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GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE
(REPORTS OF THE).

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

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ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1933.

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. Holyoake, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Linklater, Mr. McSkimming, Mr. Parry, Mr. Reid, Mr. Samuel, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MACMILLAN.)

TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the petition of W. Danby and others be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee."—(Mr. SAMUEL.)

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REPORTS.

No. 22.—Petition of S. ENSOR and 50 others (and five similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for an inquiry into the method of assistance granted unemployed miners by the Unemployment Board.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration; and the Committee desires to suggest that the Government request the Deputy Chairman of the Unemployment Board and the Under-Secretary of the Mines Department, together with the member for the district, to confer with the parties concerned, with a view to arriving, if possible, at a basis of settlement.

7th November, 1933.

STEWART REID, for Chairman.

SCHEDULE.

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| 23 | J. Harman and 420 others | 52 | J. H. McKenzie and 230 others. |
| 50 | A. Christie and 120 others. | 310 | W. J. G. Moyle and 25 others. |
| 51 | C. Dunster and 31 others. | | |

No. 55.—Petition of V. C. EDWARDS, Hauraki Mining District.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th November, 1933.

STEWART REID, for Chairman.

No. 139.—Petition of C. H. COGHLAN, of Takahue.

PRAYING that he be granted a miner's pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. In view of the occasional conflict of opinion between doctors as to whether a miner is suffering from pneumoconiosis, resulting in numerous petitions to Parliament and much distress and physical agony to petitioners in travelling for purposes of reinspection, this Committee is of opinion that men who, as the result of having been miners, have contracted a disease similar to pneumoconiosis, which incapacitates them from work, should be allowed to qualify for a miner's pension.

28th November, 1933.

No. 206.—Petition of A. W. MOORE, of Auckland.

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

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. In view of the occasional conflict of opinion between doctors as to whether a miner is suffering from pneumoconiosis, resulting in numerous petitions to Parliament and much distress and physical agony to petitioners in travelling for purposes of reinspection, this Committee is of opinion that men who, as the result of having been miners, have contracted a disease similar to pneumoconiosis, which incapacitates them from work, should be allowed to qualify for a miner's pension.

28th November, 1933.

A. M. SAMUEL, for Chairman.

No. 230.—Petition of W. J. STAFFORD, of Auckland.

PRAYING that he be granted 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.

8th December, 1933.

W. A. BODKIN, Chairman.

No. 253.—Petition of W. DANBY and 230 Others, of Thames.

PRAYING that A. C. Houghton be granted 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.

20th December, 1933.

STEWART REID, for Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the members of the Goldfields and Mines Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the ability, tact, and unfailing courtesy during the session manifested by the Chairman, Mr. Bodkin, in the conduct of the business of the Committee; and the members of the Committee further desire that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and also that it be reported to the House.

20th December, 1933.

A. M. SAMUEL,
Member of the Committee.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of ten members, has during the session held five meetings, with an average attendance of five. Eleven petitions were referred to the Committee, all of which were finally dealt with and reported to the House.

20th December, 1933.

STEWART REID, for Chairman.

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