING for an adjustment of administrative charges in respect of a house purchased under the Housing Act, 1919.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.  
2nd October, 1930.

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No. 416/1929.—Petition of HANNAH T. SCULLY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance in respect of her late husband's and late daughter's services in the Public Service.

I am directed to report that, the member in charge of the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.  
2nd October, 1930.

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No. 54.—Petition of J. J. MEIKLE, of Auckland.

PRAYING that effect be given to the various reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with the suggestion that it should consider granting the petitioner a suitable annuity of not less than £4 per week.  
2nd October, 1930.

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No. 98.—Petition of A. R. YOUNG, of Lower Hutt.

PRAYING that a recommendation of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee be given effect to.

I am directed to report that the Committee reaffirms its decision of last year—namely, that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.  
2nd October, 1930.

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No. 424/1929.—Petition of F. E. WRIGHT, of Lower Hutt.

PRAYING for compensation for loss sustained through the erection of the Government railway ramp in front of his property at Lower Hutt.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.  
2nd October, 1930.

## No. 145.—Petition of JAMES PENKETH, of Palmerston North.

PRAYING for payment for work performed on Sundays and holidays and for overtime whilst employed on plumbing-work at Western Samoa.

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

2nd October, 1930.

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## Nos. 44 and 57.—Petitions of MARY PILLING, of Auckland.

PRAYING for inquiry into the administration of her estate by her agent.

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

2nd October, 1930.

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## No. 37.—Petition of SAMUEL TURKINGTON, of Auckland.

PRAYING for an inquiry into alleged misrepresentation and issue of false deeds.

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

2nd October, 1930.

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## No. 86.—Petition of JAMES PHIZACKLEA, of Wanganui.

PRAYING for assistance for persons needing artificial limbs.

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

2nd October, 1930.

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## No. 49.—Petition of RAY DAVID MUNRO, of Wairoa.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of wife and injury to child while resident at the Napier-Wairoa-Gisborne construction-works.

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

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 23.—Petition of P. J. O'REGAN, of Wellington.

PRAYING that legislation be passed protecting sea-going passengers against accident arising from negligence of shipowners.

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

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 22.—Petition of D. PROFFITT and 10 Others.

PRAYING that they be allowed to join the Superannuation Fund as permanent officers of the Post and Telegraph Department.

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

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 102.—Petition of C. E. McLAREN, of Seacliff.

PRAYING for permission to become a contributor to the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

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

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 115.—Petition of CHRISTINA DRUMMOND, of Hokitika.

PRAYING that she be enabled to join the Superannuation Fund by paying arrears from the time of joining the Mental Hospital service.

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

8th October, 1930.

## No. 55.—Petition of LYULPH TOLLEMACHE, of Tauranga.

PRAYING for a refund of excess land-tax alleged to have been paid.

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

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 23.—Petition of ALBERT SPICER, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for an inquiry into the reduction in his official position in the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 35.—Petition of MONICA O'CONNOR, of Timaru.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance in respect of her late husband's service in the Police Force.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 17.—Petition of JOHN MILLER, of Wellington.

PRAYING for safeguarding moneys paid to land-agents.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 2.—Petition of HENRY PENMAN and Another, of Hastings.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged injuries caused by fireworks.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th October, 1930.

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## No. 180.—Petition of EDWARD SHANLEY, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for reinstatement in the Police Force.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view to providing the petitioner with an opportunity of the right of appeal.

10th October, 1930.

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## No. 116.—Petition of FRANK REED, of Auckland.

PRAYING for an increase of superannuation allowance in respect of alleged premature retirement as Inspecting Engineer, Mines Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th October, 1930.

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## No. 228.—Petition of R. G. STANLEY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for an inquiry into his case and reinstatement in the lighthouse service of the Marine Department.

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

22nd October, 1930.

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## No. 227.—Petition of J. VIPOND and 15 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING that Frederick Richard Field's services be obtained, and that he be given a position in the Public Service in connection with his scientific work.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with the suggestion that Mr. Field be granted an annuity to enable him to pursue his investigations and publish the results.

22nd October, 1930.

No. 219.—Petition of P. V. McNABB and 2 Others, of Collingwood.

PRAYING that a certain police report be returned to the Clerk of the Motueka Licensing Committee or other relief, as may be found just.

I am directed to report that, in view of the satisfactory agreement made between the Police Department and the petitioners, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

22nd October, 1930.

No. 161.—Petition of DANIEL SAVIDENT, of Te Kopuru.

PRAYING for compensation for expenses incurred while Harbourmaster in Kaipara Harbour.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

22nd October, 1930.

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee desires to record its hearty appreciation of the ability, care, and attention devoted by the Chairman, Mr. F. Lye, to the business of the Committee, and of the courteous and tactful manner in which his duties have been carried out during the session; and further desires that this resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

H. S. S. KYLE,

22nd October, 1930.

Member of Committee.

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee desires to record its appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Clerk of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, Mr. E. A. Dobbie, has carried out his duties during the session; and, further, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

22nd October, 1930.

#### FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, held nineteen meetings during the session; the average attendance of members at each meeting was seven.

The following table shows the disposal of the business which came before the Committee :—

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22nd October, 1930.

F. LYE, Chairman.

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