1933. NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z (SUPPLEMENTARY) COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. C. H. CLINKARD, CHAIRMAN.)

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ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

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THURSDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee, supplementary to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee heretofore set up be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions 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: the Committee to consist of Mr. Clinkard, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Munro, Mr. Parry, Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Webb, Mr. Williams, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. Young.)

FRIDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the petitions of N. G. Perkins, C. C. M. Ollivier, Mary A. Nutt, E. H. Northcroft and others, New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute, A. J. Mason, Hannah Powell, E. J. Walker and others, W. S. Wilson, J. J. Meikle, D. Munro, Nora Williamson, F. W. Simmonds, V. Marcantelli, A. Teale, P. Maloney, A. Renall and others, and T. F. Simpson be referred to the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee."—(Mr. Lye.)

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No. 183.—Petition of Norah Williamson, of Christchurch, Widow.

Praying for compensation for the death of her husband by accident allegedly arising out of and in

the course of his employment by the Marine Department.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) committee has carefully considered and recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and the Committee desires to express the opinion that the petitioner should be granted a reasonable compassionate allowance.

13th December, 1933.

No. 60.—Petition of Hannah Powell, of Wellington, Widow.

Praying for a compassionate allowance or a pension on account of her late husband's war service.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13th December, 1933.

No. 175.—Petition of D. Munro, of 264 Hereford Street, Christchurch.

Praying for reinstatement in the Railway Service or payment of superannuation or compensation.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition and has no recommendation to make.

13th December, 1933.

No. 61.—Petition of E. J. Walker and 2,410 Others, of Timaru.

Praying for an increase in the funds allocated to Timaru by the Unemployment Board and for the abolition of the "stand-down" week.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition, but, as the subject-matter of the petition is one of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th December, 1933.

No. 229.—Petition of A. Renall and 3 Others, of Masterton.

Praying that the refusal of the Transport Licensing Authority to grant them a passenger-service license be investigated.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition, but, as the petitioners have not exhausted their legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th December, 1933.

No. 189-Petition of F. W. SIMMONDS, of Wellington, Journalist.

Praying that a Committee or Commission be appointed by Parliament to inquire into the Electrical Communications Branches of the Post and Telegraph Department with a view to minimizing losses alleged to be now incurred.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition, but, as the subject-matter of the petition is one affecting policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th December, 1933.

No. 234.—Petition of T. F. SIMPSON, of Wadestown, Wellington.

Praying for compensation or other relief for loss of property alleged to have been wrongly seized under a warrant to distrain.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition, but, as the petitioner has further legal remedies which have not been exhausted, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th December, 1933.

No. 53/1932-33.—Petition of N. G. Perkins, of Westport.

Praying for reappointment as a chemist in the New Zealand Railways Department, or other suitable employment.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered the above-mentioned petition, and has no recommendation to make.

13th December, 1933.

No. 291/1932-33.—Petition of Mary A. Nutt, of Millerton.

Praying for a compassionate allowance in respect of the death of her son.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementay) Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

13th December, 1933.

No. 196.—Petition of A. TEALE, of Christchurch.

Praying for compensation for an injury alleged to have been sustained while employed by the Railway Department.

I have the honour to report that, owing to the recent death of the petitioner, the Committee has not considered this petition and, for that reason, has no recommendation to make.

20th December, 1933.

No. 38.—Petition of the New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute (Inc.), of Wellington. Praying for amendment of the National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932, to provide for reduction in rentals of Railway dwellinghouses, or that tenants may be permitted to vacate the dwellings occupied by them.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration in respect of the first part of the prayer of the petition.

20th December, 1933.

No. 58.—Petition of A. J. Mason, of Christchurch.

Praying for compensation for legal expenses incurred on a second trial as a result of retrospective legislation.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

20th December, 1933.

No. 211.—Petition of P. Maloney, of Wellington.

Praying for redress by having a certain record expunged from the *Police Gazette* and the *Police Department files*, and for recompense for loss allegedly sustained by him.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementray) Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

CECIL H. CLINKARD, Chairman.

20th December, 1933.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that at its final meeting the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this Committee place on record its high appreciation of the care and ability with which the Chairman, Mr. C. H. Clinkard, has conducted the business of the Committee, and direct that this resolution be reported to the House."

J. W. Munro, A Member of the Committee.

20th December, 1933.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z (Supplementary) Committee, appointed on the 7th day of December, 1933, and consisting of ten members, has held six meetings with an average attendance of seven members. Eighteen petitions were referred to the Committee. Five of these were, for various reasons, held over, while thirteen were heard and reported on to the House.

CECIL H. CLINKARD, Chairman.

20th December, 1933.

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