

REPORTS.

No. 244, 1934.—Petition of W. A. BROWN, or Dorset Avenue, New Plymouth, and 531 Others, and 43 Petitions of a Similar Nature, as per Schedule attached.

PRAYING that legislation be enacted providing for the enrolment of children at public schools on attaining the age of five years.

I have the honour to report that, in view of the strong case made by the petitioners and of the fact that the five-year-old children were excluded as an economy measure, having regard to the improved condition of the country's finances, this Committee is of the opinion that the readmission of the five-year-old children to the schools should receive the most favourable consideration when the whole system of education comes up for review next year.

25th October, 1935.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Petition.	Petitioner.	No. of Petition.	Petitioner.
1934.		1934.	
245	W. Hollyman and 21 others.	267	W. G. H. Weadon and 1,210 others.
246	F. A. Rich and 8 others.	268	C. M. Robinson and 827 others.
247	G. Watson and 509 others.	269	R. R. Johnston and 76 others.
248	P. O. Veale and 401 others.	270	W. Murray and 1,077 others.
249	T. R. Hine and 165 others.	271	M. Milne and 333 others.
250	J. C. Hollyman and 122 others.	272	A. J. Pearce and 261 others.
251	W. Ireland and 966 others.	273	V. J. Taylor and 1,092 others.
252	J. S. Baskett and 349 others.	274	F. W. Cain and 829 others.
253	E. Fraser and 405 others.	275	M. Richmond and 1,144 others.
254	J. Kilkeny and 1,918 others.	276	E. Standen and 1,032 others.
255	J. L. Lock and 297 others.	277	W. G. Bond and 1,232 others.
256	R. H. Williamson and 667 others.	278	L. McCarthy and 1,086 others.
257	W. F. Thompson and 1,014 others.	279	J. Cogan and 133 others.
258	R. Fitzgerald and 279 others.	283	V. L. Manson and 1,512 others.
259	J. H. Mills and 540 others.	309	S. A. S. Hart.
260	S. A. Williams and 38 others.	310	W. T. London.
261	E. Lee and 138 others.	311	G. P. Williams and 21 others.
262	F. S. Hewer and 85 others.	312	H. Cleaver and 15 others.
263	A. Galloway and 258 others.	314	H. Byng and 184 others.
264	A. Allen and 1,195 others.	324	C. Best and 10 others.
265	C. F. Riggs and 1,175 others.	1935.	
266	C. E. Grudgean and 307 others.	328	C. M. Symes and 26 others.

No. 146.—Petition of E. GOODALL, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for financial relief and the setting-up of a Commission to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the termination of his daughters' engagement with the Dunedin Training College.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

H. ATMORE, for Chairman.

25th October, 1935.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Education Committee desires to record its appreciation of the care, ability, and tact with which the Chairman, Mr. Bodkin, has conducted the business of the Committee throughout the session; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

S. G. SMITH, a Member of the Committee.

25th October, 1935.