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NEW ZEALAND.

GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. W. A. BODKIN, CHAIRMAN).

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all Bills and other matters relating to mining which may be referred to it: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Black, Mr. Hawke, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Linklater, Mr. McSkimming, Mr. Reid, Mr. Samuel, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MACMILLAN.)

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1931 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session, and that all petitions received during the first session of 1932 be dealt with as if they had been received this session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That the report of the Goldfields and Mines Committee on the petition of W. C. E. George and others be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."—(Mr. SAVAGE.)

FRIDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That the name of Mr. Parry be added to the list of members comprising the Goldfields and Mines Committee *vice* Mr. Black (deceased)."—(Hon. Mr. MACMILLAN.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932.

Ordered, "That the petition of T. McGrory be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Mr. LANGSTONE.)

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REPORTS.

No. 107, Sess. 2, 1932.—Petition of W. C. E. GEORGE and 160 Others.

PRAYING that the payment of miners' widows' pensions be continued.

I have the honour to report that, in view of the fact that legislation to meet cases of hardship has been introduced, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd November, 1932.

(Referred back to the Committee for further consideration, 2nd November, 1932.)

No. 102, Sess. 2, 1932.—Petition of MARY A. VERRALL.

PRAYING for a miner's widow's pension or other allowance.

I am directed to report that in view of the fact that the petitioner's husband was suffering from miner's phthisis at the time of his decease the Committee is of the opinion that the Government should defray his funeral expenses, and therefore recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

2nd November, 1932.

No. 2, Sess. 2, 1932.—Petition of F. M. FINNEGAN and 119 Others.

PRAYING that a Proclamation of 1895 declaring the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers and certain of their tributaries to be sludge-channels for mining purposes be partially revoked.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for consideration, but the Committee desires to express the opinion that if the prayer of the petitioners is granted the mining industry on the Upper Waihou will be very prejudicially affected. Furthermore, as there is a large farming community deriving great and necessary advantage from the river, the Committee is of the opinion that the Government, in granting any mining rights, should take steps to protect these interests.

11th November, 1932.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER No. 21 (ORDER IN COUNCIL AMENDING REGULATION UNDER THE
MINING ACT, 1926).

I HAVE the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned parliamentary paper, has carefully considered and approved of the same.

24th November, 1932.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER No. 152 (Amended Regulation under the Mining Act, 1926).

I HAVE the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned parliamentary paper, has carefully considered and approved of the same.

24th November, 1932.

No. 213, Sess. 2, 1932.—Petition of CHARLES PERRY, of 6 Kirk Street, Grey Lynn.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's pension.

I have the honour to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the petitioner be granted a compassionate allowance equivalent to a miner's pension until he and his wife qualify for old-age pensions.

24th November, 1932.

No. 107, Sess. 2, 1932.—Petition of W. C. E. GEORGE, Tailor, of Huntly, and 160 others. (Second Report.)

PRAYING that the payment of miners' widows' pensions be continued.

I have the honour to report that the Committee is of the opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

24th November, 1932.

No. 218, Sess. 2, 1932–33.—Petition of THOMAS McGRORY, of Tatu, Ohura.

PRAYING for the granting of a coal-mining lease in the Tatu Valley.

I have the honour 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.

3rd March, 1933.

No. 229, Sess. 2, 1932–33.—Petition of WILLIAM J. STAFFORD, of 54 Franklin Road, Auckland.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's pension or other allowance.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd March, 1933.

No. 265, Sess. 2, 1932–33.—Petition of JOHN WILCOX INNS, of Dominion Road, Auckland.

PRAYING for a miner's pension.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd March, 1933.

No. 51, Sess. 1, 1932.—Petition of JOHN COLLINS, of Runanga, West Coast.

PRAYING that a miner's pension be granted to him.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

3rd March, 1933.

No. 281, Sess. 2, 1932–33.—Petition of ELIZABETH MARY DUDLEY, of 20 Anglesea Street, Hamilton.

PRAYING for an annuity in lieu of a miner's widow's pension.

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

3rd March, 1933.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of ten members, has during the session held six meetings, with an average attendance at each meeting of seven members.

Two parliamentary papers and nine petitions were referred to the Committee, all of which were finally dealt with and reported to the House.

W. A. BODKIN, Chairman.

3rd March, 1933.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the members of the Goldfields and Mines Committee desire to record their appreciation of the ability and courtesy exhibited by Mr. W. A. Bodkin, as Chairman during the session, in the conduct of the business of the Committee.

3rd March, 1933.

H. E. HOLLAND,
Member of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the members of the Goldfields and Mines Committee desire to record their appreciation of the services of the Clerk, Mr. Llewellyn Meredith. They also desire that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House.

3rd March, 1933.

W. A. BODKIN, Chairman.

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