

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 10 a.m.

Present : Mr. J. A. Nash (Chairman), Mr. Ansell, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Dickie, Right Hon. Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hargest, Mr. McCombs, Mr. W. Nash, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Savage, Mr. Veitch, and Mr. Wilkinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence : Letters were received from the following organizations and persons : W. Anderson, Dr. Herbert Chesson, William Cooper, J. Dalziel, H. Lundius, G. Lawn, E. B. Lea, T. L. Oswin, Returned Soldiers Association, T. C. Robinson, Railway Superannuitants Association, Arthur G. Reece, T. B. Strong, Superannuitants (Palmerston North), E. Phillips Turner, Wellington Harbour Board, A. S. Wansborough.

The following were also present : Mr. H. T. Armstrong, M.P. ; Hon. Mr. Fagan, M.L.C. ; Mr. Verschaffelt, Public Service Commissioner ; Mr. Gostelow, Government Actuary ; members of the press ; and representatives of the following organizations : Public Service Association, Superannuated Civil Servants, Railway Tradesmen's Association, Locomotive Engineers', Firemen's, and Cleaners' Association, Railway Officers' Institute, Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

Mr. Gostelow, Government Actuary, read two letters to the Committee and was questioned by members.

Mr. E. J. Dash, President of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of New Zealand, briefly addressed the Committee ; and Mr. L. McIlvride, Secretary of the same society, read the evidence of the society and answered questions of members of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, That information be obtained for the Committee in regard to the total amounts contributed by all recipients of superannuation above £300 a year, together with an actuarial computation of the pension these recipients would have received on the amount contributed.

The Committee continued to sit until 1 p.m., and then adjourned until Thursday, the 10th November, 1932.

THURSDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 10 a.m.

Present : Mr. J. A. Nash (Chairman), Mr. Ansell, Mr. Bodkin, Right Hon. Mr. Forbes, Mr. McCombs, Mr. W. Nash, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Savage, Mr. Veitch, and Mr. Wilkinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, That letters from Mr. J. D. Gray and the Secretary, Wellington Harbour Board, be received, and that they be written to asking for written evidence, and advising them that they will be called at a later date.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, That the Chairman of the Government Railway Superannuation Fund Board be requested to attend at 12 noon on Tuesday, the 15th November, 1932, to give evidence.

The following were then admitted to the meeting : Mr. P. D. N. Verschaffelt, Public Service Commissioner ; Mr. C. Gostelow, Government Actuary ; accredited representatives of the press ; and representatives of Public Service Association, Federated Superannuitants' Society, Railway Officers' Institute, New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association, Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, and New Zealand Locomotive Engineers', Firemen's, and Cleaners' Association.

The following gave evidence and were questioned by members of the Committee : Joseph Hensley Sim, President, New Zealand Locomotive Engineers', Firemen's, and Cleaners' Association ; Thomas Houghton Stephenson, Secretary, New Zealand Locomotive Engineers', Firemen's, and Cleaners' Association ; Victor Robert John Stanley, President, Railway Officers' Institute.

The Committee continued to sit until 1.15 p.m., and then adjourned until Tuesday, 15th November, 1932.

TUESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 11 a.m.

Present : Mr. J. A. Nash (Chairman), Mr. Ansell, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. W. Nash, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Veitch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, That several letters be received.

The following were then admitted to the meeting : Mr. C. Gostelow, Government Actuary ; accredited members of the press ; and representatives of various Government organizations and superannuitants.

The following gave evidence, and were questioned by members of the Committee : William Joseph Leitch, President, New Zealand Tradesmen's Association ; Samuel Ingram, Secretary, New Zealand Tradesmen's Association ; Henry Valentine, Chief Accountant, New Zealand Government Railways ; Alexander Cruickshank, Retired Police Officer.

The Committee continued to sit until 1.10 p.m., and then adjourned until Wednesday, the 16th November, 1932.

WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 10 a.m.

Present : Mr. J. A. Nash (Chairman), Mr. Ansell, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Hargest, Mr. McCombs, Mr. W. Nash, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Savage, Mr. Veitch, and Mr. Wilkinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following were then admitted to the meeting : Mr. Verschaffelt, Public Service Commissioner ; Mr. Gostelow, Government Actuary ; Hon. Mark Fagan, M.L.C. ; accredited members of the press ; and representatives of various Government organizations and superannuitants.