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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

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

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts 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 matters relating to school-teachers, education, and public instruction generally, public-school training of teachers, higher education, technical education, manual instruction, and other matters affecting education which may be referred to it; the Committee to consist of Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Bodkin, the Rev. Mr. Carr, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Schramm, Mr. Sykes, and the mover."—(Hon. Sir APIRANA NGATA.)

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.)

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PRAYING for free conveyance to and from Palmerston North of school-children of Rongotea and district who require secondary and technical education.

I am directed 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 amount of moneys formerly devoted to Junior Scholarships be utilized for the purpose of enabling country children requiring such assistance to acquire secondary and technical education in accordance with the recommendation of the Recess Education Committee.

2nd November, 1932.

No. 3, Sess. 1, 1932.—Petition of JESSIE GIBBONS, of Wanganui, and 19 Others (and 33 Petitions of a similar Nature, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for continuation of subsidy to free kindergartens.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration as soon as the finances of the country permit.

24th November, 1932.

SCHEDULE.

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| No. 7, Sess. 1, 1932.—Sandford, G., and 1,037 others. | No. 30, Sess. 1, 1932.—Wilson, J., and 40 others. |
| No. 8, Sess. 1, 1932.—Rodda, W., and 1,443 others. | No. 31, Sess. 1, 1932.—Keenan, D., and 40 others. |
| No. 9, Sess. 1, 1932.—Murdoch, Helen, and 875 others. | No. 32, Sess. 1, 1932.—Watkin, L. J., and 34 others. |
| No. 10, Sess. 1, 1932.—Bevan-Brown, F., and 691 others. | No. 33, Sess. 1, 1932.—Igglesden, O. M., and 714 others. |
| No. 11, Sess. 1, 1932.—Sullivan, D. E., and 1,499 others. | No. 34, Sess. 1, 1932.—Mitchell, V. M., and 1,130 others. |
| No. 12, Sess. 1, 1932.—Laws, C. R., and 871 others. | No. 35, Sess. 1, 1932.—McLachlan, J., and 34 others. |
| No. 13, Sess. 1, 1932.—Houghton, C. V., and 838 others. | No. 36, Sess. 1, 1932.—Gould, W. W., and 4 others. |
| No. 14, Sess. 1, 1932.—Averill, A. W., and 1,073 others. | No. 37, Sess. 1, 1932.—Black, R. S., and 1,728 others. |
| No. 21, Sess. 1, 1932.—Sim, Lady, and 1,728 others. | No. 38, Sess. 1, 1932.—Gosnell, G. L., and 20 others. |
| No. 22, Sess. 1, 1932.—Ross, N., and 1,728 others. | No. 39, Sess. 1, 1932.—Seed, A., and 3,056 others. |
| No. 23, Sess. 1, 1932.—Aston, M., and 4,665 others. | No. 40, Sess. 1, 1932.—Smith, H. W., and 5,184 others. |
| No. 24, Sess. 1, 1932.—Odlin, G. C., and 26 others. | No. 41, Sess. 1, 1932.—Thornton, M. G., and 905 others. |
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No. 181.—Petition of the EDUCATION BOARD OF THE DISTRICT OF OTAGO, Dunedin.

PRAYING that the Dunedin Training College be not closed, and that the four training colleges be retained

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee there should be greater co-ordination of that part of our educational organization which relates to the training of teachers so as to avoid as far as possible the duplication of staffs and courses which result in unnecessary expenditure.

To this end the Committee is of opinion that there should be closer co-operation between the Education Department, the Education Boards, and the University Colleges, and directs for favourable consideration of the Government the recommendations of the Parliamentary Recess Committee on Education on page 85 of parliamentary paper I.—8A, 1930.

8th December, 1932.

No. 176.—Petition of MOLLY GRAY, of 180 Queen Street, Dunedin, and 115 Others (and 42 Petitions of a similar Nature as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING that the Dunedin Training College be not closed, and that the four training colleges be retained.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee there should be greater co-ordination of that part of our educational organization which relates to the training of teachers so as to avoid as far as possible the duplication of staffs and courses which result in unnecessary expenditure.

To this end the Committee is of opinion that there should be closer co-operation between the Education Department, the Education Boards, and the University Colleges, and directs for favourable consideration of the Government the recommendations of the Parliamentary Recess Committee on Education on page 85 of parliamentary paper I.—8A, 1930.

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| No. 143.—Council of the University of Otago and 3,226 others. | No. 164.—Gilchrist, J., and 17 others. |
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| No. 145.—Laws, H. W., and 5,056 others. | No. 166.—Reay, W. W., and 15 others. |
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| No. 147.—Gregory, E., and 1,783 others. | No. 168.—Swann, T. A., and 18 others. |
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| No. 163.—Spence, L. J., and 4 others. | No. 197.—Rawley, A. W., and 57 others. |

No. 118, 1932.—Petition of VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL, Wellington.

PRAYING that the Wellington Training College be not closed.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee there should be greater co-ordination of that part of our educational organization which relates to the training of teachers so as to avoid as far as possible the duplication of staffs and courses which result in unnecessary expenditure.

To this end the Committee is of opinion that there should be closer co-operation between the Education Department, the Education Boards, and the University Colleges, and directs for favourable consideration of the Government the recommendations of the Parliamentary Recess Committee on Education on page 85 of parliamentary paper I.—8A, 1930.

8th December, 1932.

No. 270.—Petition of ERNEST GOODALL, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for financial relief on account of the termination of daughter's engagement with the Dunedin Training College.

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 following recommendation : While fully recognizing that the petitioner was reasonably and fairly treated by the Otago Education Board, and has no legal or moral claim for compensation against the Education Department, the Committee is of the opinion that the petitioner rendered a great service to the State in giving evidence which led to the conviction of Abraham Alfred Isaac Leonard Lind. That the nervous strain that the petitioner was subjected to as a witness for the Crown contributed to her breakdown in health, and in the opinion of the Committee she should be granted a compassionate allowance sufficient to provide for her maintenance until she is restored to health.

23rd February, 1933.

No. 272.—Petition of PETER FURSE, of Oropi School, Tauranga, Teacher.

PRAYING for amendment of regulations governing teachers' C certificate examination.

I am directed 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 allowed to sit for his B certificate, taking in English language and literature as a compulsory subject ; and in the event of his obtaining a pass in that subject he be credited with a full C certificate.

23rd February, 1933.

No. 477, Sess. 1, 1932.—Petition of M. E. BAKER and 44 Others, of 17 Baldwin Street, Moera, and 5 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached.

PRAYING that children under the age of six years be not excluded from the State schools.

I am directed to report that, as the petitions involve a matter of Government policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th March, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

No. 478, Sess. 1, 1932.—Werry, A. E., and 53 others.
No. 479, Sess. 1, 1932.—Harry, D., and 49 others.
No. 480, Sess. 1, 1932.—Barlow, R., and 45 others.

No. 481, Sess. 1, 1932.—White, H. B., and 36 others.
No. 482, Sess. 1, 1932.—Hoare, J. H., and 36 others.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Education Committee desires to record its hearty appreciation of the able and tactful manner in which the Chairman, Mr. Bodkin, has controlled the business of the Committee during the session. It further desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee and reported to the House.

8th March, 1933.

JOHN BITCHENER,
Member of Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Education Committee desires to record its satisfaction at the efficiency and courtesy shown by the Clerk, Mr. M. S. Pasley, in the discharge of his various duties during the session ; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

8th March, 1933.

W. A. BODKIN, Chairman.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Education Committee, consisting of ten members, has held twelve meetings during the session, with an average attendance of seven members.

One hundred and ten petitions were considered and reported upon. Of these, thirty-four were in connection with free kindergartens ; forty-four with training colleges ; twenty-three with school text-books ; six with children under six years ; and three miscellaneous. Two petitions were held over.

8th March, 1933.

W. A. BODKIN, Chairman.

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