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Anderson, Hon. George James	Mataura.
Atmore, Harry	Nelson.
Bartram, Frederick Notley	Grey Lynn.
Bitchener, John	Waitaki.
Bollard, Richard Francis	Raglan.
Brown, John Vigor	Napier.
Burnett, Thomas David	Temuka.
Campbell, Hugh McLean	Hawke's Bay.
Coates, Hon. Joseph Gordon	Kaipara.
Craigie, James	Timaru.
Dickson, James McColl	Chalmers.
Dickson, James Samuel	Parnell.
Dixon, Edwin	Patea.
Edie, John	Bruce.
Field, William Hughes	Otaki.
Forbes, George William	Hurunui.
Fraser, Peter	Wellington Central.
Glenn, William Spiers	Rangitikei.
Guthrie, Hon. David Henry	Oroua.
Hamilton, Adam	Wallace.
Hamilton, John Ronald	Awarua.
Hanan, Hon. Josiah Alfred	Invercargill.
Harris, Alexander	Waitemata.
Hawken, Oswald James	Egmont.
Henare, Tau	Northern Maori.
Herries, Hon. Sir William Herbert, K.C.M.G.	Tauranga.
Hockly, Frank Franklin	Rotorua.
Holland, Henry Edmund	Buller.
Horn, James	Wakatipu.
Howard, Edwin John	Christchurch South.
Hudson, Richard Phineas	Motueka.
Hunter, Sir George, Kt.	Waipawa.
Isitt, Leonard Monk	Christchurch North.
Jennings, William Thomas	Waitomo.
Jones, David	Kaiapoi.
Lang, Hon. Sir Frederic William, Kt.	Manukau.

Name.	Electoral District.
Lee, Hon. Ernest Page	.... Oamaru.
Luke, Sir John Pearce, Kt., C.M.G.	.... Wellington North.
Lysnar, William Douglas	.... Gisborne.
McCallum, Richard	.... Wairau.
McCombs, James	.... Lyttelton.
Mackenzie, Clutha Nantes	.... Auckland East.
McLeod, Alexander Donald	.... Wairarapa.
McNicol, Archibald	.... Pahiatua.
Malcolm, Alexander Scott	.... Clutha.
Mander, Francis	.... Marsden.
Massey, Right Hon. William Ferguson, P.C.	.... Franklin.
Masters, Robert	.... Stratford.
Mitchell, George	.... Wellington South.
Munro, James Wright....	.... Dunedin North.
Nash, James Alfred	.... Palmerston.
Newman, Dr. Alfred Kingcome....	.... Wellington East.
Newman, Edward	.... Manawatu.
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Nosworthy, Hon. William	.... Ashburton.
Parr, Hon. Christopher James, C.M.G.	.... Eden.
Parry, William Edward	.... Auckland Central.
Poland, Hugh	.... Ohinemuri.
Pomare, Hon. Dr. Maui, C.M.G.	.... Western Maori.
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Rhodes, Thomas William	.... Thames.
Savage, Michael Joseph	.... Auckland West.
Seddon, Thomas Edward Youd	.... Westland.
Sidey, Thomas Kay	.... Dunedin South.
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Smith, Sydney George	.... Taranaki.
Statham, Charles Ernest	.... Dunedin Central.
Stewart, Hon. William Downie	.... Dunedin West.
Sullivan, Daniel Giles	.... Avon.
Sykes, George Robert....	.... Masterton.
Thacker, Dr. Henry Thomas Joynt	.... Christchurch East.
Uru, Henare Whakatau	.... Southern Maori.
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359/17. Ngamoki, Te Aru ..	Aug. 30, 1917	*Re* Ohutu Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs	Sept. 26, 1922. Oct. 30, 1922.
291/19. Ferris, C.	Oct. 6, 1919	That all succession orders affecting the interests of Kararaina te Kani be cancelled and the question of succession be retried	1	Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
15/19. Porter, Thomas William, and another	Aug. 28, 1919	That the Native Land Court be empowered to reinvestigate the order *re* relative interests in Matahua Block	2	Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
314/19. Wiremu Karaka and 19 others	Oct. 10, 1919	For reinvestigation of title of Mangahauini 7A Block	20	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
218/20. Ahipene Paea	Aug. 24, 1920	For legislation enabling the Government to acquire the Hineruka Maori burial-place on the Rua-a-Rakaiputara No. 3 Block for the purpose of handing it back to the descendants of the ancestors buried there	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
204/20. Ani Haronga and 5 others ..	Aug. 19, 1920	*Re* Te Whakaki Block	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
362/20. Ani Taumutu	Oct. 27, 1920	For an inquiry into her right of succession to interests in the Tokomaru Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
351/20. Erana Paerimu and 19 others	Oct. 15, 1920	That the agreed commission on the sales of the Paeoterangi, Puatainga, and Hikurangi Blocks be paid to them	20	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
277/20. Eru Mete and 13 others ..	Sept. 15, 1920	*Re* Wairau Block	14	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
204/20. Haronga Ani and 5 others ..	Aug. 19, 1920	*Re* Te Whakaki Block	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
331/20. Hawhe Pakeha	Oct. 8, 1920	*Re* succession to Pakeha (Nohotu) in Hinewhaki Nos. 2 and 3 Blocks	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
276/20. Heni Kaiwhiri and 14 others	Sept. 15, 1920	*Re* Anaurn Block	15	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
202/20. Herepete Rapihana ..	Aug. 19, 1920	That the portions of the Pukepoto Block confiscated by the Crown should be returned to the Native owners	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
67/20. Hirini Kirihu and another ..	July 7, 1920	For inclusion in the title to Mohaka No. 1 and other Blocks ..	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
46/20. Huirau Tamihana ..	June 30, 1920	That an inquiry be made into the true ownership of Kawatiri Nos. 45, 46, and 51 Blocks	1	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
329/20. Huitau te Hau and 17 others	Oct. 7, 1920	For inquiry into the title of Tawapata South Block	18	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
241/20. Innis, A. E.	Aug. 31, 1920	That legislation be passed to enable him to acquire the title of Ngararahi 1 Block	1	Mr. T. W. Rhodes ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
192/20. Kaihote, Kihi te, and 9 others	Aug. 18, 1920	For the cancellation of the orders of the Native Land Court in respect of the Hinewhaki No. 2 Block	10	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
212/20. Kaimoana Mako and 31 others	Aug. 20, 1920	For the return of part of the Kauhouroa Block, which was confiscated by the Crown, as promised by the late Sir Donald McLean to Maihi Kaimoana	32	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
192/20. Kihite te Kaihote and 9 others	Aug. 18, 1920	For the cancellation of the orders of the Native Land Court in respect of the Hinewhaki No. 2 Block	10	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
67/20. Kirihu Hirini and another ..	July 7, 1920	For inclusion in the title to Mohaka No. 1 and other Blocks ..	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
308/20. Kirk, Robert, and 44 others	Sept. 28, 1920	That their land be not included in the special river district to be called the Taieri River Trust District	45	Mr. J. Mc. Dickson	Lands	Held over.
212/20. Mako Kaimoana and 31 others	Aug. 20, 1920	For the return of part of the Kauhouroa Block, which was confiscated by the Crown, as promised by the late Sir Donald McLean to Maihi Kaimoana	32	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
205/20. Mokonuiarangi, T. K. ..	Aug. 19, 1920	*Re* Te Pokohu Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.

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FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	NO. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	* DATE OF REPORT.
218/20. Para Ahipene	Aug. 24, 1920	For legislation enabling the Government to acquire the Hineruka Maori burial-place in the Rua-a-Rakaiputara No. 3 Block for the purpose of handing it back to the descendants of the ancestors buried there	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
351/20. Paerimu Erana and 19 others	Oct. 15, 1920	That the agreed commission on the sales of the Paeoterangi, Puatainga, and Hikurangi Blocks be paid to them	20	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
331/20. Pakeha Hawhe	Oct. 8, 1920	*Re* succession to Pakeha (Nohotu) in Hinewhaki Nos. 2 and 3 Blocks	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
262/20. Paretene Ngata and 1 other	Sept. 10, 1920	For rehearing of the title of Waipaoa A Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
188/20. Patara Hune and another ..	Aug. 17, 1920	*Re* Tawapata Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
202/20. Rapihana Herepete ..	Aug. 19, 1920	That the portions of the Pukepoto Block confiscated by the Crown should be returned to the Native owners	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
46/20. Tamihana Huirau ..	June 30, 1920	That an inquiry be made into the true ownership of Kawateri Nos. 45, 46, and 51 Blocks	1	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
362/20. Taumutu Ani	Oct. 27, 1920	For an inquiry into her right of succession to interests in the Tokomaru Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
192/20. Te Kihi Kaihote and 9 others	Aug. 18, 1920	For the cancellation of the orders of the Native Land Court in respect of the Hinewhaki No. 2 Block	10	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
103/20. Uru ta Angina and another	July 20, 1920	That the alleged injustice done to the petitioners by the inclusion of Turanga te Rangihiroa in the division of shares in the Waimarino No. 8 Reserve be remedied	2	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
21/21. Ane te Kore and 2 others ..	Mar. 22, 1921	For inquiry into succession to the Taupara Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
20/21. Ane te Kori and 3 others ..	Mar. 22, 1921	For inquiry into the interest of Anaru Tira *re* Taupara Block ..	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
12/21. Enoka te Roo and 6 others	Mar. 22, 1921	For a Royal Commission to investigate the titles to Matuku Block	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
11/21. Epiniha Kaihote	Mar. 22, 1921	*Re* Te Aria and Kaiapohia (part of Ngamoki Block)	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
13/21. Haenga Paretipua and another	Mar. 22, 1921	For inquiry into titles of Whakaki Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
19/21. Hapi Meri and 6 others ..	Mar. 22, 1921	For an inquiry into the division of Rakaukaka Block	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
11/21. Kaihote Epiniha	Mar. 22, 1921	*Re* Te Aria and Kaiapohia (part of Ngamotu Block)	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over
19/21. Meri Hape and 6 others ..	Mar. 22, 1921	For an inquiry into the division of Rakaukaka Block	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
13/21. Paretipua Haenga and another	Mar. 22, 1921	For inquiry into titles of Te Whakaki Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
20/21. Te Kore Ane and 3 others ..	Mar. 22, 1921	For inquiry into the interest of Anaru Tira *re* Taupara Block ..	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
21/21. Te Kore Ane and 2 others ..	Mar. 22, 1921	For inquiry into succession to the Taupara Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
12/21. Te Roo Enoka and 6 others	Mar. 22, 1921	For a Royal Commission to investigate the titles to Matuku Block	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.

III (*continued*).—SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SESSION 1921–22, AND DEALT WITH DURING SESSION 1922.

From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
178. Ahere te Kete and 132 others ..	Oct. 26, 1921	That the Whakaagi Block be returned to them	133	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
230. Arapeta Maaka Nari Hotereni ..	Nov. 9, 1921	For compensation for expenses incurred *in re* the Te Ranga-a-tai Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
253. Barber, W. H.	Nov. 18, 1921	For compensation for alleged losses sustained through being called up for military service	1	Mr. R. W. Smith ..	Defence	Sept. 12, 1922.
188. Chesney, R. O.	Oct. 28, 1921	For compensation or reinstatement in the New Zealand Staff Corps	1	Mr. Seddon ..	Defence	Oct. 26, 1922.
227. Cooper, Arthur Panuhaua Turoa	Nov. 9, 1921	For inquiry into the division of property under the will of Te Waonui Atane	2	Mr. Veitch ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
365. Erihana, T. M.	Feb. 2, 1922	For a rehearing of the succession order affecting the interests of Katarina Hape (deceased) in part of Section 50, Block XII, Waikouaiti Native Reserve	1	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
85. Erihana Wera Hana	Sept. 30, 1921	For a rehearing of succession to the interests of Hone Hikana (Kerei) Kahuti (deceased), with a view to cancellation of the existing orders	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
179. Eribe Kere and 89 others ..	Oct. 26, 1921	That the Taimaro Block be returned to them	90	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
307. Fullbrook, Richard Outin ..	Dec. 12, 1921	For compensation from the Defence Department	1	Mr. Glenn ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.
238. Haeroata Paora	Nov. 11, 1921	For the cancellation of a lease of the Matauri No. 2b Block ..	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
85. Hana Wera Erihana	Sept. 30, 1921	For a rehearing of succession to the interests of Hone Hikana (Kerei) Kahuti (deceased), with a view to cancellation of the existing orders	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
207. Hapua Hutana	Nov. 3, 1921	That inquiry be made into Petitioner's claim as part owner of the Rangiauria Block	1	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 8, 1922.
264. Henare Wiremu and 5 others ..	Nov. 23, 1921	For rehearing as to the ownership of Section 59, Block XII, Tapapa Survey District	6	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
289. Henry, Kenneth S., and 19 others	Dec. 2, 1921	That returned soldiers be given suitable employment	20	Mr. Mitchell ..	Defence	Oct. 26, 1922.
24. Herewini Taka and 22 others ..	Sept. 27, 1921	That Takapu Island be returned to them	23	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 9, 1922.
275. Hine Patara	Nov. 29, 1921	*Re* succession of Herewini Patara, jun., to Nukutaurua No. 1 Block	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
296. Hone Paputene	Dec. 6, 1921	For a further hearing on the Poroporo Block	28	Hon. Sir W. H. Herries	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
258. Hopere Roka	Nov. 22, 1921	On behalf of Tenui Totorewa and others for reinvestigation by Native Land Court of the title of Manurewa, Lots 196, 197	1	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
360. Hughes, James	Jan. 27, 1922	For inquiry and relief relative to loss incurred in connection with a land transaction which could not be completed on account of his absence on active service	1	Sir J. P. Luke	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 17, 1922.
					Defence	Sept. 20, 1922.
207. Hutana Hapua	Nov. 3, 1921	That inquiry be made into petitioner's claim as part owner of the Rangiauria Block	1	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 8, 1922.
342. Johnson, Mere	Jan. 11, 1922	For inquiry into the appointment of successors to Petera Paku (*alias* Petera Nuhaka), deceased, in the Herebertau B2 and other blocks	1	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
120. Karewa Rangi Watene and 8 others	Oct. 11, 1921	That the Ngaruru Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks at Tory Channel be returned to them	9	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 11, 1922.
179. Kere Eribe and 89 others ..	Oct. 26, 1921	That the Taemaro Block be returned to them	90	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
178. Kete te Ahere and 132 others ..	Oct. 26, 1921	That the Whakaagi Block be returned to them	133	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.

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230. Maaka Arapeta Nari Hoteremi ..	Nov. 9, 1921	Compensation for expenses incurred *in re* the Te Ranga-a-tia Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
364. McConnell, Sydney Charles Hedley	Feb. 1, 1922	For reinstatement in the Public Service	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 26, 1922.
159. Mare Mare Taki	Oct. 20, 1921	For cancellation of succession orders made *re* Haora Toki (deceased)	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
257. Matenga Waaka and 34 others	Nov. 22, 1922	*Re* Te Kuri and Tangotete Blocks	35	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 27, 1922.
239. Mercana Paora and 2 others ..	Nov. 11, 1921	That the sale of the Matauri No. 2D Block be cancelled	3	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
71. Mete Taare	Sept. 28, 1921	For rectification of the area of the Rangataua No. 19 Block ..	1	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 27, 1922.
305. Miller, Mary Winnifred ..	Dec. 9, 1921	For compensation for dental expenses whilst employed by the Defence Department	1	Mr. Wright ..	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 12, 1922.
225. Mita Taupopoki	Nov. 8, 1921	*Re* Tauri Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 20, 1922.
357. Murray, J. L. (Limited), and 60 others	Jan. 25, 1922	That the Shops and Offices Act be amended, and that a poll be taken on the question of the weekly half-holiday	61	Mr. Sykes ..	Labour Bills	Oct. 4, 1922.
200. Ngatawa Wi	Nov. 1, 1921	Cancellation of succession order in Mangataiore Block	7	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
366. Nikorima Rea nd 13 others ..	Feb. 3, 1922	For a rehearing of Mangaroa Block	14	Mr. Forbes (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
367. Nikorima Rea and 15 others ..	Feb. 3, 1922	For a rehearing of Omaio Block	16	Mr. Forbes (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
237. Nopere Waaka and 7 others ..	Nov. 11, 1921	*Re* certain rights over Rangiahua Island taken by the Government	8	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
345. Nopere Paeroa	Jan. 12, 1922	That the Native Land Court be authorized to inquire into the matter of the interests in the Te Akau Block	3	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
345. Paeroa Nopere and 2 others ..	Jan. 12, 1922	That the Native Land Court be authorized to inquire into the matter of the interests in the Te Akau Block	3	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
238. Paora Haereata and another ..	Nov. 11, 1921	For the cancellation of a lease of the Matauri No. 2D Block ..	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
239. Paora Mercana and 2 others ..	Nov. 11, 1921	That the sale of the Matauri No. 2D Block be cancelled	3	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
296. Paputene Hone and 27 others ..	Dec. 6, 1921	For a further hearing on the Poroporo Block	28	Hon. Sir W. H. Herries	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
275. Patara Hine	Nov. 29, 1921	*Re* succession of Herewini Patara, jun., to Nukutaurua No. 1 Block	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
308. Patene Rangi and others ..	Dec. 13, 1921	That the Native Land Court be empowered to rehear the Kaiwahie, Waiwhakaata, Taheremaro, Pipiwhako Blocks	3	Hon. Dr. Pomare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
281. Piri Rangihuna and 3 others ..	Nov. 30, 1921	For a further grant of land in connection with the Continuous Reserve as set aside for certain members of the Ngatitu Hapu	4	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
141. Pohio Rakapa	Oct. 14, 1921	For a further inquiry as to the title to Te Upoko-o-Rakaitauheke Block and for inclusion therein	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
274. Porter, S., and 578 others ..	Nov. 29, 1921	That the Shops and Offices Act be amended to provide an annual poll to be taken on the question of the weekly half-holiday	579	Mr. Glenn ..	Labour	Oct. 4, 1922.
361. Pringle, David, and 40 others ..	Jan. 27, 1922	That section 75 of the Defence Amendment Act, 1912, be amended preventing the compulsory taking of certain land	5	Mr. Nash ..	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 12, 1922.
141. Rakapa Pohio	Oct. 14, 1921	For a further inquiry as to the title to Te Upoko-o-Rakaitauheke Block and for inclusion therein	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
346. Ranapiri Uru and another ..	Jan. 12, 1921	For a rehearing of the succession orders appointing Rahiri Winiata as sole successor to the interests of Richard Ransfield (deceased) of Ohau Sub. 4 of No. 3 Ohau, Ohau Section 13 Blocks ..	..	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
281. Rangihuna Piri and 3 others ..	Nov. 30, 1921	For a further grant of land in connection with the Continuous Reserve as set aside for certain members of the Ngatitu Hapu	4	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
308. Rangi Patene and 2 others ..	Dec. 13, 1921	That the Native Land Court be empowered to rehear the Kaiwahie, Waiwhakaata, Teheremaro, and Pepiwhako Blocks	3	Hon. Dr. Pomare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.

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	FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	NO. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
366.	Rea Nikorima and 13 others ..	Feb. 3, 1922	For a rehearing of Mangaroa Block	14	Mr. Forbes (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
367.	Rea Nikorima and 15 others ..	Feb. 3, 1922	For a rehearing of Omaio Block	16	Mr. Forbes (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
335.	Rhodes, Albert John	Dec. 19, 1921	That action be taken to validate two transfers of titles of Native land to him	1	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
258.	Roka Hopere	Nov. 22, 1921	On behalf of Tunui Totorewa and others for reinvestigation by Native Land Court of the title of Manurewa Lots 196 and 197	1	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
327.	Smith, Thomas Hawkins ..	Dec. 16, 1921	For compensation in respect of loss suffered as the result of uncompleted negotiations in connection with the acquisition of certain Native land	1	Hon. Sir W. H. Herries	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
362.	Stevenson, John	Jan. 30, 1922	For an increase in the war pension granted him on account of the death of his son while on active service	1	Mr. J. R. Hamilton	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 28, 1922.
71.	Taare Mete	Sept. 28, 1921	For rectification of the area of the Rangataua No. 19 Block ..	1	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 27, 1922.
363.	Tait, George, and 61 others ..	Jan. 31, 1922	That the Shops and Offices Act be amended, and that a poll be taken on the question of the weekly half-holiday	62	Mr. Dixon ..	Labour	Oct. 4, 1922.
24.	Taka Horewini and 22 others ..	Sept. 27, 1921	That Takapu Island be returned to them	23	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 8, 1922.
159.	Taki Mare Mare	Oct. 20, 1921	For cancellation of succession orders made re Haora Taki (deceased)	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
225.	Taupopoki Mita and 3 others ..	Nov. 8, 1921	*Re* Tauri Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 20, 1922.
315.	Tawhai Timutimu and 36 others	Dec. 14, 1921	*Re* Houpoto Block	37	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
315.	Timutimu Tawhai and 36 others	Dec. 14, 1921	*Re* Houpoto Block	37	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922. Oct. 30, 1922.
211.	Totorewa Uru Whapuku and 2 others	Nov. 4, 1921	That further inquiry be made regarding the list of owners in Manurewa Lots 196 and 197	3	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
346.	Uru Ranapiri and another ..	Jan. 12, 1922	For a rehearing of the succession orders appointing Rahiri Winiata as sole successor to the interests of Richard Ransfield (deceased) in Ohau Sub. 4 of No. 3, Ohau Section 13 Blocks	2	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
211.	Uru Whapuku Totorewa and 2 others	Nov. 4, 1921	That further inquiry be made regarding the list of owners in Manurewa Lots 196 and 197	3	Hon. Dr. Pomare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
257.	Waaka Matenga	Nov. 22, 1921	*Re* Te Kuri and Tangotete Blocks	35	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 27, 1922.
237.	Waaka Nopere and 7 others ..	Nov. 11, 1921	For the return of the Rangiahua Island	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
4.	Wanganui Harbour Board ..	Sept. 22, 1921	For restoration of certain rights in connection with the Wanganui Town Wharf and adjoining land	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Lands	Nov. 18, 1921.
						Railways	Aug. 18, 1922.
328.	Ward, Percy	Dec. 16, 1921	For legislation to protect surveyors in their claims for the cost of surveys of Native lands made under the authority of the Survey Department	1	Mr. T. S. Dickson ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 11, 1922.
120.	Watene Rangi Karewa and 8 others	Oct. 11, 1921	That the Ngaruru Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks at Tory Channel be returned to them	9	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 11, 1922.
337.	Wellington Society for Relief of the Aged and Needy	Dec. 20, 1921	For recognition of the services rendered by the Superintendent and Matron to patients from the Victoria Home	1	Dr. A. K. Newman	Defence	Sept. 12, 1922.
200.	Wi Ngatawa	Nov. 1, 1921	Cancellation of succession order Mangataiore Block	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
264.	Wiremu Henare and 5 others ..	Nov. 23, 1921	For a rehearing as to the ownership of Section 59, Block XII, Tapapa Survey District	6	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.

III (*continued*).—SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SESSION 1922.

FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	No. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
93. Agnew, Andrew R., and 192 others	July 4, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	193	Hon. Mr. Anderson	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
137. Agnew, Robert James, and 9 others	July 12, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	10	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
385. Akanihi Whitianga and 7 others	Oct. 17, 1922	For further hearing of the succession to Te Hauru Rewapuru and Hineteuru	8	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
360. Akapita te Toa Hamuera Pango and 9 others	Sept. 29, 1922	For inquiry into the titles of Ouru No. 3 and other blocks ..	10	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
84. Akau, Eruera te	June 30, 1922	For inclusion in title to Ruanata Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
235. Albert, Henry, and 20 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native Land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	21	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
212. Alexander, William James ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For compensation for his discharge from the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces at Samoa, alleged to be due to unfair reports on his character	1	Mr. Potter ..	Defence	Oct. 13, 1922.
321. Allan, R. H., and 24 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	Against the Whangarei Borough Council being empowered to lease Kensington Park to the Whangarei Racing Club	25	Mr. Mander ..	Local Bills	Oct. 19, 1922.
9. Allan, Catherine H., and 4,323 others	June 28, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	4,324	Mr. Howard ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
336. Anaru Tiweka Karauri ..	Sept. 13, 1922	For inquiry into the succession of Takimoana (deceased)	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
311. Anderson, F. W., and 3 others ..	Sept. 6, 1922	For reduction of rental of sections held under lease-in-perpetuity in the Kahoroa Block	4	Mr. Hockly ..	Lands (direct) ..	Sept. 28, 1922.
296. Annear, Honorah	Aug. 29, 1922	For compensation for the death of her husband formerly in the employ of the Defence Department	1	Dr. A. K. Newman	Defence	Sept. 28, 1922.
99. Annear, F.	July 5, 1922	For a compassionate allowance in recognition of his services as stevedore for the New Zealand Government during the recent war	1	Dr. A. K. Newman	Defence	Sept. 28, 1922.
243. Akapita te Toa Hamuera and 66 others	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
142. Apanui te Hurinui and 605 others	July 13, 1922	Praying for an inquiry into the confiscated lands in the Whakatane district	606	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
143. Apanui te Hurinui and 132 others	July 13, 1922	Praying for a readjustment of the tax on Native leased lands ..	133	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
91. Armstrong, George H., and 331 others	July 4, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	332	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
102. Ashby, Robert, and 441 others	July 5, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	442	Mr. Jones ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
345. Ataria Mohi Mohe, and 73 others	Sept. 21, 1922	For grant of land to Ngatitumatawera Hapu on account of the Tarawera eruption	74	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
118. Ata, Tamihana Turoa Kupa, and another	July 7, 1922	For inclusion in the right of succession as descendants of Rora Kupa to Waimarino, Urewera, and Raetihi Blocks	2	Mr. Veitch ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
244. Arohekaehe Watene and 66 others	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
357. Attwood, F. W., and 212 others	Sept. 27, 1922	That the Government should contribute financially towards the upkeep of the Cawthron Institute	213	Mr. Atmore ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 12, 1922.

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107.	Awhikau, Tonga, and 20 others	July 3, 1922	That a recommendation of the Native Affairs Committee with regard to a special grant of land of 1,000 acres be given effect to	21	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
29.	Bailey, C., and 792 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	793	Mr. Craigie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
124.	Bain, Wm. Alex., and 13 others	July 11, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	14	Mr. Munro ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
304.	Baldwin, William Alfred ..	Aug. 31, 1922	For compensation for loss of position in the Labour Department through the reduction of staff	1	Mr. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 18, 1922.
349.	Beck, William Thomas ..	Sept. 21, 1922	For compensation in recognition of his services as an officer in the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Mackenzie ..	Defence	Oct. 13, 1922.
147.	Benefield, W. T., and 72 others..	July 14, 1922	Protesting against the Railway Department closing the footpath between Kelvin Street and Aramoho Railway-station	73	Mr. Veitch ..	Railways	Sept. 12, 1922.
22.	Bennett, J. A., and 1,040 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	1,040	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
372.	Berntæn, Bernhard Olaf ..	Oct. 12, 1922	For consideration of his circumstances owing to the promised financial assistance of the Taranaki Provincial War Relief Association not being forthcoming	1	Mr. Jennings ..	Defence (direct) ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
56.	Bethune, Mary	June 29, 1922	For a compassionate allowance for services rendered to the Wellington Education Board by her deceased husband	1	Mr. Wright ..	Education	Sept. 12, 1922.
44.	Bevington, A. C., and 590 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for licensing of bookmakers	591	Mr. Mander ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
267.	Billings, Rina, and another ..	Aug. 18, 1922	*Re* No. 19, Marangaroa 1B Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
255.	Bishop, George Samuel ..	Aug. 16, 1922	For reinstatement in his former position in the Defence Department or for compensation in lieu thereof	1	Hon. Mr. Hanan ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
179.	Black, Thomas	July 28, 1922	For remission of the "Stranger's tax" in the estate of Edmund Hayes (deceased)	1	Mr. Malcolm ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
98.	Bosworth, John Thomas ..	July 5, 1922	For compensation owing to retrenchment from the Defence Force of New Zealand	1	Mr. Nash ..	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 12, 1922.
116.	Boyd, John James	July 7, 1922	That he be awarded compensation for the loss incurred by the enforcement of section 45, subsection 1 (*d*), of the Municipal Corporations Amendment Act, 1913, and that the above section be amended or repealed.	1	Mr. Malcolm (for Hon. Sir F. W. Lang)	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 27, 1922.
319.	Brake, L. J., and 34 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	Against the Whangarei Borough Council being empowered to lease Kensington Park to the Whangarei Racing Club	35	Mr. Mander ..	Local Bills	Oct. 19, 1922.
74.	Bray, Alfred, and 214 others ..	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	215	Hon. Mr. Nosworthy	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
322.	Bray, A. E., and 9 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	Against the Whangarei Borough Council being empowered to lease Kensington Park to the Whangarei Racing Club	10	Mr. Mander ..	Local Bills	Oct. 19, 1922.
371.	Brooke, Caroline J.	Oct. 11, 1922	For a compassionate allowance or for reinstatement in the Education Department	1	Dr. Newman (for Mr. Mackenzie)	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 26, 1922.
148.	Brooks, Frederick James ..	July 14, 1922	For compensation for loss of office as Clerk of Court, Lawrence ..	1	Mr. Edie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
252.	Brown, Jane	Aug. 16, 1922	For inquiry to determine the absentee members of the Ngatimutunga Hapu under the agreement with the Government of 1867	1	Mr. J. S. Dickson ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
331.	Browne, Helen Mitchel ..	Sept. 12, 1922	For compensation for loss of business due to the passing of the Wellington Milk Supply Act, 1919	1	Mr. Field ..	Agricultural, Pastoral, Industries, Stock, and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 20, 1922.

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149.	Buckingham, Beatrice Mary ..	July 14, 1922	For a compassionate allowance for injuries alleged to have been received while she was an inmate of St. Helens Hospital	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Health	Oct. 28, 1922.
229.	Bull, J. H.	Aug. 11, 1922	That he may be entitled to receive full superannuation notwithstanding his holding an appointment under the Education Department	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Education	Oct. 20, 1922.
305.	Burke, John F.	Aug. 31, 1922	For an increase in the Military Pension he is now receiving from the Imperial Government to the scale on which the New Zealand military pensions are paid	1	Mr. Savage ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 5, 1922.
364.	Burnett, James	Oct. 4, 1922	That the Government should contribute financial assistance towards the upkeep of the Cawthron Institute	1	Mr. Atmore ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 12, 1922.
150.	Burns, Thomas, and 420 others	July 14, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	421	Mr. R. W. Smith ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
121.	Butler, Albert, and 39 others ..	July 11, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	40	Mr. McLeod ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
390.	Butler, Norah	Oct. 20, 1922	For compassionate grant in recognition of her late husband's services in the New Zealand police	1	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Held over.
376.	Cameron, Elizabeth Bertha ..	Oct. 13, 1922	That she may be granted a compassionate allowance equivalent in value to the pension granted to miners' widows	1	Mr. T. W. Rhodes ..	Goldfields and Mines (direct)	Oct. 17, 1922.
334.	Carr, Patrick Cornelius ..	Sept. 13, 1922	For a grant to cover his expenses when he was transferred from one station of the Railways Department to another	1	Mr. Hudson (for Mr. Young)	Railways	Sept. 26, 1922.
62.	Carrington, A. H.	June 29, 1922	That he may receive similar leave and compensation as was granted to other officers of the Defence Department in similar positions	1	Mr. Isitt	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
374.	Chapman, Ernest Alfred ..	Oct. 12, 1922	For compensation for injuries alleged to have been received while a military policeman	1	Mr. McLeod ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 28, 1922.
17.	Charlesworth, H., and 493 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	493	Mr. E. Newman ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
332.	Cleary, Martin Joseph ..	Sept. 12, 1922	For a pension for impaired health due to service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Egypt	1	Mr. Seddon ..	Defence (direct) ..	Oct. 26, 1922.
16.	Cole, W. J., and 883 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	884	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
254.	Collins, G. L.	Aug. 16, 1922	For compensation on account of an accident to his son while a pupil at the Temuka High School	1	Mr. Burnett ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
92.	Connor, W. L., and 3,972 others	July 4, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	3,973	Dr. Thacker ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
168.	Cooch, Flora, and 32 others ..	July 20, 1922	For an extension of time in which waitresses are allowed to work in restaurants	33	Mr. Mitchell ..	Labour Bills	Held over.
391.	Cooper, Marian	Oct. 20, 1922	For reinstatement in New Zealand Public Service	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 28, 1922; referred back; 2nd Report held over.
320.	Crawford, H. W., and 34 others	Sept. 8, 1922	Against the Whangarei Borough Council being empowered to lease Kensington Park to the Whangarei Racing Club	35	Mr. Mander ..	Local Bills	Oct. 19, 1922.
303.	Cronin, Patrick	Aug. 31, 1922	For compensation for loss of employment in the New Zealand Railway Department	1	Mr. R. W. Smith ..	Railways (direct) ..	Sept. 28, 1922.
15.	Cropper, R. A., and 650 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	651	Mr. Seddon ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.

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64. Currie, Thomas, and 661 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	662	Mr. Bitchener ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
19. Dalgetty, J. A., and 303 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	304	Mr. Williams ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
38. Dalrymple, John, and 232 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	233	Mr. Sykes ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
122. Davidson, Elizabeth, and 45 others	July 11, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	46	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
37. Davidson, W. J. T., and 880 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	881	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
85. Dawson, Irene Annie.. ..	June 30, 1922	For reinstatement of a war pension to enable her to provide for her son, whose father was killed in the recent war	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Defence	Sept. 12, 1922.
73. Daysh, Herbert, and 350 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	351	Mr. Jennings ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
139. Dittmer, James F., and 13 others	July 13, 1922	For the resumption by the Crown of the freehold of lands held by petitioners under lease from the Wanganui River Trust	14	Mr. R. W. Smith ..	Lands	Sept. 20, 1922.
238. Dobson, Ernest Douglas ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For compensation for work at Samoa while he was an officer of the Lands and Survey Department	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 27, 1922; referred back. 2nd report, Oct. 27, 1922.
363. Douglas, James S., and 342 others	Oct. 3, 1922	That the Lumsden-Manapouri-Te Anau Road should be placed in thorough repair in order that settlers and others may be able to avail themselves of it	343	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 26, 1922.
170. Downes, Ernest Arthur ..	July 25, 1922	For a compassionate allowance or a war pension for physical disabilities suffered, alleged to be the result of illness contracted in a military camp	1	Hon. Mr. Anderson	Defence	Oct. 13, 1922.
312. Duggan, John	Sept. 6, 1922	For refund of fine paid to the Commissioner of Stamps on a memorandum of transfer of title	1	Mr. Dixon ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 5, 1922.
140. Duncan, Thomas Charles ..	July 13, 1922	Praying for reinstatement in the Government Service of New Zealand, having been retrenched from the Public Works Department	1	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
47. Edwards, Ashley Keith, and 596 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for licensing of bookmakers	597	Mr. Hudson ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
110. Edwards, Charles, and Margaret	July 6, 1922	For compensation equivalent to the pension that Ernest E. Edwards, a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, would have received from his discharge to date of his death	2	Mr. Mitchell ..	Defence	Oct. 13, 1922.
90. Ellingham, N. J., and 238 others	July 4, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	239	Mr. Reed ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
66. Ellis, Oliver Sidney, and 1,902 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	1,903	Mr. Young ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
362. Ellison, T. M.	Oct. 3, 1922	For a rehearing by the Native Land Court as to appointment of successors to Katarina Hape (deceased)	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
269. Entwisle, W. J. and A. H. ..	Aug. 22, 1922	For a concession in the matter of the payment of land-tax ..	2	Hon. Mr. Guthrie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
84. Eruera te Akau	June 30, 1922	For inclusion in title to Ruanata Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
128. Eruera te Kura and 2 others ..	July 11, 1922	That the Native Land Court be authorized to adjudicate on Whangara No. 1 and No. 2 Blocks	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.

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214 Eru Ihaka and 41 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	That the Parengarenga and Te Pakohu Blocks be reverted to the Native owners	42	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
215. Eru Ihaka and 6 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	That the Parengarenga and Te Pakohu Blocks, Section A, be returned to the Native owners	7	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
361. Eru Mete and 11 others ..	Oct. 3, 1922	*Re* boundary of Wairau Block	12	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
278. Eru Tokara, or Motete, and 2 others	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Waipiro Township	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
4. Evans, Mary, and 4,323 others..	June 28, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	4,324	Mr. Parry ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
58. Federated Association of Superannuated Public Servants	June 29, 1922	That they may be granted a bonus similar to that received by public servants	3	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
67. Ferguson, Ernest James, and 610 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	611	Mr. Dixon ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
13. Fisher, H., and 417 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	418	Mr. McCallum ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
104. Fisher, James, and 122 others	July 6, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	123	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
40. Fitzer, Ray E., and 1,530 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for licensing of bookmakers	1,531	Mr. Isitt	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
329. Flanagan, Stella	Sept. 12, 1922	For compassionate allowance on account of her deceased husband's service in the New Zealand Railway Department	1	Mr. Young ..	Railways	Sept. 26, 1922.
86. Fraser, R. N. J.	July 4, 1922	For compensation for retirement from the New Zealand Defence Staff Corps	1	Mr. Munro ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
365. Fraser, F. J.	Oct. 5, 1922	For reinstatement in the Government service, preferably in the Defence Department	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 28, 1922.
163. Fullbrook, Richard O. ..	July 18, 1922	For compensation for injustices alleged to have been inflicted on him by the Defence Department's administration	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.
350. Fuller, Walter	Sept. 22, 1922	For compensation for loss suffered through the Government making a road through petitioner's property at Kerikeri	1	Mr. Reed ..	Lands	Oct. 28, 1922.
97. Fulton, Ada Herminah ..	July 5, 1922	For confirmation of the action of the New Zealand Pensions Department in granting her a pension as a widow of a General who was killed in the late war	1	Mr. Hockly ..	Defence	Sept. 12, 1922.
262. Gardner, A. S., and 32 others ..	Aug. 18, 1922	For the removal of protection for deer in the Lillburn, Papatotara, Otahu, and Tuatapere districts	33	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 10, 1922.
71. Garlick, Charles, and 411 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	412	Mr. Hockly ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
277. Gill, Carlin	Aug. 22, 1922	For compensation for injuries alleged to have been received during the period of his service with the New Zealand Forces in South Africa	1	Mr. S. G. Smith ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.
313. Gill, W. E. A., and 103 others..	Sept. 6, 1922	For relief in respect of the milk-supply monopoly granted to the Wellington City Council by the Wellington Milk Supply Act, 1919	104	Mr. Field ..	Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 26, 1922.
293. Glenny, Thomas Arthur ..	Aug. 29, 1922	For refund of amount of stamp duty paid in error on a memorandum of transfer	1	Sir George Hunter..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 5, 1922.
31. Goldwater, I. R., and 2,012 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	2,013	Mr. S. G. Smith ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.

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177. Goode, J. M.	July 27, 1922	For compensation for services rendered to the Public Service of New Zealand	1	Dr. A. K. Newman	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
3. Gray, Catherine	June 28, 1922	For inquiry into circumstances of her discharge from the Wellington Education Board's employ	1	Mr. Sykes ..	Education	Sept. 12, 1922.
317. Greymouth Borough Council ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For compensation for protective-works constructed which prevented flooding of land adjacent to the Grey River	1	Mr. Seddon ..	Public Petitions M to Z, referred to Railways Committee on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Minister of Railways, Oct. 19th, 1922	Oct. 19, 1922; Oct. 28, 1922.
396. Griffin, A. T.	Oct. 25, 1922	Compensation for illness contracted in Trentham Military Camp ..	1	Mr. Field ..	Defence (direct) ..	Oct. 26, 1922.
100. Grover, John Henry ..	July 5, 1922	For compensation for loss of position in New Zealand Defence Staff Corps	1	Mr. Seddon ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
49. Groves, Huntly, and 299 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for licensing of bookmakers	300	Mr. Horn ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
232. Haeata Hoani and 11 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native Land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	12	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
195. Haki Roihana and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
307. Haki Tamati and 191 others ..	Sept. 1, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	192	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
192. Hamana Tutura and 68 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	69	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
185. Hami Tutu	Aug. 2, 1922	For an inquiry into the sale of the Tutira Block with a view to substantiating petitioner's claim thereto	1	Mr. Brown ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
61. Hamilton, Thomas D'Arcy ..	June 27, 1922	For a pension or other compassionate allowance for services rendered while in the employ of the Education Board	1	Mr. Mackenzie ..	Education	Sept. 12, 1922.
367. Hape Meri and another ..	Oct. 9, 1922	For inquiry into the appointment of successors to Petera te Honotapu (deceased) in Kaiti 336E and Hereheretau B 2 B 3 Blocks	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
184. Hape Peta and 20 others ..	Aug. 1, 1922	For reinvestigation of the title of Rakaukakaa Block	21	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
380. Hape te Rauna	Oct. 16, 1922	*Re* succession to Werepine Makaia and Harawera te Rea ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
346. Hapuku Tangatake and 61 others	Sept. 21, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from taxation imposed by the Finance Act, 1917	62	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
79. Hara Kipa Roera	June 30, 1922	For return of Manawaora Block or compensation in lieu thereof ..	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
78. Hara Roera and Riria Wirihana	June 30, 1922	For compensation for loss of certain lands in Rekereke No. 2 Block	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
231. Harawena Pereriki and another	Aug. 11, 1922	For restoration of their rights in Tarawera and Tatarakina Blocks	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
271. Harihari Ranapia and 66 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
340. Hart, A. J., and 1,954 others ..	Sept. 19, 1922	For erection of an overhead bridge at the level crossing at Kingsland Station, Auckland	1955	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	Railways	Oct. 28, 1922.
382. Hartley, James	Oct. 16, 1922	For compensation for physical injuries sustained while he was on active service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force	1	Mr. Field ..	Defence (direct) ..	Oct. 28, 1922.

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221. Haslam, F. W. C.	Aug. 9, 1922	For compensation for services rendered as honorary secretary of the Ashley Recruiting Committee	1	Sir George Hunter	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 27, 1922.
287. Hau te Iopa and 12 others ..	Aug. 25, 1922	*Re* Kuri and other Blocks	13	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
11. Hawkins, J. H., and 1,700 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	1701	Mr. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
21. Hayden, H. R., and 86 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	87	Hon. Mr. Guthrie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
347. Heeni Kipa	Sept. 21, 1922	For a reinvestigation of the Courts orders in regard to Horowhenua No. 11	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata (for Sir M. Pomare)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
375. Hei Pounamu Utika and 29 others	Oct. 12, 1922	For inclusion in the title to the Puketapu Block	30	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
174. Hema Henare and 4 others ..	July 25, 1922	That the judgment of the Native Appellate Court regarding Horowhenua XIB 41 be annulled and the matter be referred to the Native Land Court to ascertain the rightful owners	5	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
174. Henare Hema and 4 others ..	July 25, 1922	That the judgment of the Native Appellate Court regarding Horowhenua XIB 41 be annulled, and the matter be referred to the Native Land Court to ascertain the rightful owners ..	5	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
211. Henare Matanuku	Aug. 8, 1922	*Re* shares in Marangaeroa 1D Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
354. Henare Matanuku and 4 others	Sept. 26, 1922	*Re* Marangaeroa 1D No. 19 Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
280. Henare Paringatai and 2 others	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Maringairoa 1D 2 Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
234. Henare Reweti and 28 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	29	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
289. Henare Ruru and 31 others ..	Aug. 25, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	32	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
77. Heni Hoani Kuiti and Mamati Hukiki	June 30, 1922	For investigation by the Native Land Court into individual interests in Horowhenua XIB 42E, XIB 41A, and Horowhenua No. 9A	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
154. Heni Moreti and 3 others ..	July 14, 1922	For further inquiry into the title of Hahau Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
33. Henley, P. J., and 3,066 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	3067	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
189. Hera Tipene and 102 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native Land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	103	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
60. Heslin, Florence Elizabeth ..	June 29, 1922	For a pension for services rendered by her deceased husband, who was a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Munro ..	Defence	Oct. 4, 1922.
126. Hickey, J. A., and 3 others ..	July 11 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	4	Sir G. Hunter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
392. Hikarangata Pumipi and 2 others	Oct. 23, 1922	*Re* Waewaehikitia Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
248. Hinaki Turanga and 60 others..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	61	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
276. Hira Rangimatini	Aug. 22, 1922	For investigation into the title of Tatua East Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
232. Hoani Haeata and 11 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	12	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
63. Hodge, William	June 29, 1922	For compensation for services rendered while in the employ of the Railway Department	1	Mr. Isitt ..	Railways	Aug. 18, 1922.

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76. Holland, Oswald Fossit ..	June 30, 1922	For compensation on account of disability through war service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Statham ..	Defence	Sept. 12, 1922.
314. Holmden, Trevor Noel ..	Sept. 6, 1922	That he may be paid the difference between the Imperial and the New Zealand rate of pay and gratuity granted to the New-Zealanders who transferred to British units	1	Mr. Seddon ..	Defence	Oct. 26, 1922.
291. Hopkinson, John Booth ..	Aug. 25, 1922	For compensation on the same basis as that on which other members of the Defence Forces were retired	1	Mr. Dixon ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
343. Hori Poroa Raharuhi ..	Sept. 20, 1922	For inquiry into the succession to interests of Clara Faulkner and George Faulkner (deceased), with a view to establishing petitioner's claim	1	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
161. Hori te Manana and 3 others ..	July 18, 1922	That further inquiry be made into the titles of Turitaka 2 Block ..	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
265. Horomona Tea Paipa ..	Aug. 18, 1922	*Re* Mangahauini 7A Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
384. Hotu Taua and 15 others ..	Oct. 17, 1922	For purchase by the Crown of certain blocks of Native freehold in Kawhia County	16	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
281. Houkamau Mauhana	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Wharekahika Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
133. Hughes, James	July 11, 1922	For a compassionate allowance in recognition of his services in the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.
111. Hussey, Harriett	July 6, 1922	For monetary assistance in recognition of the services of her deceased husband, who was employed in the Government Printing Office	1	Mr. R. Mitchell ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
266. Huihui Mihi Keita and 5 others	Aug. 18, 1922	*Re* Wharekahika Block	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
308. Huitau te Hau	Sept. 1, 1922	*Re* Tawapata South, Parts 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
77. Hukiki, M., and Heni Hoani Kuiti	June 30, 1922	For investigation by the Native Land Court into the individual interests in Horowhenua XIB 42B, XIB 41A, and Horowhenua No. 9	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
214. Ihaka Eru and 41 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	That the Parengarenga and Te Pakohu Blocks be reverted to the Native owners	42	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
215. Ihaka Eru and 6 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	That the Parengarenga and Te Pakohu Blocks Section "A" be returned to the Native owners	7	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
96. Ingram, J. R.	July 4, 1922	For compensation for many years service in the employ of the State	1	Dr. A. K. Newman	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
220. Inia Ranginui and 6 others ..	Aug. 9, 1922	For a rehearing of the matter in connection with the Papakainga in Okahukura Block	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
219. Inia Ranginui	Aug. 9, 1922	For a rehearing of the matter of the subdivisions of Taurewa 4 Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
287. Ioga te Hau and 12 others ..	Aug. 25, 1922	*Re* Te Kuri and other blocks	13	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
54. Jessop Mataraka	June 29, 1922	For compensation for alleged illegal detention by a military guard	1	Mr. Potter ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.
352. Johnson, Mary	Sept. 22, 1922	For a compassionate grant as recompense for her deceased husband's services while he was in the Railway Department	1	Mr. Statham ..	Railways	Oct. 5, 1922.
158. Johnson, T. G., and 944 others	July 18, 1922	That a separate hospital district be constituted to operate within the boundaries of Opotiki borough and county	945	Mr. Williams ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 5, 1922.
30. Johnston, A., and 384 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	385	Sir G. Hunter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
5. Johnston, Annie, and 3,509 others	June 28, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	3,510	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
23. Judd, F. K., and 404 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	405	Mr. McNicol ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.

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230. Julian, C. R., and 5 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	That road-line laid out through subdivision 5 of Mataikahawai Block be declared a country road	6	Mr. Hawken ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 27, 1922.
155. Kaa, P.	July 14, 1922	For further inquiry into the disputed boundary between Marangairoa 1c and Marangairoa 1d Blocks	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
156. Kaa Panikena	July 14, 1922	For further inquiry into the title of Marangairoa 1d Block ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
264. Kaa Panikena and 152 others ..	Aug. 18, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	153	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
200. Kaipa Kingi and 175 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	76	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
279. Kaiwai Tamati and another ..	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Marangairoa 1d 9 Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
246. Karaitiana Patutahi and 57 others	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	58	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
336. Karauri Tiweka Anaru ..	Sept. 13, 1922	For inquiry into the succession to Takimoana (deceased) ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
369. Kawana Ngapera and 3 others	Oct. 9, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	31	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
193. Keepa Tamati and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
194. Keepa Wiremu and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
157. Keita Rangitukia	July 14, 1922	That the succession orders to Rapata Nepia and Mereana te Merohuia be the subject of inquiry with a view to cancellation	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 19, 1922.
28. Keppel, M., and 114 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	115	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
55. Ker, John	June 29, 1922	For compassionate allowance for injuries sustained while in the employ of the Justice Department	1	Mr. Mackenzie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 28, 1922.
260. Kereama Tihema and 34 others	Aug. 17, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to hold an investigation into the relative interests in the Pouhautea Block	35	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
105. Kerehi Patena and 74 others ..	July 6, 1922	For legislation validating petitioners claims to interest from the Tongariro Timber Company (Limited)	75	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
251. Kerehi Rewi and 59 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	60	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
182. Kerr, Eliza	Aug. 1, 1922	That her name should be removed from the Mental Hospital records	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Health	Held over.
280. Kewa Wi te Wharekerehere and 67 others	Aug. 25, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	68	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
217. Kienle, Christian	Aug. 8, 1922	For compensation for physical disabilities alleged to be due to want of medical attention while he was interned on Somes Island	1	Mr. Potter ..	Defence	Sept. 12, 1922.
381. Kihirau te Aute	Oct. 16, 1922	*Re* succession to Parekupa Taepa	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
200. Kingi Kaipa and 75 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	76	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
347. Kepa Heeni	Sept. 21, 1922	For a reinvestigation of the Court's orders in regard to Horowhenua No. 11	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
108. Kipa Neha and another ..	July 6, 1922	That an adequate boat-landing be prepared on portion of land situated between Tutu and the Hongihongi Stream	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.

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348. Kipa Neha and 7 others ..	Sept. 21, 1922	That the burial-place at Waitapu Muturoa be saved from desecration, and that compensation be paid for the land already taken	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
80. Kipa Roera	June 30, 1922	For return of 6 acres in Muhunoa 12F Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
79. Kipa Roera Hara	June 30, 1922	For return of Manawaora Block or compensation in lieu thereof ..	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
114. Kirby, Ernest Arthur, and 42 others	July 7, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	43	Mr. Seddon ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
259. Kirihiti Wirenu and 31 others..	Aug. 17, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	32	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
190. Kirikau te Morehu and 67 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	68	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
359. Kirk, H. B., and 4 others ..	Sept. 29, 1922	That the Government should grant financial assistance towards the upkeep of the Cawthron Institute	5	Mr. Hanan (for Mr. Atmore)	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 12, 1922.
75. Knapping, Ernest D., and 739 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	740	Hon. Sir F. W. Lang	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
72. Knowles, Charles H., and 1,883 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	1,884	Mr. Mitchell ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
207. Kohere, R. T., and 3 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the titles to Hahau Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
208. Kohere, R. T., and 5 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For a rehearing of the inquiry into Marangairoa 1D (Okahu portion)	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
209. Kohere, R. T., and 6 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	*Re* Marangairoa 1D (Matauru portion)	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
210. Kohere, R. T., and 4 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	*Re* Marangairoa 1D Kahau (overlap)	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
301. Kokau te Pou te and 17 others	Aug. 31, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	18	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
335. Kota Raiha and 4 others ..	..	For an inquiry into the title to Tangihanga 1C and other lands ..	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
327. Kuao Maera and 102 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	That the right over the Kareru Lake, on an island on which are situated their ancestral burial-places, be returned to them	103	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
77. Kuiti, H. H., and Mamati Hukiki	June 30, 1922	For investigation by the Native Land Court into individual interests in Horowhenua X1B 42E, X1B 41A, and Horowhenua No. 9A	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
118. Kupa Ata Tamihana Turoa and another	July 7, 1922	For inclusion in the right of succession, as descendants of Rora Kupa, to Waimarino, Urewera, and Raetihi Blocks	2	Mr. Veitch ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
205. Kupenga Nehe Paki, and 6 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For definition of relative interests in Taikatiki Block	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
204. Kupenga Paki Nehe and 8 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	9	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
128. Kura, Eruera te, and 2 others ..	July 11, 1922	That the Native Land Court be authorized to adjudicate on Whangara No. 1 and No. 2 Blocks	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
383. Lamb, H. A.	Oct. 17, 1922	For a compassionate grant in recognition of services of his late father as D.C. and A.G.	1	Dr. A. K. Newman	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 28, 1922.
95. Large, J. T...	July 4, 1922	For payment of Maori War Pension, withheld on account of his absence from the Dominion	1	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 20, 1922.
298. Lauersen, M. M.	Aug. 30, 1922	For payment of the amount said to be owing on a public contract for the erection of the Ormondville Post-office	1	Sir G. Hunter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 26, 1922.
120. Leader, Robert, and 1,893 others	July 11, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	1,894	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
113. Liddall, Arthur F., and 21 others	July 7, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	22	Hon. Mr. Guthrie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.

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68.	Lobb, Jos. Henry, and 155 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	156	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
43	McAuley, Mark, and 147 others..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	148	Mr. Malcolm ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
286.	McCallum, Archibald.. ..	Aug. 24, 1922	For employment suitable to his disabilities brought about by war service	1	Mr. Munro ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 28, 1922.
333.	McCready, James, and 18 others	Sept. 12, 1922	For adjustment of the boundaries of Whakatane Borough ..	19	Mr. Hockly ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 26, 1922.
146.	McCutcheon, W. J., and 25 others	July 13, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	26	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
134.	MacDonald, Minnie	July 12, 1922	For compassionate allowance in recognition of services rendered by her deceased husband, an officer of the Lands and Survey Department	..	Mr. Atmore ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 13, 1922.
292.	McGibbon, James, jun. ..	Aug. 29, 1922	For compensation for physical disabilities incurred while he was attending a Territorial camp	1	Mr. Sullivan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 26, 1922.
18.	McGill, M., and 197 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	198	Mr. Burnett ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
171.	McGuigan, Owen Paul ..	July 25, 1922	For compensation for retirement from the New Zealand Defence Forces	1	Mr. Statham ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
14.	McHugh, J. S., and 287 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	288	Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
295.	McKean, William	Oct. 25, 1922	For refund of money alleged to have been taken by a Post and Telegraph official	1	Mr. R. W. Smith ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Held over.
225.	McKee, Martha Isabella ..	Aug. 10, 1922	For an extension of the provisions of the Act so that she may be entitled to claim a widow's pension for herself and children	1	Mr. Hawken ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 4, 1922.
223.	McLeod, Elizabeth Olive ..	Aug. 9, 1922	For compensation for the loss of her husband, who lost his life while in the employ of the New Zealand Railways Department	..	Mr. Statham ..	Railways	Sept. 28, 1922.
226.	McNeil, H. J.	Aug. 11, 1922	For the return of £100, estreated bail bond	1	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1922.
42.	McPhee, Allan, and 207 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	208	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
94.	Mabin, Frederick Burton ..	July 4, 1922	For reinstatement in the Civil Service to a position equivalent to the one he held in the Defence Department, or for compensation in lieu thereof	1	Sir John P. Luke ..	Defence	Oct. 5, 1922.
176.	Madden, Elizabeth	July 27, 1922	For a compassionate allowance, or alternatively a pension equivalent in value to what she would receive if she were a widow	1	Mr. Isitt	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 28, 1922.
327.	Maera Kuao and 102 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	That the right over the Kireru Lake, on an island in which are situated their ancestral burial-places, be returned to them	103	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
240.	Mahuru te Nehi O. and 2 others	Aug. 15, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to inquire into the matter of accrued rents from Hanera Block I, Sections 6 and 7	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
228.	Malcolm, Maud M.	Aug. 11, 1922	That payment of the widow's pension granted to her during the epidemic of 1918 may be continued in her case	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1922.
77.	Mamati Hukiki and Heni Hoani Kuiti	June 30, 1922	For investigation by the Native Land Court into individual interests in Horowhenua XIB 42B, XIB 41A, and Horowhenua No. 9A	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
161.	Manana, Hori te, and 3 others..	July 18, 1922	That further inquiry be made into the titles of Turitaka 2 Block ..	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
300.	Maraea Wakakereru Rawhi and 18 others	Aug. 31, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	19	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.

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256.	Marsh, Sarah, and 66 others ..	Aug. 17, 1922	That legislation be enacted to include certain Native reserves in the Nelson or other districts under certain provisions of the West Coast Settlement Reserve Amendment Act, 1913	67	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
127.	Marsh, J., and 23 others ..	July 11, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	24	Mr. Witty ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
103.	Martell, C. R. S., and 227 others	July 6, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	228	Hon. Sir W. H. Herries	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
213.	Mason, David	Aug. 8, 1922	For further employment in some Department of the Public Service of New Zealand or for compensation in lieu thereof	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1922.
20.	Massey, E. J., and 282 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	283	Mr. Hawken ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
211.	Matanuku Henare	Aug. 8, 1922	*Re* shares in Marangairoa 1D Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
354.	Matanuku Henare and 4 others	Sept. 26, 1922	*Re* Marangairoa 1D No. 19 Block	..	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
160.	Mate Awhenata Rehutai and another	July 18, 1922	That the succession orders to Horomona Tuari in Te Herenga and other blocks receive further consideration	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
206.	Materoa Ngarimu	Aug. 8, 1922	For amendment of Section 7 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
141	Matthews, H. B.	July 13, 1922	That his title to land known as Te Kahaka Block should be confirmed	1	Mr. Reed ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
249.	Matui Waiariki and 66 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
281.	Mauhana Houkamau.. ..	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Wharekahika Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
36.	Meade, T., and 740 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	741	Mr. Campbell ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
169.	Meihana Pouawha and 93 others	July 21, 1922	For the return of confiscated land of the Ngati Pukeko Tribe ..	94	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
173.	Meikle, John James	July 25, 1922	For further compensation for wrongful imprisonment	1	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 26, 1922.
367.	Meri Hape and another ..	Oct. 9, 1922	For inquiry into the appointment of successors to Petera te Honotapu (deceased), in Kaiti 336E and Hereheretau B 2 B 3 Blocks	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
270.	Mere Hira te Popo and 66 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
198.	Meri Wharepapa and 35 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	36	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
361.	Mete Eru and 11 others ..	Oct. 3, 1922	*Re* boundary of Wairau Block	12	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
266.	Mihi Keita Huihui and 5 others	Aug. 18, 1922	*Re* Wharekahiki Block	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
196.	Mikaera Pewhairangi and 39 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	40	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
24.	Mills, V. A., and 625 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	626	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
130.	Moeller, Charles A.	July 11, 1922	For Magisterial or other competent official inquiry into the circumstances surrounding his dismissal from his position as a lighthousekeeper	1	Mr. Jennings ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 12, 1922.
257.	Moffatt, Phyllis H., and 136 others	Aug. 17, 1922	That legislation be enacted to include certain Native reserves in the Nelson or other districts under certain provisions of the West Coast Settlement Reserve Amendment Act, 1913	137	Mr. Hudson ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.

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345. Mohe Mohi Ataria and 73 others	Sept. 21, 1922	For grant of land to Ngatitumatawera Hapu on account of the Tarawera eruption	74	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
159. Mokomoko, A., and 436 others..	July 18, 1922	That a separate hospital district be constituted to operate within the boundaries of Opotiki borough and county	437	Mr. Williams ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 5, 1922.
273. Mokonuiarangi Raurete and 66 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
386. Moody, Thomas	Oct. 19, 1922	Compensation for injuries received while he was an employee of the Government Printing Department	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Oct. 28, 1922.
151. Mooney, William Charles, and 34 others	July 14, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	35	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
216. Moore, G. Stuart, and 170 others	Aug. 8, 1922	Against the action of the Auckland City Council in erecting a crematorium on a site objectionable to the residents of Glen Eden	171	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	Public Health.. ..	Oct. 5, 1922.
318. Moore, J. W., and 16 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	Against the Whangarei Borough Council being empowered to lease Kensington Park to the Whangarei Racing Club	17	Mr. Mander ..	Local Bills	Oct. 19, 1922.
154. Morete Heni and 3 others ..	July 14, 1922	For further inquiry into the title of Hatau Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
26. Morgan, V. E., and 210 others..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	211	Mr. Field.. ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
181. Moriarty, Timothy	Aug. 1, 1922	For compensation for loss arising out of destruction of land surface, which petitioner held under Crown lease	1	Mr. Holland ..	Lands (direct) ..	Aug. 9, 1922.
119. Morris, E. J., and 7 others ..	July 7, 1922	That the weekly payments on the capital cost of the workers dwellings occupied by them should be reduced	8	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 17, 1922.
101. Morris, Jane	July 5, 1922	For a compassionate allowance or a pension as compensation for the death of her husband, an employee in the Public Works Department at the Otira Tunnel	1	Dr. Thacker ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 6, 1922.
278. Motete or Eru Tokara and 2 others	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Waipiri Township	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
131. Mulcahy, Thomas	July 11, 1922	For a war pension under the War Pensions Act, 1915, for disabilities suffered as the result of service in the recent war	1	Mr. Parry ..	Defence	Sept. 28, 1922.
48. Mullins, Timothy Joseph, and 441 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	442	Mr. Holland ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
299. Myers, John Scott	Aug. 30, 1922	For compensation for an alleged miscarriage of justice	1	Mr. Jones ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1922.
88. Nairn, Walter G., and 358 others	July 4, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	359	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
108. Neha Kipa and another ..	July 6, 1922	That an adequate boat-landing be provided on portion of land situated between Tutu and the Hongihongi Stream	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
348. Neha Kipa and 7 others ..	Sept. 21, 1922	That the burial-place of Waitapu Muturoa be saved from desecration and that compensation be paid for the land already taken	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
204. Nehe Paki Kupenga and 8 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For definition of relative interests in Waiaranga 1 Block	9	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
205. Nehe Paki Kupenga and 6 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For definition of relative interests in Taikatiki Block . ..	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
337. Newall, W. R., and 3,821 others	Sept. 15, 1922	That the Government will take action to prohibit the Post and Telegraph Officers' Association from affiliating with the Alliance of Labour	3,822	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 4, 1922.
258. Newman, Thomas, and 64 others	Aug. 17, 1922	That legislation be enacted to include certain Native reserves in the Nelson or other districts under certain provisions of the West Coast Settlement Reserve Amendment Act, 1913	65	Mr. Atmore ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.

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No.	From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
239.	New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers Association	Aug. 15, 1922	For inquiry into the question of the affiliation of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers Association with the Alliance of Labour	..	Mr. Holland ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 4, 1922.
187.	New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association	Aug. 3, 1922	That Sergeant-Major Spence should be reinstated in the New Zealand Defence Department	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
369.	Ngapera Kawana and 30 others	Oct. 9, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	31	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
109.	Ngarangi Pakeke and 3 others..	July 7, 1922	That an order made by the Native Land Court with regard to Motueka Section 212 in 1914 be given effect to	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 27, 1922.
206.	Ngarimu Materoa	Aug. 8, 1922	For amendment of Section 7 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Lands Claim Adjustment Act, 1921	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
368.	Ngata Paratene and 111 others	Oct. 9, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	112	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
242.	Ngauru Whakawiria	May 15, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to inquire into the matter of accrued rents in respect of Patea and other lands	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
25.	Nickisson, F. G., and 952 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	953	Mr. Poland ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
378.	Osborn, Elaine Gertrude ..	Oct. 16, 1922	For a compassionate allowance to enable her to support her children	..	Mr. Isitt	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1922.
353.	Osgood, Herbert Samuel, and another	Sept. 26, 1922	For an increase in his military pension or for a compassionate grant in lieu thereof	2	Mr. McCallum ..	Defence	Oct. 26, 1922.
263.	Owen, John..	Aug. 18, 1922	For compensation for injuries alleged to have been received by his daughter while she was a pupil at the Ohakune Public School	1	Mr. R. W. Smith ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Oct. 23, 1922.
294.	Ozanne, Ernest A.	Aug. 29, 1922	For a reduction in the dental examination fees, or alternatively that he may be licensed to practice dentistry	1	Mr. Howard ..	Public Health ..	Oct. 10, 1922.
387.	Pakaroa te Hati	Oct. 19, 1922	*Re* partition of Mangawhariki 1, 2, 3	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
388.	Pakaroa te Hati	Oct. 19, 1922	*Re* partition of Tapuaeroa 1A Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
109.	Pakeke, Ngarangi, and 3 others	July 6, 1922	That an order made by the Native Land Court with regard to Motueka Section 212 in 1914 be given effect to	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 27, 1922.
360.	Pango te Toa Akapita Hamuera and 9 others	Sept. 29, 1922	For inquiries into the titles of Ouru No. 3 and other blocks ..	10	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
156.	Panikena Kaa	July 14, 1922	For further inquiry into the title of Marangairoa 1D Block ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
264.	Panikena Kaa and 152 others	Aug. 18, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	153	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
368.	Paratene Ngata and 111 others	Oct. 9, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	112	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
288.	Pare Teramea and 43 others ..	Aug. 25, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	44	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
280.	Paringatai Henare and 2 others	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Maringairoa 1D 2 Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
105.	Patena Kerehi and 74 others ..	July 6, 1922	For legislation validating petitioners' claims to interest from the Tongariro Timber Company (Limited)	75	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
302.	Patene Rangi and 2 others ..	Aug 31, 1922	For definition of the relative interests in Kaiwahie and other blocks	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
32.	Paterson, W. A., and 743 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	744	Mr. Bollard ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.

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246. Patutahi Karaitiana and 57 others	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	58	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
231. Pererika Harawena and another	Aug. 11, 1922	For restoration of their rights in Tarawera and Tatarakina Blocks..	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
184. Peta Hape and 20 others ..	Aug. 1, 1922	For reinvestigation of the title of Rakaukakaa Block	21	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct)	
196. Pewhairangi Mikaera and 39 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	40	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
53. Piggin, Stirtevant	June 29, 1922	For compensation for his retirement from the Land Transfer Office..	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 12, 1922.
338. Pikekotuku te Huia and 34 others	Sept. 15, 1922	For inquiry into and for the payment of compensation-moneys for certain sections in the Township of Taumarunui taken for recreation, school, and other purposes	35	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
316. Pirie, Leonard George ..	Sept. 9, 1922	For compensation for ill health, the result of service in the recent war	1	Mr. Mitchell ..	Defence	Oct. 4, 1922.
306. Piripi Rairi and 6 others ..	Sept. 1, 1922	*Re* Marangaira 1D No. 19	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
247. Pita te Hau and 51 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	52	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
186. Plowman, William, and 1,199 others	Aug. 3, 1922	That legislation will be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	1,200	Mr. Brown ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 12, 1922.
117. Pollard, Charles	July 7, 1922	For compensation for retrenchment from the Defence Department..	1	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
167. Pomare Tuehu and 81 others ..	July 20, 1922	*Re* Nuhaka No. 1 Block	82	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
69. Poole, Albert Rendell, and 1,799 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	1,800	Mr. J. S. Dickson ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
183. Porter, Ewin Henry	Aug. 1, 1922	For increase of pension paid to him on his discharge from the service of the Post and Telegraph Department	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 13, 1922.
197. Potae Wiremu and 26 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	27	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
323. Potae Wiremu and another ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into Kaiaua No. 1 Block	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
324. Potae Wiremu and another ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the Kopuatarakihi 1A Block	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
326. Potae Wiremu and 6 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the Maran Block	7	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
169. Pouawha Meihana and 93 others	July 21, 1922	For the return of the confiscated land of the Ngati-Pakeko Tribe ..	94	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
199. Pouwhare, Te, and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
70. Powley, Richard, and 1,612 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	1,613	Mr. Statham ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
87. Prescott, H. J., and 68 others ..	July 4, 1922	For construction of a vehicular traffic road between Tairua and Thames	69	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 23, 1922.
393. Preston, H. J., and 743 others ..	Oct. 23, 1922	Against legislation to establish a general rubbish-destructor at Mount Eden	744	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
392. Pumipi Hikatangata and 2 others	Oct. 23, 1922	*Re* Waewaehikitia Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
297 Quinney, Alice	Aug. 30, 1922	For inquiry into her compulsory retirement from the Public Service, with a view to reinstatement or compensation in lieu thereof	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 17, 1922.

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45.	Radford, Harry R., and 276 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	277	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
285.	Rahera Muriwai Mutu Uru ..	Aug. 24, 1922	For legislation validating petitioners claim to a share of Cobden Native Reserve	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata (for Mr. Uru)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
339.	Rahera Muriwai Mutu Uru and 8 others	Sept. 15, 1922	For validation of the claim of the petitioners to certain reserves which were excluded from the sale of the Arahua Block in the year 1860	9	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
389.	Rahera Muriwai Uru ..	Oct. 19, 1922	For payment of certain moneys in *re* Block 9 Te Nikau be paid to descendants of Wareta Tainui	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
343.	Raharuhi Hori Porou ..	Sept. 20, 1922	For inquiry into the succession to interests of Clara Faulkner and George Faulkner (deceased), with a view to establishing petitioner's claim	1	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
335.	Raiha Kota and 4 others ..	Sept. 13, 1922	For an inquiry into the title to Tangihanga 1c and other lands ..	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
306.	Rairi Piripi and 6 others ..	Sept. 1, 1922	*Re* Marangaiora 1D No. 19	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
271.	Ranapia Harihari and 66 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
272.	Ranapia Tumihi and 21 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	22	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
276.	Rangimatini Hira	Aug. 22, 1922	For investigation in the title of Tatua East Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
219.	Ranginui Inia	..	For a rehearing of the matter of the subdivisions of Taurewa 4 Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
220.	Ranginui Inia and 6 others ..	Aug. 9, 1922	For a rehearing of the matter in connection with the Papakianga in Okahukura Block	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
302.	Rangi Patene and 2 others ..	Aug. 31, 1922	For definition of the relative interests in Kaiwahie and other blocks	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
237.	Rangipuao Tukatahi ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For a rehearing of the matter of the succession to the interests of Hare te Whiti (deceased), in Lot 75, parish of Whangape	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
282.	Rangi Raroa and 25 others ..	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Hahau Block	26	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
284.	Rangi Raroa and 17 others ..	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Hinetiraha Block	18	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
157.	Rangitukia Keita	July 14, 1922	That the succession orders to Rapata Nepia and Mereana te Merohuia be the subject of inquiry with a view to cancellation	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	19th Oct., 1922.
191.	Rapaera Tupaea and 82 others..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	83	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
282.	Raroa Rangi and 25 others ..	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Hahau Block	26	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
284.	Raroa Rangi and 17 others ..	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Hinetiraha Block	18	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
273.	Raureti Mokonuiarangi and 66 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
300.	Rawhi Wakakereru Marsea and 18 others	Aug. 31, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	19	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
245.	Rawinia te Whiwhi and 36 others	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	37	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
160.	Rehutai Mate Awhenata and another	July 18, 1922	That the succession orders to Horomona Tuari in Te Hereuga and other blocks receive further consideration	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
132.	Reid, John Watt	July 11, 1922	For employment in the Public Service equivalent to his former position in the Crown Estates Department, Samoa	1	Mr. Wilford ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 3, 1922.

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162.	Renshaw, Edwin J., and 2 others	July 18, 1922	That land in No. 1 Block, Karaka North, held by petitioners, be exempted from the provisions of mining legislation	3	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
234.	Reweti Henare and 28 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	29	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
251.	Rewi Kerehi and 59 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	60	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
310.	Reynolds, Walter	Sept. 1, 1922	For compensation for injuries sustained while he was a driver in the New Zealand Army Service Corps	1	Mr. Sullivan ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
1.	Richardson, E. K., and 226 others	June 28, 1922	That Government should set up a Committee to inquire into the aggregation of lands in New Zealand, and especially into the traffic in Native lands in the Waipawa Electorate	227	Sir G. Hunter ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
46.	Richdale, Kenneth G., and 1,477 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	1,478	Mr. Munro ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 19 2.
328.	Rikihana Wiremu	Sept. 8, 1922	For an inquiry into the succession to Mikeara Urututu (deceased), in the Opanuki 2x No. 1 Block	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
129.	Rikirangi, Wetina, and 145 others	July 11, 1922	That the decision of the Native Land Court *re* Wainui Reserve be affirmed	146	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
355.	Ripeka, Takatua	Sept. 26, 1922	*Re* Wharekahika Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
78.	Riria, Wirihana, and Hara Roera	June 30, 1922	For compensation for loss of certain lands in Rekereke No. 2 Block	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
7.	Robbie, George, and 5,626 others	June 28, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	5,627	Mr. Savage ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
330.	Robertson, Adelaide, and 65 others	Sept. 12, 1922	For relief in respect of the monopoly granted to the Wellington City Council by the Wellington Milk Supply Act, 1919	66	Mr. Field.. ..	Agricultural, Pastoral, Industries, and Stock (direct)	Oct. 26, 1922.
366.	Robieson, Charles Rooking Carter	Oct. 6, 1922	For either reinstatement in the Public Service or for adequate compensation for services rendered to the State while petitioner was in charge of the New Zealand State Fire Insurance Office	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 27; debate interrupted by 5.30 p.m. adjournment.
78.	Roera, H., and Riria Wirihana	June 30, 1922	For compensation for loss of certain lands in Rekeheke No. 2 Block	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
80.	Roera Kipa	June 30, 1922	For return of 6 acres in Muhunoa 12r Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
79.	Roera Kipa Hara	June 30, 1922	For return of Manawaora Block or compensation in lieu thereof ..	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
325.	Roihana Tunoa and 4 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the ownership of Maungaroa Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Blocks, and for reinvestigation of title thereof	5	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
195.	Roihana Haki and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
295.	Roimata Wi Tamihana and 3 others	Aug. 29, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to further investigate matters in connection with the Ngati Mutangao Reserve	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
89.	Rose, Charles L., and 76 others	July 4, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	77	Mr. J. R. Hamilton	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
138.	Ross, Richard, and 24 others ..	July 12, 1922	Praying for compensation for losses sustained by them, the result of an embargo on the export of gold during the recent war period	25	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
27.	Rowe, W. E., and 831 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	832	Mr. Masters ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
81.	Ruku, Hoera Tuhiparau ..	June 30, 1922	For return of the Mahuta and Putete Blocks	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
289.	Ruru, Henare, and 31 others ..	Aug. 25, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	32	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.

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222. Salt, J. G. W.	Aug. 9, 1922	That his claim for payment of a superannuation allowance on his retirement from the New Zealand Defence Forces be substantiated	..	Hon. Sir W. H. Herries	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
394. Sanford, A.	Oct. 24, 1922	For the freehold of Rakino Island below high-water mark ..	1	Mr. Harris ..	Lands (direct) ..	Held over.
351. Saunders, Judah	Sept. 22, 1922	That he be granted a free passage to England	1	Mr. Mitchell ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 19, 1922.
41. Shain, W. Ogilvie, and 299 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	300	Mr. Atmore ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
2. Shannon Co-operative Cash-trading Society (Limited), and 57 others	June 28, 1922	For inquiry into their claims as to Government's liability in respect to bankrupt caterer at Mangahao	58	Mr. E. Newman ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 28, 1922.
144. Shaw, Leslie James, and 152 others	July 13, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	153	Mr. Poland ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
115. Shaw, Robert George, and 43 others	July 7, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	44	Mr. Bitchener ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
261. Simeon, Harriet	..	That she be granted the difference between the New Zealand and Imperial rates of gratuity for services on the nursing staff during the war	1	..	Defence	Oct. 4, 1922.
52. Slater, Stanley, and 3,761 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	3,762	Mr. Mackenzie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
136. Smart, George, and 16 others ..	July 12, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	17	Mr. Field ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
34. Smith, A. L., and 338 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	339	Mr. Witty ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
145. Smith, Thomas Charles, and 11 others	July 13, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Hockly ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 12, 1922.
224. Souter, E. N., and 2 others ..	Aug. 10, 1922	For compensation for costs incurred in defending a Supreme Court action on which judgment was reserved and is still undelivered	3	Mr. Young ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 11, 1922.
178. Spence, J. L., and 11 others ..	July 27, 1922	For legislation defining the boundaries between the Gisborne Harbour Board District and the Wairoa Harbour Board District	12	Mr. Williams ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 13, 1922.
8. Spicer, Leonard, and 627 others	June 28, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	628	Mr. Sullivan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
373. Sprott, T. H., and 202 others ..	Oct. 12, 1922	That certain lands and effects in New Zealand the property of Alfred Hill shall be transferred to Sarah B. Hill	203	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Oct. 28, 1922.
65. Sproule, Rupert, and 3,474 others	June 30, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	3,475	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
275. Stainton, George W., and 61 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	62	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
6. Stanley, James Sydney, and 674 others	June 28, 1922	Licensing bookmakers	675	Mr. McCombs ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
50. Steel, Donald T., and 4,085 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	4,086	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
152. Steel, John, and 10 others ..	July 14, 1922	That they may be given the option of acquiring the freehold of certain lands in the Rotorua and Tauranga Counties	11	Mr. Hockly ..	Lands	Sept. 8, 1922.
309. Steel, Hector	Sept. 1, 1922	For same benefits with regard to the difference between the Imperial and New Zealand rates of pay which he would have been entitled to had he applied before 31st March, 1921	1	Mr. Young ..	Defence	Oct. 13, 1922.

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	From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
253.	Stephenson, C. W.	Aug. 16, 1922	For compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal from the employ of the Post and Telegraph Department	1	Dr. A. K. Newman	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 12, 1922.
315.	Stone, David	Sept. 7, 1922	For compensation for financial losses alleged to have been incurred on the advice of the Labour Department	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 19, 1922.
175.	Styles, Thomas Bennett Hicks..	July 26, 1922	For certain adjustments in connection with stamp duties assessed on a deceased person's estate	1	Mr. Campbell ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 13, 1922.
227.	Sullivan, Arthur Randolph ..	Aug. 11, 1922	That the bail bond given by H. J. McNeil, which was estreated owing to default of the bailee be remitted to him	220	Mr. Mackenzie ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1922.
125.	Sunnex, J. F., and 70 others ..	July 11, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of book-makers	71	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
166.	Swann, John	July 20, 1922	For an inquiry into alleged neglect and treatment on the part of the Auckland Medical Military Staff	1	Mr. Bollard ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.
35.	Swaysland, E., and 1,504 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of book-makers	1,505	Mr. Wilford ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
377.	Sweeney, John	Oct. 16, 1922	For a compassionate allowance to enable him to maintain himself as he is permanently disabled by illness contracted on the cable ship "Iris"	1	Mr. J. S. Dickson ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Oct. 28, 1922.
83.	Taare te Tuatara and 4 others..	June 30, 1922	That the report of the Appellate Court *re* Lots 146 and 148, Parish of Komamorau be not confirmed, and that title be issued in accordance with the order made by Judge Holland	5	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
202.	Taetuha Waitere and 62 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	63	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
355.	Takatua Ripeka	Sept. 26, 1922	*Re* Wharekahika Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs	
201.	Takerei Taui and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For the relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
236.	Taku Wetini and 66 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
307.	Tamati Haki and 191 others ..	Sept. 1, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	192	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
279.	Tamati Kaiwai and another ..	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Marangairoa 1D 9 Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs	
193.	Tamati Keepa and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
295.	Tamihana Wi Roimata and 30 others	Aug. 29, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to further investigate matters in connection with the Ngati Mutunga Reserve	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
346.	Tangatake Hapuku and 61 others	Sept. 21, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from taxation imposed by the Finance Act, 1917	62	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
283.	Tarati Wharepapa and 4 others	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Ngamoe 2 Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
384.	Tana Hotu and 15 others ..	Oct. 17, 1922	That the Crown should purchase certain Native land in Kawhia County	16	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
201.	Taui Takerei and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
381.	Te Aute Kihirau	Oct. 16, 1922	*Re* succession to Parekapa Taepa	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
387.	Te Hati Pakaroa	Oct. 19, 1922	For inquiry into the partition of Mangawhariki 1, 2, 3		Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.

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FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	No. of SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
388. Te Hati Pakaroa	Oct. 19, 1922	For rehearing of partition of Tapuaeroa 1A Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
250. Te Hati Tipoki and 43 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	44	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
308. Te Hau Huitau	Sept. 1, 1922	*Re* Tawapata South, Parts 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
247. Te Hau Pita and 51 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	52	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
338. Te Huia Pikikotuku and 34 others	Sept. 15, 1922	For inquiry into and for the payment of compensation-moneys for certain sections in the Township of Taumarunui taken for recreation, school, and other purposes	35	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
142. Te Hurinui Apanui and 605 others	July 13, 1922	Praying for an inquiry into the confiscated lands in the Whakatau district	606	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
143. Te Hurinui Apanui and 132 others	July 13, 1922	Praying for a readjustment of the tax on Native leased lands ..	133	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
233. Te Matene Whaanga and 34 others	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	35	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
190. Te Morehu Kirikau and 67 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	68	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
265. Te Paipa Horomona	Aug. 18, 1922	*Re* Mangahauini 7A Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
270. Te Popo Mere Hera and 66 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
301. Te Pou te Kokau and 17 others	Aug. 31, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	18	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
288. Teramea Pare and 43 others ..	Aug. 25, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	44	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
380. Te Rauna Hape	Oct. 16, 1922	*Re* succession to Wiripine Makaia and Harawira te Rea	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
341. Teriwhiro Tikareti and 175 others	Sept. 19, 1922	For further inquiry into the order of Commissioners made on 31st October, 1921, with reference to land held by petitioners	176	Mr. Wilford ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
379. Te Tirepa	Oct. 16, 1922	That probate of the will of Ngamuru Kahukuraitu be granted to petitioner	1	Mr. Young (for Mr. S. G. Smith)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
180. Te Tirepa	July 28, 1922	That the Native Land Court be directed to grant probate of the will of Ngamuru Kahukuraitu to petitioner	1	Mr. S. G. Smith ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
240. Te Wehi o Mahuru and 2 others	Aug. 15, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to inquire into the matter of accrued rents from Hawera Block No. 1, Sections 6 and 7	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct 28, 1922.
245. Te Whiwhi Rawinia and 36 others	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	37	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
12. Thomas, A., and 392 others ..	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	393	Mr. McLeod ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
112. Thomas, Walter Ernest, and 7 others	July 7, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	8	Hon. Mr. Guthrie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
165. Thompson, Arthur Wallace, and 4 others	July 19, 1922	That the fee-simple of petitioners' leased lands adjoining Taumarunui may be resumed by the Crown	5	Mr. Jennings ..	Lands	Sept. 20, 1922.
82. Thomson, Ella Rubina ..	June 30, 1922	For compassionate allowance as the Pensions Act does not provide for her case	1	Mr. Isitt	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 12, 1922.

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188. Thomson, Robert Melgund ..	Aug. 4, 1922	For an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding his detention in a mental hospital in the United States of America	1	Mr. McCombs ..	Defence	Oct. 26, 1922.
51. Thomson, Thomas, and 36 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for licensing of bookmakers	37	Mr. Edie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
200. Tihema Kereama and 34 others	Aug. 17, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to hold an investigation into the relative interests in the Pouhautea Block	35	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
341. Tikareti Teriwhiro and 175 others	Sept. 19, 1922	For further inquiry into the order of the Commissioners made on the 31st October, 1921, with reference to the land held by petitioners	176	Mr. Wilford ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
106. Tioma and 2 others	July 6, 1922	That the Court be authorized to inquire into the rightful successors to the interest of Te Hapimana in the Palmerston North Reserve	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
189. Tipene Hera and 102 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	103	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
250. Tipoki te Hate and 43 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	44	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
180. Tirepa Te	July 28, 1922	That the Native Land Court be directed to grant probate of the will of Ngamura Kahukuraitu to petitioner	1	Mr. S. G. Smith ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
379. Tirepa Te	Oct. 16, 1922	That probate of the will of Ngamuru Kahukuraitu be granted to petitioner	1	Mr. Young (for Mr. G. S. Smith)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 28, 1922.
107. Tonga Awhikau and 20 others..	July 6, 1922	That the recommendation of the Native Affairs Committee with regard to a special grant of land of 1,000 acres be given effect to	21	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
218. Toogood, George	Aug. 8, 1922	That he should be paid a sum of money alleged to be due to him on a Public Works Department contract	1	Mr. Sykes ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 3, 1922.
342. Tovey, Sydney	Sept. 20, 1922	For compensation for injuries received while on active service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Mitchell ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1922.
167. Tuoha Pomare and 81 others ..	July 20, 1922	*Re* Nuhaka No. 1 Block	82	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	..
203. Tuhaka Wharau and 15 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the subdivision of Tapuaeroa 1A Block	16	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
81. Tuhiparau Ruku H.	June 30, 1922	For return of the Mahuta and Putete Blocks	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
237. Tukatahi Rangipuao ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For a rehearing of the matter of the succession to the interests of Hara te Whiti (deceased), in Lot 75, Parish of Whangape	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
272. Tumihi Ranapia and 21 others	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	22	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
325. Tunoa Rothana and 4 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the ownership of Maungaroa Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Blocks, &c., for reinvestigation of title thereof	5	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
191. Tupaea Rapaera and 82 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For the relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	83	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
248. Turanga Hinaki	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	61	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
39. Turner, Elsie E., and 2,999 others	June 29, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	3,000	Dr. A. K. Newman	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
185. Tutu Hami	Aug. 2, 1922	For an inquiry into the sale of the Putira Block with a view to substantiating petitioner's claims thereto	1	Mr. Brown ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 4, 1922.
192. Tutura Hamana and 68 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	69	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922
285. Uru Rahera Muriwai Mutu ..	Aug. 24, 1922	For legislation validating petitioner's claim to a share of Cobden Native Reserve	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata (for Mr. Uru)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.

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339. Uru Mutu Muriwai and 8 others	Sept. 15, 1922	For validation of the claim of the petitioners to certain reserves which were excluded from the sale of the Arahura Block in the year 1890	9	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
389. Uru Rahera Muriwai ..	Oct. 19, 1922	*Re* Block 7, Te Nikau	1	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
375. Utika Hei Poumanu and 29 others	Oct. 12, 1922	For inclusion in the title to the Puketapu Block	30	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
249. Waisriki Matui and 66 others ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
10. Wainhouse, Annie	June 28, 1922	For compassionate allowance for the loss of her husband, a sergeant-major in the N.Z.R.A., who died while in the Defence Department's employ	1	Mr. Harris ..	Defence	Sept. 12, 1922.
202. Waitere Taituha and 62 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	63	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
135. Walker, Charles, and 8 others ..	July 12, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	9	Mr. McNicol ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
59. Wanganui Harbour Board ..	June 29, 1922	For inquiry into certain matters in dispute between the Board and the Railway Department	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Railways	Sept. 12, 1922.
123. Ward, Horace, and 356 others..	July 11, 1922	That legislation be introduced providing for the licensing of bookmakers	357	Mr. Glenn ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 12, 1922.
244. Watene Aruhekaihe and 66 others	Aug. 15, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
241. Waters, William Alfred ..	Aug. 15, 1922	For compensation for increments alleged to have been withheld while petitioner was employed in the New Zealand Public Service	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1922.
172. Waugh, Lucy S.	July 25, 1922	For an inquiry into her claim to ownership of Uretara Island ..	1	Hon. Sir W. H. Herries	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
164. Weatherston, Gilbert.. ..	July 18, 1922	For a compassionate allowance on account of physical disabilities which resulted from an attack of rheumatism contracted in a Territorial camp	1	Mr. Sidey ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.
268. Wellbourn, A. E., and another..	Aug. 18, 1922	For compensation for injuries alleged to be due to service during the recent war	2	Mr. J. McDickson ..	Defence	Oct. 26, 1922.
153. West, William, and another ..	July 14, 1922	For a compassionate grant to cover the expenses incidental to the illness and death of Victor West, a returned soldier	2	Mr. Mitchell ..	Defence	Oct. 13, 1922.
129. Wetini Rikirangi and 145 others	July 11, 1922	That the decision of the Native Land Court *re* Wainui Reserve be affirmed	146	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Aug. 18, 1922.
236. Wetini Taku and 66 others ..	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
233. Whaanga te Matene and 34 others	Aug. 11, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	35	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
242. Whakawera Ngauru.. ..	Aug. 15, 1922	That the Native Land Court be empowered to inquire into the matter of accrued rents in respect of Patea and other lands	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 26, 1922.
203. Wharau Tuhaka and 15 others	Aug 8, 1922	For inquiry into the subdivision of Tapuaeroa 1A Block.. ..	16	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
198. Wharepapa Meri and 35 others	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	36	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
283. Wharepapa Tarate and 4 others	Aug. 24, 1922	*Re* Ngamoe 2 Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.

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274.	Whatanui, W., and 66 others ..	Aug. 22, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
57.	Whiteside, A. J., and 30 others	June 29, 1922	For amendment of the land laws to enable them to acquire the freehold of certain Hauraki leases	31	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Lands	Sept. 8, 1922.
385.	Whitianga Akanihi and 7 others	Oct. 17, 1922	For rehearing of the succession to Te Haruru Rewapuru and Hineteura	8	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
358.	Wi Duncan and 42 others ..	Sept. 28, 1922	For a grant of land on account of loss through confiscation ..	43	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 30, 1922.
356.	Wilding, Frederick	Sept. 26, 1922	For the refund of income-tax paid to the Income-tax Commissioner, which petitioner is of the opinion should not have been claimed	..	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 23, 1922.
370.	Williams, T. B., and 10 others..	Oct. 10, 1922	That the Government should contribute financially towards the upkeep of the Cawthron Institute	11	Mr. Atmore ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Oct. 12, 1922.
194.	Wiremu Keepa and 66 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	67	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
259.	Wiremu Kirihiti and 31 others..	Aug. 17, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	32	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
197.	Wiremu Potae and 26 others ..	Aug. 8, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	27	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
323.	Wiremu Potae and another ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into Kaiaua No. 1 Block	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
324.	Wiremu Potae and another ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the Kopuatara-kihi 1A Block	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
326.	Wiremu Potae and 6 others ..	Sept. 8, 1922	For inquiry into the Marau Block	7	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
328.	Wiremu Rikihana	Sept. 8, 1922	For an inquiry into the succession to Mikaera Urututu (deceased) in the Opunaki 2B No. 1 Block	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
78.	Wirihana, R., and Hara Roera..	June 30, 1922	For compensation for loss of certain lands in Rekereke No. 2 Block	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
290.	Wi te Whareherehere Kewa and 67 others	Aug. 25, 1922	For relief of Native leaseholds from Native land-tax under the Finance Act, 1917	68	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 23, 1922.
344.	Wright, Mabel	Sept. 20, 1922	For a compassionate allowance for services rendered to the State by her deceased husband while he was a sergeant-major in the Defence Forces	1	Mr. Harris ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1922.

IV.—Schedule of Select Committees appointed by the House of Representatives, Session, 1922.

Subject.	Members' Names.	Date of Appointment.	Remarks.
Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce.—Consisting of thirteen Members, to consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries, stock, and commerce; with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate Report; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Burnett, Mr. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Hawken, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Masters, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. Williams	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	Dairy Industry Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 10; Report, Oct. 20. (For Reports, *vide* I.–10.)
Dairy-produce Export Control Bill.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider the proposed Dairy-produce Export Control Bill.	Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Hockly, Mr. McCombs, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Masters, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. Poland, Mr. Reed.	October 4, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	Dairy-produce Export Control Bill referred, Oct. 4; Report brought up, Oct. 25; Report laid on Table, Oct. 27. (*Vide* Journals.)
Defence.—Consisting of twelve Members, to deal with all matters in connection with defence; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Burnett, Hon. Mr. Coates, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Glean, Mr. Munro, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. McNicol, Mr. Potter, Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes, Mr. Seddon, Mr. R. W. Smith.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes.	(For Reports, *vide* I.–12.)
Education.—Consisting of fifteen 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 such other matters affecting education as may be referred to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Fraser, Hon. Mr. Hanan, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Masters, Mr. McNicol, Mr. Nash, Hon. Mr. Parr, Mr. Poland, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Parr.	Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 13; Report, Sept. 21. (For Reports, *vide* I.–8.)
Goldfields and Mines.—Consisting of twelve Members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to mining and all Bills relating to mines; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bollard, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Edie, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Poland, Mr. Reed, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Seddon.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Coal-mines Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 26. Paper No. 269, Regulations under Mining Act, 1908, referred, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 13. Stone-quarries Amendment Bill (No. 2) referred, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 19. Mining Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 19. (For Reports, *vide* I.–4.)
House.—Consisting of seven Members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to provide for the comfort of Members of both Houses; three to be a quorum.	Mr. J. S. Dickson, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. Savage, Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Witty.	July 14,* on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	No Report.
Joint on Bills.—To inquire into the character of every Bill that may be referred to it during its progress by the Speaker of either House, and to report its opinions to both Houses as to whether it is a Public, Local, or Private Bill.	Mr. Malcolm, Mr. McCombs, Dr. A. K. Newman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sidey.	July 14, on motion of Mr. Malcolm.	Baptist Union Incorporation Bill referred by Mr. Speaker, Oct. 6; Report, Oct. 11. St. John's College Trust Bill referred by Mr. Speaker, Oct. 13; Report, Oct. 18. (*Vide* Journals.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Joint on Standing Orders on Private Bills	Mr. Forbes, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Statham.	July 14, on motion of Mr. Malcolm.	No Report.
Labour Bills.—Consisting of twelve Members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to labour; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Edie, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Howard, Mr. Jones, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Veitch.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Workers' Compensation Bill referred, July 25; Report, Oct. 5. Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill referred, July 27; Report, Oct. 5. Hotel and Restaurant and Private Hotel and Boardinghouse Employees' Six Days a Week Bill referred, July 27; Report, Sept. 28. Unemployed Workers Bill referred, July 27; Report, Aug. 18. Daylight Baking Bill referred, Aug. 9; Report, Oct. 13. Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 28. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 20. Scaffolding and Excavation Bill referred, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 27. (For Reports, *vide* I.–9.)
Lands.—Consisting of twelve Members, to whom shall stand referred, after the first reading, all Bills affecting or in any way relating to the lands of the Crown, or education or other public reserves; the Committee to have power to make such amendments therein as they may think proper, and to report generally when necessary upon the principles and provisions of the Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Glenn, Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Jones, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Savage, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Witty.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Guthrie.	Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill referred, July 25; Report, Aug. 2. Land Drainage Amendment Bill referred, July 28; Report, Aug. 2. Rotorua Borough Bill referred, July 28; Report, Aug. 2. Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill referred, Aug. 3; Report, Aug. 9. Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 18; Report, Sept. 8. Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 5; Report, Sept. 8. Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 12; Report, Oct. 4. Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 12; Report, Sept. 20. Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 12; Report, Sept. 20. Palmerston North Reserves Bill referred, Sept. 26; Report, Oct. 4. Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill referred, Sept. 26; Report, Oct. 4. Land Laws Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 26; Report, Sept. 28. Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 5; Report, Oct. 11. Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 5; Report, Oct. 11. Tongariro National Park Bill referred, Oct. 12; Report, Oct. 13. Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 17; Report, Oct. 19. Governor-General's amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 24; Report, Oct. 25. Governor-General's further amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 25; Report, Oct. 26. Governor-General's further amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 28. Governor-General's further amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 28; Report, Oct. 28. Final Report, Oct. 28. (For Reports, *vide* I.–5.)
Library.—Consisting of eleven Members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Atmore, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Fraser, Hon. Mr. Hanan, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Masters, Dr. A. K. Newman, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Potter, Hon. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	Report of Chief Librarian for year 1921–22 brought up, Sept. 13. (*Vide* H.–32.)
Licensing.—(Set up Session II, 1921)	..	..	Report brought up, July 27; laid on Table, Aug. 2. (*Vide* I.–14.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Local Bills.—Consisting of twelve Members, to whom all local Bills shall stand referred after the first reading; the Committee to report whether the Standing Orders have been complied with, and to suggest such amendments as it may think proper, and to report when necessary on the merits of the Bills; the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Brown, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Hudson, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCombs, Mr. McLeod, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Young.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	*Bills referred:* Wellington City Empowering and Amendment, June 30; Report, Sept. 12. Wairau Harbour Board Empowering, July 4; Report, Aug. 18. Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing, July 25; Report, Aug. 3. Christchurch City Sanitation Amendment, July 25; Report, Aug. 18. Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment, July 25; Report, Aug. 3. Wairau River District Loans, July 25; Report, Aug. 18. Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting, July 25; Report, Sept. 12. Whakatane Harbour Amendment, July 25; Report, Aug. 18. Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering, July 25; Report, Aug. 18. Invercargill Corporation Empowering, July 27; Report, Sept. 12. Thames Harbour, July 27; Report, Oct. 19. Te Puke County Bill, Aug. 1; Report, Sept. 26. Christchurch District Drainage Amendment, Aug. 1; Report, Sept. 26. Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation, Aug. 2; Report, Sept. 26. Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment, Aug. 3; Report, Oct. 5. Palmerston North Reserves, Aug. 3; Report, Sept. 26. Wellington City Empowering, Aug. 9; Report, Sept. 12. Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment, Aug. 9; Report, Oct. 12. Wanganui River Trust Amendment, Aug. 9; Report, Sept. 21. Mosgiel Borough Empowering, Aug. 11; Report, Oct. 5. Waimakariri Harbour Board District and Empowering Amendment, Aug. 15; Report, Oct. 19. Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering, Aug. 18; Report, Oct. 5. Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment, Sept. 26; Report, Oct. 19. Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation, Oct. 3; Report, Oct. 19. Special Report, Oct. 19. Report on Petitions, Oct. 19. Special Report *re* Chairman, Oct. 19. Special Report, *re* Clerk, Oct. 19. Final Report, Oct. 19. (For Reports other than formal Reports, *vide* Journals.)
Native Affairs.—Consisting of fifteen Members, to consider all Petitions, Reports, Returns, and other documents relating to affairs especially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Campbell, Hon. Mr. Coates, Mr. Field, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Henare, Hon. Sir W. H. Herries, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Jennings, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Hon. Sir M. Pomare, Mr. Reed, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Uru, Mr. Williams, Mr. Young.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Coates.	Paper No. 87, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 161/1920, *re* Kaiaua Sections, referred, July 25; Report, Aug. 8. Paper No. 88, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 202/17, *re* Te Puna Block, referred, July 25; Report, Aug. 8. Paper No. 89, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 345/1920, *re* Lot 39, Matata, referred, July 25; Report, Aug. 8. Paper No. 114, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 151/1921, *re* Mangatu No. 1 Block, referred, Aug. 1; Report, Aug. 18. Rotorua Borough Bill, referred for consideration of clause 11, Aug. 2; Report, Aug. 3; referred for further consideration, Aug. 8; Report, Aug. 9. Paper No. 339 of Session 1921–22, referred, Feb. 8, 1922; Report, Aug. 8. Fencing Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 6; Report, Sept. 15. Paper No. 220, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 228/1920, *re* Waipipi Block, referred, Sept. 8; Report, Sept. 26. Paper No. 231, Report and recommendation on Petitions Nos. 300/1920 and 19/1921, *re* Awarua and other Blocks, referred, Sept. 12; Report, Sept. 26. Greymouth Native Reserve Bill referred, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 23. Paper No. 294, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 21/1921, *re* Okahu Block, referred, Oct. 11; Report, Oct. 18. Paper No. 295, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 293/1919, *re* Ngawharewiti and others, referred, Oct. 11; Report, Oct. 18. Paper No. 296, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 219/1920, *re* Ohutu 2B Block, referred, Oct. 11; Report, Oct. 18. Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 11; Report, Oct. 12. Paper No. 307, Report and recommendation on Petitions Nos. 57/1920 and 342/1920, *re* Pakowhai Reserve, referred, Oct. 16; Report, Oct. 18. Mining Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 19; Report, Oct. 24. Paper No. 317, Report and recommendation on Petition No. 44/1920, *re* Ngatirahiri 6 and 14, referred, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 24. Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill referred, Oct. 26; Report, Oct. 27. Native Trustee Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 28. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill referred, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 28. (For Reports, *vide* I.–3.)
Petitions Classification.—Consisting of ten Members, to whom shall be referred in the first instance all the Petitions presented to this House, in order to ascertain whether such Petitions are in compliance with the Standing Orders, and to classify the same for distribution among the several Committees of the House according to the nature of the contents of such Petitions; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bartram, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Edie, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Harris, Mr. McLeod, Mr. S. G. Smith, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Sykes, Dr. Thacker.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	Reports not printed.

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Public Accounts.—Consisting of eleven Members, to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the public accounts as it may think desirable or that may be referred to it by the House or the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the Dominion which the Government may refer to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Craigie, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Isitt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCallum, Mr. McCombs, Right Hon. Mr. Massey, Dr. A. K. Newman, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	July 14, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Massey.	Finance Bill referred, Oct. 24; Report, Oct. 26. (*Vide Journals.*)
Public Health.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider all matters relating to public health, infectious diseases, contagious diseases, hospitals, and to local authorities having charge of these matters, and to such other matters affecting public health as may be referred to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Craigie, Mr. Field, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. A. K. Newman, Hon. Mr. Parr, Mr. Parry, Hon. Sir M. Pomare, Mr. Reed, Dr. Thacker.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Parr.	Pharmacy Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 7; Report, Oct. 5. (For Reports, *vide* L.–7.)
Public Petitions A to L.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider all Petitions from A to L that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee; 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; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Barteam, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Harris, Mr. McNicol, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Mr. Parr, Dr. Thacker, Mr. Wright.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Parr.	(For Reports, *vide* L.–1.)
Public Petitions M to Z.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider all Petitions from M to Z that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee; 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; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Craigie, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Horn, Hon. Mr. Lee, Mr. Mander, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Statham, Mr. Sullivan.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Lee.	(For Reports, *vide* L.–2.)
Railways.—Consisting of eleven Members, to examine and report upon questions relating to railways; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bollard, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Glenn, Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Howard, Right Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. Nash, Mr. Sidey, Mr. S. G. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Witty.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Guthrie.	Government Railways Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 18; Report, Oct. 20. (For Reports, *vide* L.–6.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Reporting Debates and Printing.—Consisting of ten Members, to assist the Hon. Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the reporting of Debates and to the printing executed by order of the House, and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for the printing of Returns and Papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members of this House; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jennings, Mr. McCombs, Mr. McNicol, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Witty, Mr. Wright.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Special report *re* supply of Acts to members, Oct. 17. (*Vide Journals.*)
Selection	Mr. Edie, Mr. Field, Mr. Jennings, Mr. McNicol, Mr. Malcolm.	July 14, on motion of Mr. Malcolm.	No Report.
Standing Orders.—Consisting of ten Members; three to be a quorum.	Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Hon. Mr. Lee, Mr. Malcolm, Right Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Statham, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Willford.	July 14, on motion of Mr. Malcolm.	No report.
Statutes Revision.—Consisting of thirteen Members, to whom shall be referred all Bills specially dealing with the revision of the law; with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Field, Hon. Mr. Hanan, Hon. Mr. Lee, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Mr. Parr, Mr. Reed, Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Statham, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Willford.	July 28, on motion of Hon. Mr. Lee.	Administration of Justice Bill referred, July 28; Report, Aug. 16. Sea Carriage of Goods Bill referred, Aug. 10; Report, Sept. 8. Mercantile Law Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 10; Report, Sept. 8. Settled Land Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 10; Report, Aug. 16. Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 5; Report brought up, Sept. 8 and 13; referred back for further consideration, Sept. 13; Report, Oct. 10. Fencing Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 20; Report, Oct. 17. Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 17. Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2) referred, Oct. 12; Report, Oct. 17. Rating Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 17; Report, Oct. 20. (For Reports, *vide* L.–11.)

V.—Schedule of Public Bills, Session, 1922.

SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	Remarks.
Administration of Justice	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	July 25	July 28 *pro forma*	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 28; Report, Aug. 16.
Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Aug. 16	Sept. 5	Oct. 13	Oct. 13	Oct. 13	Oct. 13	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 5; Report, Sept. 13. Report referred back for further consideration, Sept. 13; Report, Oct. 10. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Sept. 5	Oct. 20	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Amusements-tax	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Sept. 5	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment read and agreed to, Oct. 13. Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 13. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 18.
Animals Protection and Game Amendment	Legislative Council ..	Sept. 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Animals Protection and Game Amendment (No. 2)	Legislative Council ..	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Appropriation	Right Hon. Mr. Massey ..	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	..	..	..
Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	July 25	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Aug. 18. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 18; Report, Sept. 8.
Baptist Union Incorporation	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Oct. 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred by Mr. Speaker to Joint on Bills Committee, Oct. 6; Report, Oct. 11. *Lapsed.*
Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment ..	Mr. Reed	Aug. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 3; Report, Oct. 5. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 5. Report, Oct. 11.
Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment	Hon. Mr. Parr ..	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	..	..	Referred to Education Committee, Sept. 13; Report, Sept. 21.
Cemeteries Amendment	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Oct. 10	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	..
Chattels Transfer Amendment	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	..	..	..
Child Sustenance	Mr. Mitchell	Aug. 8	Aug. 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ruled by Mr. Speaker that Bill could not proceed further, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation, Aug. 16. *Lapsed.*
Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment	Mr. Isitt	July 25	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Aug. 18.
Christchurch District Drainage Amendment	Mr. Isitt	Aug. 1	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 1; Report, Sept. 26.
Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing ..	Mr. Isitt	July 25	Aug. 10	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Aug. 3. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 3; Report, Aug. 9.
Coal-mines Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Aug. 15	Sept. 7	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 26. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 3.

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BILLS—*continued.*

SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Companies	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Oct. 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. *Lapsed.*
Companies Amendment	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	..	..	..
Companies Empowering	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Oct. 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Crimes Amendment	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Oct. 10	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	..
Customs Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Sept. 5	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Dairy Industry Amendment	Hon. Mr. Nosworthy ..	Oct. 10	Oct. 10 *pro forma*	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	..	..	Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral, Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee, Oct. 10; Report, Oct. 20.
Dairy-produce Export Control	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Oct. 4	Oct. 4 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee, Oct. 4; Report brought up, Oct. 25; Report laid on table, Oct. 27. *Lapsed.*
Daylight Baking	Mr. McCombs.. ..	July 25	Aug. 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Aug. 9; Report, Oct. 13. *Lapsed.*
Electric-power Boards Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Sept. 13	Sept. 28	Oct. 3 Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	..
Fencing Amendment	Mr. Reed	July 28	Sept. 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Sept. 6; Report, Sept. 15. Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 20; Report, Oct. 17. *Lapsed.*
Fencing Amendment (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Oct. 12	Oct. 12 *pro forma*	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Oct. 12; Report, Oct. 17.
Finance	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 27 Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, Oct. 24; Report, Oct. 26. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 27. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments, in substitution of amendments contained in His Excellency's Message of Oct. 27, read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 30. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 30. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 30.
Fireblight	Hon. Mr. Nosworthy ..	Sept. 13	Sept. 21	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	..
Friendly Societies Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Introduced in Committee.
Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment	Mr. Williams	July 25	Aug. 10	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Aug. 3.
Government Railways Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	Oct. 16	Oct. 18	Oct. 23	Oct. 23	Oct. 23	Oct. 23	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Railways Committee, Oct. 18; Report, Oct. 20.
Greymouth Native Reserve	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Oct. 9	Oct. 9 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 23. *Lapsed.*
Hamilton Domains Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 12; Report, Oct. 4.
Harbours Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Hauraki Plains Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	Sept. 5	Sept. 13	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 5; Report, Sept. 8. Ruled by Mr. Speaker that Bill not a Local Bill, Sept. 8.

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BILLS—*continued.*

SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Horouta District Licensing Poll	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Oct. 26	Oct. 26 *pro forma*	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 26; Report, Oct. 27.
Hotel and Restaurant and Private Hotel and Boardinghouse Employees Six Days a Week Housing Amendment	Mr. Fraser	June 29	July 27 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 27; Report, Sept. 28. *Lapsed.*
Hutt River Improvement and Reclamation	Mr. Fraser	Oct. 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Hutt Road Amendment	Mr. Wilford	Aug. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 2; Report, Sept. 26. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 26; Report, Oct. 4.
Imprest Supply	Mr. Wright	July 25	July 27	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	..	..	..
	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	June 30	June 30	June 30	June 30	June 30	June 30	..	..	Message from His Excellency recommending provision be made referred to Committee of Supply, and Resolution reported and agreed to; Resolution referred to Committee of Ways and Means, and agreed to, June 30.
Imprest Supply (No. 2)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	July 26	July 26	July 26	July 26	July 26	July 26	..	..	Message from His Excellency recommending provision be made referred to Committee of Supply, and Resolution reported and agreed to; Resolution referred to Committee of Ways and Means, and agreed to, July 26.
Imprest Supply (No. 3)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	..	..	Message from His Excellency recommending provision be made referred to Committee of Supply, and Resolution reported and agreed to; Resolution referred to Committee of Ways and Means, and agreed to, Aug. 29.
Imprest Supply (No. 4)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	..	..	Message from His Excellency recommending provision be made referred to Committee of Supply, and Resolution reported and agreed to; Resolution referred to Committee of Ways and Means, and agreed to, Sept. 27.
Incorporated Societies Amendment ..	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Oct. 4	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 4	Oct. 4 *pro forma*	Oct. 25 Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 20.
Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment	Hon. Mr. Lee	July 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn,* Sept. 7.
Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Sept. 8	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	..	..	..
Invercargill Corporation Empowering ..	Hon. Mr. Hanan ..	July 27	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 27; Report, Sept. 12. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 12; Report, Sept. 20.
Judicature Amendment	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Sept. 13	Sept. 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Order for committal discharged and Bill withdrawn,* Oct. 10.
Judicature Amendment (No. 2)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Lee)	Oct. 4	Oct 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*

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SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Juries Amendment	Legislative Council	Oct. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Justices of the Peace Amendment	Mr. Wilford	July 4	July 27	Sept. 6	Sept. 6	Sept. 6	Sept. 6	..	..	*Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Land and Income Tax Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Sept. 26	Oct. 11	Oct. 13 Oct. 16	Oct. 16	Oct. 16	Oct. 16	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 11; Report, Oct. 12.
Land Drainage Amendment	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	July 27	July 28	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	..	..	Referred to Lands Committee, July 28; Report, Aug. 2.
Land Laws Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	Sept. 26	Oct. 5	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 26; Report, Sept. 28. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 10.
Land-tax (Annual)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Legislature Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Oct. 12	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	..	..	Introduced in Committee. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Legislature Amendment (No. 2)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Local Bodies' Loans Amendment	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	July 25	July 28	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	..
Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment	Mr. Isitt	Aug. 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 9; Report, Oct. 12. *Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn*, Oct. 19.
Magistrates' Courts Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Lee)	Oct. 9	Oct. 9 *pro forma*	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 17.
Main Highways	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 28	..	Introduced in Committee. Amendments of Legislative Council brought up and agreed to, with the exception of amendment to paragraph (*e*) of subclause (2) of clause 5; Mr. Seddon, Mr. Hawken, and Hon. Mr. Coates appointed a Committee to prepare reasons for so disagreeing, Oct. 28. Reasons brought up; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 28. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons; same read and disagreed with; Conference requested; Mr. Atmore, Mr. Hawken, and Hon. Mr. Coates appointed Managers; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 30. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference and naming time and place, Oct. 30. Hon. Mr. Coates brought up Report; same read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 30. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Report of Conference, Oct. 31. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 31. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 31.
Mercantile Law Amendment	Hon. Mr. Lee	Aug. 9	Aug. 10 *pro forma*	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Aug. 10; Report, Sept. 8. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to. Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 12. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 13.
Mining Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 9	Oct. 9 *pro forma*	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Oct. 9. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 19; Report, Oct. 24. Amendments of Legislative Council brought up and agreed to, with the exception of the amendment to clause 3. Mr. Seddon, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed a Committee to prepare reasons for so disagreeing, Oct. 28. Reasons brought up. Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 28. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons; same read and disagreed with; Conference requested; Mr. Poland, Mr. Hudson, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed Managers; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 30. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference and naming time and place, Oct. 30. Hon. Mr. Anderson brought up Report; same read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council; Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Report of Conference, Oct. 31.

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Mosgiel Borough Empowering	Mr. J. McC. Dickson ..	Aug. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Standing Order 399 suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 11; Report, Oct. 5.
Motherhood Endowment	Mr. Savage	Aug. 18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill not in order, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation*, Sept. 6. *Lapsed.*
Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Oct. 27	Oct. 27 *pro forma*	Oct. 28 Oct. 30	Oct. 28 Oct. 30	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 28.
Native Trustee Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Oct. 27	Oct. 27 *pro forma*	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 28.
Naval Defence Amendment	Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes	July 27	Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	..	..	..
Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation ..	Mr. Poland	Oct. 3	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	..	..	Standing Orders 394 and 399 suspended to enable Bill to be introduced and proceeded with, Oct. 3. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Oct. 3; Report, Oct. 19.
Painters' and Decorators' Health Protection ..	Mr. Veitch	Aug. 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Palmerston North Reserves	Mr. Nash	Aug. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 3; Report, Sept. 26. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 26; Report, Oct. 4.
Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting ..	Mr. Wilford	July 25	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Sept. 12.
Pharmacy Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Parr)	Sept. 5	Sept. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Public Health Committee, Sept. 7; Report, Oct. 5.
Post and Telegraph Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 12	Sept. 21	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Proportional Representation and Country Quota	Mr. McCombs	July 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Proportional Representation and Effective Voting	Mr. Veitch	July 4	July 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill not in order, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation*, Sept. 6. *Lapsed.*
Proportional Representation and Effective Voting (No. 2)	Mr. McCombs	July 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn*, July 25.
Rating Amendment	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Oct. 17; Report, Oct. 20. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read a first time and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 27.
Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	Oct. 17	Oct. 23	Oct. 23, 25, 26, 27, 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 17; Report, Oct. 19. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read a first time and referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 24; Report, Oct. 25. Amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 25. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read a first time and referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 25; Report, Oct. 26. Amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 26. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read a first time and referred to the Lands Committee, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 28. Amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 28. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read a first time and referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 28; Report, Oct. 28. Amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 28.

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Rotorua Borough	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	July 25	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, July 28; Report, Aug. 2. Referred to Native Affairs Committee for consideration of clause 11, Aug. 2; Report, Aug. 3. Referred back for further consideration, Aug. 8; Report, Aug. 9.
Rural Credit Associations	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	..	..	..
St. John's College Trust	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Oct. 13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred by Mr. Speaker to Joint on Bills Committee, Oct. 13; Report, Oct. 18. *Lapsed.*
Scaffolding and Excavation	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 9	Oct. 9 *pro forma*	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 27.
Sea Carriage of Goods	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Aug. 9	Aug. 10 *pro forma*	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Aug. 10; Report, Sept. 8. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment read and agreed to. Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 12. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 13.
Settled Land Amendment	Hon. Mr. Lee ..	Aug. 9	Aug. 10 *pro forma*	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Aug. 10; Report, Aug. 16.
Shipping and Seamen Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Aug. 11	Sept. 7 *pro forma*	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 28. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Oct. 3.
Stamp Duties	By Message (Right Hon. Mr Massey)	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Message from Legislative Council transmitting amendments recommended by Statutes Revision Committee of the Legislative Council, Oct. 26. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 27; Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 28; Message from Legislative Council recommending further amendment to clauses 91 and 92, Oct. 28.
State Advances Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Massey)	Aug. 16	Sept. 12	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 26	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 27; Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 28.
State Control of Licenses	Mr. McCallum ..	July 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill not in order, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation*, Sept. 6. *Lapsed.*
State Fire Insurance Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 12	Sept. 28	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Stone-quarries Amendment	Mr. Parry	June 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill not in order, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation*, July 27. *Lapsed.*
Stone-quarries Amendment (No. 2) ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 9	Oct. 9 *pro forma*	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 19.
Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	July 25	July 28	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	..	..	Introduced in Committee.

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Swamp Drainage Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	July 25	Aug. 11	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	..	..	Referred to Lands Committee, July 25; Report, Aug. 2.
Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia Ratification)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	July 28	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Te Puke County	Mr. Hockly	Aug. 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 1; Report, Sept. 26. *Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn*, Sept. 28.
Thames Harbour	Mr. T. W. Rhodes ..	July 27	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 27; Report, Oct. 19.
Tongariro National Park	By Message (Hon. Mr. Guthrie)	Oct. 12	Oct. 17	Oct. 17	Oct. 17	Oct. 17	Oct. 17	Oct. 20	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 12; Report, Oct. 13. Amendments of Legislative Council brought up and agreed to, with the exception of amendment to paragraph (*d*) of subclause (3) of clause 5; Mr. Hockly, Mr. Field, and Hon. Mr. Guthrie appointed a Committee to prepare reasons for disagreeing. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 20. Message from Legislative Council not insisting on amendment, Oct. 24.
Unemployed Workers	Mr. Fraser	June 29	July 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 27; Report, Aug. 18. *Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill not in order, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation*, Aug. 18. *Lapsed.*
Waimakariri Harbour District and Empowering Amendment	Mr. Forbes	Aug. 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Standing Order 399 suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced; referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 15; Report, Oct. 19. *Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn*, Oct. 30.
Waimakariri River Improvement ..	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	..	..	All Standing Orders relative to Local Bills suspended, Oct. 26.
Wairau Harbour Board Empowering ..	Mr. McCallum ..	July 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 4; Report, Aug. 18.
Wairau River District Loans	Mr. McCallum ..	July 25	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Aug. 18.
Wanganui River Trust Amendment ..	Mr. Veitch	Aug. 9	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 9; Report, Sept. 21.
War Disabilities Removal	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	..	..	..
Weights and Measures Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Sept. 12	Sept. 14	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Introduced in Committee.
Wellington City Empowering	Mr. Wright	Aug. 9	..	..	..	..	..		..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 9; Report, Sept. 12. On motion of Mr. Wright, *Bill withdrawn*, Sept. 12.

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Wellington City Empowering and Amendment	Mr. Wright	June 30	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 30; Report, Sept. 12. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 12; Report, Sept. 20.
Whakatane Harbour Amendment ..	Mr. Hockly	July 25	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 7	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Aug. 18. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 5. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 12.
Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment	Mr. Mander	Sept. 26	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	..	..	Standing Orders 394 and 399 suspended to enable Bill to be introduced and proceeded with, Sept. 26. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Sept. 26; Report, Oct. 19.
Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering ..	Mr. Mander	Aug. 18	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Standing Orders 394 and 399 suspended to enable Bill to be introduced and proceeded with, Aug. 18. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 18; Report, Oct. 5. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 5; Report, Oct. 11.
Workers' Compensation	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 25	July 25	Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 13	Oct. 13	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 25; Report, Oct. 5.
Workers' Compensation Amendment ..	Mr. Howard	June 29	*pro forma* July 27	Oct. 13 ..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 27; Report, Oct. 5. *Lapsed.*

VI.—Schedule of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table, Session, 1922.

[Note.—The letters and numbers given after each Paper refer to their place in the Appendices to the Journals. Papers bearing no letter and number were not ordered to be printed.]

Date of Presentation.	Number of Paper.		Letter and Number of Printed Paper in Appendices.
		A.	
		Agriculture, Department of:—	
Aug. 22	161	Annual Report for Year 1921–22. (By command)	H.–29.
Aug. 23	162	Board of Agriculture, Report of the, for Year ended 30th April, 1922. (By leave)	H.–29A.
Aug. 15	152	Butter, Telegrams exchanged with London in connection with. (By leave) ..	H.–38A.
Oct. 9	279	Grading Dairy-produce, Cost of. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922)	H.–27.
July 4	32	Honey, Regulations relating to export of. (By Act)	*
		Alcoholic Liquors:—	
Oct. 31	353	Effect of Tariff of 1921. (Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922) ..	H.–35A.
Oct. 31	354	Effect of Tariff of 1921. (Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922) ..	H.–35B.
June 29	17	Alliance Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
July 25	79	Articles in Common Use, Consumption of, for Years 1900 to 1921. (By command)	H.–9.
Oct. 16	310	Atlas Assurance Company (Limited), of London, (Accident Branch): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
June 29	24	Australian Mutual Provident Society: Annual Report and Returns for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
June 29	13	Australasian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society (Limited): Returns for Year ended 30th September, 1921. (By Act.)	
		B.	
June 29	7	Bank of New Zealand: Balance-sheet for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)..	B.–15.
		Beer and Spirits:—	
Aug. 24	172	Return showing Amount sent into Rohe Potae. (Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922)	H.–37A.
Sept. 5	182	Return showing Amount of Revenue derived from. (Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922)	H.–35.
Oct. 31	352	Return showing Quantity consumed and Amount of Duty collected on. (Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.)	
Oct. 23	321	Return showing Estimated Customs and Excise Duty. (Return to an Order dated 3rd October, 1922.)	
		Board of Trade:—	
Oct. 31	356	Regulations: Maximum Prices of Bread, Flour, Bran, and Pollard. (By Act) ..	*
Aug. 24	171	Regulations: Maximum Prices of Bread, Flour, Bran, and Pollard. (By Act) ..	*
Aug. 24	166	Regulations (Petrol) revoked. (By Act)	*
Aug. 24	168	Regulations: Export of Timber. (By Act)	*
Aug. 24	169	Regulations (Timber Industry) revoked. (By Act)	*
Aug. 24	170	Regulations: Wheat. (By Act)	*
Aug. 24	167	Regulations (Wool Industry) revoked. (By Act)	*
Oct. 28	340	British Traders' Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
Aug. 15	152	Butter, Telegrams exchanged with London in connection with. (By leave) ..	H.–38A.
		C.	
Sept. 5	202	Cattle in the Dominion on 31st January, 1922. (Return to an Order dated 19th October, 1917)	H.–23C.
Sept. 21	242	Cement, Return showing Prices arranged for. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.)	
Oct. 16	305	Clutha Valley Railway: Return showing Cost of Surveys. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.)	
Sept. 27	256	Coal: Purchases from outside the Dominion. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.)	
		Coal-mines Act, 1908, Assignments of Leases and Licenses under the:—	
July 4	44	E. F. Lockington and G. G. Lockington to Konini Reefton Collieries (Limited). (By Act.)	
July 4	45	E. F. Lockington and G. G. Lockington to Konini Reefton Collieries (Limited). (By Act.)	
July 4	46	H. J. Mulholland to J. Myers. (By Act.)	
July 4	47	R. McN. Mulholland to E. Ambury. (By Act.)	
July 4	48	R. McN. Mulholland to J. Myers. (By Act.)	
July 4	49	G. H. Mulholland to R. McN. Mulholland. (By Act.)	
July 4	50	William Stevenson to the Nightcaps Coal Company (Limited). (By Act.)	
July 4	51	The Mokihinui-Westport Coal Company (Limited) to Meyrick Llewellyn Jones and Tom Wilkinson. (By Act.)	
July 4	52	Michael Maloney to Walter Thomas Burchfield. (By Act.)	
July 25	97	John Myers to Herbert Llewellyn Morgan. (By Act.)	
July 25	98	Frederick Samuel Edwards to John Gage. (By Act.)	
July 25	99	George Herbert Mulholland to Edward Ambury. (By Act.)	
July 25	100	R. McN. Mulholland to R. Mulholland, J. A. Mulholland, M. Forman, M. Rogers, T. Rogers, M. Maloney, and W. Mylett. (By Act.)	
Aug. 1	113	William Crowe to the Darlington Prospecting and Mining Company (Limited). (By Act.)	
Aug. 15	153	T. H. Rogers to D. Moynihan. (By Act.)	
Oct. 10	285	Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society (Limited): Annual Returns for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	

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Date of Presentation.	Number of Paper.		Letter and Number of Printed Paper in Appendices.
Aug. 9	138	COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
		COUNTY COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS:—	
June 29	2	For Year 1919-20. (By Act.)	
June 29	3	For Year 1920-21. (By Act.)	
June 29	4	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
July 25	64	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Aug. 2	120	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Aug. 2	123	For Year 1920-21. (By Act.)	
Aug. 15	149	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Aug. 15	150	For Year 1920-21. (By Act.)	
Sept. 5	189	For Year 1920-21. (By Act.)	
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Sept. 5	196	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Sept. 12	227	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Sept. 21	246	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Oct. 4	270	For Year 1920-21. (By Act.)	
Oct. 4	273	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Oct. 10	289	For Year 1919-20. (By Act.)	
Oct. 10	290	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Oct. 16	313	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
Oct. 23	324	For Year 1921-22. (By Act.)	
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June 29	11	Returns for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
Sept. 5	195	Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
Oct. 28	343	NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st May, 1922. (By Act.)	
July 29	111	NO-LICENSE DISTRICTS: Charges and Convictions for Offences in, and Quantity of Liquor sent into during the Year 1921. (Return to an Order dated 18th January, 1922)	H.–37.
Aug. 2	124	NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
June 29	14	NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
Aug. 9	137	NORWICH AND LONDON ACCIDENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION: Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
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June 29	22	OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
Oct. 30	346	OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920, Report on Operations of, for Year 1921–22. (By command)	H.–20B.
		ORCHARD AND GARDEN DISEASES ACT, 1908:—	
July 4	33	Amending Regulations under. (By Act)	*
July 4	36	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
July 4	38	Amending Regulations under. (By Act)	*
Sept. 27	235	Amending Regulations under. (By Act)	*
		P.	
Oct. 16	306	PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (NEW), Cost of, &c. (Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.)	
Sept. 8	222	PAREY, EVAN: Retaining-fee for Advice in connection with Electrical Matters. (Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.)	
		PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS ACT, 1911:—	
Sept. 5	174	Annual Report of Registrar. (By Act)	H.–10.
Aug. 24	165	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
Aug. 24	164	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
July 29	112	PENSIONS DEPARTMENT: Report for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act) ..	H.–18.
Aug. 24	166	PETROL REGULATIONS, 1918, REVOKED. (By Act)	*
July 25	66	PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
		PIG IRON AND STEEL:—	
Aug. 16	158	Report on Production of. (By leave)	C.–15.
Oct. 4	274	Rails and Girders imported. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.)	
Aug. 8	132	POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION, Annual Report on. (By command)	H.–16.
		POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:—	
July 25	92	Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By command)	F.–2.
July 25	93	Post Office Savings-bank: Deposits received and paid from 1867 to 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	F.–4.
July 25	95	Regulations, Schedule of. (By Act)	*
Sept. 8	221	Regulations, Schedule of. (By Act)	*
Oct. 18	315	Regulations, Schedule of. (By Act)	*
July 25	102	Report for Year 1921. (By command)	F.–1.
July 25	94	Securities standing in Name of Postmaster-General on account of Post Office Savings-bank Fund, Statement of. (By command)	F.–5.
July 25	78	PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT: Report for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By leave)	H.–36.
Sept. 20	237	PRISONS BOARD: Report for Year 1921. (By command)..	H.–20A.

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Date of Presentation.	Number of Paper.		Letter and Number of Printed Paper in Appendices
Sept. 12	223	PRISONS, Report on, for Year 1921–22. (By command)	H.–20.
		PROVIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY :—	
June 29	18	Accident Branch: Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
July 11	56	Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
Aug. 9	140	PUBLIC DEBT EXTINCTION BOARD: Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–20A.
Aug. 15	148	PUBLIC DEBT EXTINCTION ACT, 1910: Certificate of Controller and Auditor-General. (By Act)	B.–20.
July 25	57	PUBLIC DEBT SINKING FUNDS: Report of Commissioners for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–8.
July 25	74	PUBLIC DOMAINS, Annual Report of the Lands and Survey Department on. (By command)	C.–10.
		PUBLIC RESERVES AND DOMAINS ACT, 1908: Change of Purpose of the following :—	
July 25	72	Section 12, Block XIII, Town of Buckley, Hawke's Bay Land District, from a Reserve for Police Purposes to a Reserve for Post and Telegraph Purposes. (By Act.)	
Aug. 2	119	Allotment No. 18 of Section 19, Town of Hawera, from a Site for a Drill-shed to a Site for a Police-station; Lots 29 and 30 of Section 19, Town of Hawera, from a Reserve for the Use of the Justice Department to a Site for a Drill-shed. (By Act.)	
Sept. 26	252	Section 45, Block I, Pomahaka Survey District, from a Resting-place for Stock to a Site for a Post and Telegraph Office. (By Act.)	*
		PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1910, AND AMENDMENTS :—	
June 29	1	Amounts temporarily transferred from one Fund on account to another. (By Act)	B.–21.
June 29	9	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
June 29	10	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
Sept. 21	248	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
July 29	110	PUBLIC SECURITIES HELD IN DOMINION OR ELSEWHERE as on the 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–10.
Sept. 5	200	PUBLIC SERVICE, Temporary Employees in, and Remuneration paid. (By Act.)	
		PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER :—	
July 11	53	Regulations made by the. (By Act)	*
Sept. 12	224	Regulations made by the. (By Act)	*
Oct. 23	320	Regulations made by the. (By Act)	*
Oct. 31	358	Annual Report of the. (By command)	H.–14.
Sept. 8	214	PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BOARD: Report, with Accounts, for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act)	H.–26.
Sept. 8	213	PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND: Report on Actuarial Examination for Triennium ended 31st December, 1919. (By Act)	H.–26A.
		PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE :—	
July 25	91	Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–9A.
Sept. 5	175	Enemy Property in New Zealand, Report on, by Public Trustee. (By leave) ..	H.–25.
		Mental Defectives Amendment Act, 1921–22—	
Oct. 16	309	Proclamation under. (By Act)	*
July 25	86	Proclamation under. (By Act)	*
July 25	82	Public Trust Office Act, 1908, Regulations under the. (By Act)	*
Oct. 4	264	Report for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–9.
Oct. 17	314	PUBLIC WORKS STATEMENT AND ESTIMATES for Year 1922, by the Hon. J. G. Coates, Minister of Public Works. (By leave)	D.–1.
		Q.	
June 29	16	QUEENSLAND INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
		R.	
		RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT :—	
Oct. 27	328	Classification List as on 1st April, 1922. (By Act)	D.–3.
Sept. 21	249	Statement by Hon. Mr. D. H. Guthrie, Minister of Railways, for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	D.–2.
Sept. 20	236	Superannuation Fund: Report of Board for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	D.–5
Sept. 26	250	RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE: Report for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	C.–11.
		REPATRIATION DEPARTMENT :—	
Sept. 5	177	Report on Operations of. (By leave)	H.–30.
Sept. 27	257	Applications by Returned Soldiers for Grants: Number granted, and Number under Review. (Return to an Order dated 18th July, 1922.)	
Aug. 10	143	REPRESENTATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT. (By Act)	H.–48.
Oct. 10	284	RETURNS ASKED FOR AND GRANTED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Cost of. (Return to an Order dated 3rd October, 1922.)	
June 29	28	RETURNS OR STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW OR RESOLUTION to be laid before the House. (Return to an Order dated 18th August, 1893.)	H.–13.
		ROADS CLOSED OR STOPPED :—	
July 25	80	In various districts. (By Act)	*
July 25	96	In various districts. (By Act)	*
Aug. 16	156	In various districts. (By Act)	*
Sept. 8	215	In various districts. (By Act)	*
Sept. 8	219	In various districts. (By Act)	*
Sept. 21	245	In various districts. (By Act)	*
Oct. 3	261	In various districts. (By Act)	*

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		ROADS CLOSED OR STOPPED—*continued*.	
Oct. 11	293	In various districts. (By Act)	*
Oct. 20	318	In various districts. (By Act)	*
		ROHE POTAE :—	
Aug. 24	172	Amount of Beer and Spirits sent into, during the Five Years ended 1921. (Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.)	
Oct. 4	275	Population of Maoris and Europeans respectively in. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.)	
Oct 12	302	ROTORUA-TAUPO RAILWAY COMMISSION, Report of the	H.–4.
June 29	12	ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION OF LONDON (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
June 29	21	ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
		S.	
Oct. 28	341	SAWMILLERS' MUTUAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY : Accounts for Year ended 31st July, 1922. (By Act.)	
July 25	76	SCENERY-PRESERVATION : Report for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act) ..	C.–6.
Sept. 20	239	SHEEP RETURNS for Year ended 30th April, 1922. (By command)	H.–23 *
Oct. 30	348	SHEEPOWNERS, Return of, on 30th April, 1921, and 30th April, 1922. (By command)	H.–23a.
July 27	107	SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ACT, 1909, Exemptions under the. (By Act.)	
July 4	31	SLAUGHTERING AND INSPECTION ACT, 1908, Amending Regulations under the. (By Act)	*
Oct. 30	351	SOLDIERS (T.B.) DISCHARGED FROM SANATORIA DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST, 1922. (Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.)	
		SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED) :—	
June 29	25	Accounts for Year ended 31st August, 1921. (By Act.)	
June 29	26	Accident Branch : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
		SPIRITS, BEER, AND WINES :—	
Oct. 23	321	Estimated Revenue to be derived from. (Return to an Order dated 3rd October, 1922.)	
Oct. 31	352	Quantity consumed and Amount of Duty collected on. (Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.)	
Oct. 28	342	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 30th June, 1922. (By Act.)	
		STATE ADVANCES OFFICE :—	
July 25	58	Report of Superintendent for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–13.
July 25	61	Annual Report by Minister. (By Act)	B.–13a.
Aug. 8	128	Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–13a.
Sept. 7	210	STATE COAL-MINES, Report on Working of, for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	C.–2a.
Oct. 3	262	STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE : Report for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act)	H.–6.
Aug. 15	154	STATE FOREST SERVICE : Report for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Command) ..	C.–3.
July 25	62	STATE SUPERANNUATION FUND, Annual Contributions paid in respect of, for Ten Years ended 31st March, 1922. (Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922)	B.–19.
		STOCK ACT :—	
July 4	34	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
July 4	35	Regulations under. (By Act)	*
July 4	37	Stock slaughtered and Compensation paid for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act.)	
Oct. 30	347	Amended Regulations under. (By Act)	*
June 29	19	SUN INSURANCE OFFICE (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	
		SUPERANNUATION. (*Vide* PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ; LOCAL AUTHORITIES' SUPERANNUATION ; TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION ; RAILWAYS SUPERANNUATION.)	
Sept. 26	251	SWAMP DRAINAGE, Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	C.–4.
		T.	
July 25	67	TARANAKI FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act.)	
July 27	109	TARANAKI OIL-WELLS, Quantity of Crude Petroleum Oil won from. (Return to an Order dated 23rd November, 1921)	H.–5.
Aug. 9	141	TAXATION, Report of Committee to inquire into. (By leave)	B.–5.
Aug. 11	145	TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND. (By command)	E.–8.
Sept. 6	203	TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND : Actuarial Examination for the Triennial Period ended 31st December, 1919. (By Act)	E.–9a.
Sept. 5	200	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, and Remuneration paid. (By Act.)	
Aug. 24	168	TIMBER, Export of, Amending Regulations relating to. (By Act)	*
Aug. 24	169	TIMBER INDUSTRY : Regulations revoked. (By Act)	*
Aug. 9	136	TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS DEPARTMENT : Annual Report. (By command) ..	H.–2.
Sept. 20	240	TROUT-HATCHERY OPERATIONS, Particulars with regard to. (Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.)	
		U.	
Aug. 9	139	UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1921. (By Act.)	

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		V.	
Aug. 8	130	VALUATION OF LAND DEPARTMENT: Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By Act)	B.–17.
Oct. 10	286	VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 30th June, 1922. (By Act.)	
		W.	
Oct. 16	304	WAR DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.)	B.–4.
Aug. 16	159	WASHINGTON CONFERENCE: LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS, Report on, by the Hon. Sir John Salmond. (By command)	A.–5.
		WESTERN SAMOA, MANDATED TERRITORY OF:—	
Aug. 8	133	First Report on Administration of, to 31st March, 1921. (By command) ..	A.–4.
Oct. 4	263	Second Report on Administration of, for Year ended 31st March, 1922. (By command)	A.–4A.
Oct. 30	345	WHANGAREI–KAWAKAWA–KAIKOHE RAILWAY SECTION, Details of Expenditure on. (Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.)	
Aug. 24	170	WHEAT: Board of Trade Regulations. (By Act)	*
		WOOL:—	
Aug. 24	167	Board of Trade (Wool Industry) Regulations. (By Act)	*
Aug. 10	142	Imperial Purchase of Wool-clips: Cables, Correspondence, &c., relating to. (By leave)	H.–38B.
Oct. 31	355	Purchases by the Imperial Authorities, &c. (Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.)	

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VII.—Schedule of Business of the House of Representatives, and of Bills passed and lapsed during the Session.

1. Select Committees—			
On public matters	24		
On private Bills	Nil		
2. Public Bills—			
Received the Royal Assent	83		
Reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure	2		
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	33		
		118	
3. Private Bill—			
Received the Royal Assent	Nil		
4. Petitions presented—			
From Europeans	251		
From Maoris	146		
		397	
5. Divisions—			
In the whole House	13		
In Committee	20		
		33	
6. Sittings—			
Days of meeting	76		
	h. m.		
Hours of sitting before midnight	460 19		
Hours of sitting after midnight	7 49		
		468	8
Daily average		6	10
7. Votes and Proceedings—			
Questions asked of Ministers	321		
Entries in Journals	1,051		
		1,372	
Daily average	18		
8. Orders for Papers	67		
9. Papers laid upon the Table—			
By command	39		
By leave	31		
By Act	260		
In return to Orders	38		
By Mr. Speaker	3		
		361	
Papers ordered to be printed	133		
Papers not ordered to be printed	228		
		361	
10. Reports from Select Committees—			
From the Public Petitions A to L Committee	36		
From the Public Petitions M to Z Committee	44		
From the Native Affairs Committee	92		
From the Defence Committee	47		
From the Lands Committee	27		
From the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee	5		
From the Goldfields and Mines Committee	9		
From the Labour Bills Committee	14		
From the Local Bills Committee	29		
From the Railways Committee	13		
From the Education Committee	6		
From other Committees	74		
		396	

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LIST OF ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND, SESSION 1922.

NOTE.—Sea Carriage of Goods Act and Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act are reserved for the assent of His Majesty.

PUBLIC ACTS.

Administration of Justice.
Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement.
Amusements-tax.
Appropriation.

Canterbury College and Canterbury Agriculture College Amendment.
Cemeteries Amendment.
Chattels Transfer Amendment.
Coal-mines Amendment.
Companies Amendment.
Crimes Amendment.
Customs Amendment.

Dairy Industry Amendment.

Electric-power Boards Amendment.

Fencing Amendment (No. 2).
Finance.
Fireblight.
Friendly Societies Amendment.

Government Railways Amendment.

Hamilton Domains Amendment.
Harbours Amendment.
Hauraki Plains Amendment.
Horouta District Licensing Poll.
Hutt Road Amendment.

Imprest Supply.
Imprest Supply (No. 2).
Imprest Supply (No. 3).
Imprest Supply (No. 4).
Incorporated Societies Amendment.
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment.
Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment (No. 2).

Land and Income Tax Amendment.
Land Drainage Amendment.
Land Laws Amendment.
Land-tax (Annual).
Legislature Amendment (No. 2).
Local Bodies' Loans Amendment.

Magistrates' Courts Amendment.
Main Highways.
Mercantile Law Amendment.
Mining Amendment.

Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment.
Native Trustee Amendment.
Naval Defence Amendment.

Pharmacy Amendment.
Post and Telegraph Amendment.

Rating Amendment.
Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering.
Rotorua Borough.
Rural Credit Associations.

Scaffolding and Excavation.
Settled Land Amendment.
Stamp Duties.
State Advances Amendment.
State Fire Insurance Amendment.
Stone-quarries Amendment (No. 2).
Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment.
Swamp Drainage Amendment.

Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification.
Tongariro National Park.

War Disabilities Removal.
Weights and Measures Amendment.
Workers' Compensation.

LOCAL ACTS.

Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering.

Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment.

Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment.
Christchurch District Drainage Amendment.
Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing.

Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment.

Hutt River Improvement and Reclamation.

Invercargill Corporation Empowering.

Mosgiel Borough Empowering.

Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation.
Palmerston North Reserves.
Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting.

Thames Harbour.

Waimakariri River Improvement.
Wairau Harbour Board Empowering.
Wairau River District Loans.
Wanganui River Trust Amendment.
Wellington City Empowering and Amendment.
Whakatane Harbour Amendment.
Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment.
Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering.

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LIST OF BILLS DROPPED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF.

PUBLIC BILLS DROPPED.

Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment.
Animals Protection and Game Amendment (No. 1).
Animals Protection and Game Amendment (No. 2).

Child Sustenance.
Companies.
Companies Empowering.

Daylight Baking.

Dairy-produce Export Control.
Fencing Amendment (No. 1).

Greymouth Native Reserve.

Hotel and Restaurant and Private Hotel and Boarding-house Employees Six Days a Week.
Housing Amendment.

Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment (No. 1).

Judicature Amendment (No. 1).
Judicature Amendment (No. 2).
Juries Amendment.
Justices of the Peace Amendment.

Legislature Amendment (No. 1).

Motherhood Endowment.

Painters' and Decorators' Health Protection.
Proportional Representation and Country Quota.
Proportional Representation and Effective Voting (No. 1).
Proportional Representation and Effective Voting (No. 2).

State Control of Licenses.
Stone-quarries Amendment (No. 1).

Unemployed Workers.

Workers' Compensation Amendment.

LOCAL BILLS DROPPED.

Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment.

Te Puke County.

Waimakariri Harbour District and Empowering Amendment.
Wellington City Empowering.

PRIVATE BILLS DROPPED.

Baptist Union Incorporation.

St. John's College Trust.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of SITTING-DAYS and LENGTH of each SESSION from 1875 to 1922.

Session.	Date commenced.	Date ended.	Total Days occupied.	Days of Meeting.	Hours sat before Midnight.	Hours sat after Midnight.	Total Number of Hours sat.	Daily Average.
					H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1875	20 July ..	21 October ..	94	59	..	..	418 15	7 5
1876	15 June ..	31 " ..	139	85	..	..	853 10	10 28
1877	19 July ..	10 December ..	145	97	..	..	..	..
1878	26 " ..	2 November ..	100	64	..	..	415 0	7 0
*1879	24 September..	19 December ..	87	55	..	..	413 0	7 30
1880	28 May ..	1 September ..	97	64	..	..	524 0	8 20
1881	9 June ..	24 " ..	108	72	..	..	565 0	7 50
1882	18 May ..	15 " ..	121	78	..	..	609 0	7 48
1883	14 June ..	8 " ..	86	58	..	..	432 0	7 27
*1884	7 August ..	10 November ..	96	56	..	..	376 0	6 42
1885	11 June ..	22 September ..	104	69	..	..	395 0	5 43
1886	13 May ..	18 August ..	98	65	..	..	476 0	7 19
*1887	6 October ..	22 December ..	78	27	..	..	193 15	7 9
1888	10 May ..	30 August ..	113	68	444 0	110 30	554 30	8 9
1889	20 June ..	16 September ..	89	53	326 0	151 0	477 0	9 0
1890	19 " ..	17 " ..	91	57	432 0	73 0	505 0	8 45
1891	11 " ..	25 " ..	107	67	449 0	110 0	559 0	8 0
1892	23 " ..	11 October ..	111	66	421 0	94 0	515 0	7 48
1893	22 " ..	6 " ..	107	68	468 55	136 2	604 57	8 53
1894	21 " ..	24 " ..	126	81	578 55	118 13	697 8	8 36
1895	20 " ..	1 November ..	135	86	602 25	127 14	729 39	8 29
1896	11 " ..	17 October ..	129	78	567 15	147 58	715 13	9 10
*1897	23 September..	21 December ..	90	51	368 50	150 16	619 6	10 10
1898	24 June ..	4 November ..	134	80	569 12	214 54	784 6	9 48
1899	23 " ..	23 October ..	124	74	497 31	117 18	614 49	8 18
1900	21 " ..	20 " ..	122	75	504 55	175 25	679 20	9 4
1901	26 " ..	7 November ..	133	77	518 23	116 1	634 24	8 14
1902	1 July ..	3 October ..	95	57	367 52	94 45	462 37	8 7
1903	29 June ..	24 November ..	149	95	663 40	191 20	855 0	9 0
1904	28 " ..	7 " ..	133	82	563 21	121 34	684 55	8 21
1905	27 " ..	30 October ..	126	78	530 14	135 37	665 51	8 33
*1906	21 August ..	29 " ..	70	43	299 26	8 5	307 31	7 9
1907	27 June ..	25 November ..	152	92	662 25	108 10	770 35	8 26
1908	28 " ..	10 October ..	105	59	420 34	59 57	480 31	8 7
*1909	7 October ..	29 December ..	83	52	320 36	75 17	465 53	8 57
1910	28 June ..	3 " ..	158	98	687 50	128 4	815 54	8 20
1911	27 July ..	28 October ..	93	56	378 2	70 14	448 16	8 0
*1912	27 June ..	6 November ..	133	69	472 5	80 45	552 50	8 0
1913	26 " ..	15 December ..	173	102	696 58	190 47	887 45	8 42
1914	25 " ..	5 November ..	134	79	454 49	62 33	517 22	6 33
†1915	24 " ..	12 October ..	111	56	306 19	30 39	336 58	6 1
1916	9 May ..	8 August ..	92	58	350 20	35 8	385 28	6 38
1917	28 June ..	1 November ..	128	81	497 24	19 27	516 51	6 23
*1918	24 October ..	9 December ..	47	24	125 55	21 45	147 40	6 9
1919	28 August ..	5 November ..	70	47	305 45	55 53	361 38	7 42
1920	24 June ..	11 " ..	141	92	579 4	79 49	658 53	7 10
1921	10 March ..	22 March ..	13	10	53 5	1 55	55 0	5 30
1921-22	22 September..	11 February ..	143	80	540 46	55 15	596 1	7 27
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* During these years there were two sessions, the short session being as follows: 1879, 11th July to 11th August, 31 days 1884, 5th June to 24th June, 20 days; 1887, 26th April to 10th June, 45 days; 1897, 6th April to 10th April, 4 days; 1906, 27th June to 29th June, 3 days; 1909, 10th June to 16th June, 6 days; 1912, 15th to 29th February, 15 days; 1918, 9th April to 15th April, 7 days.
† House adjourned from 4th August to 19th August after formation of National Cabinet.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

(L.S.) JELLICOE, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at his pleasure, prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand:

And whereas by an Order in Council of the ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seven, His Majesty was pleased to approve the draft of a Proclamation substituting the title of the Dominion of New Zealand for that of the Colony of New Zealand as the designation of the said Colony:

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and the said General Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this 13th day of February, 1922.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Further proroguing the General Assembly.

(L.S.) JELLICOE, Governor-General.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Dominion of New Zealand, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Dominion, summoned and called to a Meeting of the General Assembly of the said Dominion, at the City of Wellington, on the thirteenth day of the month of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the thirteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the thirteenth day of the month of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, at which time you were held constrained to appear: Now know ye that for divers causes and considerations I have thought fit to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on Thursday, the eighteenth day of May next, you meet in Parliament, at the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Dominion of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this 7th day of April, 1922.

R. HEATON RHODES,
For the Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Further proroguing the General Assembly.

(L.S.) JELLICOE, Governor-General.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Dominion of New Zealand, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Dominion, summoned and called to a Meeting of the General Assembly of the said Dominion, at the City of Wellington, on the eighteenth day of the month of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the eighteenth day of the month of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, at which time you were held constrained to appear: Now know ye that for divers causes and considerations I have thought fit to relieve you and each of you of your

attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on Thursday, the fifteenth day of June next, you meet in Parliament, at the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Dominion of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this 8th day of May, 1922.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Meeting of the General Assembly for the Despatch of Business.

(L.S.) JELLICOE, Governor-General.

To the Legislative Councillors of the Dominion of New Zealand, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the said Dominion, summoned and called to a Meeting of the General Assembly of the said Dominion, at the City of Wellington, on the fifteenth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Meeting of the General Assembly stands prorogued to the fifteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two: Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations I have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, so that neither you nor any of you, on the said fifteenth day of June, at the City of Wellington, are to be held constrained to appear; commanding and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, personally you be and appear for the Despatch of Business, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Bowen Street, in the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Dominion of New Zealand, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this 2nd day of June, 1922.

G. JAS. ANDERSON,
For the Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

JOURNALS

OF

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

FOURTH SESSION.—TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

Wednesday, the 28th Day of June, 1922.

THE House met at thirty minutes after two of the clock in the afternoon, in pursuance to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) by His Excellency the Governor-General, bearing date the 5th day of June, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Summons to attend His Excellency.*—A summons to attend His Excellency the Governor-General, by Arthur Thomas Bothamley, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency.

And, being returned;

2. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave of absence for six days be granted to Dr. Thacker, on account of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Witty (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Brown, on account of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted Mr. R. W. Smith, on account of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That six days' leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Ngata, on account of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Forbes, on account of illness in his family.

4. *Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, a Bill intituled "An Act to continue various Expiring Laws" was read a first time *pro forma*.

5. *His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker reported that when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor-General this day in the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Speech Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he laid upon the Table, of the House, and is as follows:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

It is with sincere pleasure that I again meet you in Parliament assembled.

During the recess the marriage of the only daughter of our Most Gracious Sovereign with Viscount Lascelles intensified the loyal sentiment which permeates the Empire and provided an opportunity for an expression of the deep affection in which Their Majesties are held. On behalf of the people of this Dominion I sent suitable messages of congratulation, to which I received gracious replies from His Majesty and Princess Mary.

The unusual shortness of the recess and the need for paying constant personal attention to the important affairs arising in this Dominion prevented my Prime Minister from accepting the invitation extended to him to attend the recent Conference held at Genoa. My Attorney-General, who is visiting Great Britain, was appointed to represent New Zealand, but was able to attend only the later stages of the Conference. In his absence the members of the English Delegation were asked to act for this Dominion. He has also been appointed to represent New Zealand at the Conference now being held at The Hague.

A very important Conference dealing with the subject of national disarmament was held last year at Washington. As neither my Prime Minister nor any of my other Ministers could attend, the Honourable Sir John Salmond, a Judge of the Supreme Court, was appointed to represent this Dominion. The results of this Conference exceeded expectations, and have laid a sound foundation for peace among those nations that participated in it. Papers relating to this Conference will be laid before you for your information.

A Conference of delegates from those nations constituting the League of Nations was held last year at Geneva, at which the High Commissioner for New Zealand represented this Dominion. Papers will be laid before you relating to this Conference, and you will be asked to pass resolutions confirming certain of its decisions.

For reasons already mentioned, it was found impossible for either myself or my Prime Minister to visit the islands of the Samoan Group during the recess, as had been proposed. Papers relating to the government of the mandated islands have been prepared, and will be placed before you in due course.

Since the closing of the last session of Parliament I have had an opportunity of visiting many parts of the Dominion. Everywhere I have been received with much cordiality, and have heard expression given to the deep loyalty to the Throne which animates the people of New Zealand. I have noticed with pleasure the prevalence of an optimistic feeling for the future, and a conviction that the difficulties which were felt when I last addressed you are in a fair way to be overcome.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

The estimates have been prepared with a view to rigid economy. Much has been done in curtailing public expenditure since I last met you, but my Advisers are of opinion that much more must be done in order to maintain the desired equilibrium in the finances of the Dominion. I feel sure that you will give your earnest assistance towards such a desirable objective.

The signal success of the 5-per-cent. five-million loan recently floated in London at par is a gratifying indication of the prestige and credit this Dominion enjoys in the financial centre of the world.

It is essential that development must proceed vigorously by making more land available for settlers and by increasing the facilities for internal transport. The greater part of the loan will be used for these purposes. Special provision is being made to cope with such unemployment as may occur during the winter months.

The new Customs tariff passed last session is working smoothly and is giving general satisfaction.

During the recess my Minister of Customs visited the Commonwealth of Australia with the object of negotiating for a reciprocal tariff arrangement between this Dominion and the Commonwealth. The tentative agreement there entered into will in due course be submitted to Parliament.

The usual Bills relating to finance have been prepared for your consideration, including the annual Taxing Bill, and also certain amendments of the Land and Income Tax Act, relating to the incidence of taxation. There will also be submitted for your consideration a Bill relating to the management of the public debt.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

It is with great satisfaction that I note that there has been a material advance in the prices of our staple products and at the same time a considerable saving in the cost of production.

It is also a matter for congratulation that Manchester, Bristol, Hull, and other large centres in the United Kingdom are now asking for direct shipments of New Zealand products.

The Meat-export Control Act passed last session is working satisfactorily, and has already been the means of reducing the cost of marketing the frozen-meat products of the Dominion.

The confident anticipations of my Advisers with respect to the commercial and financial recovery of the Dominion, as expressed to you in my Speech when I last met you, are now being realized, but some time must elapse before this improvement can be reflected in the country's finances.

My Advisers are satisfied that, if continued vigilance is exercised over expenditure, the grit and determination so characteristic of our people, combined with the many natural advantages of our Dominion, will enable it to emerge within a comparatively short time from financial difficulties which are inseparable from the aftermath of a great war.

Bills consolidating various Acts, especially those relating to harbours, the Public Trust Office, and stamp duties, will be submitted for your consideration.

You will also be asked to consider, among other legislative measures, amendments of the Land Act, the Mining Act and Coal-mines Act, the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, the Public Works Act, and the Native Land Act.

At the request of the Imperial Government, legislation will be introduced making provision for the reciprocal enforcement of judgments obtained in superior Courts within the Empire.

Legislation will also be introduced making provision for the establishment of what are known as agricultural or people's banks. These institutions, which are primarily for the benefit of small agriculturists and artisans, operate by means of a system of co-operative credit, and have proved to be highly successful in several European countries, and also in Canada and the United States.

In view of the length of last session and the large amount of important legislation which was then passed, my Advisers are of opinion that this session should not be of more than average duration, thus permitting members to have a proper opportunity of visiting their constituencies before the date of the general election.

I commend all these matters to your earnest consideration, and pray that Divine Providence may so guide your deliberations that the result will be for the good of the Empire and of lasting benefit to the people of this Dominion.

6. *Adjournment.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House at its rising do adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until seven minutes after three of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, the 29th Day of June, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That five days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Lysnar, on account of urgent public business.

On motion of Mr. Veitch, for Mr. Mitchell (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Hanan, on account of urgent public business.

3. *Vacancy.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that owing to the death of Mr. Edward Kellett the Dunedin North seat had become vacant.

4. *Election.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter:—

Department of Internal Affairs,
Office of the Clerk of Writs, Wellington, 29th June, 1922.

SIR,—

Pursuant to the provisions of section 148 of the Legislature Act, 1908, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a writ, dated the 13th day of May, 1922, for the election of a member of Parliament to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Dunedin North, with an endorsement thereon that the name of the person elected for that electoral district pursuant to the writ is James Wright Munro.

I have, &c.,
J. HISLOP,
Clerk of the Writs.

The Hon. the Speaker, House of Representatives, Wellington.

5. *Member sworn.*—James Wright Munro, Esquire, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

6. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1908; and that Mr. Howard do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Howard accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next, and to be printed.

7. *Unemployed Workers' Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for unemployed workers; and that Mr. Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fraser accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next, and to be printed.

8. *Hotel and Restaurant and Private-hotel and Boardinghouse Employees Six Days a Week Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that Workers in Hotels and Restaurants and Private Hotels and Boardinghouses shall have One Complete Day's Rest of Twenty-four Consecutive Hours in every Consecutive Seven Days for the Purpose of Rest and Recreation; and that Mr. Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fraser accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next, and to be printed.

9. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Stone-quarries Act, 1910; and that Mr. Parry do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Parry accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next, and to be printed.

10. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

1. Public Revenues Act, 1910: Statement of Amount transferred from one Fund or Account to another Fund or Account, in terms of Section 56 of the.

2. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1920. [Buller, Waikohu, Waiapu.]

3. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Coromandel, Featherston, Hokianga, Horowhenua, Hutt, Mangonui, Ohinemuri, Piako, Rodney, Rotorua, Selwyn, Thames, Waiapu, Waikohu, Waimarino, Waitaki, Westland, Whangaroa.]

4. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Heathcote, Raglan, Springs, Vincent.]

5. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Cambridge, Invercargill, Levin, Lower Hutt, Miramar, New Plymouth, Petone, Port Chalmers, Te Aroha, Waihi.]

6. Municipal Corporation's Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Naseby.]

7. Bank of New Zealand Balance-sheet as at the 31st March, 1922.

8. Gonville and Castlecliff Tramway Board: Balance-sheet and Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

9. Public Revenues Act, 1910: Regulations for the Purchase of Stores, Safe Custody, and Issue of same.

10. Public Revenues Act and Amendments, 1910–19, and Treasury Regulations.

11. New York Life Insurance Company: Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

12. Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation of London (Accident Branch): Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

13. Australian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society (Limited): Returns for the Year ended 30th September, 1921.

14. Northern Assurance Company (Limited): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

15. Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

16. Queensland Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

17. Alliance Assurance Company (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

18. Provident Life Assurance Company (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

19. Sun Insurance Office (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

20. Eagle, Star, and British Dominions Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

21. Royal Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

22. Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

23. Guardian Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

24. Australian Mutual Provident Society: Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

25. South British Insurance Company (Limited): Returns for the Year ended 31st August, 1921.

26. South British Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

27. Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company (Limited): Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

29. Equitable Life Assurance Company: Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

28. Returns or Statements required by Law or Resolution to be laid before the House. H.–13. (Return to an Order dated 18th August, 1893.)

Ordered, That Paper No. 28 be printed.

11. *Death of Mr. E. Kellett.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Wilford, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Edward Kellett, a Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his widow and family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

12. *Death of Mr. Thomas Peacock.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Wilford, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Thomas Peacock, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

13. *Death of Mr. Robert Thomson.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Wilford, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Robert Thomson, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his relatives the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

14. *Death of the Honourable Captain W. D. H. Baillie.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Wilford, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable William Douglas Hall Baillie, a Member of the Legislative Council, and respectfully tenders to his relatives the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

15. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. on Friday, the 30th day of June, 1922, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Edward Kellett, the late Thomas Peacock, the late Robert Thomson, and the late Honourable William Douglas Hall Baillie.

And then the House, having continued to sit until seven minutes after four of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Friday, the 30th Day of June, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of urgent public business.

3. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Wellington City Trading Departments' Reserve and Renewal Funds Act, 1917; to confer Further Power on the Corporation and Council of the City of Wellington in connection with the Control and Maintenance of Private Ways; to confer Further Powers on the Corporation and Council of the City of Wellington in relation to Street-widening, and to provide for certain Payments on account of Interest and Sinking Fund out of certain Loans raised by the Corporation of the City of Wellington; and to authorize the said Corporation by its Council to fix Charges for Admission to the Zoological Gardens on Sundays: and that Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wright accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 1.*

The Governor-General, on behalf of His Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the payment of salaries, wages, and contingencies for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1923.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th June, 1922.

5. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 422 be suspended in order that the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means may be set up forthwith, to enable an Imprest Supply Bill to be passed through all its stages this day.

6. *Supply.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three million fifty thousand one hundred pounds be granted to His Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

And the Question being put, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word " That," with a view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof : " as the latest figures reveal that there has been no fall in the cost of living as between March, 1920, and March, 1922, the Government was not warranted in reducing the salaries of public servants, and therefore this House recommends that restitution should be made at least to the lower-paid employees ; this House further recommends that it should be immediately announced that there will be no further reductions in the public servants' salaries in July."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	Mander	Rhodes, T. W.
Bitchener	Harris	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nash	Sykes
Campbell	Hockly	Newman, E.	Uru
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hunter	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Craigie	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	McLeod	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	
Dixon	McNicol	Potter	*Tellers.*
Field	Mackenzie	Reed	Bollard
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Malcolm	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 19.

Atmore	Horn	Savage	Veitch
Bartram	Howard	Seddon	Wilford.
Edie	Jennings	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Smith, S. G.	McCombs
Holland	Poland	Statham	Parry.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Resolution be now read a second time, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Resolution was read a second time accordingly, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

7. *Ways and Means.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee to consider the Ways and Means of raising the Supply granted to His Majesty, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcom reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That, in addition to all sums otherwise granted, there may be issued and applied, by way of imprest, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three,—

(*a.*) Out of the respective funds and accounts (being part of the Public Account) specified in the First Schedule hereto, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole three million thirteen thousand eight hundred pounds, as set forth in that Schedule :

(*b.*) Out of the respective accounts mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto, the respective sums therein set forth, not exceeding in the whole thirty-six thousand three hundred pounds.

The aforesaid sums shall be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the Dominion for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	2,250,000
State Forests Account	15,000
State Coal-mines Account	30,000
Scenery Preservation Account	7,500
Nauru and Ocean Islands Account	20,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	500,000
Electric Supply Account	125,000
Separate Accounts—	
Land for Settlements Account	5,000
Land for Settlements Account—	
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account	7,000
Native-land Settlement Account	500
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	10,000
Fishing-industry Promotion Account	300
Westport Harbour Account	3,500
War Expenses Account	40,000
	£3,013,800

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	9,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	1,000
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	500
The Public Trustee's Account	16,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,500
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch Account	3,000
Advances to Workers Branch Account	200
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
	£36,300

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey and the Honourable Sir William Herries do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Imprest Supply Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented a Bill to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey having claimed, under Standing Order No. 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 4th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one day's leave of absence be granted to Mr. R. W. Smith, on account of illness in his family.

   On motion of Mr. Howard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Holland, on account of urgent public business.

   On motion of Mr. Howard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Fraser, on account of urgent public business.

   On motion of Mr. Howard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Savage, on account of urgent public business.

3. *Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Wairau Harbour Board to levy Rates within the Wairau Harbour Board District; and that Mr. McCallum do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Poland, for Mr. McCallum, accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

4. *Proportional Representation and Effective Voting Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide a System of Proportional Representation; and that Mr. Veitch do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Veitch accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 19th day of July, and to be printed.

5. *Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908; and that Mr. Wilford do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Wilford accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 26th day of July, and to be printed.

6. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

   30. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1921–22. B.–1. (Pt. I.)

   31. Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908, Amending Regulations under the.

   32. Apiaries Amendment Act, 1913: Regulations relating to the Export of Honey from New Zealand.

33. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908: Amending Regulations in regard to the Importation of Fruit and Plants into New Zealand.

34. Stock Act, 1908: Regulations prohibiting the Introduction of Cattle, Sheep, Swine, and Fodder for Live-stock from the United Kingdom.

35. Stock Act, 1908: Regulations for the Prevention of the Spread of Ticks (Ixodidæ) among Cattle.

36. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908: Regulations prohibiting the Removal of certain Plants and Bees from Portion of the Taranaki and Wellington Land Districts.

37. Stock Act, 1908, Return of Stock slaughtered and Compensation paid under the, during the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

38. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908: Amending Regulations in regard to the Importation of Fruit and Plants into New Zealand.

39. Customs Act, 1913: Order in Council amending Regulations.

40. Customs Act, 1913: Orders in Council relating to the Prohibition of the Importation of certain specified Articles.

41. Customs Act, 1913: Orders in Council relating to the Prohibition of the Exportation of certain specified Articles.

42. Fire Boards: Statements of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1921. [Gisborne, Hastings, Ohakune, Port Chalmers, Rotorua, Te Aroha, Waihi.]

43. The Insurance Office of Australia (Limited), (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

44. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Sublease of Coal Lease situate in Reefton Survey District from E. F. Lockington and G. G. Lockington to Konini Reefton Collieries (Limited).

45. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Sublease of Coal Lease in the Reefton Survey District from E. F. Lockington and G. G. Lockington to Konini-Reefton Collieries (Limited).

46. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease at Seddonville from H. J. Mulholland to J. Myers.

47. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease in Mokihinui Survey District from R. McN. Mulholland to E. Ambury.

48. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease situate in Mokihinui Survey District from R. McN. Mulholland to J. Myers.

49. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease situate in Mokihinui Survey District from G. H. Mulholland to R. McN. Mulholland.

50. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Coal Lease situate in Wairaki District from W. Stevenson to the Nightcaps Coal Company (Limited).

51. Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1909: Assignment by way of Mortgage or Interest in Coal-prospecting License No. 5209 at Seddonville from the Mokihinui Westport Coal Company (Limited) to M. L. Jones and T. Wilkinson.

52. Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1909: Assignment of Interest in Coal-prospecting License No. 5442, situate in Block XV, Mokihinui Survey District, from M. Maloney to W. T. Burchfield.

Ordered, That Paper No. 30 be printed.

7. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1922, which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

8. *Death of Mr. Seymour Thorne George.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Wilford, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Seymour Thorne George, a former Member of the House of Representatives and of the Legislative Council, and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

9. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn until half after seven of the clock this day, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Seymour Thorne George.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after three of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

10. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, and the Question was proposed, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Wilford, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Nash (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. T. Bosworth be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Jennings (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That eight days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Brown, on account of serious illness.

On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. McNicol, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Tau Henare on account of urgent public business.

3. *Proportional Representation and Effective Voting Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate Electoral Districts and to secure Proportional Representation and Effective Voting; and that Mr. McCombs do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. McCombs accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 20th day of July, and to be printed.

4. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Wilford moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "The Government has forfeited the confidence of the House and the country, because, amongst other things—(1) It has failed to redeem its promise that on the repeal of the second ballot another method of election would be substituted; (2) it has failed to efficiently administer the finances of the country, thereby imposing upon the people

additional burdens, and has failed to curtail or control gross extravagance and wasteful expenditure in the administration of public Departments and to run such Departments on sound business lines; (3) it has failed to lay on the table of the House the Economy Committee report upon which is said to be based the supposed Government economies; (4) it has failed to prevent aggregation of land, which is a menace to the well-being of the State; and (5) it has failed to deal satisfactorily with the problem of unemployment."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be added be so added;

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Horn, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 6th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Hockly (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Patena Kerehi and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of Sir M. Pomare (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Tonga Awhikau and others, Tioma and others, Ngarangi Pakeke and others, and Neha Kipa and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, to add the following words: "The Government has forfeited the confidence of the House and the country, because, amongst other things,—(1) It has failed to redeem its promise that on the repeal of the second ballot another method of election would be substituted; (2) it has failed to efficiently administer the finances of the country, thereby imposing upon the people additional burdens, and has failed to curtail or control gross extravagance and wasteful expenditure in the administration of Public Departments, and to run such Departments on sound business lines; (3) it has failed to lay on the table of the House the Economy Committee report upon which is said to be based the supposed Government economies; (4) it has failed to prevent aggregation of land, which is a menace to the well-being of the State; and (5) it has failed to deal satisfactorily with the problem of unemployment" (*Mr. Wilford*);

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Edie, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until eight minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 7th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, to add the following words:—"The Government has forfeited the confidence of the House and the country, because, amongst other things,—(1) It has failed to redeem its promise that on the repeal of the second ballot another method of election would be substituted; (2) it has failed to efficiently administer the finances of the country, thereby imposing upon the people additional burdens, and has failed to curtail or control gross extravagance and wasteful expenditure in the administration of Public Departments, and to run such Departments on sound business lines; (3) it has failed to lay on the table of the House the Economy Committee Report upon which is said to be based the supposed Government economies; (4) it has failed to prevent aggregation of land, which is a menace to the well-being of the State; and (5) it has failed to deal satisfactorily with the problem of unemployment" (*Mr. Wilford*);

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Bollard, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-eight minutes after nine of the clock, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 11th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Wetini Rikirangi and others, and Eruera te Kura and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one day's leave of absence be granted to Mr. R. W. Smith, on account of illness in his family.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

53. Public Service Act, 1912, Regulations made by the Public Service Commissioner under the Authority of the.

54. Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

55. Motor Union Insurance Company (Limited): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Two Years ended 24th December, 1920, and 24th December, 1921.

56. Provident Life Assurance Company: Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

4. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, to add the following words: "The Government has forfeited the confidence of the House and the country, because, amongst other things,—(1) It has failed to redeem its promise that on the repeal of the second ballot another method of election would be substituted; (2) it has failed to efficiently administer the finances of the country, thereby imposing upon the people additional burdens, and has failed to curtail or control gross extravagance and wasteful expenditure in the administration of public Departments, and to run such Departments on sound business lines; (3) it has failed to lay on the table of the House the Economy Committee Report upon which is said to be based the supposed Government economies; (4) it has failed to prevent aggregation of land, which is a menace to the well-being of the State; and (5) it has failed to deal satisfactorily with the problem of unemployment" (*Mr. Wilford*);

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Statham, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-nine minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 12th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, to add the following words: "The Government has forfeited the confidence of the House and the country, because, amongst other things,—(1) It has failed to redeem its promise that on the repeal of the second ballot another method of election would be substituted; (2) it has failed to efficiently administer the finances of the country, thereby imposing upon the people additional burdens, and has failed to curtail or control gross extravagance and wasteful expenditure in the administration of public Departments, and to run such Departments on sound business lines; (3) it has failed to lay on the table of the House the Economy Committee Report upon which is said to be based the supposed Government economies; (4) it has failed to prevent aggregation of land, which is a menace to the well-being of the State; and (5) it has failed to deal satisfactorily with the problem of unemployment" (*Mr. Wilford*);

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Burnett, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until seventeen minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 13th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Te Hurinui Apanui and others, and Te Hurinui Apanui and others, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, to add the following words: "The Government has forfeited the confidence of the House and the country, because, amongst other things,—(1) It has failed to redeem its promise that on the repeal of the second ballot another method of election would be substituted; (2) it has failed to efficiently administer the finances of the country, thereby imposing upon the people additional burdens, and has failed to curtail or control gross extravagance and wasteful expenditure in the administration of public Departments, and to run such Departments on sound business lines; (3) it has failed to lay on the table of the House the Economy Committee Report upon which is said to be based the supposed Government economies; (4) it has failed to prevent aggregation of land, which is a menace to the well-being of the State; and (5) it has failed to deal satisfactorily with the problem of unemployment" (*Mr. Wilford*);

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

AYES, 20.

Bartram	Howard	Poland	Wilford.
Edie	Isitt	Sidey	
Forbes	Jennings	Sullivan	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	Thacker	Atmore
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Munro	Veitch	Masters.
Horn	Parry		

NOES, 37.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Mackenzie	Rhodes, T. W.
Bitchener	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Malcolm	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bollard	Hockly	Mander	Sykes
Craigie	Hudson	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Uru
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones	Nash	Young.
Dickson, J. S.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Newman, Dr. A. K.	
Dixon, E.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lysnar	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Burnett
Hamilton, A.	McLeod	Potter	Hawken.
Hamilton, J. R.	McNicol	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech;

A Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Mr. Holland, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 14th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Heni Morete and others, P. Kaa, Panikena Kaa, and Keita Rangitukia be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Public Accounts Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven Members, to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the public accounts as it may think desirable or that may be referred to it by the House or the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the Dominion which the Government may refer to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Craigie, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Isitt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCallum, Mr. McCombs, Dr. A. K. Newman, the Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, and the Mover.

3. *Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to assist the Honourable Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the reporting of Debates and to the printing executed by order of the House, and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for the printing of Returns and Papers presented in pursuance of motions made by Members of this House; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Harris, Mr. Jennings, Mr. McCombs, Mr. McNicol, the Honourable Mr. Ngata, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, the Honourable Mr. Speaker, Mr. Witty, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

4. *Labour Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of twelve Members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to labour; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Brown, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Edie, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Howard, Mr. Jones, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Veitch, and the Mover.

5. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Goldfields and Mines Committee be appointed, consisting of twelve Members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to mining and all Bills relating to mines; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bollard, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Edie, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Poland, Mr. Reed, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Seddon, and the Mover.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 54.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McNicol	Smith, S. G.
Atmore	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Malcolm	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bitchener	Harris	Mander	Sykes
Burnett	Hawken	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Uru
Campbell	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nash	Veitch
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Wilford
Craigie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Witty
Dixon, E.	Isitt	Poland	Wright
Field	Jones	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Young.
Forbes	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Potter	
Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Reed	*Tellers.*
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Bollard
Hamilton, A.	McLeod	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 12.

			Tellers.
Bartram	Howard	Parry	McCombs
Fraser	McCallum	Savage	Sullivan.
Holland	Munro	Thacker	
Horn			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—On motion of Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Native Affairs Committee be appointed, consisting of fifteen Members, to consider all Petitions, Reports, Returns, and other documents relating to affairs especially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Field, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Henare, the Hohourable Sir W. H. Herries, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Jennings, the Honourable Mr. Ngata, the Honourable Sir M. Pomare, Mr. Reed, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Uru, Mr. Williams, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

7. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to consider all Petitions from M to Z that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee; 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; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Craigie, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Horn, Mr. Mander, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Statham, Mr. Sullivan, and the Mover.

8. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to consider all Petitions from A to L that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee; 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; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum; the Committee to consist of Mr. Bartram, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Harris, Mr. McNicol, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Thacker, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

9. *Public Health Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to consider all matters relating to public health, infectious diseases, contagious diseases, hospitals, and to local authorities having charge of these matters, and to such other matters affecting public health as may be referred to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Craigie, Mr. Field, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. A. K. Newman, Mr. Parry, Mr. Reed, Dr. Thacker, the Honourable Sir M. Pomare, and the Mover.

10. *Joint on Bills Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Malcolm, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the character of every Bill that may be referred to it during its progress by the Speaker of either House, and to report its opinions to both Houses as to whether it is a Public, Local, or Private Bill: the Committee to consist of Mr. McCombs, Dr. A. K. Newman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sidey, and the Mover.

11. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to whom shall be referred in the first instance all the Petitions presented to this House, in order to ascertain whether such Petitions are in compliance with the Standing Orders, and to classify the same for distribution among the several Committees of the House according to the nature of the contents of such Petitions; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bartram, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Edie, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Harris, Mr. McLeod, Mr. S. G. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Dr. Thacker, and the Mover.

12. *Committee of Selection.*—On motion of Mr. Malcolm, *Ordered*, That a Committee of Selection be appointed: the Committee to consist of Mr. Edie, Mr. Field, Mr. Jennings, Mr. McNicol, and the Mover.

13. *Standing Orders Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Malcolm, *Ordered*, That a Standing Orders Committee, consisting of ten Members, be appointed; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. J. R. Hamilton, the Honourable Mr. Lee, the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sidey, the Honourable Mr. Speaker, Mr. Statham, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilford, and the Mover.

14. *Joint on Standing Orders on Private Bills Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Malcolm, *Ordered*, That a Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills be appointed: the Committee to consist of Mr. Forbes, Mr. Statham, and the Mover.

15. *Education Committee.*—On motion of Honourable Mr. Parr, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of fifteen 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 such other matters affecting education as may be referred to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Fraser, the Honourable Mr. Hanan, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Masters, Mr. McNicol, Mr. Nash, Mr. Poland, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

16. *Defence Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of twelve Members, to deal with all matters in connection with defence; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Burnett, the Honourable Mr. Coates, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Munro, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. McNicol, Mr. Potter, Mr. Seddon, Mr. R. W. Smith, and the Mover.

17. *Railways Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven Members, to examine and report upon questions relating to railways; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bollard, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Howard, the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, Mr. Nash, Mr. Sidey, Mr. S. G. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Witty, and the Mover.

18. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of thirteen Members, to consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries, stock, and commerce; with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate Report; the Committee to have power to

call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Burnett, Mr. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Hawken, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Masters, the Honourable Mr. Ngata, Mr. Williams, and the Mover.

19. *Lands Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of twelve Members, to whom shall stand referred, after the first reading, all Bills affecting or in any way relating to the lands of the Crown, or education or other public reserves; the Committee to have power to make such amendments therein as they may think proper, and to report generally when necessary upon the principles and provisions of the Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Glenn, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Jones, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Savage, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Witty, and the Mover.

20. *House Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of seven Members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to provide for the comfort of members of both Houses; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. J. S. Dickson, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Savage, the Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Witty, and the Mover.

21. *Library Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Library Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven Members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Atmore, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Fraser, the Honourable Mr. Hanan, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Masters, Dr. A. K. Newman, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Potter, the Honourable Mr. Speaker, and the Mover.

22. *Local Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of twelve Members, to whom all local Bills shall stand referred after the first reading; the Committee to report whether the Standing Orders have been complied with, and to suggest such amendments as it may think proper, and to report when necessary on the merits of the Bills; the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Brown, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Hudson, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCombs, Mr. McLeod, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

23. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words: "Whereas the Arbitration Court during the war period did not increase the minimum wage in proportion to the increase in the cost of living; and whereas wages measured in purchasing-power have not been restored to the pre-war level: this House recommends that legislation be passed requiring the Arbitration Court to amend existing awards so that the nominal increase in wages over the 1914 standard shall not be less than the present-day increase in the cost of living: the computation to be made on the

principle always accepted by the Court—namely, six-monthly moving averages for 'all groups,' including food, rent, fuel, light, clothing, and miscellaneous. And whereas the Act placed on the statute-book last session requires the Court of Arbitration not to reduce wages below an amount sufficient to maintain a fair standard of living; and whereas it has not yet been determined what amount of wages is necessary 'to maintain a fair standard of living: this House further recommends that the Government appoint a Basic Wage Commission to take evidence and report on what amount of wages is necessary to maintain a fair standard of living. And whereas the Judge of the Arbitration Court has determined that the average increase in the whole cost of living is to-day 62 per cent. beyond the pre-war level; and whereas the last bonus granted to the public servants was granted on the Statistician's figures for March, 1920, when, according to the Statistician, the average increase for the whole cost of living (all groups) was 63 per cent.; and whereas now, according to the Judge of the Arbitration Court, the cost of living at March, 1920, was 73 per cent., and not 63 per cent., above the pre-war level; and whereas the cost of living went still higher, but has now returned to the level on which the final bonus was granted: this House recommends that legislation should be passed this session restoring the bonus to the public servants. This House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the fact that according to a *Gazette* issued on the 25th May, 1922, there was, according to the Secretary to the Treasury and the Acting Accountant to the Treasury, no less than a sum of £7,531,366 in 'Ordinary Revenue Account' on the 31st March, 1922, available for ordinary revenue expenditure purposes, and of this sum there was in actual cash £4,824,951. These figures were certified to by the Controller and Auditor-General, and they show conclusively that, from the point of view of the public finances, there was no excuse whatever for reducing the salaries of the public servants. We further maintain that had the state of the public finances required an increase in revenue the Government was not justified in remitting land and income tax for the year ending the 31st March, 1922, amounting to nearly half a million, while the reductions in the bonuses of the public servants for the same period were £177,000. Furthermore, this House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the grave breach of faith involved in your Government's failure to fulfil its promise to confer full political and civil rights on the public servants of the Dominion. Finally, we would submit that Your Excellency's Government, by reason of its failure to appreciate the importance of international relationships and its inadequate representation at both Washington and Genoa, and, further, by reason of its class legislation, has forfeited the confidence of this House and the country."

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 18th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Hori te Manana and others, and Mate A. Rehutai and another, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Witty (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Brown, on account of serious illness.

On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Campbell, on account of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Fraser (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Munro, on account of urgent private business.

3. *Persons retrenched or dismissed from Public Service during 1922.*—On motion of Mr. Witty, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing —(1) The number of persons with ten years' service or over that have been retrenched or dismissed during the year ended the 1st July, 1922, and the number at present under notice to leave, in each branch of the Service, and who will receive no superannuation; and (2) the number of persons taken on as employees in each branch of the Service during the last twelve months, and the age of each such person.

4. *General Assembly Library: Estimated Value of Contents.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing —(1) The estimated market value of the printed books and manuscripts in the Parliamentary Library; (2) the amount it would cost at present prices to replace (*a*) the structure of the present buildings, and (*b*) the fittings; and (3) the existing fire insurances on each of the above items.

5. *Civil Servants, Average Salaries of.*—On motion of Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the average salaries of the Civil servants in the years 1906, 1911, and 1921.

6. *Public Servants who received no Wage-increase during War Period.*—On motion of Mr. Holland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of public servants in receipt of £315 and upwards per annum who received no bonus or wage-increase during the war and who are now suffering reductions under the Public Expenditure Adjustment Act.

7. *Locomotives, Particulars relating to Purchase of.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The date on which the first order for twenty-five "A.B." locomotives was given to the North British Locomotive Company; (2) whether the price was f.o.b., and, if so, where; (3) the price of iron and steel on the open British market at that date; (4) the total quantity of iron and steel in each locomotive so ordered; (5) the date on which any further order, or orders, were given, and how many were ordered; (6) the price of each locomotive so ordered; (7) whether the price was f.o.b., and, if so, where; (8) the price of iron and steel on the open British market at that date; (9) the total quantity of iron and steel in each locomotive so ordered; and (10) the amount that was paid in commission or fees to any firm in Britain, either as agent, consulting engineer, or for any other service in connection with the above-mentioned transactions.

8. *Meat-producers' Board, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Sir J. P. Luke, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The benefit (if any) that has accrued to the meat-producers of the Dominion since the inauguration of the Meat-producers Board; (2) the nature of such benefits (if any); (3) to what extent the freezing companies have co-operated; (4) to what extent shipping charges have been reduced; and (5) to what extent handling and marketing in the United Kingdom has benefited the Dominion producers.

9. *Coal from Overseas, Cost of.*—On motion of Dr. Thacker, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) the amounts of oversea coal landed in each of the years 1920, 1921, and 1922; (2) the landed cost per ton of this coal; and (3) the countries from whence the coal came.

10. *Lands purchased by the Government for Returned Soldiers.*—On motion of Mr. McCombs, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing all lands purchased by the Government for returned-soldiers-settlement purposes, the price paid for each estate or parcel of land.

11. *Grants to Returned Soldiers for purchasing Homes.*—On motion of Sir J. P. Luke, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of applications by returned soldiers for grants to enable them to build homes, and to separately state the number granted during the past financial year; (2) the number of applications now under review.

12. *Immigrants employed in the Government Service.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of immigrants given employment since the 1st January, 1921, in the various Government services, each branch of the Service to be shown separately; also the number of others not immigrants given employment during the same period: such Return to relate to permanent and permanent-casual employees.

13. *Civil Servants: Rank of those retrenched.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the rank of each person, whether casual or permanent, who has been retrenched from each of the Departments of State.

14. *State Children working for Private Firms.*—On motion of Mr. Howard, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of State children over fourteen years of age who have not passed the Fourth Standard of education and who are out working for private firms.

15. *Land purchased for Returned Soldiers.*—On motion of Mr. Sidey, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total area of land purchased for returned soldiers, and the price paid for same; (2) the amount of accumulated surpluses expended in the purchase of land for returned soldiers; (3) the area and price of land purchased for returned soldiers which was paid for in Government bonds, and the rate of interest on such bonds; (4) the area and price of land purchased for returned soldiers which was purchased on a Government guarantee; (5) the total amount advanced to returned soldiers for the purchase of (*a*) stock and implements, and (*b*) homes; and (6) the area now occupied by returned soldiers.

16. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the following words: "Whereas the Arbitration Court during the war period did not increase the minimum wage in proportion to the increase in the cost of living; and whereas wages measured in purchasing-power have not been restored to the pre-war level: this House recommends that legislation be passed requiring the Arbitration Court to amend existing awards so that the nominal increase in wages over the 1914 standard shall not be less than the present-day increase in the cost of living: the computation to be made on the principle always accepted by the Court—namely, six-monthly moving averages for 'all groups,' including food, rent, fuel, light, clothing, and miscellaneous. And whereas the Act placed on the statute-book last session requires the Court of Arbitration not to reduce wages below an amount to maintain a fair standard of living; and whereas it

has not been determined what amount of wages is necessary 'to maintain a fair standard of living': this House further recommends that the Government appoint a Basic Wage Commission to take evidence and report on what amount of wages is necessary to maintain a fair standard of living. And whereas the Judge of the Arbitration Court has determined that the average increase in the whole cost of living is to-day 62 per cent. beyond the pre-war level; and whereas the last bonus granted to the public servants was granted on the Statistician's figures for March, 1920, when, according to the Statistician, the average increase for the whole cost of living (all groups) was 63 per cent.; and whereas now, according to the Judge of the Arbitration Court, the cost of living at March, 1920, was 73 per cent., and not 63 per cent. above the pre-war level; and whereas the cost of living went still higher, but has now returned to the level on which the final bonus was granted: this House recommends that legislation should be passed this session restoring the bonus to the public servants. This House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the fact that according to a *Gazette* issued on the 25th May, 1922, there was, according to the Secretary to the Treasury and the Acting Accountant to the Treasury, no less than a sum of £7,531,366 in 'Ordinary Revenue Account' on the 31st March, 1922, available for ordinary revenue expenditure purposes, and of this sum there was in actual cash £4,824,951. These figures were certified to by the Controller and Auditor-General, and they show conclusively that, from the point of view of the public finances, there was no excuse whatever for reducing the salaries of the public servants. We further maintain that had the state of the public finances required an increase in revenue the Government was not justified in remitting land and income tax for the year ending the 31st March, 1922, amounting to nearly half a million, while the reductions in the bonuses of the public servants for the same period were £177,000. Furthermore, this House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the grave breach of faith involved in your Government's failure to fulfil its promise to confer full political and civil rights on the public servants of the Dominion. Finally, we would submit that Your Excellency's Government, by reason of its failure to appreciate the importance of international relationships and its inadequate representation at both Washington and Genoa, and, further, by its reason of its class legislation, has forfeited the confidence of this House and the country." (*Mr. Holland.*)

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Nash, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-seven minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 19th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the following

words: "Whereas the Arbitration Court during the war period did not increase the minimum wage in proportion to the increase in the cost of living; and whereas wages measured in purchasing-power have not been restored to the pre-war level: this House recommends that legislation be passed requiring the Arbitration Court to amend existing awards so that the nominal increase in wages over the 1914 standard shall not be less than the present-day increase in the cost of living: the computation to be made on the principle always accepted by the Court—namely, six-monthly moving averages for 'all groups,' including food, rent, fuel, light, clothing, and miscellaneous. And whereas the Act placed on the statute-book last session requires the Court of Arbitration not to reduce wages below an amount sufficient to maintain a fair standard of living; and whereas it has not yet been determined what amount of wages is necessary 'to maintain a fair standard of living': this House further recommends that the Government appoint a Basic Wage Commission to take evidence and report on what amount of wages is necessary to maintain a fair standard of living. And whereas the Judge of the Arbitration Court has determined that the average increase in the whole cost of living is to-day 62 per cent. beyond the pre-war level; and whereas the last bonus granted to the public servants was granted on the Statistician's figures for March, 1920, when, according to the Statistician, the average increase for the whole cost of living (all groups) was 63 per cent.; and whereas now, according to the Judge of the Arbitration Court, the cost of living at March, 1920, was 73 per cent., and not 63 per cent. above the pre-war level; and whereas the cost of living went still higher, but has now returned to the level on which the final bonus was granted: this House recommends that legislation should be passed this session restoring the bonus to the public servants. This House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the fact that according to a *Gazette* issued on the 25th May, 1922, there was, according to the Secretary to the Treasury and the Acting Accountant to the Treasury, no less than a sum of £7,531,366 in 'Ordinary Revenue Account' on the 31st March, 1922, available for ordinary revenue expenditure purposes, and of this sum there was in actual cash £4,824,951. These figures were certified to by the Controller and Auditor-General, and they show conclusively that, from the point of view of the public finances, there was no excuse whatever for reducing the salaries of the public servants. We further maintain that had the state of the public finances required an increase in revenue the Government was not justified in remitting land and income tax for the year ending the 31st March, 1922, amounting to nearly half a million, while the reductions in the bonuses of the public servants for the same period were £177,000. Furthermore, this House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the grave breach of faith involved in your Government's failure to fulfil its promise to confer full political and civil rights on the public servants of the Dominion. Finally, we would submit that Your Excellency's Government, by reason of its failure to appreciate the importance of international relationships and its inadequate representation at both Washington and Genoa, and, further, by reason of its class legislation, has forfeited the confidence of this House and the country." (*Mr. Holland.*)

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 20th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. McNicol, on account of urgent public business.

   On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Sir George Hunter, on account of urgent public business.

3. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the following words: "Whereas the Arbitration Court during the war period did not increase the minimum wage in proportion to the increase in the cost of living; and whereas wages measured in purchasing-power have not been restored to the pre-war level: this House recommends that legislation be passed requiring the Arbitration Court to amend existing awards so that the nominal increase in wages over the 1914 standard shall not be less than the present-day increase in the cost of living: the computation to be made on the principle always accepted by the Court—namely, six-monthly moving averages for 'all groups,' including food, rent, fuel, light, clothing, and miscellaneous. And whereas the Act placed on the statute-book last session requires the Court of Arbitration not to reduce wages below an amount sufficient to maintain a fair standard of living; and whereas it has not yet been determined what amount of wages is necessary 'to maintain a fair standard of living': this House further recommends that the Government appoint a Basic Wage Commission to take evidence and report on what amount of wages is necessary to maintain a fair standard of living. And whereas the Judge of the Arbitration Court has determined that the average increase in the whole cost of living is to-day 62 per cent. beyond the pre-war level; and whereas the last bonus granted to the public servants was granted on the Statistician's figures for March, 1920, when, according to the Statistician, the average increase for the whole cost of living (all groups) was 63 per cent.; and whereas now, according to the Judge of the Arbitration Court, the cost of living at March, 1920, was 73 per cent., and not 63 per cent. above the pre-war level; and whereas the cost of living went still higher, but has now returned to the level on which the final bonus was granted: this House recommends that legislation should be passed this session restoring the bonus to the public servants. This House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the fact that according to a *Gazette* issued on the 25th May, 1922, there was, according to the Secretary to the Treasury and the Acting Accountant to the Treasury, no less than a sum of £7,531,366 in 'Ordinary Revenue Account' on the 31st March, 1922, available for ordinary revenue expenditure purposes, and of this sum there was in actual cash £4,824,951. These figures were certified to by the Controller and Auditor-General, and they show conclusively that, from the point of view of the public finances, there was no excuse whatever for reducing the salaries of the public servants. We further maintain that had the state of the public finances required an increase in revenue the Government was not justified in remitting land and income tax for the year ending the 31st March, 1922, amounting to nearly half a million, while the reductions in the bonuses of the public servants for the same period were £177,000. Furthermore, this House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention

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And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Field, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 21st Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech; and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the following words: "Whereas the Arbitration Court during the war period did not increase the minimum wage in proportion to the increase in the cost of living; and whereas wages measured in purchasing-power have not been restored to the pre-war level: this House recommends that legislation be passed requiring the Arbitration Court to amend existing awards so that the nominal increase in wages over the 1914 standard shall not be less than the present-day increase in the cost of living: the computation to be made on the principle always accepted by the Court—namely, six-monthly moving averages for 'all groups,' including food, rent, light, clothing, and miscellaneous. And whereas the Act placed on the statute-book last session requires the Court of Arbitration not to reduce wages below an amount sufficient to maintain a fair standard of living; and whereas it has not yet been determined what amount of wages is necessary 'to maintain a fair standard of living': this House further recommends that the Government appoint a Basic Wage Commission to take evidence and report on what amount of wages is necessary to maintain a fair standard of living. And whereas the Judge of the Arbitration Court has determined that the average increase in the whole cost of living is to-day 62 per cent. beyond the pre-war level; and whereas the last bonus granted to the public servants was granted on the Statistician's figures for March, 1920, when, according to the Statistician, the average increase for the whole cost of living (all groups) was 63 per cent.; and whereas now, according to the Judge of the Arbitration Court, the cost of living at March, 1920, was 73 per cent., and not 63 per cent. above the pre-war level; and whereas the cost of living went still higher, but has now returned to the level on which the final bonus was granted: this House recommends that legislation should be passed this session restoring the bonus to the public servants. This House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the fact that according to a *Gazette* issued on the 25th May, 1922, there was, according to the Secretary to the Treasury and the Acting Accountant to the Treasury, no less than a sum of £7,531,366 in 'Ordinary Revenue Account'

on the 31st March, 1922, available for ordinary revenue expenditure purposes, and of this sum there was in actual cash £4,824,951. These figures were certified to by the Controller and Auditor-General, and they show conclusively that, from the point of view of the public finances, there was no excuse whatever for reducing the salaries of the public servants. We further maintain that had the state of the public finances required an increase in revenue the Government was not justified in remitting land and income tax for the year ending the 31st March, 1922, amounting to nearly half a million, while the reductions in the bonuses of the public servants for the same period were £177,000. Furthermore, this House wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the grave breach of faith involved in your Government's failure to fulfil its promise to confer full political and civil rights on the public servants of the Dominion. Finally, we would submit that Your Excellency's Government, by reason of its failure to appeciate the importance of international relationships and its inadequate representation at both Washington and Genoa, and, further, by reason of its class legislation, has forfeited the confidence of this House and the country." (*Mr. Holland.*)

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 9.

Bartram	Munro	Sullivan	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Parry	Witty.	McCombs
Holland			Savage.

NOES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	Mander	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Atmore	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Rhodes, T. W.
Burnett	Hockly	Mitchell	Smith, R. W.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nash	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Sykes
Dixon, E.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Newman, E.	Williams
Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lysnar	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Young.
Hamilton, A.	McLeod	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, J. R.	Mackenzie	Potter	Bollard
Hawken	Malcolm	Reed	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the following Address be presented:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

We desire to assure Your Excellency that the matters therein referred to will receive our most careful consideration.

We unite with your Excellency in noting the prevalence throughout the Dominion of an optimistic feeling for the future, and we are convinced that the financial and commercial difficulties to which Your Excellency has referred are in a fair way to be overcome.

We join with Your Excellency in trusting that with the guidance of Divine Providence our deliberations may be for the good of the Empire and of lasting benefit to the people of this Dominion.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker, accompanied by Members of the House, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor-General at such time as His Excellency may appoint.

3. *Supply.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

4. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means of raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirteen minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 25th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Order of the Day discharged.*—On motion of Mr. McCombs (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Proportional Representation and Effective Voting Bill (No. 2) be discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one day's leave of absence be granted to Mr. Edward Newman, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Witty (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Brown, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Williams, on account of illness.

4. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Christchurch City Council to let Reserve No. 10 (being one of the parcels of land mentioned in the Municipal Corporations' Reserves Ordinance of Canterbury, 1868) and the buildings thereon, known as the Christchurch Municipal Offices; and that Mr. Isitt do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Isitt accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

5. *Christchurch City Sanitation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Act, 1908; and that Mr. Isitt do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Isitt accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

6. *Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Act, 1919; and that Mr. Williams do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Williams accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

7. *State Control of Licenses Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, 1908, by providing for State Control of the Liquor Traffic, ending Monopoly, and providing Security of Tenure, or Compensation to every Licensee who conducts his Business creditably; and that Mr. McCallum do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. McCallum accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, and to be printed.

8. *Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Insurance Companies' Deposits Act, 1921–22; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

10. *Administration of Justice Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards, made in New Zealand or elsewhere within His Majesty's Dominions, and for other Purposes; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

11. *Hutt Road Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917; and that Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wright accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 27th day of July, and to be printed.

12. *Wairau River District Loans Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute the Wairau River District the Area over which Rates may be struck and pledged, or other Security given, to secure Repayment of and to provide for the Annual Charges and other Payments in connection with the Loans at present secured upon the several River Districts which are now united and form the Wairau River District; and that Mr. McCallum do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. McCallum accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

13. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute and empower a Board to produce and supply Gas in and for the Boroughs of Petone and Lower Hutt and certain Portions of the Hutt County, and for that Purpose to acquire the Gas-producing Plant and Mains, and the Whole of the Gas Undertakings of both Boroughs, and the Land and Material in connection therewith, and to take over the Loans and Liabilities of the respective Boroughs relating thereto; and to do all such acts as are incidental or conducive to the Attainment of the above Objects; and that Mr. Wilford do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wilford accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

14. *Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Whakatane Harbour Act, 1921–22; and that Mr. Hockly do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Hockly accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

15. *Daylight Baking Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish Daylight Baking; and that Mr. McCombs do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. McCombs accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, and to be printed.

16. *Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate an Agreement for the Exchange of certain Lands between the Corporation of the City of Auckland and the Auckland Hospital Board, and to authorize the Auckland City Council to raise a Further Loan for the Enlargement and Improvement of the Auckland Municipal Abattoirs, and to pay certain Retiring-allowances; and that the Honourable Mr. Parr do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Parr accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

17. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency :—

59. Despatches from the Governor-General of New Zealand to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. A.–1.

60. Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General of New Zealand. A.–2.

74. Public Domains of New Zealand, Annual Report on. C.–10.

79. Articles in Common Use per Head of Population, Consumption of, for the Years 1901 to 1921. H.–9.

92. Post Office Accounts, Balance-sheet of, to 31st March, 1922. F.–2.

94. Securities, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post Office Savings-bank Fund on the 31st March, 1922. F.–5.

102. Post and Telegraph Department: Annual Report for the Year 1921. F.–1.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

57. Sinking Funds: Reports and Accounts of the Commissioners of the Public Debts Sinking Funds for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. B.–8.

58. State Advances Office, Report of the Superintendent of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. B.–13.

61. State Advances Office: Annual Report of Minister, showing Applications for State-guaranteed Loans.

63. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Auckland, Akaroa, Blenheim, Nelson, Te Kuiti.]

64. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Mackenzie, Maniototo, Tawhera, Wallace.]

65. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Alexandra, Arrowtown, Cromwell, Mosgiel, Queenstown, Waimate.]

66. Phœnix Assurance Company (Accident Branch): Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

67. Taranaki Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association (Accident Branch): Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

68. Fire Board: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of Milton Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1921.

69. Fire Board: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of Timaru Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1921.

71. Local Authorities' Superannuation Act, 1909: Balance-sheet, Statement of Revenue Account, and Statement of Membership of Auckland Harbour Board for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

72. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Notice of Change of Purpose of Reservation over Section 12, Block XIII, Town of Buckley, Hawke's Bay Land District, from a Reserve for Police Purposes to a Reserve for Post and Telegraph Purposes.

73. Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1911: Proclamations declaring Lands in Nelson and Taranaki Land Districts to be subject to Section 127 of the Land Act, 1908.

75. Lands and Survey Department—Roading Crown or other Lands: Report on Advances obtained.

76. Scenery-preservation, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922, together with Statement of Accounts and Schedule of Lands acquired and reserved.

77. National Endowments, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922, together with Schedule showing Aggregate Area of Land excluded from the Endowment.

78. Government Printing and Stationery Department: Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. H.–36.

80. Roads closed or stopped in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

81. Naval Defence Act Sinking Fund: Statement of Securities in which invested.

82. Public Trust Office Act, 1908, Regulations under the.

83. Native Trust Office, Accounts of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. G.–2.

84. Natives declared to be Europeans, Statement of.

85. Native Land Settlement Account: Statement showing Moneys paid into and out of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

86. Mental Defectives Amendment Act, 1921–22, Proclamation under the.

87. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921–22: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 161/1920, relative to Succession to Maka Tarapiko in Kaiaua Sections 12 and 13, Square 92.

88. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1920: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 202/17, relative to Adjustment of Names of the Pirirakau Tribe in the Title of Te Puna, Lot 154D, Block.

89. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921–22: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 345/1920, relative to Ownership of Lot 39, Parish of Matata.

90. Native Land Court, Order of the, relative to Ninihi Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks.

91. Public Trust Department: Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. B.–9A.

93. Post Office Savings-bank: Statement showing the Deposits received and paid by the Post Office Savings-bank for the Year ended 31st March, 1922; also for Fifteen Months ended 31st March, 1921, and by Ten-year Periods since 1867. F.–4.

95. Post and Telegraph Department: Schedule of Regulations.

96. Roads closed or stopped in terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

97. Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease from John Myers to H. L. Morgan.

98. Assignment of Interest in Lignite License, situate in Block IX, Kaitangata Survey District, from F. S. Edwards to J. Gage.

99. Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease, situate at Seddonville, from G. H. Mulholland to E. Ambury.

100. Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease, situate in Mokikinui Survey District, from R. Mulholland to R. Mulholland, J. A. Mulholland, M. Forman, M. Rogers, and others.

101. Land Settlement Finance Act, 1909: Statement required to be made by the Public Trustee showing the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet from every Association under the.

103. Naval Defence Act, 1913: Amended Regulations under the.

104. Defence Act, 1909: Regulations under.

105. Defence Act, 1909: Memorandum of Agreement for Supply of Small-arms Ammunition for the Defence Forces.

106. Naval Defence Act, 1913: Regulations amended.

The following papers were laid on the Table in return to Orders of the House:—

62. State Superannuation Funds, Amounts paid under Statute to, for Ten Years. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

70. Crimes Act, 1908, Persons charged and convicted under the. Return to an Order dated 23rd November, 1921.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 87, 88, and 89 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 82, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, and 102 be printed.

18. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 2.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th July, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcom accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

19. *Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to Order, presented the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

20. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 3.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to constitute the Borough of Rotorua, to define the Powers of the Rotorua Borough Council, and to make other Provisions relative thereto," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th July, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to constitute the Borough of Rotorua, to define the Powers of the Rotorua Borough Council, and to make other Provisions relative thereto.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

21. *Rotorua Borough Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Rotorua Borough Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

22. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 4.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workers for Injuries suffered in the Course of their Employment," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th July, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly presented the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workers for Injuries suffered in the Course of their Employment.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

23. *Workers' Compensation Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Workers' Compensation Bill, which was read a first time, and (with the leave of the House) read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

24. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 5.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th July, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

25. *Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to Order, presented the Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

26. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Witty moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after nine of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had been informed by His Excellency the Governor-General that His Excellency would receive the Address of the House in reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech at half after eleven of the clock to-morrow morning.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 6.*

The Governor-General, on behalf of His Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the payment of salaries, wages, and contingencies for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1923.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th July, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive be postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 12 and 13.

5. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three million and ninety-nine thousand four hundred and fifty pounds be granted to His Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into Committee to consider the Ways and Means of raising the Supply granted to His Majesty.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That, in addition to all sums otherwise granted, there may be issued and applied, by way of imprest, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three,—

(*a.*) Out of the respective funds and accounts (being part of the Public Account) specified in the First Schedule hereto, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two million nine hundred and eighty-nine thousand and fifty pounds, as set forth in that Schedule:

(*b.*) Out of the respective accounts mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto, the respective sums therein set forth, not exceeding in the whole one hundred and ten thousand four hundred pounds.

The aforesaid sums shall be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the Dominion for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	2,000,000
State Forests Account	15,000
State Coal-mines Account	25,000
Nauru and Ocean Islands Account	15,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	750,000
Electric Supply Account	125,000
Separate Accounts—	
Land for Settlements Account	5,000
Land for Settlements Account—	
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account ..	10,000
Native-land Settlement Account	750
Fishing-industry Promotion Account	300
Westport Harbour Account	3,000
War Expenses Account	40,000
	£2,989,050

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	9,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	1,000
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	500
The Public Trustee's Account	16,000
The Native Trustee's Account	3,000
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch Account	32,400
Advances to Workers Branch Account	23,400
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	20,100
	£110,400

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey and the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 2).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented a Bill to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey having claimed, under Standing Order No. 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded to the passing of the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee: and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 27th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Young, on account of urgent private business.

3. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker announced that, accompanied by Members, he had attended upon His Excellency the Governor-General with the Address agreed to by the House in reply to His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament; to which His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I thank you for your Address, and for your assurance that the measures which have been submitted to you will receive your earnest and attentive consideration.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

4. *Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appropriate a Portion of a Public Reserve in the Town of Invercargill to and for the Purposes of a Site for Tepid and other Baths, and for Yards and Buildings and Railway-sidings for the Public Works of the Borough of Invercargill; also to appropriate certain Lands held as a Reserve for Buildings for Municipal Purposes to be held subject only to the Provisions of Part XVIII of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920; also to authorize the Invercargill Borough Council to sell Portions of the Abattoir Paddocks and apply the Purchase-money in Improvements to the Parts of Land retained for Abattoir Purposes; and also to adjust and define the Boundary between Block LXXVII, Town of Invercargill, and the Part of Section 10, Block III, Invercargill Hundred, adjoining the said Block LXXVII, and also to lay out a Public Road through the said Block LXXVII, Town of Invercargill: and that the Honourable Mr. Hanan do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Hanan accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

5. *Land Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Land Drainage Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Proportional Representation and Country Quota Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate Electoral Districts and to secure Proportional Representation and Effective Voting; and that Mr. McCombs do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Sullivan, for Mr. McCombs, accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, and to be printed.

7. *Thames Harbour Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Boundaries of the Thames Harbour District and the Constitution of the Thames Harbour Board; and that Mr. T. W. Rhodes do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Rhodes accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

8. *Naval Defence Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Naval Defence Act, 1913; and that the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

107. Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1909 : Exemptions granted by the Minister of Marine.

108. Fishing Industry Promotion Act, 1919 : Annual Statement.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House :—

109. Oil-wells in Taranaki District, Crude Petroleum won from. Return to an Order dated 23rd November, 1921.

Ordered, That Paper No. 109 be printed.

10. *Licensing Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Licensing Committee, brought up a Report, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report, together with the minutes of evidence, do lie upon the Table, and that the Report be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Sir J. P. Luke, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned until half after two of the clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August.

11. *Hutt Road Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hutt Road Amendment Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the 3rd day of August.

12. *Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the 3rd day of August.

13. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of Mr. Howard, referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

14. *Hotel and Restaurant and Private-hotel and Boardinghouse Employees Six Days a Week Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hotel and Restaurant and Private-hotel and Boardinghouse Employees Six Days a Week Bill ;

On motion of Mr. Fraser (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

15. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill ;

Mr. Speaker ruled that, inasmuch as the Bill contained an appropriation, it could not proceed.

16. *Proportional Representation and Effective Voting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Proportional Representation and Effective Voting Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the 3rd day of August.

17. *Unemployed Workers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Unemployed Workers Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of Mr. Fraser, referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until four minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Friday, the 28th Day of July, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of thirteen Members, to whom shall be referred all Bills specially dealing with the revision of the law; with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Field, the Honourable Mr. Hanan, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCallum, the Honourable Mr. Parr, Mr. Reed, the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Statham, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilford, and the Mover.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days leave of absence be granted to Mr. Williams, on account of illness.

4. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1922 (No. 2), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 7.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement for Customs Reciprocity between New Zealand and Australia," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th July, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

6. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 9, for the Committee of Ways and Means.

7. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message containing draft of a Bill to ratify an Agreement for Customs Reciprocity between New Zealand and Australia.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Fencing Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fencing Act, 1908; and that Mr. Reed do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Reed accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, and to be printed.

10. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

110. Public Securities in the Dominion or Elsewhere, as on the 31st March, 1922. B.–10.

112. Pensions Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. H.–18.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an order of the House:—

111. No-license Districts, Charges and Convictions for Offences in, and Quantity of Liquor sent into, during the Year 1921. Return to an Order dated 18th January, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 110, 111, and 112 be printed.

11. *Administration of Justice Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Administration of Justice Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

12. *Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

13. *Land Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land Drainage Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, referred to the Lands Committee.

14. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 (Naval Defence Amendment Bill) be postponed.

15. *Rotorua Borough Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rotorua Borough Bill;

Mr. Speaker ruled that, inasmuch as the Bill relates to the lands of the Crown, it stands referred to the Lands Committee.

16. *Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 1st Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Holland (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Timothy Moriarty be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Sir M. Pomare (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Peta Hape and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. J. S. Dickson, on account of urgent private business.

On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That five days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of urgent public business.

On motion of Mr. Bartram (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Savage, on account of urgent public business.

3. *Te Puke County Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute the Te Puke County; and that Mr. Hockly do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Hockly accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

4. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1907; and that Mr. Isitt do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Isitt accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

5. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

115. Immigration Department: Annual Report upon Immigration into New Zealand from the United Kingdom during the Year 1921–22. D.–9.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

113. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Coal Lease from William Crowe to the Darlington Prospecting and Mining Company (Limited).

114. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921–22: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 550/1921, relative to inclusion of certain Persons in Title to Mangatu No. 1 and other Blocks.

Ordered, That Paper No. 114 be printed and referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Annual Report of the Immigration Department (D.–9) do lie upon the Table and be printed.

Mr. Wilford moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "while approving the necessity for a strong policy of immigration for New Zealand, it is considered that at the present time, while unemployment is acute the bringing of immigrants to New Zealand is unwarranted."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Mackenzie	Rhodes, T. W.
Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	Malcolm	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bollard	Harris	Mander	Sykes
Burnett	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nash	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Newman, E.	Young.
Craigie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Campbell
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Lysnar.

NOES, 17.

Bartram	Horn	Poland	Witty.
Edie	Howard	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Jennings	Statham	Parry
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Mitchell	Wilford	Veitch.
Holland	Munro		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

6. *Naval Defence Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Naval Defence Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

8. *Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the said Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"4A. Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words 'one farthing,' and substituting the words 'one half-penny.'

"4B. (1.) Any local authority may, by special order, and without taking the steps described in sections eight to twelve of the principal Act, borrow such moneys as may be required for any public work undertaken, or proposed to be undertaken, by that local authority for the relief of unemployment.

"(2.) The Governor-General in Council shall not give his consent, as required by section twenty of the Finance Act, 1919, to the borrowing of any moneys under this section unless he is satisfied that in undertaking the works for which such moneys are proposed to be borrowed, the object of the local authority is primarily to provide employment for men who would otherwise be without employment or without sufficient employment to enable them to maintain themselves and their families in a reasonable condition of comfort.

"(3.) Any moneys authorized to be borrowed by a local authority under this section may be borrowed by that local authority from the Superintendent of the State Advances Office, notwithstanding that the works for which such moneys are so borrowed may not be public works of any of the classes enumerated in section sixty of the principal Act.

"(4.) The Superintendent of the State Advances Office is hereby empowered to make advances to local authorities, for the purposes of any works to be undertaken pursuant to this section, out of moneys for the time being available for the purposes of the Local Authorities Branch of that office.

"(5.) No moneys shall be borrowed under the authority of this section after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

"4c. In addition to the moneys which a local authority may borrow pursuant to section six of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22, in respect of its antecedent liability within the meaning of that Act, any local authority proposing to raise such loan out of New Zealand may, with the precedent consent of the Minister of Finance, borrow such amount as that Minister may approve to be applied towards the cost of raising the loan." (*Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after nine o'clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 2nd Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Hutt River Board to carry out certain Works for the Improvement of the Channel through the Estuary of the Hutt River, and to vest in the Hutt River Board Land reclaimed from the Waters of the Wellington Harbour resulting from such Improvement-works and Land now covered by Water, and to provide for the Improvement of the said Lands by draining and other Appropriate Means; and further to provide for the Disposal thereof by the Hutt River Board; and to validate a certain Agreement entered into between the Hutt River Board and the Wellington Harbour Board: and that Mr. Wilford do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Wilford accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

   116. Cost of collecting Customs and other Revenue by the Customs Department at each Port of Entry for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. B.–12.

The following papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

117. Fruit-preserving Industry Act, 1913, Statement regarding the Total Amount advanced under the.

118. Nauru and Ocean Islands Account : Balance-sheets and Statement of Accounts for Nine Months ended 31st March, 1921.

119. Lands and Survey Department : Notice of Change of Purpose of the Reservation over Allotment No. 18 of Section 19, Town of Hawera, from a Site for a Drill-shed to a Site for a Police-station ; also Notice of the Change of Purpose of the Reservation over Lots 29 and 30 of Section 19, Town of Hawera, from a Reserve for the Use of the Justice Department to a Site for a Drill-shed.

120. County Councils' Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Grey, Taieri, Tuapeka.]

121. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Mataura, Roxburgh, Te Awamutu, West Harbour.]

122. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Hokitika, Patea, Richmond, Riverton, Spreydon, West Harbour, Whakatane.]

123. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Hawera, Kairanga, Kaitieke, Maniototo, Manawatu, Patea, Wairewa.]

124. North British and Mercantile Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department) : Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

Ordered, That Paper No. 116 be printed.

4. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill, the Land Drainage Amendment Bill, and the Rotorua Borough Bill, and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

5. *Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *Land Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That Land Drainage Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Rotorua Borough Bill.—Ordered*, That the Rotorua Borough Bill be referred to the Native Affairs Committee for consideration of clause 11.

8. *Licensing Committee.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Report and minutes of evidence taken by the Licensing Committee do lie upon the Table, and that the Report be printed. (Appendix I.–14.)

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning ;

THURSDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1922.

The Question being put, That the Report and minutes of evidence taken by the Licensing Committee do lie upon the Table and that the Report be printed, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Thursday, the 3rd Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bay of Islands Harbour Act, 1920; and that Mr. Reed do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Reed accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

3. *Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Management of the Reserves of the Borough of Palmerston North; and that Mr. Nash do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Nash accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

4. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill, and the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.*—The Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

6. *Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 10th day of August.

7. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Hawken, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Rotorua Borough Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.-3.)

8. *Rotorua Borough Bill.—Ordered,* That the Rotorua Borough Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered,* That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed, in order to consider Order of the Day No. 9.

10. *Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Bill;

    The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

    Mr. McCallum moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the second reading of the Bill be postponed in order that a special Committee may be set up for the purpose of taking evidence and submitting a Report thereon to the House within ten days from this date."

    And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

    On the Original Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

    Ordered, That the Bill be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 4th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Child Sustenance Bill.*—Mr. Mitchell moved, and the Question was proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to assure that the Wages paid on Account of Family Responsibility shall go to those rearing Families in due Proportion.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

3. *Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to ratify an Agreement for Customs Reciprocity between New Zealand and Australia."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

4. *Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 8th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Hera Tipene and others, Taituha Waitere and others, Nehe Paki Kupenga and others, Kaipa Kingi and others, Taui Takarei and others, Te Pouwhare and others, Nehe Paki Kupenga and others, Materoa Ngarimu and others, R. T. Kohere and others, R. T. Kohere and others, R. T. Kohere and others, R. T. Kohere and others, Henare Matanuku, Wharau

Tuhaka and others, Haki Roihana and others, Mikaera Pewhairangi and others, Wiremu Potae and others, Meri Wharepopa and others, Tutura Hamana and others, Keepa Tamati and others, Wiremu Keepa and others, Te Morehu Kirikau and others, and Tupaea Rapaera and others, be referred to the Native Affaiirs Committee.

2. *Child Sustenance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the interrupted Debate on the Question, That leave be given to introduce the Child Sustenance Bill;

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Mitchell accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 16th day of August, and to be printed.

3. *High Commissioner's Office, Particulars relating to Persons employed in.*—On motion of Mr. Reed, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, in connection with the High Commissioner's Office—(*a*) The number of persons employed, (*b*) the total salaries paid, (*c*) the number of New-Zealand-born persons employed, and (*d*) the summary of duties performed by the office.

4. *Customs and Excise Duty: Amount of Revenue derived from Beer and Spirituous Liquor.*—On motion of Mr. Reed, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of revenue, both by Customs and excise duty, derived from beer and spirituous liquors for the years 1920, 1921, and 1922.

5. *Parliament Building: Cost of Building and Furnishing.*—On motion of Mr. Witty, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total cost to date of the new Parliament Building; (2) the contract price for the building at the time of acceptance of the same; and (3) the cost of furnishing the building, including any contract let to date.

6. *Trout-hatchery Operations, Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. Savage, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The cost of running trout-hatchery operations during last season; (2) the income received from ova and fry; and (3) the amount distributed gratis.

7. *Beer and Spirits sent into Rohe Potae.*—On motion of Mr. Jennings, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of beer and spirits sent into the Rohe Potae during the past five years from licensing districts in the Dominion; the particulars of these records to be obtained from the various Stipendiary Magistrates' Courts.

8. *Fishing Industry Promotion Act, Financial Assistance accorded under.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing in detail for each year the amount of financial assistance accorded to individuals, local bodies, or companies under the Fishing Industry Promotion Act, 1919.

9. *Rimutaka Railway Deviation, Surveys of Proposed.*—On motion of Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the progress that has been made with the surveys of the proposed Rimutaka railway deviation.

10. *Nauru Island Phosphate, Price of.*—On motion of Mr. Edie, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the price of Nauru Island phosphate landed on wharf in New Zealand.

11. *Houses built by the Railway Department, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total number of houses built by the Railway Department each year since 1918; (2) the total cost of such houses, including administration expenses charged to them; and (3) the average rent charged per house.

12. *Land-tax and Income-tax outstanding.*—On motion of Mr. Sidey, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of (*a*) land-tax, and (*b*) income-tax, outstanding on the 31st March for each of the years 1920, 1921, and 1922.

13. *Amounts paid under the Government Fruit-export Guarantee.*—On motion of Mr. Witty, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount paid each year, if any, for the last fourteen years (shown separately) under the Government fruit-export guarantee, and the amount per pound guaranteed for each such year.

14. *Number of Employees in Government Service for Years 1914–1922.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of employees in the several Departments of State for the years 1914 to 1922, together with the salaries and bonuses paid at the several periods, showing aggregate increases; also new Departments, showing cost of same.

15. *Agreement between Government and Mr. Evan Parry.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return giving a copy of the agreement between the Government and Mr. Evan Parry in reference to any engagement as adviser to the Government in connection with electrical matters.

16. *Agreement between Government and Sir Duncan Elliott, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The terms of the agreement with Sir Duncan Elliott by which he was appointed Consulting Engineer, Inspector, and Adviser to the Government; (2) the amounts paid to him during each of the financial years ended 31st March, 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922; (3) the full particulars and details of amount of purchase in connection with which each payment was made, and the rate per cent.; and (4) the amount, if any, paid to him in connection with the purchase of electrical appliances.

17. *Land vested in Maori Land Board in the Tokerau Maori Land District.*—On motion of Mr. Reed, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) The area of land in the Tokerau Maori Land District vested in the Maori Land Board under the Native Land Settlement Act, 1907; (2) the area of such land put up by the Board for sale or lease; (3) the area of such land revested in Natives; and (4) the area of such land still vested in the Board.

18. *Retirements from the Government Service since 1st January, 1920.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of people retired from the various Government Services since the 1st January, 1920, each Service to be shown separately; (2) the number of those retired who are receiving superannuation; and (3) the number retired who have had more than ten years' service and are not receiving superannuation.

19. *State Superannuation Funds: Amounts paid under Statute.*—On motion of Mr. Dixon, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, for each of the last ten years—(*a*) the amounts paid under statute to the State Superannuation Funds, and (*b*) the amounts paid in excess of (*a*) each year for the same period.

20. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by Command of His Excellency:—

129. Land Transfer and Deeds Registration: Annual Report, 1921–22. H.–3.

131. Labour Department: Annual Report for 1922. H.–11.

132. Police Force of the Dominion, Annual Report on the. H.–16.

133. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa: First Report of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Period ended 31st March, 1921. A.–4.

134. Department of Lands and Survey: Annual Report on Surveys. C.–1A.

135. Department of Lands and Survey: Annual Report on Settlement of Crown Lands for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. C.–1.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

125. Customs Amendment Act, 1921: Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, terminating the South African Customs Reciprocity Treaty.

126. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Balance-sheet, Statement of Revenue Account, and Statement of Membership for the Year ended 31st December, 1921 (Wellington Harbour Board).

128. State Advances Office: Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

130. Valuation of Land Act, 1908: Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. B.–17.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

127. Licensed Premises situate outside the Cities and Towns of the Dominion, showing Number of Rooms available for the Public. Return to an Order dated 20th December, 1921.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, and 135 be printed.

21. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Hapua Hutana, and Taka Herewini and others, and Parliamentary Papers No. 339 of 1921–22, and Nos. 87, 88, and 89 of 1922; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Taka Herewini and others be referred to the Government for immediate and favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Hapua Hutana be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That Parliamentary Papers Nos. 339 of 1921–22, 87, 88, and 89 of 1922 be referred to the Government for consideration.

22. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

23. *Acting Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That Mr. E. Newman be Acting Chairman of Committees for this day.

24. *Naval Defence Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Naval Defence Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

25. *Land Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land Drainage Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

26. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Naval Defence Amendment Bill and the Land Drainage Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

27. *Naval Defence Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To omit paragraph (*a*), and substitute the following paragraph:—

"(*aa.*) By omitting from subsection two the words 'but no prescribed period shall be less than two years,' and substituting the words 'not exceeding in the case of a person under the age of eighteen years, the period required for him to attain the age of thirty years, and not exceeding in any other case a period of twelve years.'" (*Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

28. *Land Drainage Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendments proposed: To omit from lines 24 and 25 the words "the number of votes," and to substitute the words "one vote shall" in lieu thereof; and to omit line 26 and the whole of paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*). (*Mr. Holland.*)

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 21 read and agreed to.

Clause 22 read. Amendment proposed: To insert the word "gazetted" after the word "Council" in line 25. (*Mr. McCallum.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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29. *Naval Defence Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. E. Newman reported that the Committee had gone through the Naval Defence Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

30. *Land Drainage Amendment Bill.*—Mr. E. Newman also reported that the Committee had gone through the Land Drainage Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

31. *Rotorua Borough Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rotorua Borough Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That the Bill be again referred to the Native Affairs Committee for further consideration.

32. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 8.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to fix the Rates of Land-tax for the Year commencing on the First Day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-two," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,

Wellington, 8th August, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to fix the Rates of Land-tax for the Year commencing on the First Day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

33. *Land-tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Land-tax (Annual) Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-three minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Sir M. Pomare (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Inia Ranginui and others, and Inia Ranginui, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bartram (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Savage, on account of public business.

3. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to the Sea Carriage of Goods; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

4. *Mercantile Law Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mercantile Law Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Settled Land Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Settled Land Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Wellington City Council to provide certain Land for the Erection by the New Zealand Institute of a Building for Astronomical Purposes; and that Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wright accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

7. *Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution of the Lyttelton Harbour Board; and that Mr. Isitt do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Isitt accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

8. *Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891; and that Mr. Veitch do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Veitch accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

9. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

136. Tourist and Health Resorts Department: Annual Report for 1922. H.–2.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

137. Norwich and London Accident Insurance Association: Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

138. Commercial Union Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

139. Union Assurance Society (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

140. Public Debt Extinction Board: Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

141. Taxation: Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Taxation of the Dominion of New Zealand. B.–5.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 136, 140, and 141 be printed.

10. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Rotorua Borough Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

11. *Rotorua Borough Bill.—Ordered*, That the Rotorua Borough Bill be committed next sitting-day.

12. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on Petition of Timothy Moriarty, and the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Timothy Moriarty, together with the Report of the Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

13. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

14. *Adjournment.*—Mr. J. S. Dickson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of answers to questions be continued.

And the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn, it passed in the Negative.

15. *State Control of Licenses Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the State Control of Licenses Bill;

On motion of Mr. Witty (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of the Bill be postponed until the Honourable Member in charge of the Bill be present.

16. *Daylight Baking Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Daylight Baking Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of Mr. McCombs, referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Thursday, the 10th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of illness.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

143. Representation Commission's Report, 1922: Return relative to the Commissions sitting as a Joint Commission. H.–48.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

142. Imperial Purchase of New Zealand Wool-clips, 1916–17, 1917–18, 1918–19, and 1919–20, Cables, Correspondence, Reports of Conferences, *Gazette* Notices, and London Accounts relating to. H.–38B.

Ordered, That Paper No. 142 be printed.

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Representation Commissioner's Report be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

4. *Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the 17th day of August.

5. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Thursday, the 17th day of August.

6. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6.

7. *Land Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Land Drainage Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Land Drainage Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

8. *Rotorua Borough Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Rotorua Borough Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following new subclause:—

"(3.) All by-laws made by the Department pursuant to the provisions of the Rotorua Town Act, 1907, and subsisting at the commencement of this Act, shall enure as fully and effectually for the purposes of this Act as if they were by-laws made under this Act by the Council or by the Department, as the case may be." (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendments proposed: To omit from subclause (2) the words "and with the same powers," in line 55, and to add the following new subclauses:—

"(3.) In respect of the said works the Department shall have and may exercise all the powers for the time being conferred by law on Borough Councils, except the power to borrow money by way of special loan or to make and levy any rate. The powers conferred by this subsection may be exercised notwithstanding that they may be in derogation of the powers or rights of the Council whether in relation to property vested in it or otherwise howsoever.

"(4.) In the event of any conflict between the by-laws of the Council and any rules or by-laws made by the Department, the latter shall prevail.

"(5.) For the purposes of the Rating Act, 1908, and of section three hundred and eighty-four of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the works which by this section remain vested in the Department shall be deemed to be property vested in His Majesty." (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 16 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"11A. The power to exempt Native land from rates, other than special rates, conferred on the Governor-General in Council by section five of the Rating Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby extended to authorize the exemption of Native land within the borough from special rates." (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.*)

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

9. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time *pro forma*.

The Bill was read a second time *pro forma* accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

10. *Mercantile Law Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time *pro forma*.

The Bill was read a second time *pro forma* accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

11. *Settled Land Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Settled Land Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time *pro forma*.

The Bill was read a second time *pro forma* accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

12. *Naval Defence Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Naval Defence Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Naval Defence Act, 1913."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1922.

13. *Land-tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land-tax (Annual) Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 11th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders relating to Local Bills.*—On motion of Mr. J. McC. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That, in regard to the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill, 1922, Standing Order No. 399 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

3. *Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Mosgiel Borough Council to acquire certain Lands in the Borough of Mosgiel and to sell or lease the same; and that Mr. J. McC. Dickson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. J. McC. Dickson accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency :—

145. Teachers' Superannuation Fund. (In continuation of E.–9, 1921). E.–8.

146. Education of Native Children. (In continuation of E.–3, 1921).

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

144. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1921–22. B.–1 (Pt. II).

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House :—

147. The Number of Pupils leaving Public Schools in 1921 having reached Fourteen Years of Age, and not having passed Standard IV. Return to an Order dated 18th July, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 145, 146, and 147 be printed.

5. *Representation Commission's Report.*—The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Representation Commission's Report be printed.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m. ;

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 9.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 10th August, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

7. *Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

8. *Rotorua Borough Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Rotorua Borough Bill ;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now a read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to constitute the Borough of Rotorua, to define the Powers of the Rotorua Borough Council, and to make other Provisions relative thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

9. *Land-tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land-tax (Annual) Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: In paragraph 3, to strike out the words "in every case"; and to add the following words at the end of the Schedule: "in every case where the value exceeds twenty thousand pounds." (*Mr. Witty, for Mr. McCallum.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the Schedule, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 33.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bollard	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nash	Sykes
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Young.
Glenn	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	Mackenzie	Potter	Dixon.
Henare	McLeod	Reed	

NOES, 16.

Atmore	Holland	Smith, R. W.	Wilford.
Bartram	Jennings	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	McCombs	Statham	Masters
Fraser	Seddon	Veitch	Witty.
Hanan, Hon. J. A.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words retained.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to fix the Rates of Land-tax for the Year commencing on the First Day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

10. *Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after eight of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 15th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders relating to Local Bills.*—On motion of Mr. Wilford, for Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 399 be suspended in regard to the Waimakariri Harbour Board District and Empowering Amendment Bill as far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

3. *Waimakariri Harbour Board District and Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Waimakariri Harbour District and Empowering Amendment Act, 1920; and that Mr. Forbes do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Wilford, for Mr. Forbes, accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

4. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Land-tax (Annual) Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

5. *Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

   The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

   Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

6. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

   154. State Forest Service, Annual Report of, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. C.–3.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

   148. Public Debt Extinction Act, 1910, Certificate of Controller and Auditor-General, under the. B.–20.

   149. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Castlepoint, Paparua, Stewart Island, Waimate.]

   150. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Makara, Stewart Island.]

   151. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Carterton, Kumara, Whangarei.]

   153. Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1908: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease 5403, Mokihinui District, and Coal Lease 5706, at Seddonville, from T. H. Rogers to D. Moynihan.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

   152. Butter: Telegrams exchanged with London in connection with the Disposal of the Butter Output during the Season 1920–21. H.–38A.

155. Financial Statement, together with the Estimates of Expenditure for 1922–23. B.–6.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 148 and 152 be printed.

The Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes moved, and the Question was proposed, That the State Forest Report for the year ended 31st March, 1922, be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

7. *Message.*– The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 10.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled " An Act to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 15th August, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Coal-mines Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Paper.*—The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the State Forest Service Report for the year ended 31st March, 1922, be printed.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m. ;

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 11.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1923, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 15th August, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the enclosure, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

11. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

12. *Supply (Financial Statement).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until two minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 16th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Jane Brown (Heni Te Rau) be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Ages and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Act, 1912; and that the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Coates accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

159. Conference on the Limitation of Armaments, held at Washington from the 12th November, 1921, to the 6th February, 1922: Report of the Honourable Sir John Salmond, Delegate for the Dominion of New Zealand. A.–5.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

156. Roads closed or stopped in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

157. Fire Board: Balance-sheet, &c., of the Wanganui Fire Board, for the Year ended 30th June, 1921.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

158. Pig Iron and Steel, Report on the Production of, from New Zealand Titaniferous Ironsands. C.–15.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 158 and 159 be printed.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 12.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the State Advances Act, 1913," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th August, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the State Advances Act, 1913.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Hon. Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

5. *State Advances Amendment Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the State Advances Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Malcolm moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

7. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—On motion of the Right Hon. Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be granted the Chairman of the Statutes Revision Committee to bring up Reports.

Mr. Reed, from the Statutes Revision Committee, accordingly brought up Reports on the Administration of Justice Bill, and the Settled Land Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–11.)

8. *Administration of Justice Bill.—Ordered*, That the Administration of Justice Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Settled Land Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Settled Land Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Child Sustenance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Child Sustenance Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill could not proceed further, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation.

11. *Hutt Road Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Hutt Road Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 17th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Motherhood Endowment Bill.*—Mr. Savage moved, and the Question was proposed, That leave be given to bring in the Motherhood Endowment Bill;

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Debate was interrupted by a Question of breach of privilege.

3. *Privilege.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That in stating to Mr. Speaker and the Bill Reader that there was nothing improper in the Explanatory Memorandum to his Proportional Representation and Country Quota Bill, whereas it contained the following paragraph—"Under proportional representation there would be no necessity to alter the boundaries of the Kaiapoi Electorate in order to protect Reform interests, because the Reform party would secure the representation it is entitled to in the combined Electoral District of Christchurch"—Mr. J. McCombs, the member for Lyttelton, was guilty of a breach of the privilege of this House.

The Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 44.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	McLeod	Potter
Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	McNicol	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bollard	Hawken	Malcolm	Rhodes, T. W.
Brown	Henare	Mander	Stewart
Campbell	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Nash	Williams
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Wright
Dickson, J. S.	Hunter, Sir G.	Newman, E.	Young.
Dixon, E.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Jones
Glenn	Lysnar	Pomare	Reed.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.			

NOES, 21.

Atmore	McCallum	Seddon	Wilford.
Bartram	McCombs	Sidey	
Edie	Masters	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Parry	Statham	Fraser
Holland	Poland	Thacker	Sullivan.
Isitt	Savage	Veitch	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-eight minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 18th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. R. W. Smith (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of John Owen be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Sullivan (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Howard, on account of illness.

3. *Suspension of Standing Orders (Local Bills).*—On motion of Mr. Mander (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill, Standing Order No. 394 be suspended so far as it relates to the time-limit from the commencement of the session of the last publication of notices thereunder, and that Standing Order No. 399 be suspended in regard to the same Bill so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

4. *Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Whangarei Borough Council to lease Part of Kensington Park, being Parts of Allotments 1 and 2 of the Parish of Whangarei, County of Marsden, to the Whangarei Racing Club (Incorporated); and that Mr. Mander do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Mander accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

5. *Motherhood Endowment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the interrupted Debate on the Question, That leave be given to introduce the Motherhood Endowment Bill;

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Endowment of Motherhood by making Payment to Mothers and other Persons in certain Cases; to amend certain Acts; and for Purposes connected therewith: and that Mr. Savage do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Bartram, for Mr. Savage, accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on the 30th day of August, and to be printed.

6. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Naval Defence Amendment Act, 1922, the Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1922, and the Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners' Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Rotorua Borough Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Rotorua Borough Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

8. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—
160. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, Amending Regulations made under the.

9. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Bollard, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. Hodge, and the Wanganui Harbour Board; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–6.)
Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the Petition of the Wanganui Harbour Board.

11. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Wiremu Karaka and others, Hirini Kirihuruhuru Tawera, Huitau Te Hau and others, Ane Te Kore and others, Ane Te Kore and others, Rangi Patene and others, Wetini Rekirangi and others, Hune Patara, Wiremu Henare and others, Kete Te Ahere and others, Uru Ranapiri and another, and Wi Ngatawa, and Parliamentary Paper No. 114. (Appendix I.–3.)
Ordered, That the Petition of Wiremu Karaka and others, together with the Report of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.
Ordered, That Parliamentary Paper No. 114 be referred to the Government for consideration.

12. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Unemployed Workers' Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

13. *Unemployed Workers' Bill.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that as the Bill had been read a second time, and is now reported to contain an appropriation, the Bill could not proceed further.

14. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. R. P. Hudson, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up reports on the Wairau River District Loans Bill, the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill, the Christchurch City Sanitation Amendment Bill, and the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.
Mr. Hudson, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a Report on the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as follows :—
The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have not been wholly complied with, inasmuch as a plan of the district showing the proposed alteration of boundaries of the Opouriao and Rangitaiki Wards was not deposited with Bill. The Committee recommends that the Bill, notwithstanding the irregularity, be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

15. *Wairau River District Loans Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wairau River District Loans Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

16. *Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

17. *Christchurch City Sanitation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch City Sanitation Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

18. *Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

19. *Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill.*—The Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

20. *Washington Treaties.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House) moved, and the Question was proposed, That the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled assents to the ratification by His Majesty of the Washington Treaties as negotiated by the plenipotentiaries at the recent Washington Conference.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until seventeen minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Jennings on account of urgent public business.

3. *Painters and Decorators' Health Protection Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the Health of Painters and Decorators from the Injurious Effects of Lead Poisoning; and that Mr. Veitch do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Veitch accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, and to be printed.

4. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

161. Department of Agriculture, Annual Report of the. H.-29.

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Paper be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

5. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply, the Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Sidey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey adjourned.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of illness.

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid on the Table with the leave of the House:—

162. Board of Agriculture, Report of the, for the Year 1921–22. H.–29A.

163. Internal Affairs Department: Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. H.–22.

3. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-one minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 24th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

164. Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921–22, Regulations under the.

165. Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1911.—Regulations relating to Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks: Extension of Time as to Rights affected by War.

166. Board of Trade Act, 1919: Petrol Regulations, 1918, revoked.

167. Board of Trade Act, 1919.—Wool Industry Regulations, 1921: Notice fixing Minimum Average Prices revoked.

168. Board of Trade Act, 1919: Amending Regulations relating to the Export of Timber.

169. Board of Trade Act, 1919: Timber Industry Regulations, 1921, revoked.

170. Board of Trade Act, 1919.—Wheat Industry Regulations: Maximum Price of Wheat.

171. Board of Trade Act, 1919.—Regulations: Maximum Price of Bread, and Maximum Prices of Flour, Bran, and Pollard.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

172. Rohe Potae, Amount of Beer and Spirits sent into, during the past Five Years, from Licensing Districts in the Dominion. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

3. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "in view of the fact disclosed in the Budget that on the 31st March, 1922, there was a surplus of £7,531,367 in the Consolidated Fund, this House is of the opinion that the Government failed in its duty by not making provision for the absorption of the unemployed by proceeding with urgently necessary public works."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Howard, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 25th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply; and the amendment proposed thereto, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "in view of the fact disclosed in the Budget that on the 31st March, 1922, there was a surplus of £7,531,367 in the Consolidated Fund, this House is of the opinion that the Government failed in its duty by not making provision for the absorption of the unemployed by proceeding with urgently necessary public works."

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. Burnett, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until seven minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 29th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 13.*

The Governor-General, on behalf of His Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the payment of salaries, wages, and contingencies for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1923.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th August, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. *Debate on Financial Statement and Amendment thereto postponed.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day (at half after two of the clock p.m.) for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve into itself the Committee of Supply; and the amendment proposed thereto, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "in view of the fact disclosed in the Budget that on the 31st March, 1922, there was a surplus of £7,531,367 in the Consolidated Fund, this House is of the opinion that the Government failed in its duty by not making provision for the absorption of the unemployed by proceeding with urgently necessary public works," be postponed in order that the House may forthwith consider the Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

4. *Supply (Imprest).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two million two hundred and eighty thousand eight hundred and fifteen pounds be granted to His Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee of Supply had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee to consider the Ways and Means of raising the Supply granted to His Majesty;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That, in addition to all sums otherwise granted, there may be issued and applied, by way of imprest, towards making good the supply

granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three,—

(*a.*) Out of the respective funds and accounts (being part of the Public Account) specified in the First Schedule hereto, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two million one hundred and ninety-four thousand four hundred and fifteen pounds, as set forth in that Schedule:

(*b.*) Out of the respective accounts mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto, the respective sums therein set forth, not exceeding in the whole eighty-six thousand four hundred pounds.

The aforesaid sums shall be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the Dominion for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,500,000
State Forests Account	12,000
State Coal-mines Account	10,000
Nauru and Ocean Islands Account	16,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	500,000
Electric Supply Account	125,000
Separate Accounts—	
Land for Settlements Account—	
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account	7,500
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	500
Native Land Settlement Account	500
Fishing Industry Promotion Account	415
Westport Harbour Account	2,500
War Expenses Account	20,000
	£2,194,415

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	9,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	1,000
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	500
The Public Trustee's Account	16,000
The Native Trustee's Account	4,500
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch Account	50,100
Advances to Workers Branch Account	200
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
	£86,400

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey and the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 3).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to order, presented a Bill to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey having claimed, under Standing Order No. 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Bill.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

7. *Death of the Hon. C. A. C. Hardy.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Sidey, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable Charles Albert Creery Hardy, a member of the Legislative Council and a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectively tenders to his widow and family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

8. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Hon. Charles Albert Creery Hardy.

And the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after seven of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Wednesday, the 30th Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of illness.

3. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply; and the amendment proposed thereto, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "in view of the fact disclosed in the Budget that on the 31st March, 1922, there was a surplus of £7,531,367 in the Consolidated Fund, this House is of the opinion that the Government failed in its duty by not making provision for the absorption of the unemployed by proceeding with urgently necessary public works";

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Debate interrupted by reading of a Message from the Legislative Council.

4. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1922 (No. 3), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

5. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—Debate resumed.

On motion of Mr. Bollard, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on the motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 31st Day of August, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. R. W. Smith (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of P. Cronin be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be granted to the Railways Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That six days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Wilford, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Masters (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Atmore, on account of a death in his family.

4. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply; and the amendment proposed thereto, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "in view of the fact disclosed in the Budget that on the 31st March, 1922, there was a surplus of £7,531,367 in the Consolidated Fund, this House is of the opinion that the Government failed in its duty by not making provision for the absorption of the unemployed by proceeding with urgently necessary public works."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 52.

Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Parr, Hon. C. J.
Bollard	Hamilton, J. R.	McNicol	Potter
Brown	Hawken	Mackenzie	Reed
Burnett	Henare	Malcolm	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Campbell	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Rhodes, T. W.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Smith, R. W.
Craigie	Horn	Masters	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Mitchell	Sykes
Dickson, J. S.	Hunter	Nash	Williams
Dixon, E.	Isitt	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Young.
Field	Jones	Newman, E.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Harris
Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	McLeod.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.			

NOES, 13.

Fraser	Parry	Sullivan	*Tellers.*
Holland	Poland	Thacker	Bartram
McCombs	Savage	Witty.	Howard.
Munro	Smith, S. G.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Friday, the 1st Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Glenn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given the Defence Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £63,901 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923. (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.*)

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made progress in the Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1923, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-four minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 5th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency :—

173. Education, Report of the Minister of, for the Year ended 31st December, 1921. (In continuation of E.–1, 1921.) E.–1.

179. Mental Hospitals of the Dominion, Report on, for the Year 1921. H.–7.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

174. Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1911 : Thirty-third Annual Report of the Registrar. H.–10.

178. Hawke's Bay Land District, Copy of Proclamation declaring Land in, to be subject to Section 127 of the Land Act, 1908.

181. Customs Act, 1913 : Order in Council made under the Governor-General declaring the Rates of Duty on Cellophane and Articles made therefrom.

183. Fire Board : Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the New Plymouth Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1921.

184. Fire Boards : Balance-sheets and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the undermentioned Fire Boards for the Year ended 30th June, 1922. [Lawrence, Masterton, New Plymouth.]

185. Fire Board : Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Balclutha Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1921.

186. Fire Board : Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Waitara Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1920.

187. Fire Board : Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Waitara Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1921.

188. Fire Board : Balance-sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Waitara Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

189. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Franklin, Waikouaiti.]

190. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Brunner, Wanganui.]

191. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Cheviot, Eyre, Halswell, Matamata, Mount Herbert, Rangiora, Southland.]

192. County Council's Balance-sheet of the Pohangina County for the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

193. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Lawrence, Mount Eden.]

194. Gonville and Castlecliff Tramway Board : Balance-sheets and Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

195. New York Life Insurance Company : Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

196. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Ashburton, Levels, Rotorua.]

197. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Ashburton, Newmarket.]

198. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Birkenhead, Northcote.]

199. London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business) : Statement of Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

200. Temporary Employees in the Public Service : Return showing the Names of all Temporary Employees in the Public Service and the Remuneration paid to Each.

201. Investment of Department Funds, Returns showing. B.–11.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

175. Enemy Property in New Zealand: Second Report by the Public Trustee, as Custodian of Enemy Property and as Controller of the New Zealand Clearing Office. H.–25.

176. Imperial Government Supplies, Department of: Review of Operations, covering the Period from 1st April, 1921, to 30th June, 1922. H.–38.

177. Repatriation Department: Report regarding the Organization of the. H.–30.

180. Nauru, Reports on the Administration of, 20th December, 1920, to 31st December, 1921, prepared by the Administrator for submission to the League of Nations.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Orders of the House:—

182. Customs and Excise Duty derived from Beer and Spirituous Liquors for the Years 1920, 1921, and 1922. Return to an Order dated the 8th August, 1922.

202. Cattle, Return of, in the Dominion, on the 31st January, 1922. H.–23c. Return to an Order dated the 19th October, 1917.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 201, and 202 be printed.

The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture be printed.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Representation Commission's Report be printed.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the State Forest Service be printed.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

2. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 14.*

The Bills intituled—

The Imprest Supply Act, 1922,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1922 (No. 2),
The Land-tax (Annual) Act, 1922,
The Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Act, 1922,
The Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1922,
The Naval Defence Amendment Act, 1922,
The Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Act, 1922, and
The Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners' Amendment Act, 1922,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th August, 1922.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 15.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

4. *Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to order, presented the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 16.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Borrowing of Money in Aid of Public Works and Purposes," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to authorize the Borrowing of Money in Aid of Public Works and Purposes.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

6. *Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 17.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Pharmacy Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Parr do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Pharmacy Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Parr, according to Order, presented the Pharmacy Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 18.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Customs Act, 1913," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommend that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Customs Act, 1913.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to;

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

10. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the Customs Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

11. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 19.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Amusements-tax," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Amusements-tax.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

12. *Amusements-tax Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Amusements-tax Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

13. *Administration of Justice Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Administration of Justice Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Settled Land Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Settled Land Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

15. *Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

16. *Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

17. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Administration of Justice Bill, the Settled Land Amendment Bill, and the Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

18. *Administration of Justice Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 38 and 39, to strike out the words "or such longer period as may be allowed by the said Court." (*Mr. Holland.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

19. *Settled Land Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to reinsert the following paragraph (*c*), struck out by the Statutes Revision Committee: "That it is in the best interests of the beneficiaries in any settled land." (*Mr. McCallum.*)

And the Question being put, That paragraph (*c*) be so reinserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 39.

Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	McLeod	Reed
Bollard	Hamilton, J. R.	McNicol	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Brown	Harris	Mander	Rhodes, T. W.
Campbell	Hawken	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Newman, E.	Sykes
Dickson, J. M.	Horn	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Dixon, E.	Hudson	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Young.
Field	Hunter, Sir G.	Poland	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Dr. M.	Hockly
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lake, Sir J. P.	Potter	McCallum.

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Bartram	Howard	Statham	*Tellers.*
Craigie	Munro	Sullivan	Forbes
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Parry	Veitch.	Sidey.
Holland			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Paragraph (*c*) reinserted.

Another amendment proposed : To add the following words to subclause (1), clause (1) : " the Court may, if it thinks fit, authorize generally the tenant for life, or the trustees or trustees of the settlement, to make at any time, and from time to time, leases or grants of or affecting the settled land in that district or locality, or parts thereof, for any term, or for any extension of term, at such rental and upon such conditions as to the Court shall seem meet ; or the Court may, if it thinks fit, authorize the tenant for life, or the trustee or trustees of the settlement, to make any such lease or grant in any particular case." (*Honourable Mr. Lee.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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20. *Administration of Justice Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Administration of Justice Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be " An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards made in New Zealand or elsewhere within His Majesty's Dominions, and for other Purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

21. *Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Swamp Drainage Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be " An Act to amend the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

22. *Settled Land Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Settled Land Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time;

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Statham asked if the Bill could be read a third time at this stage.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, page 903);

Debate resumed.

Mr. Sidey moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Settled Land Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 6th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

   On motion of Mr. Field (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. E. A. Gibb and others be referred direct to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee.

   On motion of Mr. Hockly (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of F. W. Anderson and others be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

2. *Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896; and that the Honourable Mr. Parr do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Parr accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

   203. Teachers' Superannuation Fund: Actuarial Examination for the Triennial Period ended 31st December, 1921. E.–9A.

   205. Naval Defence Act, 1913, Amended Regulations under the.

   The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

   204. General Assembly Library: the Value of Books and Manuscripts therein, the estimated Cost, at present Prices of Fittings, &c., and the present Fire Insurance Cover. Return to an Order dated the 18th July, 1922.

   Ordered, That Paper No. 203 be printed.

4. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Jane Morris; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the Petition, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (Appendix I.–2.)

5. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Malcolm moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

6. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Animals Protection and Game Amendment Act, 1922, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Animals Protection and Game Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921–22, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 13th day of September.

8. *Motherhood Endowment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Motherhood Endowment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill could not proceed further, inasmuch as the Bill contained an appropriation. (*Vide Hansard*, page 953.)

9. *Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the said Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso: "Provided that no woman who shall be appointed under this Act is of a less age than forty years." (*Mr. Young.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

10. *Proportional Representation and Effective Voting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Proportional Representation and Effective Voting Bill;

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill could not proceed, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation.

11. *State Control of Licenses Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the State Control of Licenses Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill could not proceed further, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation.

12. *Fencing Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Fencing Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Reed, *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 7th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

211. Defence Forces of New Zealand: Report of the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Military Forces, for the Period 1st July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922. H.–19.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

206. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1922. [Stewart Island.]

207. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1921. [Auckland, Bluff, Greymouth, Kawhia, Lyttelton, Nelson, New Plymouth, New River, Oamaru, Otago, Riverton, Stewart Island, Timaru, Tokomaru Bay, Tolaga Bay, Wellington.]

208. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1920. [Auckland, Gisborne, Kawhia, Nelson, Opunake, Stewart Island, Thames, Tokomaru Bay, Tolaga Bay, Waimakariri, Wairau, Wairoa, Whakatane.]

209. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1919. [Wairoa, Whakatane.]

210. State Coal-mines, Report on the Working of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. C.–2A.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

212. Geological Survey Branch of the Mines Department: Sixteenth Annual Report. C.–2C.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 210 and 212 be printed.

3. *Areas set apart as Reserves in Coromandel, Thames, and Hauraki Plains Counties, and Wangamarino Road Board District.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing separately the areas set apart as forest, scenic, and climatic or other reserves in Coromandel, Thames, and Hauraki Plains Counties, and Wangamarino Road Board District.

4. *Crown Lands administered by Goldfields Wardens.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing separately—(1) The value of timber sold by the Crown for milling purposes in the several land districts each year from 1913 to 1922; (2) the royalties paid to various local bodies throughout the Dominion under the Timber and Flax Royalties Act from ordinary Crown lands administered by Land Boards for each year from 1913 to 1922; and (3) the amounts paid to the several local bodies from timber disposed of from Crown lands administered by goldfield Wardens each year from 1913 to 1923.

5. *Population of Maoris and Europeans in Rohe Potae.*—On motion of Mr. Jennings, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the population of Maoris and Europeans respectively in what is called the Rohe Potae.

6. *Auckland City Council: Supply of Hydro-electric Power.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the terms of the agreement with the Auckland City Council for the supply of hydro-electric power to that body, and the price to be paid for the power.

7. *Coal: Amount of Fees or Commission paid on Purchases from outside the Dominion.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of fees or commission paid on purchases of coal from outside the Dominion during each of the years ended the 31st March, 1920, 1921, and 1922 respectively.

8. *Cement, Supply of, and Prices at various Ports.*—On motion of Mr. Masters, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the details of the c.i.f. prices entered into for the supply of cement between the Government and the Wilson's Cement Company and the Milburn Cement Company from the 1st June, 1922, to the 30th November, 1922, at Tauranga, Auckland, Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, New Plymouth, Wanganui, and Lyttelton; also the prices for the same period from the same companies on trucks at Whangarei, Picton, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

9. *Whangarei–Kawakawa–Kaikohe Railway, Expenditure on.*—On motion of Mr. Reed, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing details of expenditure on the Whangarei–Kawakawa–Kaikohe Railway Section under its several heads, especially the cost of relaying rails and other quasi capital expenditure, for the year ended 31st March last.

10. *Pig Iron, Iron and Steel Rails, and Iron and Steel Girders: Amount imported into New Zealand.*—On motion of Mr. Masters, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of pig iron, iron and steel rails, and iron and steel girders imported into New Zealand for each year from 1910 to the 31st March, 1922.

11. *Dairy-produce:* Particulars relative to Grading.—On motion of Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total cost to the State for grading dairy-produce; (2) the number of graders employed; and (3) the number of grading-ports in New Zealand.

12. *War Debt per Head of Population.*—On motion of Sir G. Hunter, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the New Zealand war debt per head of the population, inclusive of Maoris.

13. *Gold-production in Ohinemuri County.*—On motion of Mr. Poland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total production of gold and silver in Ohinemuri County, including Waihi Borough, for the thirty years ended 31st March, 1922; (2) the amount of gold duty collected from said production during the period mentioned; (3) the amount of goldfields revenue collected during the same period; (4) the total expenditure by the Government on assistance to prospecting during the same thirty years in Ohinemuri County, including Waihi Borough; and (5) the total amount paid in dividends during the same period from the above mining district.

14. *Clutha Valley Railway.*—On motion of Mr. Edie, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the mileage and cost of the various trial surveys for the Clutha Valley Railway.

15. *Westcote Settlement.*—On motion of Mr. Wilford, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The price per acre paid for the Westcote (or Westcott) Settlement, of approximately 1,400 acres, in the Otago Land District; (2) the number of sections into which such settlement was

divided; (3) the number of men who applied to take up such sections; (4) the number of those men at that settlement to-day; (5) the present-day valuation of such settlement; and (6) the use to which the land is being put to-day.

16. *Death of Mr. James Jobb Holland.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Jennings, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late James Jobb Holland, a former member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

17. *Death of Mr. Donald Reid.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Sidey, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Donald Reid, a former member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his widow and family the assurance of its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

18. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. this day, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Donald Reid and the late James Jobb Holland.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after four of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

19. *Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

20. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

21. *Wairau River District Loans Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wairau River District Loans Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

22. *Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

23. *Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

24. *Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill.*—The order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

25. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill, the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill, the Wairau River District Loans Bill, the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill, the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill, and the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

26. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the provisoes, and substitute the following, as subclauses (2) and (3):—

"(2.) In exercise of the powers conferred by this section it shall not be obligatory upon the Council to accept the highest or any tender, but where the premises aforesaid are let as a whole the Council may accept any tender if the annual rent to be reserved is not less than five per centum of the capital value of the said Reserve No. 10 and the buildings thereon, as the same is shown on the valuation roll of the City of Christchurch for the time being in force, and where the premises aforesaid are let in lots may accept any tender if the aggregate annual rent to be reserved is not less than five per centum of the capital value aforesaid.

"(3.) The power hereinbefore conferred upon the Council to accept a tender other than the highest shall not be exercised in favour of any member of the Council." (*Mr. Isitt.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

27. *Wairau River District Loans Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

First Schedule read.

And the Question being put, That the Schedule stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Schedule omitted.

Second Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

28. *Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 11 and 12, to omit the word "definitions," and to substitute the word "descriptions" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Hockly.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the words "where it occurs in the first line." (*Mr. Hockly.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendments proposed: In line 17, after the word "the," to insert the words "first election of the"; and in the same line, after the word "be," to insert the word "held," and delete the word "elected." (*Mr. Hockly.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the word "section," to insert the words "in respect of any election." (*Mr. Hockly.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

29. *Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Act, 1919."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

30. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill and had made amendment therein.

On motion of Mr. Isitt (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Christchurch City Council to let Reserve No. 10 (being one of the Parcels of Land mentioned in the Municipal Corporations Reserves Ordinance of Canterbury, 1868), and the Buildings thereon known as the Christchurch Municipal Offices."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

31. *Wairau River District Loans Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Wairau River District Loans Bill and had made amendment therein.

On motion of Mr. McCallum (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to constitute the Wairau River District the Area over which Rates may be struck and pledged, or other Security given, to secure Repayment of and to provide for the Annual Charges and other Payments in connection with the Loans at present secured upon the several River Districts which are now united and form the Wairau River District."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

32. *Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Wairau Harbour Board to levy Rates within the Wairau Harbour District."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

33. *Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

34. *Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

On motion of Mr. Hockly (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Whakatane Harbour Act, 1921–22."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

35. *State Advances Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the State Advances Amendment Bill be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

36. *Pharmacy Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Pharmacy Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr, referred to the Public Health Committee.

37. *Insurance Companies Deposits Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Insurance Companies Deposits Amendment Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

38. *Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

39. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Coal-mines Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Friday, the 8th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Henare, for the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Wiremu Potae and another, Wiremu Potae and another, Tunoa Roihana and others, and Wiremu Potae and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Insurance Companies Deposits Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Insurance Companies' Deposits Act, 1921–22; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

213. Public Service Superannuation Fund: Actuarial Examination for the Triennium ended 31st December, 1919. H.–26A.

214. Public Service Superannuation Fund: Fourteenth Annual Report, with Accounts, for the Year ended 31st December, 1921. H.–26.

215. Roads closed or stopped in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

216. Government Insurance Department (Accident Branch): Report of the Commissioner for the Year ended 31st December, 1921. H.–8A.

217. Government Insurance Commissioner, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st December, 1921. H.–8.

218. National Provident Fund Board, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st December, 1921. H.–17.

219. Roads closed or stopped in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

220. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921–22: Report and Recommendation of Petition No. 228/1920, relative to Succession to Enoka Pani in Lots 270, 369, and 377, Waipipi Block.

221. Post and Telegraph Department.—Schedule of Regulations, comprising Orders in Council: Rules and Regulations for the Guidance of Post and Telegraph Officers, and Amendment to the Regulations under the Post and Telegraph Act, 1918.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House:—

222. Parry, Mr. Evan: Retaining-fee for Advice in connection with Electrical Matters. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

222A. Tokerau Maori Land District: Return showing—(1) area of land vested in Maori Land Board; (2) area of land for sale or lease; (3) area revested in the Natives; (4) area still vested in the Board. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 213, 214, 216, 217, and 218 be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 220 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

4. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill, the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill, and the Petitions of A. J. Whiteside and others, and John Steel and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

5. *Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Speaker having ruled that the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill was not a Local Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7 *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Administration of Justice Act, 1922, the Settled Land Amendment Act, 1922, and the Swamp Drainage Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment.

8. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Reed, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up Reports on the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill, and the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–11.)

9. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.—Ordered*, That the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

10. *Mercantile Law Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

11. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Reed, from the Statutes Revision Committee, also brought up a Report on the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

12. *Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

And the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey raised a point of order as to whether, the day being a Friday, Mr. Speaker should leave the Chair without putting the Question.

Mr. Speaker announced that he would consider the point of order and give his ruling later.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, vol. cxcvi, p. 1045);

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £63,901 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £31,106 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £63,022 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £80,181 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,785 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of National Provident and Friendly Societies Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

To report the Resolutions, and ask for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that he had been directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee of Supply.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-four minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 12th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Field (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of H. M. Browne, and A. Robertson and others, be referred direct to the Agricultural, Pastoral, Stock, and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of M. J. Cleary be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. E. Newman, on account of urgent public business.

On motion of Mr. Sidey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Wilford, on account of illness.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 20.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this House recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

4. *Weights and Measures Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Weights and Measures Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 21.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the State Fire Insurance Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this House recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the State Fire Insurance Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

6. *State Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the State Fire Insurance Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 22.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this House recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 23.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this House recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

10. *Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to order, presented the Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

11. *Government Business on Wednesdays.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That on and after Wednesday, the 13th day of September, and for the remainder of the session, Government business take precedence on Wednesdays.

12. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

223. Prisons, Report on, for the Year 1921–22. H.–20.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

224. Public Service Act, 1912, Regulations made by the Public Service Commissioner under the Authority of the.

225. Balance-sheet of the Inglewood Borough Council for the Year ended 31st March, 1920.

226. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Feilding, Geraldine.]

227. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Waitaki, Whangaroa.]

228. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Feilding, Inglewood, Ross, Takapuna.]

229. Fire Boards: Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1922. [Dunedin, Wanganui.]

230. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1921, of the Hamilton Fire Board.

231. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921–22: Report and Recommendation on Petitions Nos. 300/1920, and 19/1921, relative to Succession to Interests of Harawira Heperi in Awarua 4A, 3C, 4C, and other Blocks.

Ordered, That Paper No. 223 be printed.

Ordered, That Paper No. 231 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

13. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, for Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill, the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill, and the Wellington

City Empowering and Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hudson, for Sir George Hunter, also brought up a Report on the Wellington City Empowering Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Wellington City Empowering Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with. The Committee has incorporated the provisions of this Bill with the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, introduced earlier in the session, and accordingly has no recommendation to make.

14. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill.—Ordered*, That the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill be read a second time next sitting-day;

15. *Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill.*—The Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

16. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.*—The Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

17. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Bill be withdrawn.

18. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Malcolm, from the Education Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Thomas D'Arcy Hamilton, Mary Bethune, and Catherine Grey; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–8.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Mary Bethune, and Catherine Grey, together with the Reports of the Education Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

19. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. H. Barber, Annie Wainhouse, Mary Winifred Miller, Christian Kienele, O. F. Holland, J. T. Bosworth, Irene Annie Dawson, Ada Herminah Fulton, D. Pringle and others, and the trustees of the Wellington Society for Relief of the Aged and Needy; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Annie Wainhouse, Mary Winifred Miller, O. F. Holland, and J. T. Bosworth, together with the Reports of the Defence Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Irene Annie Dawson, and D. Pringle and others, together with the Reports of the Defence Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

20. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of C. W. Stephenson, Ella R. Thomson, C. A. Moeller, Stirtevant Piggin, and Mary Evans and others and eighty-nine similar Petitions; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Ella R. Thomson, together with the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of C. A. Moeller, together with the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for full inquiry.

21. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Bollard, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of the Wanganui Harbour Board, and W. T. Benefield and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–6.)

Ordered, That the Petition of the Wanganui Harbour Board, together with the Report of the Railways Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

22. *Mercantile Law Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

23. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

24. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill and the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.

(In the Committee.)

25. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill:*—

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—"(1A.) Any person, firm, or company acting in New Zealand as agent for the owner or master of any ship who has issued a through bill of lading for delivery of goods at a New Zealand port shall be liable to pay the consignee of such goods damages for short delivery, injury, or pillage of the same, and such damages shall be recoverable in any Court in New Zealand having jurisdiction to the amount of the damages claimed." (*Mr. McCallum.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "master" at the end of clause, and insert the word "owner" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. McCallum.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1922.

26. *Mercantile Law Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Mercantile Law Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

27. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act relating to the Sea Carriage of Goods."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

28. *State Advances Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the State Advances Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 13th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Sidey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one day's leave of absence be granted to Dr. Thacker, on account of illness.

3. *Leave for Select Committees to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Dr. A. K. Newman (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given to the Public Health Committee to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

   On motion of Sir G. Hunter (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given to the Local Bills Committee to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

4. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918; and that the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Coates accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Judicature Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Judicature Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Fireblight Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make special Provision for the Control of the Disease of Fruit and other Trees known as Fireblight; and that the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove certain Disabilities suffered by such British Subjects as are within the Purview of certain War Regulations and other Enactments relating to Alien Enemies and Persons of Enemy Origin; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

8. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

   232. General Assembly Library: Balance-sheet and Chief Librarian's Report for the Year ended 1921–22. H.–32.

9. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. L. Spence, E. H. Porter, Minnie MacDonald, and T. H. B. Styles; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of T. H. B. Styles, and E. H. Porter, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

   Ordered, That the Petition of Minnie MacDonald, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

10. *Joint Library Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Joint Library Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

I am directed to report that the Joint Library Committee has duly received and adopted the Report of the Chief Librarian, together with the Balance-sheet, for the year 1921–22 (*vide* H.–32).

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

11. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Statutes Revision Committee on the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill do lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–11.)

Mr. Harris moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

12. *Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr, referred to the Education Committee.

13. *Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

14. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Customs Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

15. *Insurance Companies Deposits Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Insurance Companies Deposits Amendment Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-three minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 14th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given to the Public Petitions A to L Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

234. Mines Department, Statement of the, for the Year ended 31st December, 1921. C.–2.

235. Health Department: Report of the Director-General of Health for the Year 1920–21.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to an Order of the House:—

233. Fishing Industry Promotion Act, Assistance accorded under. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

Ordered, That Paper No. 234 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. Parr moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Director-General of Health for the Year 1920–21 be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

3. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the War Disabilities Removal Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

4. *Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill (No. 2);

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Insurance Companies' Deposits Act, 1921–22."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

5. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 7 be postponed.

6. *Weights and Measures Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Weights and Measures Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 15th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Fencing Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

3. *Fencing Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Fencing Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

4. *Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,349,268 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101,915 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,815 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £59,468 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Improvement of Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance of Irrigation Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,945 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,733 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,216 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,291 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £91,127 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Supreme and Magistrates' Courts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £78,324 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,927 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £403,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,762 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that he had been directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 19th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

   On motion of Mr. Wilford (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Tikareti Teiriwhiro and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *War between Turkey and Greece.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That, in connection with the recent developments in the Near East arising out of the war between Turkey and Greece, this House confirms the action of the Government, in response to the telegram from Mr. Lloyd George, in stating that New Zealand desired to associate itself with Great Britain in any course of action decided upon, and also that the Dominion was prepared to send a contingent.

   Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof: "this House disapproves of the action of the Government in committing New Zealand to military obligations without the authority of the Parliament and people of New Zealand, and is of the opinion that, preliminary to discussion and decision on any proposal to engage this country in further war, all information in possession of the Government should be placed before Parliament and the country. This House further urges the Imperial Government to submit all the questions at issue between the Allied Powers and Turkey to the League of Nations for settlement."

   And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 57.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Statham
Atmore	Horn	Newman, E.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bitchener	Hudson	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Sykes
Burnett	Isitt	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Thacker
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Jennings	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Uru
Craigie	Jones	Poland	Veitch
Dickson, J. S.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wilford
Edie	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Williams
Field	Lysnar	Reed	Witty
Glenn	McCallum	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Wright
Hamilton, A.	McLeod	Rhodes, T. W.	Young.
Hamilton, J. R.	Malcolm	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Mander	Smith, S. G.	Bollard
Harris	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Smith, R. W.	Seddon.
Henare	Mitchell		

NOES, 7.

Howard	Savage	*Tellers.*
Munro	Sullivan	Fraser
Parry		Holland.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being again proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

Debate resumed.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-one minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 20th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

   On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Hori Poroa Raharuhi be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Fencing Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Reed (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 15 be discharged, and that the Fencing Amendment Bill be referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

3. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1922, the Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Act, 1922, and the Wairau River District Loans Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

   On motion of Mr. Hockly, *Ordered*, That the amendments be agreed to.

   Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

5. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

   237. Prisons Board, Annual Report of the, for the Year 1921. H.–20A.

   238. Industries and Commerce, Department of (Board of Trade), Fifth Annual Report of. H.–44.

   239. Sheep Returns (Annual), for the Year ended 30th April, 1922. H.–23.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

236. Government Railways Superannuation Fund, Report on the. D.–5.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House:—

240. Trout-hatchery Operations, Cost of, &c. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

241. Fruit-export Guarantee, Amount paid for the past Fourteen Years under the. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 236 to 239 be printed.

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Mita Taupopoki and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for inquiry. (Appendix I.–3.)

7. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on Petitions of J. F. Dittmer and others, A. W. Thompson and others, the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, and the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

8. *Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

10. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Isitt, the same were accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Bill.

12. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. T. Large, F. J. Brooks, J. M. Goode, T. C. Duncan, J. R. Ingram, Harriett Hussey, G. L. Collins, W. J. Entwisle and another, J. Hughes, T. Black, and the Federated Association of Superannuated Public Servants of New Zealand; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of T. C. Duncan, J. T. Large, Harriett Hussey, G. L. Collins, and W. J. Entwisle and another, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Federated Association of Superannuated Public Servants of New Zealand, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of James Hughes be referred to the Defence Committee.

13. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Orders of the Day, resolved itself into Committee on the State Advances Amendment Bill, the Customs Amendment Bill, and the Weights and Measures Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

14. *State Advances Amendment Bill:*—

Clauses 1 to 19 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"15A. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, all moneys advanced under Part II of that Act for the repayment of any mortgage shall bear interest at a rate exceeding by one per centum per annum the rate for the time being chargeable on advances made for other purposes.

"(2.) Where pursuant to this section or to section thirty-seven of the principal Act, as amended by the last preceding section, the rate of interest on any advance exceeds five per centum per annum, the rebate of interest allowed under section forty-one of the principal Act shall be at the rate of one-half per centum per annum." (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

To report the Bill with amendment.

15. *Customs Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 8 read and agreed to.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"9. (1.) In this section the expression "intermediate country" means the country, not being the country of origin, from which any goods are imported into New Zealand.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything in section one hundred and fourteen of the principal Act, the current domestic value of any goods imported into New Zealand from an intermediate country may, in such cases as the Governor-General by Order in Council prescribes, be assessed at an amount exceeding, by such percentage as may be prescribed, the current domestic value of those goods in the country from which they were exported to the intermediate country at the time of their exportation to that country.

"10. (1.) The Comptroller or any Collector may, by order under his hand and the seal of the Customs, require any person to produce for inspection by him or by any specified officer of Customs all or any receipts, records, or other documents relative to any goods with reference to which any question has arisen under the Customs Acts; and to allow the Comptroller, Collector, or other officer as aforesaid to make copies of or extracts from any such receipts, records, or documents; and to appear before the Comptroller, Collector, or other specified officer as aforesaid and to answer all questions put to him concerning any such goods, or such receipts, records, or documents as aforesaid.

"(2.) Every person who fails or refuses to conform to any requisition under this section shall be liable to a penalty of fifty pounds.

"(3.) An order under this section may be directed to any corporation or local authority, or to any member, officer, or servant of any such corporation or local authority." (*Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

16. *Weights and Measures Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: To insert, after paragraph (*b*), the following new paragraph:—

"(*bb.*) Regulating the sale of firewood, charcoal, coke, and coal, and prohibiting the sale of such articles except in accordance with such regulations." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"6A. Section twenty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "of any goods," in the proviso thereto, the words "(other than firewood, charcoal, coke, and coal)." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

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17. *State Advances Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the State Advances Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time next sitting-day.

18. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Customs Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith;

The same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Customs Act, 1913."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

19. *Weights and Measures Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Weights and Measures Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 21st Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata, for the Honourable Sir M. Pomare (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Heeni Kipa, and Neha Kipa and another, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Ataria Mohi Mohe and others, and Tangatake Hapuku and others, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

243. National Provident Fund : Annual Statement of the Superintendent for the Year ended 31st September, 1921. H.–17A.

244. Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of various Government Departments. B.–1. [Pt. III].

245. Roads closed or stopped in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

246. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Hobson, Lake, Pohangina, Southland, Waipa.]

247. Wellington City Council, Abstract of Accounts and General Balance-sheet of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

248. Public Revenues Act and Amendments, 1910–1919, and Treasury Regulations.

249. Railways Statement for the Year ended 31st March, 1922 ; also Annual Report of the General Manager of Railways. D.–2.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House :—

242. Cement, Details of the c.i.f. Prices entered into for the Supply of, between the Government and the Wilson's Cement Company and the Milburn Cement Company. Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 243, 244, and 249 be printed.

3. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Malcolm, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–8.)

4. *Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

5. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill be postponed.

11. *Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

12. *Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the War Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill and the War Disabilities Removal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In the last line of paragraph (*b*), to omit the word "three," and substitute the word "five" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

16. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the War Disabilities Removal Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to remove certain Disabilities suffered by such British Subjects as are within the purview of certain War Regulations and other Enactments relating to Alien Enemies and Persons of Enemy Origin."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

17. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

18. *Fireblight Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Fireblight Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 22nd Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Statham (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Mary Johnson be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

2. *Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £6,164,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £31,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,569,354 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £1. (*Mr. McCallum.*)

Amendment negatived.

Vote agreed to.

To report Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that he had been directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. *War between Turkey and Greece.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey communicated to the House the following letter which he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

DEAR MR. MASSEY,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd September, 1922.

The events of the last few days have emphasized in the most striking manner the strength of the tie which binds New Zealand to the Motherland and to the remainder of our great Empire, and as His Majesty's representative in this Dominion I am anxious to express to you, and through you to the people of New Zealand, my intense admiration of the wonderful response which the first hint of serious danger to Imperial interests has brought forth.

It seems hardly credible that, in the absence of any call for volunteers, a total of twelve thousand officers and other ranks and three hundred nurses should, in the short period of four days, have registered their names for service if required.

I am indeed proud to have the honour of association with an outpost of Empire where such a spirit lives, and I tender my heartfelt appreciation and admiration to the people who hold so glorious a record.

Yours sincerely,

JELLICOE.

And then the House having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 26th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. McNicol, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Witty (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Dr. Thacker, on account of urgent public business.

On motion of Mr. Savage (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Bartram, on account of illness in the family.

3. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by Charles Mildmay Bothamley, Esquire:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Customs Amendment Act, 1922, and the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Weights and Measures Amendment Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *Weights and Measures Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Weights and Measures Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, the same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

5. *Suspension of Standing Orders (Local Bills).*—On motion of Mr. Mander (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill, Standing Order No. 394 be suspended so far as it relates to the time-limit from the commencement of the session of the last publication of notices thereunder, and that Standing Order No. 399 be suspended in regard to the same Bill so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

6. *Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Whangarei Borough Empowering Act, 1918; and that Mr. Mander do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Mander accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

7. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

254. Marine and Inspection of Machinery Department: Annual Report for 1921–22. H.–15.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

250. Rangitaiki Land Drainage: Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1922, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–11.

251. Swamp Drainage: Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1922, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–4.

252. Notice of Change of Purpose of a Portion of a Reserve in the Otago Land District, Block I, Pomahaka Survey District, from a Resting-place for Stock to a Site for a Post and Telegraph Office.

253. Land for Settlement Act, 1908, Report on the. C.–5.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 250, 251, 253, and 254 be printed.

8. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Petition of E. J. Renshaw, and the Coal-mines Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the Petition of E. J. Renshaw, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for further inquiry.

9. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Coal-mines Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Te Puke County Bill, the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill, the Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill, and the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

11. *Te Puke County Bill.—Ordered*, That the Te Puke County Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

12. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

13. *Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill.*—The Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

14. *Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill.*—The Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

15. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Te Tirepa, H. B. Matthews, Ngauru Whakawiria, A. T. T. Cooper and another, Paeroa Nopere and 2 others, Hira Rangimatini, Tioma and others, Eruera Te Kura and others, Paea Ahipene, Arapeta Maaka and another, Hawhe Pakeha, Maremare Taki Timutimu Tawhai and others, Horomona Teo Paipa and others, Ata Tamihana, Turoa Kupa and another, Te Ara Ngamoki, Hone Paputene and others; and on Parliamentary Papers Nos. 231 and 220. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of H. B. Matthews, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of A. T. T. Cooper and another be withdrawn.

Ordered, That Parliamentary Papers Nos. 220 and 231, and the Petition of Arapeta Maaka and another, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Te Ara Ngamoki, Hone Paputene and others, Ata Tamihana Turoa Kupa and another, Horomona Teo Paipa and others, Timutimu Rawhai and others, Mare Mare Taki, and Hawhe Pakeha, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

16. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of John J. Meikle, James McCready, S. C. H. McConnell, and James McGibbon, jun.; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of John J. Meikle, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of James McGibbon, jun., together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of James McCready, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Department of Internal Affairs.

17. *Railways* Committee.—Mr. Bollard, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Patrick C. Carr, and Stella Flanagan; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–6.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Stella Flanagan, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

18. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 24.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1916," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this House recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1916.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

19. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

20. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 25.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this House recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

21. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to order, presented the Land Laws Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

22. *State Advances Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the State Advances Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the State Advances Act, 1913."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

23. *Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Hauraki Plains Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

24. *Fireblight Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Fireblight Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—"(2.) No declaration shall be gazetted under this section until all local authorities, if affected by the proposed commercial fruitgrowing district, shall first have been notified for at least one month of the intention of the Governor-General to issue the Order in Council." (*Mr. Young.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 8 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make special Provision for the Control of the Disease of Fruit and other Trees known as Fireblight."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

25. *Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 46 and 47, to delete the words "one thousand," and insert the words "five hundred" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Parr.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 27th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Atmore (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of F. W. Atwood be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Sir G. Hunter (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given the Local Bills Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

255. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908: Amending Regulations in regard to the Importation of Fruit or Plants into New Zealand.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House:—

256. Coal Purchases outside the Dominion: Fees or Commission paid on Purchases of Coal. Return to an Order dated the 7th September, 1922.

257. Returned Soldiers' Applications for Grants to build Homes: Number granted and Number under Review. Return to an Order dated the 18th July, 1922.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Matenga Waaka and others, Ngarangara Pakeke and others, and Taare Mete; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of F. W. C. Haslam, J. J. Boyd, and C. R. Julian and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of F. W. C. Haslam and J. J. Boyd, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Harris, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of E. D. Dobson; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Mr. Reed moved, and the Question was proposed, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Spraker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 26.*

The Governor-General, on behalf of His Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the payment of salaries, wages, and contingencies for the year ending the 31st March, 1923.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th September, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million six hundred and ninety-nine thousand one hundred pounds be granted to His Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee to to consider the Ways and Means of raising the Supply granted to His Majesty, the Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That, in addition to all sums otherwise granted, there may be issued and applied, by way of imprest, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three,—

(*a.*) Out of the respective funds and accounts (being part of the Public Account) specified in the First Schedule hereto, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole one million six hundred and eleven thousand nine hundred pounds, as set forth in that Schedule:

(*b.*) Out of the respective accounts mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto, the respective sums therein set forth, not exceeding in the whole eighty-seven thousand two hundred pounds.

The aforesaid sums shall be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the Dominion for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,000,000
State Forests Account	11,000
State Coal-mines Account	12,000
Nauru and Ocean Islands Account	18,400
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	450,000
Electric Supply Account	100,000
Separate Accounts—	
Land for Settlements Account—	
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account	7,500
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	10,000
Native Land Settlement Account	500
Westport Harbour Account	2,500
	£1,611,900

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	9,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	1,000
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	500
The Public Trustee's Account	16,000
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch Account	20,400
Advances to Workers Branch Account	7,900
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	27,400
	£87,200

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey and the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 4).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented a Bill to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(Urgency).—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey having claimed, under Standing Order No. 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded to the passing of the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 28th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill, and the Hotel and Restaurant and Private-hotel and Boardinghouse Employees Six Days a Week Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

3. *Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

4. *Hotel and Restaurant and Private-hotel and Boardinghouse Employees Six Days a Week Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hotel and Restaurant and Private-hotel and Boardinghouse Employees Six Days a Week Bill be committed next sitting-day.

5. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of T. Mulcahy, F. Annear, J. Stevenson, and Mrs. Honorah Annear; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Mrs. Honorah Annear, together with the Report of the Defence Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

6. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Land Laws Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

7. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land Laws Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Bollard, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of P. Cronin, and Elizabeth C. McLeod; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petitions, be referred to the Government for consideration. (Appendix I.–6.)

9. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of A. McCallum, the Shannon Co-operative Cash Trading Society (Limited) and others, and Elizabeth Madden; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of A. McCallum, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for immediate favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Shannon Co-operative Cash Trading Society (Limited) and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Elizabeth Madden, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for immediate consideration.

10. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of F. W. Anderson and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for consideration. (Appendix I.–5.)

11. *Adjournment.*—Sir G. Hunter moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

12. *Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

15. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill, the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill, and the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill.

(In the Committee.)

16. *Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To insert the following common seal of the Auckland City Corporation:—

Signed and executed by the body corporate called the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Auckland, by the said Mayor and two of the said Councillors on behalf of the said body corporate. The common seal of the said body corporate was, at a meeting of the said body corporate held on the 18th day of May, 1922, set, affixed, and impressed hereto and hereby by the said Mayor of the City of Auckland in the presence of— (SEAL.)

J. H. GUNSON, Mayor.
J. A. WARNOCK, Councillor.
H. N. BAGNALL, Councillor.
J. S. BRIGHAM, Town Clerk.

(Honourable Mr. Parr.)

To report the Bill with amendment.

17. *Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.
(Clause 3 struck out by the Local Bills Committee.)
Clauses 4, 5, and 6 read and agreed to.
First Schedule read and agreed to.
(Second Schedule struck out by Local Bills Committee.)
Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Schedules read and agreed to.
Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

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18. *Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Bill and had made amendment therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to validate an Agreement for the Exchange of certain Lands between the Corporation of the City of Auckland and the Auckland Hospital Board, and to authorize the Auckland City Council to raise a Further Loan for the Enlargement and Improvement of the Auckland Municipal Abattoirs, and to pay certain Retiring-allowances."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

19. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to constitute and empower a Board to produce and supply Gas in and for the Boroughs of Petone and Lower Hutt and certain Lands contiguous thereto, and for that Purpose to acquire the Gas-producing Plant and Mains and the Whole of the Gas Undertakings of both Boroughs, and the Land and Material in connection therewith; and to take over the Loans and Liabilities of the respective

Boroughs relating thereto; and to do all such Acts as are incidental or conducive to the Attainment of the above Objects."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

20. *Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to appropriate a Portion of a Public Reserve in the Town of Invercargill to and for the Purpose of a Site for Tepid and other Baths, and for Yards and Buildings and Railway-sidings for the Public Works of the Borough of Invercargill."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

21. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

22. *Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

23. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

24. *Te Puke County Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Te Puke County Bill;

On motion of Mr. Hockly (with the leave of the House), the order for second reading was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

25. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1922 (No. 4), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

26. *Department of Health, Report of.*—The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the annual Report of the Department of Health be printed.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

27. *State Forest Reservation.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw Section 4 and part Sections 3 and 9, Block II, Tennyson Survey District, from State-forest reservation.

28. *Judicature Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Judicature Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

29. *State Fire Insurance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the State Fire Insurance Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

30. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 29th Day of September, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hanan, for Mr. Atmore (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of H. B. Kirk and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £18,756 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923. (*Honourable Mr. Lee.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item "Expenses of upkeep, Apia Observatory, £1,600," by £1. (*Mr. McCallum.*)

Amendment negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £119,801 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923. (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item "Commissioner, £837," by £1. (*Mr. Parry.*)

And the Question being put on the reduction, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Forbes	Mitchell	Savage	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Munro	Statham	Howard
Holland	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Sullivan	Parry.
Masters	Poland	Wilford.	

NOES, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Potter
Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Reed
Bollard	Hamilton, J. R.	Mackenzie	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Harris	McCallum	Rhodes, T. W.
Craigie	Henare	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Young.
Dickson, J. S.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nash	
Dixon, E.	Hockly	Newman, Dr. A. K.	*Tellers.*
Field	Horn	Newman, E.	Hunter, Sir G.
Glenn	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	McLeod.

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £268,904 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,793 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £8,312 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £218,344 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £256,656 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £317,616 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1922.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that he had been directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until nineteen minutes after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 3rd Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Business after 12 Midnight.*—Mr. Speaker made the following announcement: "Following the usual custom at this period of the session, I announce that on and after next sitting-day all business and Bills that have passed their first stages on the previous day may be proceeded with and passed through all stages after half past twelve a.m., provided that they have been called on before half past twelve a.m."

3. *Customs and Excise Revenue for the Years 1923, 1924, and 1925.*—On motion of Mr. Reed, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the estimated Customs and excise revenue, presuming continuance to be carried, to be derived on account of wines, spirits, and beers for the years ending 31st March, 1923, 1924, and 1925, separately.

4. *State Technical Colleges, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Sir J. P. Luke, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of students that attended the State technical colleges or schools for each year ended 31st March, 1920, 1921, and 1922.

5. *Land Transfer Assurance Fund, Amounts standing to the Credit of.*—On motion of Mr. Mander, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount standing to the credit of the Land Transfer Assurance Fund.

6. *Royal or other Commissions, Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. Statham, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the cost of all Royal or other Commissions set up by the Government since the 30th June, 1910, showing separately (1) the cost of each Commission, and (2) the date on which each Commission was set up.

7. *Public Works Expenditure on Imported Plant and Material.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of the public-works expenditure of £5,461,407 spent (*a*) on imported plant and material, (*b*) on Dominion-produced material.

8. *Railway Department: Members granted Pay on Retirement.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of members of the Railway Department who have been granted more than three months' leave on full pay on their retirement on superannuation, and the status of each such member; the return to be from 1st April, 1921, to the present date.

9. *Houses erected by the Government.*—On motion of Mr. Sidey, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of new dwellinghouses erected by the Government, and the money expended on same, including cost of land acquired for same, for each of the years ended respectively the 31st December, 1920, and 31st December, 1921, and for the current year so far as the information can be supplied to date of Return.

10. *Cement purchased by the Government.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of cement purchased by the Government in the years 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922, up to the end of June, each year to be shown separately.

11. *Houses built by the Government, and being constructed.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total number of houses built by the Government each year since the inception of the housing scheme; (2) the number now under construction or for which tenders have been let; (3) the localities in which the houses have been built; (4) the total cost, including purchase of land, cost of building, and departmental expenses to date; and (5) the average weekly charge to the tenant of a four-roomed house, a five-roomed house, and a six-roomed house.

12. *Lands permanently reserved as Educational Endowments.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That this House approves of the lands specified in Papers Nos. 158 and 329 of the session 1921–22 being permanently reserved as endowments for primary and secondary education as therein set forth, in terms of section 324 of the Land Act, 1908.

13. *Public Service Transfer of Officers, Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. Holland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of the expenditure of each Department of the Public Service in connection with the transfer of officers between the 1st January, 1914, and the 31st December, 1921, inclusive.

14. *Soldier Settlers, Land Purchased for.*—On the motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total area of land purchased for soldier settlers; (2) the total area of such land now occupied by soldiers; (3) the total area of such land occupied by other than soldiers; and (4) the area of such land not occupied.

15. *Assisted Immigrants from the 31st March, 1920, to Date.*—On motion of Mr. Harris, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of assisted immigrants, both male and female, who have arrived in the Dominion from the 31st March, 1920, to date.

16. *Returns to Orders of the House of Representatives, Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. Isitt, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the cost of Returns asked for and granted last session.

17. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. Poland (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill Standing Order No. 394 be suspended so far as it relates to the time-limit from the commencement of the session of the last publication of notices thereunder, and Standing Order No. 399 be suspended in regard to the same Bill so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

18. *Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate a certain Agreement for the Supply of Water to the Paeroa Borough and made between the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the County of Ohinemuri and the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Paeroa; and that Mr. Poland do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Poland accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

19. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by Command of His Excellency:—

258. Cook and other Islands. (In continuation of A.–3, 1921.) A.–3.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

259. Friendly Societies and Trade Unions: Annual Report for the Year ended 31st December, 1921. H.–1.

261. Roads closed or stopped in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

262. State Fire Insurance Office: Annual Report for the Year ended the 31st December, 1921. H.–6.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

260. Native Land Courts and other Matters under Control of the Native Department: Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. G.–9.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 258, 259, 260, and 262 be printed.

20. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of George Toogood, and J. W. Reid; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of George Toogood, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. W. Reid, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, also brought up Reports on the Petitions of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association, and W. R. Newall and others; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Reports do lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petitions, be referred to the Government for consideration. (Appendix I.–2.)

Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the reports be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

21. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the State Advances Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment.

22. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 27.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To insert the following new clause:—

"23. (1.) If the lessee of any coal-mining lease (whether granted before or after the passing of this Act) hereafter assigns or otherwise parts with, or agrees to assign or otherwise part with, possession of the demised premises, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, in consideration of the payment to him of a royalty or other like consideration in excess of one shilling per ton on the output of all marketable coal to be raised under the powers of the lease, or in consideration of any payment which the Minister deems to be in commutation of such royalty, the Minister may, as a condition precedent to the giving of his consent to the assignment or other disposition, as required by section eleven of the principal Act, require the lessee or his assigns to pay to him, for disposal under this section, such proportion of the royalty, or other consideration aforesaid, as he may from time to time determine.

"(2.) All moneys required to be paid pursuant to a requisition of the Minister under the last preceding subsection shall become due and payable from time to time in accordance with the terms of the requisition in that behalf, and all amounts unpaid on the due date shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Crown at the suit of the Minister or of any person appointed for the purpose in writing by the Minister.

"(3.) All moneys received by the Minister under this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund or other account to which the rent reserved under the lease is payable.

"(4.) All moneys credited to the Consolidated Fund under this section may, without further appropriation than this section, be applied for the

purpose of opening up coal-bearing areas by the provision of roads, bridges, wharves, and other facilities for access or transport, and generally in the development of the coal-mining industry of New Zealand."

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of the amendments in the Bill to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the said Resolution, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

23. *State Fire Insurance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the State Fire Insurance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

24. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

25. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

26. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Coal-mines Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

27. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the State Fire Insurance Bill, the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill, the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill, and the Coal-mines Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

28. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 12 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"10A. Section thirteen of the Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1918, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the words 'the Chief Inspector, the Superintendent of Staff,' and substituting the words 'the First and Second Assistant Secretaries.'" (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

To report the Bill with amendment.

29. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (1), and insert the following in lieu thereof: "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in

the principal Act or any other Act, the members of the Board of any district constituted after the passing of this Act shall be elected by the electors of the several constituent districts." (*Mr. Savage.*)

And the Question being put, That the subclause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	Mackenzie	Smith, R. W.
Burnett	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	McNicol	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Mander	Uru
Dickson, J. McC.	Horn	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Wilford
Dickson, J. S.	Hudson	Newman, E.	Williams
Dixon, E.	Hunter, Sir G.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Wright
Field	Isitt	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Young.
Forbes	Jones	Potter	
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Reed	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Bollard
Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Rhodes, T. W.	McLeod.

NOES, 14.

Atmore	Holland	Poland	*Tellers.*
Craigie	Howard	Statham	Parry
Fraser	Mitchell	Thacker	Savage.
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Munro	Veitch.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Subclause retained.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3, 4, and 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 7 to 15 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

30. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill :*

Clauses 1 to 9 read and agreed to.

(Clause 10 struck out by the Goldfields and Mines Committee.)

Clauses 11 to 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed : In line 20, after the words "five years," to insert the words "such experience." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 22 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill :—

"23. (1.) If the lessee of any coal-mining lease (whether granted before or after the passing of this Act) hereafter assigns or otherwise parts with, or agrees to assign or otherwise part with, possession of the demised premises, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, in consideration of the payment to him of a royalty or other like consideration in excess of one shilling per ton on the output of all marketable coal to be raised under the powers of the lease, or in consideration of any payment which the Minister deems to be in commutation of such royalty, the Minister may, as a condition precedent to the giving of his consent to the assignment or other disposition, as required by section eleven of the principal Act, require the lessee or his assigns to pay to him, for disposal under this section, such proportion of the royalty, or other consideration aforesaid, as he may from time to time determine.

"(2.) All moneys required to be paid pursuant to a requisition of the Minister under the last preceding subsection shall become due and payable

from time to time in accordance with the terms of the requisition in that behalf, and all amounts unpaid on the due date shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Crown at the suit of the Minister or of any person appointed for the purpose in writing by the Minister.

"(3.) All moneys received by the Minister under this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund or other account to which the rent reserved under the lease is payable.

"(4.) All moneys credited to the Consolidated Fund under this section may, without further appropriation than this section, be applied for the purpose of opening up coal-bearing areas by the provision of roads, bridges, wharves, and other facilities for access or transport, and generally in the development of the coal-mining industry of New Zealand." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

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31. *State Fire Insurance Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the State Fire Insurance Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the State Fire Insurance Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

32. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

33. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

34. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Coal-mines Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

35. *Amusements-tax Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Amusements-tax Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

36. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 28.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To omit clause 4, and substitute the following:—

"4. Section one hundred and eighty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:—

"'(2A.) In the case of a steamship carrying not more than twelve passengers and arriving for the first time in New Zealand with a certificate of survey issued by any corporation or association for the survey and registry of ships approved by the Minister, if the date of such first arrival is within twelve months of the completion of the building of the ship, the Minister may dispense with the survey required under this Act for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the survey in respect of which such certificate was granted.'

"(*b.*) By omitting from subsection (6) the words 'one pound,' and substituting the words 'three pounds.'"

To add the following new clauses:—

"6A. The provisoes to section two hundred and eighty-seven of the principal Act, as set out in section twelve of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1913, are hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By omitting from the first proviso the words 'or steamships calling at any port for coal,' and substituting the words 'or calling at any port for fuel':

"(*b.*) By omitting from the second proviso the word 'steamships,' and substituting the word 'ships'; and by omitting the word 'coal' wherever it occurs in the proviso, and substituting in each case the word 'fuel.'"

"8A. Section five of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1911, is hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By omitting from paragraph (*a*) the words 'the sum of fifty pounds for the purpose of defraying any expenses lawfully incurred by the Superintendent for,' and substituting the words 'such sum as the Superintendent may require as security for the due payment of all amounts for which the owner may be liable (whether under the principal Act or under any other lawful authority) in respect of':

"(*b.*) By omitting from paragraph (*d*) the words 'such fifty pounds,' and substituting the words 'the moneys deposited with the Superintendent as aforesaid and.'"

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of the amendments in the Bill to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the said Resolution, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-six minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 4th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

   On motion of Mr. Atmore (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of James Burnett be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Savage (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Bartram, on account of illness in his family.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—

   263. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa, Second Report of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Administration of, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. A.–4A.

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

   264. Public Trust Office, Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. B.–9.

   265. Fire Board : Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Dannevirke Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

   266. Fire Board : Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Dannevirke Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1921.

   267. Fire Board : Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Auckland Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

   268. Education : Regulations made during the Period October, 1921, to September, 1922.

   269. Mining Act, 1908, Amended Regulations under the.

   270. Oroua County Council : Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

   271. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Eltham, Greymouth.]

   272. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Featherston, Blenheim.]

   273. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Kawhia, Tauranga.]

   The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House :—

   274. Iron and Steel Rails and Girders imported into New Zealand from 1910 to 1922. Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.

275. Rohe Potae, Population of Maoris and Europeans in. Return to an order dated 7th September, 1922.

276. Lands set apart as Forest and other Reserves in Coromandel, Thames, and Hauraki Plains Counties, and from the Whangamarino Road Board District. Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 269 be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 263 and 264 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. Lee moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Administration of Mandated Territory of Western Samoa be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 29.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 4th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee resommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Judicature Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

5. *Judicature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Honourable Mr. Lee, according to Order, presented the Judicature Amendment Bill (No. 2), which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 30.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 4th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

7. *Incorporated Societies Amendment Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Incorporated Societies Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

8. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Juries Amendment Act, 1922, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

9. *Juries Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Juries Act, 1908, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day.

10. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill, the Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill, and the Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

11. *Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

12. *Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

13. *Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

14. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Martha I. McKee; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (Appendix I.–2.)

15. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Tamihana Huirau, Tonga Awhikau and others, Hami Tutu, Uru Te Angina and another, Hana Wera Erihana, Ina Ranginui and others, Nehe Paki Kupenga and others, and Nehe Paki Kupenga and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Ina Ranginui, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Nehe Paki Kupenga and others, and Nehe Paki Kupenga and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Hana Wera Erihana be withdrawn.

16. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of S. Porter and others, J. L. Murray (Limited) and others, and George Tait and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

17. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Harriet Simeon, Florence E. Heslin, and L. G. Pirie; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Harriet Simeon and Florence E. Heslin, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

18. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, "That the reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on the Petition of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association of Wellington, and the Petition of W. R. Newall and others, do lie on the table and be referred to the Government for consideration" (*Mr. J. McC. Dickson*); and the amendment proposed thereto, "That the report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration" (*Mr. Holland*).

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the Debate be continued at half after seven of the clock p.m.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the Question and amendment being again proposed;

Debate resumed.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 53.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Mander	Statham
Bitchener	Harris	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Sykes
Bollard	Hawken	Masters	Uru
Burnett	Henare	Nash	Veitch
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Newman, E.	Wilford
Dickson, J. McC.	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Dickson, J. S.	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Witty
Dixon, E.	Isitt	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright
Field	Jones	Potter	Young.
Forbes	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Reed	
Glenn	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	McLeod	Rhodes, T. W.	Atmore
Hamilton, A.	McNicol	Seddon	Luke, Sir J. P.
Hamilton, J. R.	Malcolm	Smith, R. W.	

NOES, 11.

Fraser	McCombs	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Holland	Munro	Sullivan	Howard
Jennings	Savage	Thacker.	Parry.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table and be referred to the Government for consideration. (Appendix I.–2.)

19. *Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That a special Com-

mittee be set up, consisting of the following Members, to consider the proposed Dairy-produce Export Control Bill: Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Hockly, Mr. McCombs, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Masters, Mr. Poland, Mr. Reed, and the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.

20. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 31.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Control of the Export of Dairy-produce," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 4th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make Provision for the Control of the Export of Dairy-produce.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

21. *Dairy-produce Export Control Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy (with the leave of the House), read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Dairy-produce Export Control Committee.

22. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 32.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and to make certain other Provisions with respect to Labour Disputes," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 4th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message

transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and to make certain other Provisions with respect to Labour Disputes.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

23. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, on the motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 5th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. Petition.—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Holland (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Savage, on account of urgent private business.

3. *Government Business on Mondays.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That on and after Monday, the 9th October, and for the remainder of the session, the House do meet on Mondays at half after seven of the clock p.m., for the transaction of Government business.

4. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up a report on the Petition of F. B. Mabin; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (Appendix I.–12.)

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter also brought up a Report on the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders, with the exception of Standing Order No. 399, suspended by leave of the House, have been complied with. The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy annexed hereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter also brought up a Report on the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with, with the exception of Standing Orders Nos. 395 and 399, suspended by leave of the House. The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy annexed hereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

6. *Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill.*—The Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

8. *Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill.*—The Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

9. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill, and the Workers' Compensation Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

10. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

11. *Workers' Compensation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Workers' Compensation Bill be committed next sitting-day.

12. *Public Health Committee.*—Dr. Newman, from the Public Health Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of G. S. Moore and others, T. S. Johnson and others, and A. Mokomoko and others, and the Pharmacy Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–7.)

13. *Pharmacy Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Pharmacy Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

14. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Bollard, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Mary J. Johnson; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–6.)

15. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of T. A. Glenny, J. Duggan, and John F. Burke; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of T. A. Glenny and J. Duggan, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

16. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 33.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Whakatane Harbour Act, 1921–22," with the following amendment:—

To insert the following new clause:—

"9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Harbours Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the Board may, in respect of the Tarawera Harbour, levy dues only for the purpose of improving and maintaining that harbour, and providing and maintaining facilities in connection therewith for navigation and the handling of goods and passengers."

Government House,
Wellington, 5th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting an amendment in the Bill to amend the Whakatane Harbour Act, 1921–22.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

17. *Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

18. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

19. *Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the same be committed presently.

20. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the same be committed presently.

21. *Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed presently.

22. *Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House), ordered to be committed presently.

23. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill, the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill, the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill, and the Palmerston North Reserves Amendment Bill.

24. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill :*

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 12A read and agreed to.

Clause 13 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Reed
Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bollard	Hamilton, J. R.	Mackenzie	Uru
Burnett	Hawken	McLeod	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Henare	McNicol	Wright
Craigie	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	
Dixon, E.	Horn	Newman, Dr. A. K.	*Tellers.*
Field	Hudson	Newman, E.	Potter
Forbes	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Thacker.
Glenn	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	

NOES, 20.

Atmore	Jennings	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wilford
Brown	McCombs	Rhodes, T. W.	Witty.
Dickson, J. S.	Masters	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munro	Statham	Isitt
Howard	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Veitch	Savage.
Hunter, Sir G.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause retained.

Clause 13A read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Wellington City Trading Departments' Reserve and Renewal Funds Act, 1917; to confer Further Power on the Corporation and Council of the City of Wellington in connection with the Control and Maintenance of Private Ways; to confer Further Powers on the Corporation and Council of the City of Wellington in relation to Street-widening, and to provide for certain Payments on account of Interest and Sinking Fund out of certain Loans raised by the Corporation of the City of Wellington; and to authorize the said Corporation by its Council to fix Charges for Admission to the Zoological Gardens on Sundays."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

25. *Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

26. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Christchurch Drainage Act, 1907."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

27. *Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorize the Hutt River Board to carry out certain Works for the Improvement of the Channel through the Estuary of the Hutt River, and to vest in the Hutt River Board certain Lands reclaimed from the waters of Wellington Harbour

resulting from such Improvement-works and Lands now covered by Water, and to provide for the Improvement of the said Lands by draining and other Appropriate Means; and further to provide for the Disposal thereof by the Hutt River Board; and to validate a certain Agreement entered into between the Hutt River Board and the Wellington Harbour Board."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

28. *Palmerston North Reserves Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Palmerston North Reserves Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to facilitate the Management of the Reserves of the Borough of Palmerston North."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

29. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1922, the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Act, 1922, and the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Fireblight Act, 1922, and has made amendment therein, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

30. *Fireblight Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

31. *Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 5 to 10 read and agreed to.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"4. Section one hundred and eighty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By inserting after subsection two the following subsection:—

"'(2A.) In the case of a steamship carrying not more than twelve passengers and arriving for the first time in New Zealand with a certificate of survey issued by any corporation or association for the survey and registry of ships approved by the Minister, if the date of such first arrival is within twelve months of the completion of the building of the ship, the Minister may dispense with the survey required under this Act for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the survey in respect of which such certificate was granted.'

"(*b.*) By omitting from subsection six the words 'one pound,' and substituting the words 'three pounds.' "

"6A. The provisoes to section two hundred and eighty-seven of the principal Act, as set out in section twelve of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1913, are hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By omitting from the first proviso the words 'or steamships calling at any port for coal,' and substituting the words 'or calling at any port for fuel':

"(*b.*) By omitting from the second proviso the word 'steamships,' and substituting the word 'ships'; and by omitting the word 'coal' wherever it occurs in the proviso, and substituting in each case the word 'fuel.' "

"8A. Section five of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1911, is hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By omitting from paragraph (*a*) the words 'the sum of fifty pounds for the purpose of defraying any expenses lawfully incurred by the Superintendent for,' and substituting the words 'such sum as the Superintendent may require as security for the due payment of all amounts for which the owner may be liable (whether under the principal Act or under any other lawful authority) in respect of':

"(*b.*) By omitting from paragraph (*d*) the words 'such fifty pounds,' and substituting the words 'the moneys deposited with the Superintendent as aforesaid and.' " (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

(First and Second Schedules struck out by Labour Bills Committee.)

Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

32. *Amusements-tax Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Amusements-tax Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendments proposed: After the word "horticultural," in line 15, to insert the words "or poultry"; and after paragraph (*b*) to insert the following new paragraph: "(*c.*) Any swimming-sports meeting"; and in subclause (2) to insert, at the commencement thereof, the words "save as provided in the last preceding subsection." (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 11 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Amusements-tax Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Amusements-tax."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922.

33. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land Laws Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 6th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Sir J. P. Luke (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of C. R. C. Robieson be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

2. *Baptist Union Incorporation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Baptist Union of New Zealand, and to vest certain Real and Personal Property in the Union, and to provide for the Transfer of Real Property to the Union to be held in Trust for Individual Churches of the Union; and that the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring it in.

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey accordingly presented the Baptist Union Incorporation Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and referred by Mr. Speaker to the Joint Committee on Bills to ascertain if it is a Private Bill.

3. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Invercargill Corporation Empowering Act, 1922, and the Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Act, 1922, without amendment.

4. *Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £193,666 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £42,353 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £84,548 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £253,312 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £71,792 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourist Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £108,507 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £126,305 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £301,736 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £221,473 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £20,521 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £103,590 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of New Zealand State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £270,166 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £9,396 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery-preservation Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £175,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Guthrie,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,151 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £592 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account (Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £149,917 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Housing Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Fishing-industry Promotion Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £799,252 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of War Expenses Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £187,397 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £97,655 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,975 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £61,267 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £602,831 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

To report the Resolutions; and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee of Supply had come to certain Resolutions, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after twelve of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Monday, the 9th Day of October, 1922.

The House met this day at half after seven of the clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. E. Newman, on account of urgent public business.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 34.*

The Bills intituled—

The Rotorua Borough Act, 1922,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1922 (No. 3),
The Administration of Justice Act, 1922,
The Swamp Drainage Amendment Act, 1922,
The Customs Amendment Act, 1922,
The Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Act, 1922,
The Weights and Measures Amendment Act, 1922,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1922 (No. 4),
The Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1922,
The Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Act, 1922,
The Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1922,
The Wairau River District Loans Act, 1922,
The Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Act, 1922, and
The Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Act, 1922,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th October, 1922.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 35.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Companies," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 9th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Companies.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

5. *Companies Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Companies Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 36.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Stone-quarries Act, 1910," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 9th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Stone-quarries Act, 1910.

And the Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

7. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and read a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), ordered to be printed, and referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

8. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 37.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 9th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

9. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Lee, according to Order, presented the Magistrates' Court Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and read a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), ordered to be printed, and referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 38.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 9th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

11. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Mining Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and read a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), ordered to be printed, and referred first to the Goldfields and Mines Committee and afterwards to the Native Affairs Committee.

12. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message, No. 39.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act, 1887," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 9th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act, 1887.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

13. *Greymouth Native Reserve Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Greymouth Native Reserve Bill, which was read a first time, and read a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), ordered to be printed, and referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

14. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 40.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision for the Prevention of Accidents in connection with the Erection and Use of Scaffolding and the Making of Excavations," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 9th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make Better Provision for the Prevention of Accidents in connection with the Erection and Use of Scaffolding and the Making of Excavations.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

15. *Scaffolding and Excavation Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Scaffolding and Excavation Bill, which was read a first time, read a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), ordered to be printed, and referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

16. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

277. Fire Board: Balance-sheet of the Milton Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House:—

278. Immigrants: The Number assisted to the Dominion, from the 31st March, 1920, to date. Return to an Order dated 3rd October, 1922.

279. Dairy-produce: Total Cost of Grading, Number of Graders, and the Number of Grading-ports in New Zealand. Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.

17. *Report on Administration of Mandated Territory of Western Samoa.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Administration of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa be printed;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "this House is of the opinion that there should be no further importations of Chinese or other indentured labourers into Western Samoa, nor any reindenturing of the time-expired indentured labourers. Further, this House deplores the proposal contained in the report for the year ended 31st March, 1922, to resort to the punishment of whipping or flogging in the case of young Samoans convicted of theft."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

AYES, 27.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, T. W.
Atmore	Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Malcolm	Williams
Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Mander	Wright
Burnett	Hamilton, J. R.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Young.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Craigie	Hockly	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Bollard
Field	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Reed	Lysnar.

NOES, 9.

Edie	Masters	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Parry	Veitch.	McCombs
Holland			Munro.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Report of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Administration of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa be printed, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twelve of the clock midnight, on the motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 10th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Atmore (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of T. B. Williams and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Dairy Industry Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dairy Industry Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy accordingly presented the Dairy Industry Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), ordered to be printed, and referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee.

3. *Crimes Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Crimes Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

4. *Cemeteries Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cemeteries Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart accordingly presented the Cemeteries Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Rating Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rating Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart accordingly presented the Rating Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—

280. Education: Higher Education. (In continuation of E.–7, 1921.) E.–7.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

285. Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Company (Limited): Annual Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

286. Victoria Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

287. Rangiora Borough Council: Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

288. Borough of Onehunga: Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

289. Waimate West County Council: Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1920.

290. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Geraldine, Waimate West.]

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House :—

281. Nauru Island Phosphate, Price of, landed on Wharf in New Zealand. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

282. State Technical Colleges or Schools: Number of Students that attended for each Year ended 31st December, 1919, 1920, and 1921. Return to an Order dated 3rd October, 1922.

283. Land-tax and Income-tax outstanding on the 31st March for each of the Years 1920, 1921, and 1922. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

284. Returns of the House of Representatives asked for and granted last Session, Cost of. Return to an Order dated 3rd October, 1922.

Ordered, That Paper No. 280 be printed.

7. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Reed, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Second Report on the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–11.)

8. *Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Public Health Committee.*—Dr. Newman, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Ernest Alexander Ozanne; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–7.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Ernest Alexander Ozanne, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

10. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of A. S. Gardner and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of A. S. Gardner and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 41.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

In clause 3, subclause (2), to insert, after the word "may," in line 29, the words "in cases covered by the next succeeding subsection"; in subclause (3), to omit the words "the Consolidated Fund or," in line 35, and to insert the word "Trust" before the word "Account," in the same line; to add the following new subclause:—

"(4.) In any case where the revenues derivable from any land to which this section refers on its disposal under the Land Act, 1908, are payable into the Consolidated Fund, no adjustment of accounts shall be made by way of transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Land for Settlements Account, but there may be appropriated from moneys paid into the Land for Settlements Account, pursuant to section five of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, an amount sufficient to satisfy the charges incurred by that account in respect of the said land."

In clause 7, subclause (1), to omit the words "nineteen hundred and twenty," in line 44, and substitute the words "nineteen hundred and nineteen."

To omit clause 14, and substitute the following new clause:—

"14A. (1.) Section ten of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one all words after the words 'save that the price,' and substituting the words 'shall be such amount as may be determined in that behalf by the Board with the approval of the Minister.'

"(2.) The conditions as to the acquisition of the fee-simple of any land prescribed by the said section ten as amended by this section shall apply with respect to the acquisition of the fee-simple of any land pursuant to section eleven of the said Act.

"(3.) The said section eleven is hereby amended—

"(*a*.) By omitting from subsection two the word 'four,' and substituting the word 'five':

"(*b*.) By inserting, after the words 'as the case may be' in subsection three, the words 'of section eleven.'"

To add the following new clause:—

"9A. The restriction on the acquisition of settlement land, or of land which was at any time settlement land, contained in subsection two of section sixty of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, shall not apply in any particular case

if the Minister, on the recommendation of the Dominion Land Purchase Board, so determines."

"15A. Section eighteen of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words 'within five years after the passing of this Act,' and substituting the words 'not later than the first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.'"

"17. (1.) There shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the reasonable expenses, as determined by the Minister, in respect of the administration of the Cheviot Estate, and of lands the revenues derived from which are payable into the Native Land Settlement Account:

"Provided that the total amount so paid into the Consolidated Fund in respect of the administration of the Cheviot Estate or other lands as aforesaid shall not exceed in any year five per centum of the total amount received for that year by way of rents, royalties, and fees, in respect of such lands respectively.

"(2.) All payments into the Consolidated Fund pursuant to this section shall, in the case of the Cheviot Estate, be made out of the Cheviot Estate Account; and in the case of lands the revenues from which are payable into the Native Land Settlement Account, be made out of that account."

Government House,
Wellington, 10th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of the amendments in the Bill to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the said Resolution, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

13. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the same be committed presently.

14. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the same be committed presently.

15. *Pharmacy Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Pharmacy Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the same be committed presently.

16. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land Laws Amendment Bill, the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill, and the Pharmacy Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

17. *Land Laws Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (2), to insert, after the word "may," in line 29, the words "in cases covered by the next succeeding subsection"; in subclause (3), to omit the words "the Consolidated

Fund or," in line 35, and to insert the word "Trust" before the word "Account," in the same line; to add the following new subclause:—

"(4.) In any case where the revenues derivable from any land to which this section refers on its disposal under the Land Act, 1908, are payable into the Consolidated Fund, no adjustment of accounts shall be made by way of transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Land for Settlements Account, but there may be appropriated from moneys paid into the Land for Settlements Account, pursuant to section five of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, an amount sufficient to satisfy the charges incurred by that account in respect of the said land." (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4, 5, and 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to omit the words "nineteen hundred and twenty," in line 44, and substitute the words "nineteen hundred and nineteen." (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 15 and 16 read and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"14A. (1.) Section ten of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one all words after the words 'save that the price,' and substituting the words 'shall be such amount as may be determined in that behalf by the Board with the approval of the Minister.

"(2.) The conditions as to the acquisition of the fee-simple of any land prescribed by the said section ten as amended by this section shall apply with respect to the acquisition of the fee-simple of any land pursuant to section eleven of the said Act.

"(3.) The said section eleven is hereby amended—

"(*a.*) By omitting from subsection two the word 'four,' and substituting the word 'five':

"(*b.*) By inserting, after the words 'as the case may be' in subsection three, the words 'of section eleven.'" (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

Amendment proposed: To add to subclause (1) the following words: "such amount to be arrived at by valuations made by the Lands Department and the Valuation Department." (*Hon. Mr. Guthrie.*)

Amendment agreed to.

New clause as amended read a second time, and added to the Bill.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"9A. The restriction on the acquisition of settlement land or of land which was at any time settlement land, contained in subsection two of section sixty of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, shall not apply in any particular case if the Minister, on the recommendation of the Dominion Land Purchase Board, so determines."

"15A. Section eighteen of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words 'within five years after the passing of this Act,' and substituting the words 'not later than the first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.'"

"17. (1.) There shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the reasonable expenses, as determined by the Minister, in respect of the administration of the Cheviot Estate, and of

lands the revenues derived from which are payable into the Native Land Settlement Account:

"Provided that the total amount so paid into the Consolidated Fund in respect of the administration of the Cheviot Estate or other lands as aforesaid shall not exceed in any year five per centum of the total amount received for that year by way of rents, royalties, and fees, in respect of such lands respectively.

"(2.) All payments into the Consolidated Fund pursuant to this section shall, in the case of the Cheviot Estate, be made out of the Cheviot Estate Account; and in the case of lands the revenues from which are payable into the Native Land Settlement Account, be made out of that account." (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

18. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill:*

Clause 16 read and agreed to.

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, it was decided to recommit clauses 8 and 13.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: To omit from subclause (3) the words "A Commissioner of Crown Lands," and substitute the words "An Electrical Engineer engaged in the service of the Crown." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 13 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause deleted.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"13A. (1.) Section fourteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (*g*), and substituting the following paragraph:—

"'(*g*.) A person who is concerned or interested (otherwise than as a member of an incorporated company in which there are more than twenty members, and of which he is not the general manager) in any contract made by the Board (other than a contract relating to land entered upon or taken, or proposed to be entered upon or taken, for electric works under the authority of this Act) if the payment made, or to be made by the Board, in respect of any such contract exceeds five pounds in the case of a single contract, or ten pounds altogether in any financial year in the case of two or more contracts, except in special cases to be previously approved by the Audit Office, on the application of the Board. In any such special case the Audit Office may authorize the payment and receipt of such amount as it thinks fit, not exceeding in the aggregate fifty pounds in any financial year in respect of any contract or of two or more contracts:

"'Provided that an interest in any loan raised by the Board, whether on security or otherwise, or in any newspaper in which the Board inserts advertisements, shall not constitute a disqualification under this paragraph.'

"(2.) Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (*h*), and substituting the following paragraph:—

"'(*h*.) Is concerned or interested (otherwise than as a member of an incorporated company in which there are more than twenty members, and of which he is not the general manager) in any contract made by the Board (other than a contract relating to land entered upon or taken, or proposed to be entered upon or taken) for electric works under the authority of this Act) if the payment made, or to be made by the Board, in respect of any such contract exceeds five pounds in the case of a single contract, or ten pounds

altogether in any financial year in the case of two or more contracts, except in special cases to be previously approved by the Audit Office, on the application of the Board. In any such special case the Audit Office may authorize the payment and receipt of such amount as it thinks fit, not exceeding in the aggregate fifty pounds in any financial year in respect of any contract or of two or more contracts:

"'Provided that an interest in any loan raised by the Board, whether on security or otherwise, or in any newspaper in which the Board inserts advertisements, shall not constitute a cause of forfeiture under this paragraph.'" (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"17. Section fifty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (*a*) the words 'on the sites and the routes defined in any plan deposited as hereinbefore provided or within a distance of one hundred yards on either side thereof." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"18. In addition to the powers conferred by section fifty-seven of the principal Act the Board of any district may construct tunnels under any private land, or aqueducts or flumes over the same, and may erect poles thereon, and carry wires over or along any such land without being bound to acquire the same, with right of way by the best available route to and along all such works and erections for the Board's servants, workmen, and agents, from time to time, and at all times, with or without any suitable or available means of conveyance, and with all such tools, machinery, articles, and materials as may be necessary for the construction of such works or for the maintenance or repairing of the same or for the doing of anything hereby authorized; and may also deposit and store from time to time upon any lands adjoining such works, all such machinery and material of any kind as may be used in the construction or repairing of such works." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso: "Provided that nothing in this Act shall abrogate the right of the owner or occupier to have all the rights to compensation given by section sixty-eight of the principal Act." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read a second time and added to the Bill.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"19. (1.) The Board may, out of loan-moneys, pay any expenses incurred by ratepayers within the district prior to the election of the Board, and whether before or after the constitution of the district, or incurred by the Board at any time within twelve months after the first election of the Board—

"(*a.*) In making surveys; or

"(*b.*) In obtaining office requisites; or

"(*c.*) In advertising the scheme for which the loan was raised, or otherwise in connection with such scheme; or

"(*d.*) In connection with and preliminary to the constitution of the district:

"Provided that no such expenses shall be so paid unless the Audit Office certifies that the expenses are reasonable and have been incurred in good faith for any of the purposes aforesaid.

"(2.) In addition to the payments authorized by the last preceding subsection, the Board may pay out of loan-moneys—

"(*a.*) Any moneys borrowed by way of bank overdraft pursuant to any lawful authority within the period of twelve months referred to in the last preceding subsection:

"(*b.*) Any moneys advanced to the Board by any local authority pursuant to section eighteen of the Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1920:

"(*c.*) The interest, or interest and sinking fund, of the loan for the first year, or, with the consent of the Minister, for any longer period not exceeding in any case the period of construction of any works for which the loan was raised, or a period of three years, whichever is the less.

"(3.) Nothing in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, or in any other Act, shall be construed to restrict the power of the Board to pay interest, or interest and sinking fund, out of loan-moneys in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section.

"(4.) This section is in substitution for section eighty-nine of the principal Act, and that section, and also section four of the Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1919, and section five of the Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1921–22, are hereby repealed.

"20. Section five of the Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1920, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words 'on the fourth Tuesday in November,' and substituting the words 'in the month of May.'

"21. Section eighteen of the Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1920, is hereby amended by omitting the words 'The local authority of any constituent district,' and substituting the words 'Any local authority'; and by omitting the word 'the,' before the words 'electric-power district,' and substituting the word 'an.'" (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"22. (1.) The Board may from time to time appoint standing or special committees, and may relegate to such committees any matters for consideration, or inquiry, or management, or regulation; and may delegate to any such committee any of the powers and duties by the principal Act or any other Act conferred or imposed upon the Board, except the powers to borrow money, to make a rate, to make a by-law, to execute a deed or contract, or to institute an action.

"(2.) A person may be appointed a member of a committee under this section, notwithstanding that he may not be a member of the Board.

"(3.) Every committee to which any powers or duties are delegated as aforesaid may, without confirmation by the Board, exercise or perform the same in like manner and with the same effect as the Board could itself have exercised or performed the same.

"(4.) Every such committee shall be subject in all things to the control of the Board, and shall carry out all directions, general or special, of the Board given in relation to such committee or its affairs.

"(5.) The Board appointing any committee may appoint a member of such committee to be the permanent Chairman thereof; and if no such appointment is made, the committee may make the appointment. The Board may from time to time remove such Chairman, and appoint another in his stead.

"(6.) The Board may from time to time discharge, alter, continue, or reconstitute any committee." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (2). (*Mr. Wilford.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read a second time and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (*a*) the words 'one-fourth of the ratepayers,' and substituting the words 'a majority of the ratepayers' in lieu thereof." (*Mr. Craigie.*)

New clause read a first time.

And the Question being put, That the clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

			Tellers.
Atmore	Masters	Sidey	Craigie
Edie	Munro	Smith, S. G.	Hanan, Hon. J. A.
Jennings	Parry	Thacker	
McCombs	Poland	Veitch.	

NOES, 44.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bollard	Hawken	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, T. W.
Brown	Henare	Lysnar	Smith, R. W.
Burnett	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	McLeod	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Hockly	Mander	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Holland	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Uru
Dickson, J. McC.	Horn	Mitchell	Wilford
Dixon, E.	Howard	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Young.
Glenn	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Jones	Potter	Nash.
Hamilton, J. R.			

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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19. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Land Laws Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

20. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

21. *Pharmacy Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Pharmacy Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

22. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1922, the State Fire Insurance Amendment Act, 1922, the War Disabilities Removal Act, 1922, and the Amusements-tax Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Mercantile Law Amendment Act, 1922, and the Sea Carriage of Goods Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

23. *Mercantile Law Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

24. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

25. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed.

26. *Judicature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Judicature Amendment Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

27. *Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

28. *Incorporated Societies Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Incorporated Societies Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

29. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Judicature Amendment Bill (No. 2), the Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill, and the Incorporated Societies Amendment Bill.

30. *Judicature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Judicature Amendment Bill (No. 2), and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

31. *Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Hamilton Domains Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

32. *Incorporated Societies Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Incorporated Societies Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

33. *Judicature Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Judicature Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day be discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 11th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Dr. Newman, for Mr. Mackenzie (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Caroline Brooke be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Sir J. P. Luke (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Labour Bills Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Papers.*—The following papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

291. Education: Technical Education. (In continuation of E.–5, 1921.) E.–5.

292. Education: Secondary Education. (In continuation of E.–6, 1921.) E.–6.

301. Education: Primary Education. (In continuation of E.–2, 1921) E.–2.

The following Papers were laid on the Table pursuant to Act:—

293. Roads closed or stopped in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

294. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921–22: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 21/1921, relative to the Identity of Kaho, one of the Grantees of Okahu Block.

295. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1919: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 293/1919, relative to the Adoption of Ngawharewiti Tiwai and Others.

296. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1920: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 219/1920, relative to the Inclusion of Kuku Haweti, in Title to Ohutu 2B and other Blocks.

297. Defence Rifle Clubs: Amended Regulations relative to Defence Rifle Clubs in pursuance of the Defence Act, 1909, and its Amendments.

298. Land Act, 1908: Notice of proposed Permanent Reservation, as Primary Education Endowments of Lot 2, Deeds Plant 708, Hawke's Bay Land District, and Sections 106 and 107, Lot IV, Wangapeka Survey District, Nelson Land District.

299. Hauraki Plains, Drainage Operations in: Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1922, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–8.

300. Kauri-gum Industry, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. C.–12.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 291, 292, 294, 295, 296, 299, 300, and 301 be printed.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 294, 295, and 296 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of P. Ward, and Karewa Rangi Wateni and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of P. Ward, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

5. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill, and the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

6. *Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Joint Committee on Bills.*—Mr. Malcolm, from the Joint Committee on Bills, brought up a Report on the Baptist Union Incorporation Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Joint Committee on Bills, to which was referred the Baptist Union Incorporation Bill, has the honour to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the Baptist Union Incorporation Bill is a Private Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of E. N. Souter; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (Appendix I.–2.)

10. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Young moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

11. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Palmerston North Reserves Act, 1922, the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Act, 1922, and the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Act, 1922, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

12. *Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Wanganui River Trust Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Veitch, the same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

13. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until four minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 12th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Jennings (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of O. B. Berntsen be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

On motion of Mr. McLeod (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of E. A. Chapman be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of T. H. Sprott and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

2. *Housing Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Housing Act, 1919; and that Mr. Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fraser accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

3. *Fencing Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fencing Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and (with the leave of the House) a second time *pro forma*, ordered to be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

4. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

302. Rotorua–Taupo Railway Commission, Report on the; and ordered to be printed.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Land and Income Tax Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

6. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment Bill; and the same was read as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with. The provisions of the Bill being in conflict with the Harbours Amendment Act, 1910, and providing an entirely new departure from that Act, the Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

Ordered, To lie upon the Table.

8. *Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of F. W. Attwood and others, H. B. Kirk, J. Burnett, and T. B. Williams and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petitions, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. Appendix I.–1.)

10. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Whakatane Harbour Amendment Act, 1922, transmitted in Message No. 24 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1922, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Incorporated Societies Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Act, 1922, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Pharmacy Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Pharmacy Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr, the same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

12. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, the same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

13. *Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Hutt River Board Improvement and Reclamation Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Wilford, the same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

14. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 42.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Mercantile Law Act, 1908," with the following amendment, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To insert the following new clause:—

"3. (1.) In this section the expression '"received for shipment" bill of lading' means a shipping document issued in accordance with the provisions of this section, signed by a person purporting to be authorized to sign the same, and acknowledging that the goods to which the document relates have been received for shipment.

"(2.) No 'received for shipment' bill of lading shall be issued—

"(*a.*) Until the goods are in possession of the owner of the ship or of some person duly authorized on his behalf:

"(*b.*) Except for a named ship in which space has been actually reserved:

"(*c.*) Earlier than twenty-one days before the time when the ship is expected to be in port in readiness to load,

but the issue of a 'received for shipment' bill of lading shall be sufficient evidence until the contrary is proved that the requirements of this subsection have been complied with.

"(3.) Every 'received for shipment' bill of lading shall contain a provision that, in the event of the goods being unavoidably shut out from the named ship, the shipowner shall forward the goods by his next available ship or, at his option, by a ship of some other owner or by a ship sailing within a specified number of days, but otherwise on the same terms and conditions, *mutatis mutandis*, as if the goods were actually shipped by the named ship.

"(4.) Every 'received for shipment' bill of lading shall for all purposes be deemed to be a valid bill of lading with the same effect and capable of negotiation in all respects and with the same consequences as if it were a bill of lading acknowledging that the goods to which it relates had been actually shipped on board."

Government House,
Wellington, 12th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of an amendment in the Bill to amend the Mercantile Law Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

15. *Mercantile Law Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Mercantile Law Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

16. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 43.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Sea Carriage of Goods," with the following amendment, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To omit clause 9.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of an amendment in the Bill relating to the Sea Carriage of Goods.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

17. *Sea Carriage of Goods Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

18. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 44.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Enactments relating to Stamp and other Duties," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to consolidate and amend the Enactments relating to Stamp and other Duties.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

19. *Stamp Duties Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Stamp Duties Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

20. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 45.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the setting-apart of certain lands, including Mounts Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, and Ruapehu, and Lands in the Vicinity thereof, as a National Park, and to provide for the Control and Management thereof," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to authorize the Setting-apart of certain Lands, including Mounts Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, and Ruapehu, and Lands in the Vicinity thereof, as a National Park, and to provide for the Control and Management thereof.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

21. *Tongariro National Park Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to Order, presented the Tongariro National Park Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

22. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 46.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Legislature Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Legislature Act, 1908.

And the resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

23. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Legislature Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

24. *Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill,

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

25. *Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

26. *Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

27. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill, the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill, and the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill.

28. *Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Mosgiel Borough Council to acquire certain Lands in the Borough of Mosgiel, and to sell or lease the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

29. *Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Bay of Islands Harbour Act, 1920."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

30. *Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Whangarei Borough Council to lease Part of Kensington Park to the Whangarei Racing Club (Incorporated)."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

31. *Workers' Compensation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Workers' Compensation Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made progress in the Workers' Compensation Bill, and directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 13th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Elizabeth B. Cameron be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1922, and the Hamilton Domains Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment.

4. *St. John's College Trust Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the Trust upon which St. John's College Trust Board holds certain lands, and to authorize the said Board to apply the Income therefrom for the General Purposes of St. John's College; and that the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring it in.

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and referred by Mr. Speaker to the Joint Committee on Bills.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 47.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Amusements-tax," with the following amendment, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

In clause 1, to omit the words "and shall come into force on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-two."

Government House,
Wellington, 13th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of an amendment in the Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Amusements-tax.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

6. *Amusements-tax Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Amusements-tax Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Amusements-tax Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

7. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Tongariro National Park Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

8. *Tongariro National Park Bill.—Ordered*, That the Tongariro National Park Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report on Paper 269, Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1908; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

10. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Daylight Baking Bill; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

Dr. Thacker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

11. *Daylight Baking Bill.—Ordered*, That the Daylight Baking Bill be committed next sitting-day.

12. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of E. A. Downs, Charles and Margaret Edwards, William Thomas Beck, W. J. Alexander, Hector Steele, and W. West and another; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petition of E. A. Downes, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Charles and Margaret Edwards and W. T. Beck, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Workers' Compensation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Workers' Compensation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

15. *Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

16. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill, the Workers' Compensation Bill, and the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

17. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 11, after the words "nineteen hundred and twenty-two," to insert the following words: "in as far as it refers to the owners of rural land of a value of not more than ten thousand pounds." (*Mr. Holland.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 13.

Bartram	McCombs	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Hanan	Mitchell	Statham	Savage
Holland	Munro	Wright.	Sullivan.
Howard	Parry		

NOES, 51.

Anderson	Hamilton, J. R.	Mackenzie	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Atmore	Harris	McCallum	Rhodes, T. W.
Bitchener	Hawken	McLeod	Seddon
Brown	Henare	McNicol	Smith, S. G.
Burnett	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Sykes
Craigie	Horn	Masters	Uru
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Nash	Williams
Dixon, E.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty
Field	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Young.
Glenn	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Poland	*Tellers.*
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Bollard
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Reed.	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso: "Provided that this shall not apply to estates of more than twenty thousand pounds in value." (*Mr. McCallum.*)

And the Question being put, That the proviso proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 21.

Atmore	Jennings	Seddon	Witty
Bartram	McCombs	Sidey	Wright.
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Masters	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Holland	Mitchell	Statham	McCallum
Horn	Munro	Sullivan	Poland.
Howard	Parry		

NOES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Reed
Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Brown	Harris	Mackenzie	Rhodes, T. W.
Burnett	Hawken	McLeod	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Henare	McNicol	Sykes
Craigie	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Uru
Dickson, J. McC.	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Williams
Dixon, E.	Hudson	Nash	Young.
Field	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Bollard
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Potter	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

Clause postponed for further consideration.

Clause 5 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	Mackenzie	Potter
Brown	Henare	McLeod	Sidey
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	McNicol	Smith, S. G.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hockly	Mander	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Dixon, E.	Horn	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Sykes
Edie	Hudson	Masters	Wilford
Glenn	Hunter, Sir G.	Mitchell	Young.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Isitt	Nash	
Hamilton, A.	Jones	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Bollard
Harris	Lysnar	Poland	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 7.

Bartram	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland	Thacker.	Parry
McCombs		Savage.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause retained.

Clauses 6 to 14 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

18. *Workers' Compensation Bill :*

Clauses 2 and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed : In paragraph (*a*), to omit the words "one hundred and fifty-six," and substitute the words "two hundred and sixty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Parry.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the paragraph, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 35.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Brown	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod	Rhodes, T. W.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hawken	McNicol	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Craigie	Henare	Mander	Sykes
Dickson, J. McC.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Wright
Dixon, E.	Hockly	Nash	Young.
Field	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Bollard
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 24.

Bartram	Mackenzie	Poland	Thacker
Edie	McCallum	Savage	Wilford
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McCombs	Seddon	Witty.
Holland	Masters	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Horn	Mitchell	Smith, S. G.	Parry
Isitt	Munro	Statham	Sullivan.
Jennings			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words retained.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (10), to omit the words "but not exceeding one pound." (*Mr. Wilford.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 69 read and agreed to.

First, Second, and Third Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

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19. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made progress in the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

20. *Workers' Compensation Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Workers' Compensation Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1916."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

21. *Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Aged and Infirm Persons Protection Act, 1912."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Monday, the 16th Day of October, 1922.

The House met at half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Field (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of James Hartley be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

On motion of Mr. Young, for Mr. S. G. Smith (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Te Tirepa be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of John Sweeney be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Te Rauna Hape and Te Aute Kihirau be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—

303. Education.—State Care of Children : Special Schools and Infant Life Protection. (In continuation of E.–4, 1921.) E.–4.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

307. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921–22 : Report and Recommendation on Petitions Nos. 57 of 1920, and 342 of 1920, relative to Pakowhai Reserve.

309. Mental Defectives Amendment Act, 1921–22, Proclamation under.

310. Atlas Assurance Company (Limited) of London (Accident Department), Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

311. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Picton Borough Council.]

312. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Picton Borough Council.]

313. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Kaikoura, Mangonui, Waikato.]

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House :—

304. War Debt per Head of Population. Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.

305. Clutha Valley Railway, Mileage and Cost of various Trial Surveys of the. Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.

306. Parliamentary Buildings, Contract Price and Cost of Furnishing the. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

308. Terms of Engagement of Sir J. Duncan Elliott as Consulting Engineer to the New Zealand Government. Return to an Order dated 8th August, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 303 and 307 be printed.

Ordered, That Paper No. 307 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 48.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Harbours Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Harbours Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

4. *Harbours Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Harbours Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 49.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

6. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to Order, presented the Government Railways Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed clause 4 read and agreed to.

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to paragraph (*e*): "Provided always that in no case shall the tax on any company exceed 5s. in the pound." (*Mr. Mitchell.*)

Amendment negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1916."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 17th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

   On motion of Dr. A. K. Newman (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of H. A. Lamb be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Parry (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Savage, on account of urgent public business.

4. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of John Swann, Mabel Wright, Gilbert Weatherston, R. C. Fullbrook, James Hughes, Carlin Gill, and Matavaka Jessop; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

   Ordered, That the Petitions of Mabel Wright, John Swann, and Gilbert Weatherston, together with the Reports of the Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

   Ordered, That the Petition of James Hughes, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

5. *Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee, brought up a Report, which was read, as follows:—

   I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that Members be supplied free of charge with two copies of each Act passed during the present session.

   Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

6. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Department, brought up a Report on the Petition of Elizabeth B. Cameron; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Elizabeth B. Cameron, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Reed, from the Statutes Revision Committee brought up Reports on the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill, the Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2), and the Fencing Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–11.)

8. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That the Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2) be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Fencing Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Fencing Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

11. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of E. J. Morris and others, and Alice Quinney; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of E. J. Morris and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Alice Quinney, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

12. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House, and ordered to be printed:—

314. Public Works Statement for 1922, by the Honourable Mr. J. G. Coates, Minister of Public Works. D.–1.

13. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 50.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message

transmitting draft of a Bill to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Guthrie do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

14. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, according to Order, presented the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

15. *Tongariro National Park Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tongariro National Park Bill;

The Hon. Mr. Guthrie moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by the reading of a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

16. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Excellency's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 51.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives an Estimate for the Sums required for the undermentioned services—Public Works, Departmental; Railways; Public Buildings; Timber-supply and Sawmills for Public Works Department; Lighthouses and Harbour Works; Tourist and Health Resorts; Immigration; Roads and Bridges; Development of Mining, Telegraph Extension, Contingent Defence, Lands Improvement, Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage; Plant, Material, and Stores; together with an Estimate of Expenditure in respect to Land for Settlement Account (Roads), Electric Supply Account, Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account, Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account, and Education Loans Account, which will come in course of Payment during the Year ending 31st March, 1923; and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the enclosure, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

17. *Tongariro National Park Bill.*—Interrupted Debate resumed.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

18. *Rating Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rating Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

19. *Tongariro National Park Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Tongariro National Park Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

Amendments proposed: To add to paragraph (*a*) of subclause (3) the words "if that chief is a lineal descendant of Te Heuheu Tukino, the donor of the Native land included in the area of the Tongariro National Park"; to insert after paragraph (*f*) the following new paragraph—"(*ff.*) The president of the New Zealand Institute"; to omit from paragraph (*g*) the word "four," and substitute the word "three"; to add the following subclause:—

"(4.) If the paramount chief for the time being of the tribe aforesaid is not a lineal descendent of Te Heuheu Tukino, the Governor-General in Council shall appoint as a member of the Board a lineal descendant, who shall hold office in lieu of such paramount chief." (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 30 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, aud agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorize the Setting-apart of certain Lands, including Mounts Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, and Ruapehu, and Lands in the vicinity thereof, as a National Park, and to provide for the Control and Management thereof."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

20. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Government Railways Amendment Bill be postponed.

21. *Harbours Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Harbours Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 18th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. J. McC. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

2. *T.B. Ex-Soldiers.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of T.B. ex-soldiers who have

been discharged from sanatoria during the year which ended on the 31st August, 1922, and stating the number of these soldiers who have been successfully repatriated; those discharged from Tauherenikau to be shown separately.

3. *Spirits, Beer, and Wine: Quantity consumed, and Duty collected.*—On motion of Mr. Lysnar, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the quantity consumed of spirits, beer, and wine, and the amount of duty collected, in the years 1918, 1919, and 1920.

4. *State Schools closed through Lack of Attendance.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of State Schools closed through lack of attendance in the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921; the return to show the district in which the schools were closed.

5. *Customs and Excise Duty: Comparative Amounts received for the Years 1921–22.*—On motion of Mr. McCallum, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the effect of the Tariff of 1921 as follows: (1) The Customs and excise duty received in respect of alcoholic liquor for the three months ended 30th September, 1921; and (2) the Customs and excise duty received in respect of alcoholic liquor for the three months ended 30th September, 1922. Such return to show the respective amounts collected in respect of spirits, wines, and ales separately.

6. *Imperial Purchases of Wool: Insurances thereon, and Loss by Fire.*—On the motion of Mr. Jones, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The value of all wool purchased by the Imperial authorities from the Dominion; (2) the amount that would be paid if wool had been insured at the current rates of insurance, fire and marine; and (3) the losses by fire, wreck, &c., of such wool during the whole period.

7. *Super-tax on Land: Reduction from 33⅓ per Cent. to 10 per Cent.*—On motion of Mr. Mitchell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount which the reduction of super-tax on land from 33⅓ per cent. to 10 per cent. will mean to the holders of land of the following unimproved values: £1,000, £2,000, £3,000, £4,000, £5,000, £6,000, £8,000, £10,000, £15,000, £20,000, £25,000, £30,000, £50,000, £75,000, £100,000, £150,000, £200,000, £250,000, and £300,000.

8. *Companies Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Act, 1908: and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

315. Post and Telegraph Department: Schedule of Regulations comprising Order in Council—Amendment to Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1118.

316. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Whangarei Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

10. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on Parliamentary Papers Nos. 294, 295, 296, and 307; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That Parliamentary Papers Nos. 294, 295, 296, and 307, together with the reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

11. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Flora Cooch and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

13. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of William Alfred Baldwin. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of William Alfred Baldwin, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

14. *Joint Committee on Bills.*—Mr. Malcolm, from the Joint Committee on Bills, brought up a Report on the St. John's College Trust Bill, which was read, as follows:—

The Joint Committee on Bills, to which was referred the St. John's College Trust Bill, has the honour to report that in the opinion of the Committee the St. John's College Trust Bill is a Private Bill.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

15. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Government Railways Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, referred to the Railways Committee.

16. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill;

A debate arose thereon.

Debate interrupted by Messages from the Legislative Council.

17. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment made by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Amusements-tax Act, 1922, transmitted in Message No. 36 from the House of Representatives. Also,

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1922, and the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment.

18. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the same was accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

19. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill be now committed.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

20. *Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2);

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

21. *Harbours Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Harbours Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

22. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill, the Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2), and the Harbours Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

23. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill:* Clause 1 read and agreed to.

(Clause 2 struck out by the Statutes Revision Committee.)

Clauses 3 to 10 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following clause 2 be reinserted as a new clause:—

"2. The power conferred on the Court by section ninety-three of the principal Act to amend all defects and errors in the proceedings shall include power to amend all defects and errors in any plaint note, and the proviso to subsection two of the said section shall be read subject to the foregoing provisions of this section." (*Mr. McCallum.*)

New clause read a first time; second reading negatived.

To report the Bill without amendment.

24. *Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2):* Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

(Clause 4 struck out by Statutes Revision Committee.)

Clauses 5, 6, and 7 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"4. (1.) Each adjoining occupier of rural lands shall at all times keep his land clear for the width of a quarter of a chain along the full length of any boundary-fence of all vegetation except grass and tussock likely to be a source of danger from fire.

"(2.) Any such occupier may in writing require the occupier of the land on the opposite side of such fence to forthwith clear his land as hereinbefore provided.

"(3.) If at the expiration of twenty-one days the requisition to clear such fence has not commenced or neglects or fails for a period of fourteen days to continue to carry out the requisition the person making the same may enter upon such land and clear the same as hereinbefore provided, and may recover the cost of such clearing as a debt due from the occupier of such land.

"(4.) Nothing in this section shall so operate as to compel or empower any person to destroy any live fence or hedge, or any ornamental shrubs or garden plants, or plantations or native bush." (*Mr. Reed.*)

New clause read a second time; second reading negatived.

To report the Bill without amendment.

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25. *Harbours Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 7 to 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read.

Amendment proposed: In line 47, to omit the words "three shillings," and substitute the words "two shillings and sixpence" in lieu thereof. (*Hon. Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 17, 18, and 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendments proposed: In paragraph (*a*), to strike out the word "twopence," with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words "one penny half-penny"; also in paragraph (*a*), to strike out the words "one pound," with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifteen shillings"; also, in paragraph (*b*), to strike out the words "two shillings," with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words "one shilling and sixpence"; also in paragraph (*b*), to strike out the words "three pounds three shillings," with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words "two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence." (*Hon. Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"(1.) A Board may by by-law provide that all or any harbour dues payable on the registered tonnage of ships shall, in the case of any British or foreign ship (not being a home-trade ship within the meaning of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908) which carries as cargo in any uncovered space upon deck, or in any covered space not included in the cubical contents forming the ship's registered tonnage, any timber, stores, or other goods, except fresh fruit, be payable as if there were added to the ship's registered tonnage the tonnage of the space occupied by such goods at the time at which such dues become payable.

"(2.) The tonnage so to be added shall be determined in the manner prescribed by section two hundred and twenty-two of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908.

"(3.) Any by-law made under this section may apply with respect to dues already made as well as to dues hereafter made." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

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26. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

27. *Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Fencing Amendment Bill (No. 2), and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Fencing Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

28. *Harbours Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Harbours Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Harbours Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

29. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Amendment Bill be postponed.

30. *Crimes Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Crimes Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 19th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Fraser (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Thomas Moody be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions or Te Hati Pakaroa, and Te Hati Pakaroa, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

3. *Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill.*—On motion of Mr. J. McC. Dickson, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Mosgiel Borough Empowering Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

4. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

5. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Mining Amendment Bill, and the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

6. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the Mining Amendment Bill be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

7. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Thames Harbour Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter also brought up Reports on the Waimakariri Harbour Board District Empowering Amendment Bill, the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill, and the Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill, and the same were read, as follow :—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders, with the exception of Standing Orders Nos. 394 and 399, suspended by leave of the House, have been complied with. The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on the copy annexed hereto.

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Waimakariri Harbour Board District Empowering Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders, with the exception of Standing Order No. 399, suspended by leave of the House, have been complied with. The Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders, with the exception of Standing Orders Nos. 394 and 399, suspended by leave of the House, have been complied with. The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on the copy annexed hereto.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Thames Harbour Bill.—Ordered*, That the Thames Harbour Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

10. *Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

11. *Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

12. *Waimakariri Harbour Board District Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Waimakariri Harbour Board District Empowering Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

13. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petitions of J. W. Moore and others, L. J. Brake and others, H. W. Crawford and others, R. H. Allan and others, and A. E. Bray and others ; and the same was read, as follows :—

I have the honour to report that, the subject-matter of the above Petitions having been dealt with in connection with the Whangarei Borough Leasing Bill, already reported upon, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter also brought up special Reports (2), which were read, as follow :—

I have the honour to report that, by reason of the conflicting evidence being constantly brought before the Local Bills Committee as to the utility and value of proposed schemes, more especially harbour schemes, the Committee strongly recommends that the Government should appoint an engineering expert to report on all such schemes involving an expenditure of over £10,000.

Ordered to lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government.

I am directed to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the efficient services rendered by the Clerk (Mr. S. T. Patterson).

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter also brought up a final Report, which was read, as follows :—

I have the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee has during the session held nineteen meetings, the average attendance being six Members at each meeting. Twenty-four Local Bills were referred to the Committee, all of which have been reported to the House.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hockly, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a special Report, which was read, as follows :—

I have the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Sir G. Hunter, has presided over its deliberations during the session.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

14. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Judah Saunders, and David Stone ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of David Stone, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. J. McC. Dickson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on the Petition of the Greymouth Borough Council do lie upon the Table and be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

The Honourable Mr. Guthrie moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words " and that the Petition be referred to the Railways Committee."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Greymouth Borough Council be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Greymouth Borough Council be referred to the Railways Committee.

15. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Keita Rangitukia ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for inquiry. (Appendix I.–3.)

16. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

17. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

18. *Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Isitt (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lyttelton Harbour Board Constitution Amendment Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

19. *Stamp Duties Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Stamp Duties Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

20. *Crimes Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Crimes Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

21. *Cemeteries Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Cemeteries Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

22. *Companies Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Companies Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

23. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Stamp Duties Bill, the Crimes Amendment Bill, the Cemeteries Amendment Bill, and the Companies Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

24. *Stamp Duties Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (5), to omit the word "shilling," and insert the word "pound" in lieu thereof. (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 106 read and agreed to.

Clause 107 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 108 to 194 read and agreed to.

Clause 195 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 196 to 208 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"107. (1.) For any instrument effecting a partition of lands upon any consideration exceeding one hundred pounds paid by way of equality a duty of ten shillings shall be paid on every fifty pounds or part of fifty pounds of the eqality."

"(2.) In any other case the duty on a partition shall be twelve shillings and sixpence." (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

25. *Crimes Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), after the words "hereby amended," to add the following words: "by adding after the words 'this section' in the proviso the words 'if the accused is under the age of twenty-one years, and.'" (*Mr. Reed.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit paragraph (*b*). (*Mr. Wilford.*)

Amendment (with the leave of the Committee) withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: To omit paragraph (*b*), and substitute the following words in lieu thereof: "By adding to subclause three the words 'nor more than nine months after the commission of the offence by which the girl has become pregnant.'" (*Mr. Reed.*)

And the Question being put, That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Sullivan
Bartram	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Sykes
Bitchener	Howard	Nash	Uru
Campbell	Isitt	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Wright
Dixon, E.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Young.
Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	McCombs	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Hawken	McLeod	Seddon	Bollard
Henare	McNicol	Statham	Dickson, J. McC.

NOES, 23.

Atmore	Hamilton, J. R.	McCallum	Veitch
Burnett	Harris	Parry	Wilford
Edie	Holland	Poland	Williams.
Field	Horn	Rhodes, T. W.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lysnar	Smith, R. W.	Hanan, Hon. J. A.
Fraser	Mackenzie	Smith, S. G.	Reed.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Paragraph retained.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"Section two hundred and eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following proviso : 'Provided that it shall be a sufficient defence to any charge under section two hundred and eight of the principal Act if it is shown that the girl is a prostitute or living a dissolute life.'" (*Mr. Lysnar.*)

Clause read a first time ; second reading negatived.

To report the Bill with amendment.

26. *Companies Amendment Bill :*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill :—

"3. The Court shall have jurisdiction to stay, on such terms as it thinks fit, any action, suit, petition, or proceeding against a company if it considers it proper so to do in the interests of the creditors or any class of creditors of the company.

"4. This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and no longer." (*Honourable Mr. Lee.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

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27. *Stamp Duties Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Stamp Duties Bill, and had made an amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to consolidate and amend the Enactments relating to Stamp and other Duties."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

28. *Crimes Amendment Bill.*—Mr Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Crimes Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

29. *Cemeteries Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Cemeteries Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Cemeteries Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

30. *Companies Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Companies Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Companies Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 20th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Bartram (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Norah Butler be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Marian Cooper be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committees to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Glenn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Defence Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

317. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1920: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 44/1920, relative to Succession to Miri Arapata (deceased), in Ngatirahiri 6 and 14, 1892 Act Leases.

318. Roads closed or stopped, Return of, in Terms of Section 133 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

319. Ohinemuri County.—Production of Gold and Silver for Thirty Years ended the 31st March, 1922: Amount of Gold Duty, Goldfields Revenue, and Government Expenditure; also total Dividends paid during that Period. Return to an Order dated 7th September, 1922.

Ordered, That Paper No. 317 be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

4. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

5. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

6. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Reed, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Rating Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–11.)

7. *Rating Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Rating Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee, brought up Reports on the Dairy Industry Amendment Bill, and the Petition of Helen Mitchel Browne; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–10.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Helen Mitchel Browne, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

9. *Dairy Industry Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Dairy Industry Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Bollard, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Report on the Government Railways Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–6.)

11. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

12. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Malcolm, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. G. H. Bull; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–8.)

Ordered, That the Petition of J. G. H. Bull, together with the report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

13. *Message.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Companies Amendment Act, 1922, and the Harbours Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Tongariro National Park Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

14. *Tongariro National Park Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Tongariro National Park Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to, with the exception of the amendment in paragraph (*d*) of subclause (3) of clause 5.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Ordered*, That Mr. Hockly, Mr. Field, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with a certain amendment in the Tongariro National Park Bill.

15. *Tongariro National Park Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Guthrie, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with a certain amendment in the Tongariro National Park Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

> The action of the Council in striking out the Warden of the park as one of the members of the Board is unwise. Mr. Cullen, for many years past, as an honorary Warden of the park, has given his gratuitious services in inspecting and controlling the Tongariro National Park. His services, his knowledge of the locality, and conduct of management thereto are invaluable, and the Committee deems his nclusion on the Board a necessity.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That the reasons be agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendment.

16. *Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922.

17. *Supply (Public-works Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee unanimously decided to take the Public Works Estimates by classes.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £145,853 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,350,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railway Construction and Additions to Open Lines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £374,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, General, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Timber-supply and Sawmills, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,935 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourist and Health Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £241,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £815,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Mining for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £783,385 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by £1. (*Mr. McCallum.*)

Amendment negatived.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands-improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation and Water-supply for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £110,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to open up Lands for Settlements for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,075,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electric-supply Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £350,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

To report Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that he had been directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this House at its rising do adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned accordingly.

Monday, the 23rd Day of October, 1922.

The House met this day at thirty minutes after seven of the clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Hikatangata Pumipi and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bollard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of illness in his family.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 52.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make provision for the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance, and Control of Main Highways," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make provision for the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance, and Control of Main Highways.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said resolution.

4. *Main Highways Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates according to Order presented the Main Highways Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

320. Public Service Act, 1912, Regulations made by the Public Service Commissioner under the Authority of the.

323. Municipal Corporation's Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Tapanui Borough.]

324. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Otamatea, Clutha.]

325. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Temuka, Tauranga.]

326. Balance-sheet of the Franklin Borough Council for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

322. Imperial Conference of Teachers, held at Toronto, Canada, in August, 1921, including a Report on various Phases of Educational Activities in Canada and the United States, with special Reference to the Junior High School Movement. (Report of Mr. T. U. Wells, M.A.)

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House :—

321. Customs and Excise Revenue (presuming Continuance to be carried) to be derived on Account of Wines, Spirits, and Beers, for the Years ended 31st March, 1923, 1924, and 1925, separately. Return to an Order dated 3rd October, 1922.

Ordered, That Paper No. 322 be printed.

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Pouawha Meihana and others, Jane Brown, Roimata Wi Tamihana and others, Te Hurinui Apanui and others, and Te Hurinui Apanui and others and forty-five similar Petitions; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Pouawha Meihana and others, and Te Hurinui Apanui and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Roimata Wi Tamihana and others, and Jane Brown, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petition of Te Hurinui Apanui and others and forty-five similar Petitions, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, and the minutes of evidence, be referred to the Government.

On motion of Mr. Young, *Ordered*, That the minutes of evidence on the Petition of Te Hurinui Apanui and others and forty-five similar Petitions be printed. (Appendix I.–3A.)

Mr. Young also brought up a Report on the Greymouth Native Reserve Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Greymouth Native Reserve Bill.—Ordered*, That the Greymouth Native Reserve Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Frederick Wilding, John Owen, and J. H. Prescott; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of John Owen, and J. H. Prescott, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

9. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 53.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

10. *Finance Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

11. *Postponement of Orders of the Day (Local Bills).—Ordered*, That Orders of the Day 1 to 4 (Local Bills) be postponed.

12. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

13. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Government Railways Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, and the Government Railways Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read.

Further consideration of clause postponed.

Clauses 11 to 31 read and agreed to.

Clause 32 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 33 to 44 read and agreed to.

Clause 45 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the words "The British Imperial Oil Company (N.Z.), (Limited), to the Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary (Limited), and to the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited)," and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "Any person, firm, or corporation." (*Mr. Mitchell.*)

The clause was, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Clauses 46 to 69 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made progress in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill.

16. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Government Railways Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twelve of the clock midnight, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 24th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Harris (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Albert Sanford be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit this Afternoon during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Public Petitions A to L Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Young (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Native Affairs Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Paper.*—The following paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

327. Discharged Soldiers Settlement: Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. C.–9.

Ordered, That Paper No. 327 be printed.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Mining Amendment Bill and Parliamentary Paper No. 317; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Parliamentary Paper No. 317 be referred to the Government for consideration.

5. *Mining Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Mining Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 54.*

The Bills intituled—

The Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1922.
The Fireblight Act, 1922,
The Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1922,
The State Fire Insurance Amendment Act, 1922,
The War Disabilities Removal Act, 1922,
The Mercantile Law Amendment Act, 1922,
The Amusements-tax Act, 1922.
The Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1922.
The Incorporated Societies Amendment Act, 1922.
The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1922,
The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1922.
The Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Act, 1922,
The Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1922.
The Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Act, 1922.
The Invercargill Corporation Empowering Act, 1922.
The Palmerston North Reserves Act, 1922.
The Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Act, 1922.
The Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Act, 1922,
The Whakatane Harbour Amendment Act, 1922,
The Wanganui River Trust Amendment Act, 1922,
The Hamilton Domains Amendment Act, 1922, and
The Hutt River Improvement and Reclamation Act, 1922,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 20th October, 1922.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 55.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, and Endowments and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To add the following new clauses:—

"70. Whereas it has been ascertained that the sum of twelve thousand pounds mentioned in section three of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1921–22, is insufficient to do and complete the works authorized by section two of that Act and certain other works which it is deemed advisable to construct as improvements of the Whangarei Harbour: And whereas it is deemed advisable to extend the purposes for which moneys borrowed under that Act may be expended and to increase the amount that may be borrowed for such purposes. Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Section three of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting the words 'Twelve thousand pounds, and substituting the words 'Twenty-five thousand pounds.'

"(2.) The construction of slipways, the reclamation of the Harbour Board's endowment lands by depositing spoil thereon by dredging operations, the erection of protective banks and flood-gates on such reclamation-works, the acquisition of additional plant and material necessary to the carrying-out of harbour-improvements are hereby declared to be works for the improvement of the Whangarei Harbour within the meaning of sections three and four of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1914.

"(3.) The provisions of section three of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1921–22, as amended by this section are hereby extended to apply to the harbour-improvement works defined in the last preceding subsection.

"71. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the will of James Dilworth, late of Auckland, Gentleman (deceased), the Dilworth Trust Board, a body incorporated in Auckland under the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, and in which is now vested the lands hereinafter firstly described, and the Diocesan High Schools Trust Board, a body incorporated in Auckland under the aforesaid statute, and in which is vested the lands hereinafter secondly described, are, and each of them is, for the purpose of straightening and adjusting the boundary-line between the respective properties of the said Boards, of which properties the lands above referred to and hereinafter described are respectively parts, hereby authorized and empowered to exchange the said pieces of land hereinafter firstly and secondly described the one for the other, and for such purpose to execute and perform all such deeds, documents, acts, matters, and things as may reasonably be required for such purpose.

"(2.) Each of the said Trust Boards shall hold the piece of land to be conveyed to it by virtue of the powers hereby conferred upon and subject to the same trusts (if any) as now affect the other adjoining lands of the said Trust Boards respectively.

"(3.) The lands referred to in subsection one hereof, as hereinafter firstly described, comprise all that piece of land containing two perches, more or less, being part of Lot 63 on a plan lodged in the Deeds Register Office at Auckland under Number 93 (black), which said piece of land is part of original Lot 7, Section 6, of the Village of Mount St. John, being a subdivision of part of Allotments 10 and others of Section 11 of the Suburbs of Auckland, the land hereby affected being part of said Allotment 10, and being bounded—commencing at a point on the boundary-line between Original Lots 7 and 6 of Section 6, distant 171 feet 4½ inches from Clyde Street; towards the east by other part of the said Lot 63, 74 feet 11 inches; towards the south by other part of said Allotment 10, the property of the Diocesan High School Trust Board, 14 feet 6½ inches; and towards the north-west by part of Lot 6 of said Section 6, 74 feet 11½ inches.

"(4.) The lands referred to in subsection one hereof as hereinafter secondly described comprise all that piece or parcel of land containing two perches, more or less, and being part of Allotment 10 of Section 11 of the Suburbs of Auckland: bounded—commencing at the south-eastern corner of the land above described—towards the north by said Lot 63 on a plan lodged in the Deeds Register Office, at Auckland, under Number 93 (black), being part of said Allotment 10, 19 feet 3¾ inches; towards the south-east by part of Lot 56 on the said plan Number 93 (black), being part of Allotment 7 of said Section 11 57 feet 10½ inches; and towards the west by other part of said Allotment 10 the property of the Diocesan High Schools Trust Board, 56 feet 4¾ inches.

"72. Whereas it is provided by subsection two of section six of the Education Reserves Act, 1908, that in the case of the sale of a site for a public school the money received shall be invested in the purchase of another suitable site for a public school, or in land in fee-simple to be held by the Education

Board for educational purposes: And whereas it is desirable that the Education Board of the District of Auckland should be empowered to sell the existing school-site at Huntly, hereinafter described, and to apply the proceeds of such sale towards the removal of the existing school buildings from the said site to another site and towards the erection of additions to such buildings: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Education Reserves Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the Education Board of the District of Auckland may sell the school-site hereinafter described and apply the proceeds of such sale towards the removal of the existing school buildings from the said site to another site and towards the erection of additions to such buildings.

"(2.) The school-site which the said Education Board is hereby authorized to sell is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing one acre, more or less, and being part Lot 51, Parish of Taupiri.

"73. The Hamilton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to expend—

"(*a.*) The sum of six hundred and two pounds nineteen shillings and ninepence, being the unexpended balance of a loan of one thousand five hundred pounds authorized to be raised by the Hamilton Borough Council for the purpose of altering and improving the saleyards at Hamilton West and erecting a caretaker's cottage; and

"(*b.*) The sum of four hundred pounds, being the proceeds of the sale of the erections and fittings on the public saleyards at Hamilton,

for the purchase, construction, laying, and fitting of additional machinery, pipes, mains, fittings, and appliances for the supply of water in the Borough of Hamilton.

"74. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section eighty-two of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the power conferred on Borough Councils by subsection seven of that section with respect to water rates for extraordinary supplies of water may be exercised by the Paeroa Borough Council with respect to ordinary as well as extraordinary supplies of water.

"75. Whereas consequent upon certain river-diversion works carried out pursuant to the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910, the Crown deemed it necessary to install a water-supply system for the Town of Matata and the district adjoining: And whereas it is desirable that the Whakatane County Council, being the local authority for the district, should in future exercise powers of control over the said water-supply system: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, in the manner prescribed by section one hundred and eighty-two of the Counties Act, 1920, confer upon the Whakatane County Council such of the powers of Borough Councils as he thinks fit with respect to the supply of water for domestic purposes for the Town of Matata and the district adjoining as may be specially defined in the instrument conferring such powers, and may, in like manner, vest in the Corporation of the County of Whakatane the works already constructed in connection with the aforesaid water-supply system and all pipe-line easements and other rights or appurtenances acquired by His Majesty in connection therewith.

"(2.) Any district defined for the purposes of this section shall be exempt from any rates made and levied under the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910.

"76. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is a primary-education endowment vested in the Crown in accordance with section two of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1910: And whereas by a notice in the *Gazette* of the eighteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, the land described in subsection four hereof was permanently reserved for recreation-grounds and is part of the Hamilton Domain, and subject to the provisions of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911: And whereas it is desired to

increase the area of the Whitiora School site by effecting exchanges of land as hereinafter appear: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purposes of a primary-education endowment over the lands described in subsection three hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, to be included in and to form part of the Hamilton Domain, under the control of the Hamilton Domain Board, but subject to the leases granted by His Majesty over the said lands under section two of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1910, and section five of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

"(2.) The reservation for the purposes of a recreation-ground and domain over the land described in subsection four hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby permenently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing one acre and one perch, more or less, being Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Allotment 303, Town of Hamilton East.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing one acre, more or less, being Section 209, Town of Hamilton West.

"77. Paragraph (*d*) of section five of the Rotorua Town Lands Act, 1920, is hereby amended by inserting, before the word 'interest' therein, the word 'reversionary.'

"78. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the seventeenth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the island known as Takupu (or Motutukupu) in the Waikato River, containing twenty-three acres, more or less, was confiscated to the Crown: And whereas it is desirable that the said island should be restored to the original owners or to their descendants: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) From and after the passing of this Act the said land shall be deemed to be customary land as defined by the Native Land Act, 1909, and shall be held by the Natives or descendants of Natives who would have been entitled to the said land under the customs and usages of the Maori people if the Native title thereto had not been extinguished.

"(2.) The Native Land Court is hereby empowered to investigate and determine the title to the said land, and make an order accordingly.

"79. Whereas the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, abolished the Counties of Waitomo and Awakino and, *inter alia*, constituted a new Waitomo County consisting of part of the former Awakino County and part of the former Waitomo County: And whereas it is desirable that certain by-laws and other matters in force at the date of the coming into operation of the said Act should be continued, and that the Waitomo County Council should be empowered as hereinafter appears: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) All by-laws in force in the former Waitomo County immediately before the coming into operation of the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, and all special orders, resolutions, and public notifications then in force in the former Waitomo County shall be deemed to be by-laws, special orders, resolutions, and notifications made, passed, or notified by the Waitomo County Council as constituted by the said Act, and shall be deemed to have been in force as from the date of coming into operation of that Act.

"(2.) Part II of the Motor Regulation Act, 1908, shall be deemed to have been in force in the Waitomo County as from the coming into operation of the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, and the letters and numerals assigned by the Minister of Internal Affairs to the former Waitomo County Council shall be deemed to have been assigned to the Council of the Waitomo County as constituted by that Act, and all registrations effected

with and all numerals assigned by the former Waitomo County Council and the former Awakino County Council shall be deemed to have been effected with and assigned by the existing Waitomo County Council, and the said Council shall be deemed to be the registering authority in respect of all such registrations accordingly.

"(3.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Waitomo County Council may, after any financial adjustment effected pursuant to section six of the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, expend any balance remaining to its credit on any bridge rate heretofore raised by the former Waitomo County Council as though any such balance were part of the general fund of the said Council. Any such balance may be expended in such ridings and in such proportions as the Council by resolution determines.

"80. The Mangawara River Board may, by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and without taking the steps described in sections eight to twelve of that Act, borrow the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of repaying to the Minister of Finance an advance made by him to the said Board to enable it to carry out certain river-works.

"81. (1.) The New Plymouth High School Board, incorporated under the New Plymouth High School Act, 1889, may, with the consent of the Governor-General in Council, borrow from the Public Trustee, and the Public Trustee may lend to the Board, a sum not exceeding three thousand two hundred pounds on the security of the rents and profits of the whole or any part of the land vested in the Board, at such rate of interest, and for such term of years, and upon such conditions as the Board, with the consent of the Governor-General in Council as aforesaid, and the Public Trustee may agree upon.

"(2.) If the Public Trustee shall grant the said loan, the instrument or instruments of security may be in such form and may confer on him such powers and remedies for raising and securing repayment of the principal and interest, and may contain such covenants, agreements, conditions, and provisions in every respect as he shall require, and, in particular, any such instruments may empower him, in case of default of payment of any sum of interest or principal, or in the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements, conditions, or provisions contained or implied in any such instruments, to appoint a receiver of the said rents and profits.

"(3.) The advance of twelve thousand pounds already made to the Board by the Public Trustee and secured upon the said rents and profits of the said endowments shall be deemed to have been legally made in all respects, and all instruments executed by the Board by way of security for the repayment of the said sum of twelve thousand pounds and payment of interest thereon shall be deemed to have been lawfully executed as and from the date of execution of the same by or on behalf of the said Board.

"82. Whereas by notice in the *Gazette* of the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety, Section 102, Block X, Huangarua Survey District, was permanently reserved for river-conservation purposes: And whereas the said land is no longer required for the purposes for which it was reserved: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purposes of river conservation over the aforesaid Section 102 is hereby cancelled, and the land comprised therein is hereby declared to be Crown land available for disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything in section one hundred and thirty-one of the Land Act, 1908, as to limitation of the area of any Crown land disposable thereunder, the said land and any accretions thereto as disclosed by survey, may be disposed of to the adjoining occupier under the said Land Act, 1908.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement one hundred and one acres three roods twenty-eight perches, more or less, being Section 102, Block X, Huangarua Survey District: as the same is delineated on plan numbered 6/5/98, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"83. Whereas the Wairarapa Electric-power Board was on the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, duly authorized by the ratepayers of the Wairarapa Electric-power District to raise a loan of two hundred and sixty thousand pounds for certain purposes set out in the proposal submitted to such ratepayers: And whereas it is expedient that the Board should be authorized to expend any part or parts of the loan-moneys borrowed or to be borrowed in respect of the said loan in such manner as will also provide for the construction of hydro-generating works in addition to the transmission and distribution of electric energy: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, or in any other Act, it shall be lawful for the said Board to expend from time to time the whole or any part or parts of the sums borrowed or to be borrowed in respect of the said loan, in such manner as the Board may decide, upon works, buildings, land, and equipment necessary in connection with the generation, distribution, and utilization of electric energy, instead of in the manner provided in the allocation set forth in the proposal to borrow such moneys submitted to the ratepayers of the district.

"84. Section one hundred and thirty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'building a hostel,' the words 'master's residence, and school class-rooms.'

"85. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the thirteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and eight, Section 10, Block XV, and Section 3, Block XVI, Rahu Survey District, were reserved as an endowment for primary education: And whereas by a Warrant published in the *Gazette* of the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifteen, an adjoining area of six hundred and forty-eight acres of a public utility reserve known as Section 2 of Square 182, Blocks III and IV, Lewis Survey District, was appropriated for an endowment for primary education: And whereas the aforesaid lands have been resurveyed, and it is desirable that they should be described as hereinafter appears: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The lands comprised in Section 10 of Block XV and in Section 3 of Block XVI, Rahu Survey District, together with the land comprised in the area of six hundred and forty-eight acres hereinbefore mentioned, are hereby declared to be Sections 3 and 10 of Block XVI, Rahu Survey District.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Nelson Land District, containing by admeasurement one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four acres and thirty-four perches, more or less, being Sections 3 and 10, Block XVI, Rahu Survey District: bounded towards the north by Sections 8 and 2 of Blocks XV and XVI, respectively, of the said survey district, and by a road, 10630·7 links; towards the east generally by a provisional State forest reserve, 6847·5 links; towards the north-east, south-east, and again towards the north-east by the said provisional State forest reserve, 6027·1 links, 5238·1 links, and 916·6 links respectively; again towards the south-east by a road along the right bank of the Alfred River; and towards the south-west and west generally by a road along the right bank of the Maruia River: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: excepting a road and Section 10A which are included within the above-described boundaries: as the same is delineated on a plan marked L. and S. 20/143, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"86. Whereas by section fifty of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, the land on which the Millerton drill-hall is erected was vested in the Corporation of the County of Buller: And whereas on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the Buller County Council, purporting to act under and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, caused to be taken a poll

upon a proposal to raise a special loan of seven hundred and fifty pounds upon the security of a special rate on the unimproved value of all the rateable property in the Millerton Riding of the County of Buller for the purpose of repairing and renovating the said Millerton drill-hall: And whereas the said proposal was carried, and the loan was raised and spent as proposed: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the said Council to raise a loan for such purpose, and it is expedient that the said Council should be so empowered, and that the said loan should be validated as hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said loan shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully raised, and the said Council shall at all times be deemed to have been lawfully empowered to apply the moneys resulting therefrom in accordance with the purposes for which the raising of the same was authorized by the ratepayers of the said Millerton Riding.

"87. Whereas in pursuance of the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-two of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1915, Sections 1156, 1170, and 1171 of the Town of Picton, containing nine acres two roods fifteen perches, more or less (hereinafter referred to as the reserve) are now vested in the Corporation of the Picton Borough (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation) to be held and used exclusively as a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: And whereas the Picton Borough Council is desirous of utilizing a portion of the reserve for the erection thereon of municipal hot salt-water baths and certain municipal buildings: And whereas it is expedient that the trusts and uses upon and to which the reserve is held by the Corporation should be so varied as to permit of the erection of such municipal hot salt-water baths and municipal buildings: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) That portion of the reserve hereinafter described (which land is hereinafter referred to as the said land) shall be and the same is hereby released from the trusts and uses for and as a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, upon which the reserve is now held by the Corporation, and shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Corporation in trust for the purpose of the erection thereon by the Picton Borough Council of hot salt-water baths and municipal buildings.

"(2.) The District Land Registrar of the Marlborough Land Registration District shall, upon an application in that behalf being made by the Picton Borough Council, issue to the Corporation a certificate of title in respect of the said land.

"(3.) The said land is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods seventeen perches, more or less, being parts of Sections 1156 and 1170, Town of Picton, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, register-book, Volume 23, folio 96, Blenheim Registry: as the same is delineated and coloured red upon a plan thereof marked 'Plan of Part Reserve D, Borough of Picton,' certified by Arthur Blundell Wright, a duly licensed surveyor, and numbered L. and S. 13/90/14, and deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington.

"88. Whereas by the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907, and the Wairau Harbour Board Loan and Enabling Act, 1916, power is given to the Wairau Harbour Board to borrow any sum not exceeding five thousand pounds for the purposes therein set forth: And whereas by the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1922, power is given to the said Board to make and levy rates within the Wairau Harbour District for the purpose of providing the annual charges upon the moneys borrowed under the powers in that behalf vested in it as aforesaid: And whereas it will be necessary for the Board to compile a roll of the ratepayers of the Wairau Harbour District for the purposes of taking the requisite poll upon the question of borrowing any moneys as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that the Board should be empowered

to repay to its General Account from the proceeds of the loan the expenses incurred in compiling such roll of ratepayers and in taking such poll as aforesaid : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

"(1.) The Wairau Harbour Board shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to repay to the General Account of the Board from the proceeds of any loan to be raised by virtue of the powers contained in the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907, and the Wairau Harbour Board Loan and Enabling Act, 1916, the expenses incurred by the Board and paid from its General Account in compiling the requisite roll of ratepayers of the Wairau Harbour District and in taking the poll of such ratepayers upon the question of raising such loan.

"(2.) This enactment shall be read and construed along with the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907, the Wairau Harbour Board Loan and Enabling Act, 1916, and the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1922.

"89. Whereas by a notice in the *Gazette* of the seventh day of August, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the land described in subsection five hereof was permanently reserved for a public recreation-ground : And whereas by an Order in Council in the *Gazette* of the eighth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty, the said land was declared to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, as the Clayton Domain : And whereas by an Order in Council in the *Gazette* of the twelfth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty, the said domain was placed under the control of the Clayton Domain Board : And whereas the said domain is unsuitable for the purposes for which it was reserved, and it is desired to set apart a more suitable area as the Clayton Domain by effecting exchanges of land as hereinafter provided : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

"(1.) The reservation over the domain described in subsection five hereof for the purposes of recreation and the vesting of the control of the said domain in the Clayton Domain Board are hereby cancelled.

"(2.) On the acceptance on behalf of His Majesty of the surrender by the lessee of Section 1, Clayton Settlement, of that portion of the said Section 1 described in subsection six hereof, the land described in subsection five hereof shall be deemed to be incorporated in the lease of the said Section 1 ; and the District Land Registrar for the Canterbury Land Registration District, on receipt of an application in that behalf from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on the said lease, and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this subsection.

"(3.) On the acceptance on behalf of His Majesty of the surrender by the lessee of Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement, of that portion of the said Section 16 described in subsection seven hereof, the land described in subsection six hereof shall be deemed to be incorporated in the lease of the said Section 16 ; and the District Land Registrar for the Canterbury Land Registration District, on an application in that behalf from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on the said lease, and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this subsection.

"(4.) On the acceptance on behalf of His Majesty of the surrender by the lessee of Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement, of that portion of the said Section 16 described in subsection seven hereof, the land so surrendered shall be deemed to be permanently reserved for recreation purposes as the Clayton Domain, to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and to be under the control of the Clayton Domain Board.

"(5.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows :—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement ten acres, more or less, and being Reserve 3999, situated in Block XI, Opuha Survey District, and bounded as follows : towards the north, east, and south by Section 1, Clayton Settlement, 1000 links, 1000 links, and 1000

links respectively; and towards the west by Clayton Road, 1000 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 1/649A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered blue.

"(6.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement ten acres one rood, more or less, and being part of Section 1, Clayton Settlement, situated in Block XI, Opuha Survey District, and bounded as follows—towards the north-east and south-east by other part of the said Section 1, 1100 links and 1342·8 links respectively; towards the south-west by Crown land, 975 links; and towards the north-west and west by Deep Creek and by Clayton Road 69 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 1/649A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered yellow.

"(7.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement six acres two roods thirty perches, more or less, and being Reserve 4062 (formerly part of Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement) situated in Block XI, Opuha Survey District, and bounded as follows—towards the north-east by Butler's Road, 202·6 links and 693·7 links; towards the east by Clayton Road, 300 links; and towards the south, south-west, and north-west by the said Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement, 500 links, 1032 links, and 700 links respectively: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 1/649A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"90. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section thirty-four of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Governor-General may grant leases under that section over portions of Reserve 3224, Block VIII, Rangiora Survey District, in the Land District of Canterbury (being part of the Rangiora and Waikuku Beach Domain), authorizing the lessees to erect buildings on the lands comprised in such leases.

"(2.) No such lease shall comprise an area exceeding one rood, and no such area shall at any point be less than one chain from high-water mark, and the aggregate area so leased for building purposes shall not exceed twenty-two acres.

"(3.) Every lease granted under this section shall provide for the erection of a house within a specified time on the land comprised in the lease in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved by the Rangiora and Waikuku Domain Board, and for the maintenance of the premises in good order to the satisfaction of the said Domain Board.

"91. Whereas by section seventy-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1910, as amended by section seventy-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1913, the land hereinafter described was vested in the Selwyn Plantation Board for plantation purposes: And whereas it is desirable that the said Board should be empowered to sell the whole or any portion of the said land so that it may be utilized for building purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Selwyn Plantation Board is hereby empowered to sell by public auction the whole or any part of the land hereinafter described, subdivided into such lots, at such upset prices, and subject to such terms and conditions of sale as the Minister of Lands may approve.

"(2.) The whole of the net proceeds from such sale shall be paid into the Selwyn Plantation Account, and shall be applied by the said Board to the purchase of other land suitable for plantation purposes.

"(3.) Any lands so purchased shall be deemed to be vested in the said Board in trust for plantation purposes and to be subject to the provisions of

section seventy-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1910, and any amendment thereof.

"(4.) Upon any sale of land made hereunder the Selwyn Plantation Board is hereby empowered to execute a transfer or assurance of such land to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

"(5.) The land to which this section refers is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement eighty-seven acres two roods twenty-four perches, more or less, being Reserve 3504, situated in Block XV, Christchurch Survey District, and Block III, Halswell Survey District: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 49135, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"92. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Ashburton in trust for municipal purposes: And whereas the land described in subsection four hereof is vested in the said Corporation: And whereas the land described in subsection five hereof is portion of Winter Street stopped under section one hundred and seventy-two of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, and the Fourth Schedule thereto: And whereas it is desired that the aforesaid lands should be added to the present site of the Ashburton District School, the area of which is now inadequate for the purpose for which the said site was set apart: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Ashburton Borough Council is hereby empowered to transfer to the Education Board of the District of Canterbury, without receiving any payment or consideration therefor, all those parcels of land described in subsections three and four hereof, and the said lands shall be held by the said Board, in trust, for the purposes of a school-site.

"(2.) The stopped portion of Winter Street described in subsection five hereof is hereby vested in the Education Board of the District of Canterbury in trust, for the purposes of a school-site, subject to the reservation of a perpetual easement in favour of the Ashburton Borough Council for surface and underground drainage, and of right of entry to the said Council or its employees for the purpose of constructing or maintaining drains in or on the said land.

"(3.) Portion of the lands to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-four perches, more or less, and being Reserve 765, situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by Short Street, 372 links; towards the south-west by Reserve 765x, 362 links; and towards the north-west by Winter Street, 85 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/6/349, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered purple.

"(4.) Portion of the lands to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods thirteen perches, more or less, and being Reserve 765x, situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by Reserve 765, 362 links, and by Short Street, 441·8 links; towards the south-west by Reserves 1833 and part 1642, 800 links; and towards the north-west by Winter Street, 100 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/6/349, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered blue.

"(5.) The stopped portion of Winter Street to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood thirty-nine and three-tenths perches, and being Reserve 1833x (formerly part of Winter Street), situated in the Borough of Ashburton:

bounded towards the north-east by the remaining part of Winter Street, 100 links; towards the south-east by Reserve 1833, 500 links; towards the south-west by Moore Street, 66·2 links; towards the west by a public street, 41·1 links; and towards the north-west by Reserve 3360, 476·5 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/6/349, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered green.

"93. Whereas it is desirable that the land hereinafter described and known as the Moa Seed Farm, formerly used for the training of discharged soldiers, but no longer required for that purpose, should be used for experimental purposes: And whereas an association of persons consisting of James Begg, of Dunedin, Farmer; Edward Fawns Duthie, of Dunedin, Settler; James Hugh Nimmo, of Dunedin, Seed-merchant; and Joseph William Hadfield, of Otago, Farm-manager, entered into an agreement dated the tenth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, with the Minister of Agriculture whereby the said association of persons agreed on terms set out in the agreement to lease the said land and to carry out experiments on lines approved by the Minister of Agriculture, and subject to his supervision: And whereas special authority is necessary to enable the said agreement to be given effect to: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, or any other Act, the Governor-General may grant to the aforesaid association a lease of the said land on the terms set out in the aforesaid agreement between the Minister of Agriculture and the association, or on any other terms necessary to give effect to the said agreement.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and nineteen acres and thirty-eight perches, more or less, being Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 16, Westcott Settlement (Benger Survey District).

"94. (1.) The public domains known as the Waikaia Domain and the Happy Valley Domain, being the lands hereinafter respectively described, are hereby amalgamated, and shall henceforth be known as the Waikaia Domain.

"(2.) The Waikaia Domain Board in office at the passing of this Act shall be the Domain Board of the Waikaia Domain hereby constituted as if it had been duly appointed as such pursuant to the provisions in that behalf of section forty of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(3.) The land formerly known as the Waikaia Domain is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Southland Land District, containing five acres two roods, more or less, being Sections 1 to 22 (inclusive), Block IV, Town of Waikaia.

"(4.) The land formerly known as the Happy Valley Domain is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Southland Land District, containing fifty-five acres two roods, more or less, being Section 7, Block III, Waikaia Survey District."

To add the following to the Schedule:—

No.	Description of Land.	Purpose for which Land reserved.	Instrument of Reservation.
11	Reserve 155, Block III, Kanieri Survey District, in the Westland Land District, containing 28 acres 3 roods, more or less	Resting-place and commonage for cattle	Notice in *Gazette*, 8th March, 1877.

Government House,
Wellington, 24th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

8. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stand referred to the Lands Committee.

9. *Main Highways Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Main Highways Bill;

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by the reading of Messages from the Legislative Council.

10. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council does not insist upon its amendment in the Tongariro National Park Bill to which the House of Representatives has disagreed—namely, the amendment in paragraph (*d*) of subclause (3) of clause 5. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

12. *Main Highways Bill.*—The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Main Highways Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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13. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Finance Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 25th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Mr. Field (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Albert Thomas Griffin be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

On motion of Mr. R. W. Smith (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of William M. Kean be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committees to sit this Afternoon during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. J. McC. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That The Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Young (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Native Affairs Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Sir J. P. Luke (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Dr. A. K. Newman, on account of illness.

4. *Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee.*—Mr. Hawken, from the Dairy-produce Export Control Committee, brought up a Report on the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

> The Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on copy of Bill attached hereto.

Mr. Hawken moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Masters moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

5. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

6. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-

General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 56.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To add the following new clauses:—

"95. Whereas it has been recommended by a Commission appointed under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, by Warrant under the hand of the Governor-General, dated the twenty-third day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, that a portion of the County of Whangarei, described in the report of the Commission, should be included within the boundaries of the Borough of Whangarei: And whereas the portion so recommended, with the exceptions hereinafter set out, are to be so included, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three: And whereas it is desirable that, for the purposes of certain loans shortly to be raised and benefiting the borough as proposed to be extended, the land to be included should be deemed to have been already included: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the land forming part of the County of Whangarei recommended by the said Commission for inclusion in the Borough of Whangarei (with the exception of all that land comprising one hundred and six acres one rood fourteen perches, more or less, being the property of the North Auckland Farmers' Co-operative Company (Limited), and Lot 1 on deposited plan 13934, and that part of the Coronation Scenic Reserve recommended to be included in the said borough) shall, for all purposes in connection with any loan proposal to be submitted by the Council of the said borough to ratepayers prior to the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, be deemed to be part of the said borough.

"(2.) For the purposes of any loan proposal to be submitted by the Whangarei County Council to ratepayers of the county prior to the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the said portion of the county referred to in the last preceding subsection shall be deemed not to be included in the county.

"96. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Trustee Act, 1908, it shall be lawful for a trustee, unless expressly forbidden by the instrument (if any) creating the trust, to lend to the Whangarei Fire Board such amount as the Minister of Internal Affairs may, pursuant to the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, authorize that Board to borrow for the purpose of erecting a fire-station.

"97. Whereas by a Proclamation in the *Gazette* of the seventh day of June, nineteen hundred and six, all that area of land in the North Auckland Land District, containing five hundred and seventy-three acres, more or less, being Section 2, Block I, Waipu Survey District, was permanently reserved as and for a State forest: And whereas portion of the said State forest is no longer required for forest purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, exchange with any person or persons the portion of the State forest reserve hereinbefore referred to for any area of forest land situated within a radius of ten miles of the said State forest.

"(2.) If the value of the forest land accepted in exchange is less than the value of the aforesaid State forest, the Commissioner of State Forests may accept as equality of exchange such sum of money as may be mutually agreed on, and such money shall be paid to the credit of the State Forests Account.

"(3.) The Governor-General may do or cause to be done all such acts and things, and make, sign, or execute all such instruments as may be necessary to effectuate any such exchange.

"(4.) Any land obtained in exchange as aforesaid by His Majesty shall be deemed to be set apart as a State forest, and to be subject to the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921–22.

"98. Notwithstanding anything in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, or in any other Act to the contrary, the Mount Eden Borough Council may take under the Public Works Act, 1908, or otherwise acquire the respective parcels of land laid out as streets, and known as Kelly Street and Avenham Walk, situated within the Borough of Mount Eden, and may lay out the same as streets, notwithstanding that such streets may be of less width than required by law:

"Provided that no building permits other than permits for alterations of or additions to existing buildings, or permits for buildings to replace existing buildings, shall be issued by the said Council in respect of lands having a frontage to Avenham Walk.

"99. Whereas by memorandum of lease dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, the Governor-General, acting under and by virtue of the powers conferred on him by section thirty-four of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, leased to the body corporate known as the Inhabitants of the Otahuhu Road District, for a period of twenty-one years from the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and ten, those pieces of land situated in the Parish of Waitemata, containing together one acre and one rood, be the same a little more or less, being portion of Allotment 60 of Section 12 of the Suburbs of Auckland, as delineated by the plan drawn upon the said memorandum of lease, edged red, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume six, folio 188, of the register-book at Auckland, for the purposes of a water-supply for the Otahuhu Road District, with the right to construct, erect, and maintain a reservoir and pumping-station thereon: And whereas by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of August, nineteen hundred and twelve, the Borough of Otahuhu was constituted, and the property, rights, claims, obligations, contracts, and engagements of the said Otahuhu Road District became vested in the body corporate known as the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Otahuhu: And whereas the said body corporate, the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Otahuhu is desirous of obtaining a right of renewal of the said memorandum of lease dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, for a further period of twenty-one years from the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, being the date of expiry of the term of twenty-one years granted by the said memorandum of lease: And whereas the Mount Richmond Domain Board (being the Domain Board appointed under section forty of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, to have control of the said Allotment 60 of Section 12 of the Suburbs of Auckland) has requested the Governor-General to grant such right of renewal: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, covenant with the body corporate, the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Otahuhu, that should the said body corporate be desirous of taking a new lease of the land demised by the said memorandum of lease dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, after the expiration of the term thereby granted and at least three calendar months before the expiration thereof, signify such its desire by a notice in writing addressed to and to be delivered at the office of the Mount Richmond Domain Board aforesaid (all rent or royalty payable under the said memorandum of lease having been duly paid and satisfied, and all covenants and conditions upon the part of the said body corporate having been duly performed and observed) the Governor-General, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty will, at or before the expiration of the said term, at the cost and charge of the Otahuhu Borough Council, make and execute to the said body corporate a new and effectual lease of the said demised premises for a term of twenty-one years to commence from the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred

and thirty-one, being the date of expiry of the said term granted by the said memorandum of lease dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, and under the like covenants and conditions as are therein contained.

"(2.) The Governor-General may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, do all such acts and things and make and execute all such deeds, covenants, contracts, and writings as may be necessary and requisite for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this section and of the covenant referred to in the preceding subsection without further authority than this section.

"(3.) Any lease granted pursuant to the provisions of this section or of the covenant for renewal referred to in subsection one hereof shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been granted under the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"100. Whereas Allotment 247 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing two roods thirty-seven perches, more or less, is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Tauranga as a municipal endowment: And whereas Allotment 296 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing two roods twenty-four perches, more or less, is vested in the said Corporation in trust for town-improvement and public-recreation purposes: And whereas Allotment 297 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing one acre one rood sixteen perches, more or less, is vested in the said Corporation as an endowment in aid of borough funds: And whereas Allotment 298 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing two acres two roods, more or less, is vested in the said Corporation as a municipal endowment: And whereas the Tauranga Borough Council now desires the trusts of the said lands to be altered and all the said lands to be vested in the said Corporation as a reserve for public recreation purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The vestings for the purposes aforesaid of Allotments 247, 296, 297, and 298 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, in the Corporation of the Borough of Tauranga are hereby cancelled, and the said allotments are hereby vested in the said Corporation in trust as a reserve or reserves for purposes of public recreation.

"101. Notwithstanding anything contained in the River Boards Act, 1908, and any amendment thereof, it shall be lawful for the Kaituna River Board to classify the lands comprised within the district of that Board into the several classes mentioned in and in the manner provided by subsection two of section nine of the River Boards Amendment Act, 1913, and to levy on a graduated scale according to such classification any special rate made by that Board for the purpose of securing the repayment of a loan not exceeding the sum of eight hundred and forty-eight pounds for extinguishing the antecedent liability of that Board under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22.

"102. Whereas the land described in the Schedule to the Waikato Agricultural College Model Farm Act, 1888, was vested in the Corporation of the County of Waikato by that Act for an estate in fee-simple as an endowment for the said county, subject to being used as and for the purposes of an agricultural college and model farm: And whereas by section twelve of the Reserves and other Lands Sale, Disposal, and Enabling and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1901, the said Waikato Agricultural College Model Farm Act, 1888, was repealed, and the Corporation of the County of Waikato was empowered to transfer the said land to His Majesty for the consideration therein mentioned: And whereas the said land was duly conveyed to His Majesty by the Corporation of the County of Waikato by deed of conveyance dated the thirteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and two: And whereas it is considered expedient to use the portion of the said land hereinafter described in connection with the development of water-power (Horahora scheme): Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinafter described is hereby set apart for the development of water-power (Horahora scheme).

"(2.) The sum of two thousand three hundred and ninety-eight pounds two shillings and sixpence shall be transferred from the Electric-supply Account to the Consolidated Fund as consideration for such transfer.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area of land situated in the Auckland Land District, Waikato County, Kirikiriroa Road District, and comprising four acres three roods seven and two-fifths perches, and being portion of Allotment 223A, Kirikiriroa Parish, Block XIV, Komakorau Survey District (S.O. 22148): as the said land is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 54088, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon bordered red.

"103. Whereas by the Public Works Amendment Act, 1910, it is provided, *inter alia*, that the Governor-General may take, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, any area of land required for recreation-grounds, and that any land so taken shall be deemed to have been taken as and for a public work duly authorized by the Public Works Act, 1908: And whereas, for the purpose of improving the recreation-grounds of the Borough of Hamilton and the surrounding district, it is desirable that the land described in subsection three of this section shall be taken by the Governor-General under the authority aforesaid for recreation-grounds, and when so taken shall be set apart for the purposes of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and shall be Crown land subject to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and that on such setting-apart of such land as aforesaid the reservation over certain lands now forming part of the Hamilton Domain be cancelled: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Upon the taking of the land described in subsection three hereof by the Governor-General under the authority hereinbefore recited such land shall by Proclamation be set apart by the Governor-General for the purposes of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, under the control of the Hamilton Domain Board.

"(2.) (*a*.) Upon the taking of the land described in subsection three hereof under the authority hereinbefore recited the Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, cancel the reservation for the purposes of a domain over the whole or any part or parts of the lands described in subsection four hereof, and also the vesting of the control of the said lands in the Hamilton Domain Board, and thereupon the lands described in such Warrant shall be deemed to be subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and available for disposal under that Act, subject also to any existing leases granted over them by the Governor-General.

"(*b*.) The moneys derived from the disposal of such lands may be applied towards the payment of compensation in connection with the taking under the Public Works Act, 1908, of the land described in subsection three hereof, and for the improvement of such land.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing fifty-seven acres, more or less, being parts of Allotments 363 and 365, of the Parish of Te Rapa, County of Waipa: bounded (commencing at a point being the intersection of the northern corner of Lot 6 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 3796 with Lake Rotoroa) on the north-east by the said lake, and thence in a north-westerly direction by the said lake, 2800 links, to the south-easternmost corner of a drain reserve running in a north-westerly direction through said Allotments 363 and 365; thence on the north-west by the southern boundary of the said drain reserve, 1610·4 links, to the railway; thence on the west by the said railway, 2670 links; thence on the south by lines running in easterly directions through said Allotments 365 and 363, 2440 links and 277 links respectively, to the western corner of said Lot 6 on said plan No. 3796;

thence on the south-east by the said Lot 6, 1100 links, to the point of commencement: be the said several admeasurements a little more or less.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing one acre one rood thirty-six perches, more or less, being Section 28 of the Town of Hamilton West: and also all that piece or parcel of land in the said Provincial District containing one acre one rood thirty-one perches, more or less, being part of Section 16 of the Hamilton West Town Belt: bounded (commencing at the north-westernmost corner of said Section 16) on the north by Section 17 of the Hamilton West Town Belt, 250 links; on the east by other part of said Section 16, 577 links; on the south by Allotment 24, Parish of Waipa, 250 links; and on the west by the Ohaupo Road, 577 links, to the point of commencement: be the said several admeasurements a little more or less.

"104. Whereas the Hamilton Borough Council desires to exchange the land described in subsection three hereof for the land described in subsection four hereof, which last-mentioned land is part of a public domain under Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, but there is no statutory authority for the making of such exchange: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The vesting in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton of the land described in subsection three hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in His Majesty and declared to form part of the Hamilton Domain lands for the purpose of public recreation, and to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The reservation over the land described in subsection four hereof for the purpose of public recreation is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton for an estate in fee-simple, without power of sale, as a municipal endowment or for municipal purposes, and the District Land Registrar of the District of Auckland is hereby empowered and directed to cancel all existing titles to the said land, and to issue a certificate of title in respect thereof to the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Broough of Hamilton.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing two roods thirty and thirteen-twentieths perches, more or less, and being Lot 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 16167, which said piece of land is part of Section 22A, Town of Hamilton West, vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton by section five of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing eighteen and thirty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, and being part of Sections 5, 7, 5A, and 7A of the Hamilton West Town Belt, and the whole of the land comprised on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 21612.

"105. Whereas by section five of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, Section 22A of the Hamilton West Belt was vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton for an estate in fee-simple, without power of sale, as a municipal endowment or for municipal purposes: And whereas in the Third Schedule to the said Act the said Section 22A was shown as containing two acres, but was not otherwise described: And whereas it is desirable that the said Section 22A should be clearly defined: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Section 22A, Hamilton West Belt, referred to in the Third Schedule to the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, is more particularly described as all that piece of land comprised within Section 22A, Hamilton West Belt: as the same is shown on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 16167, and thereon subdivided into Lot 1 and Lot 2.

"106. Whereas by a Proclamation under section eleven of the Land Act, 1908, published in the *Gazette* of the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, portions of road, containing sixteen acres one rood thirty-five perches, intersecting Section 3, Block XII, Hangaroa Survey District, in the Land District of Hawke's Bay, and described in the Second Schedule to that Proclamation, were closed: And whereas the said Section 3 is set apart as an endowment for primary education, and it is desirable that the said portions of closed road should be included in and form part of the said endowment: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said area of sixteen acres one rood thirty-five perches is hereby set apart as an endowment for primary education and shall be deemed to be included in and to form part of Section 3, Block XII, Hangaroa Survey District.

"(2.) On receipt of a certificate under the hand of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Hawke's Bay Land District, setting forth a description of the boundaries of Section 3, Block XII, Hangaroa Survey District, or of any subdivisions thereof, as altered pursuant to this section, the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Hawke's Bay is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on the certificate of title to the said Section 3, and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

"107. Whereas the parcel of land hereinafter described is by virtue of section nine of the Wellington Corporation and Harbour Board Streets and Lands Act, 1892, vested with other lands in the Wellington Harbour Board in trust for the purposes of a signal-station: And whereas the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington are desirous of acquiring the said parcel of land for the purpose of constructing thereon a road: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The parcel of land hereinafter described in the Schedule hereto is hereby vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington in trust for road purposes.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land situated at Mount Victoria, in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods four and thirteen-hundredths perches, more or less, being part of the land described in the Seventh Schedule to the Wellington Corporation and Harbour Board Streets and Lands Act, 1892, and situated in Block VII, Port Nicholson Survey District, bounded as follows—commencing at the south-eastern corner of the land described in the said Seventh Schedule, thence in a north-westerly direction along the south-western boundary of the said land on a bearing 293° 15′ for a distance of 219·92 links; thence by lines the bearings and distances of which are 38° 3′, 144·63 links; 56° 34′, 48·04 links; 107° 26′, 42·15 links; 125° 17′, 83·16 links, to a point on the south-eastern boundary of the land described in the said Seventh Schedule; and thence along the said south-eastern boundary on a bearing 203° 15′, for a distance of 193·54 links, to the commencing-point.

"108. Whereas by Proclamation dated the twenty-eighth day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and published in the *Gazette* of the third day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, Sections 1 and 2 and part Section 3, Block VII, Port Nicholson Survey District, in the Land District of Wellington, comprising approximately two hundred and forty-five acres, were taken under the provisions of the Public Works Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1885, for the

construction of defence works at Watt's Peninsula, Wellington: And whereas the piece of land situated in Block VII, Port Nicholson Survey District, and adjoining the land hereinbefore referred to on the northern side thereof is Crown land (being military reserve excepted from a grant to the New Zealand Land Company, dated the twenty-seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight): And whereas a road has been constructed by His Majesty along the foreshore of the land hereinbefore mentioned (the approximate position of the said road being shown in red colour on the plan marked P.W.D. 5558, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington): And whereas it is considered expedient to declare the said road to be a public street vested in the Corporation of the City of Wellington, subject to the right of the Minister of Defence to close the same to the use of the public at any time and from time to time and for any period as in the opinion of the said Minister may be advisable or necessary for any defence or military purpose: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare the said road to be a public street under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, vested in the Corporation of the City of Wellington.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, such vesting as aforesaid shall take effect subject to the following conditions, namely—

"(*a.*) The Minister of Defence may for any defence or military purpose at any time or from time to time and for any period close the said road to the use of the public:

"(*b.*) Whenever the Minister of Defence decides to close the said road he may cause to be erected thereon such notices declaring the said road closed, together with such barricades as he deems advisable, and thereupon the said road shall be closed to the use of the public until the said notices and barricades are removed under the authority of the Minister of Defence. Such barricades shall be adequately lighted at night:

"(*c.*) Before closing the said road the Minister of Defence shall wherever practicable give public notice in one or more newspapers circulating in the City of Wellington of his intention to close the road, but it shall not be obligatory for such notice to be given:

"(*d.*) Every person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds who, without the authority of the Minister of Defence, enters upon the said road when closed as aforesaid, or who mutilates, takes away, damages, destroys, or alters the position of any notice or barricade erected on the said road:

"(*e.*) Nothing in the last preceding paragraph shall be deemed to interfere with or restrict the provisions of any other law or statute under which any such person could be punished for any such offence, save that such person shall not be punished twice for the same offence.

"109. (1.) It shall be lawful for any local authority, the district of which is within or partly within the Provincial District of Nelson, to contribute out of its general fund or account such a sum in any year ending not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, as the local authority may think fit, as a subscription to the funds of the Nelson Progress League.

"(2.) In this section the term 'local authority' shall include a Harbour Board.

"110. It shall be lawful for any local authority, the district of which is within or partly within the Provincial District of Marlborough, to contribute out of its general fund or account such a sum in any year ending not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, as the local authority may think fit, as a subscription to the funds of the Marlborough Progress League.

"111. Whereas the Picton Borough Council, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and other enabling Acts, duly passed special orders for the borrowing of the undermentioned moneys—namely, on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the sum of two thousand two hundred pounds for the term of thirty-six and a half years, for the purpose of providing plant and machinery for electrical purposes; on the seventeenth day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the sum of eight hundred pounds for the purchase of a stone-crusher, motor, and motor-lorry: And whereas special orders were duly confirmed pledging special rates as security for the said loans: And whereas the Picton Borough Council, being unable to raise the said loans at the prescribed rate of interest—namely, five and a quarter per centum per annum—borrowed the said sums by way of temporary loans: And whereas, pursuant to section one hundred and nineteen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, the said Council is authorized to borrow the sum of one thousand one hundred pounds for the purpose of recouping its General Fund: And whereas, pursuant to the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22, the said Council is authorized to borrow the sum of three thousand three hundred and twenty pounds nineteen shillings and one penny, being the amount of its antecedent liability: And whereas, on account of a loan of six thousand eight hundred and forty-five pounds authorized on the twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, for electric-lighting purposes, there remain unissued debentures to the total value of one thousand two hundred pounds, and it is desirable to cancel the said debentures and to raise the said sum of one thousand two hundred pounds as hereinafter appears: And whereas it is desirable to authorize the said Council to take the steps hereinafter set out: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) In lieu of exercising separately the authorities hereinbefore recited, the Picton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, but without taking the steps prescribed by sections eight to twelve thereof, a consolidated loan of eight thousand six hundred and twenty pounds nineteen shillings and one penny, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum.

"(2.) The sum so borrowed shall be applied to the purposes hereinbefore recited, save that the sum of three thousand pounds raised for the purposes hereinbefore first recited shall be applied in repayment of the temporary loans aforesaid.

"(3.) The debentures to the value of one thousand two hundred pounds created under the aforesaid loan authority for six thousand eight hundred and forty-five pounds, but still unissued, are hereby cancelled.

"112. Whereas by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, an area of twelve acres three roods thirty-three perches, being part of Education Endowment Reserve No. 129, Block VII, Waimea Survey District, was taken for the purposes of the Greymouth–Hokitika Railway: And whereas it is now desired that the severed portions of Education Endowment Reserve No. 129, situated between the aforesaid railway and Road Reserve No. 7 should be declared to be a road. Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as an endowment for the purposes of education over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby dedicated for road purposes.

"(2.) The land to which the preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Westland Land District, containing one acre one rood and ten and one-half perches, more or less, being parts of Primary Education Reserve 129, Block VII, Waimea Survey District, and being Lot 7 and Lot 8, as delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured burnt sienna and yellow respectively.

"113. Whereas by a notice published in the *Gazette* of the twentieth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, an area of one hundred and ninety-four acres, described on the maps deposited with the Chief Surveyor of the Westland Land District as Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, was set apart as a reserve for the purposes of a road and railway: And whereas by notice in the *Gazette* of the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, a portion of this Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 as therein described was taken for railway purposes: And whereas it is now desirable that further portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 should be allocated for different purposes as hereinafter appear: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation over that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection eight hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 2545, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(2.) The reservation over those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection nine hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 2544, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(3.) The reservation over those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection ten hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 3342, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(4.) The reservation over that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection eleven hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 2550, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(5.) The reservation over that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection twelve hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 3216, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(6.) The reservation over those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection thirteen hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby dedicated for road purposes.

"(7.) The District Land Registrar of the Westland Land Registration District is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on certificates of title and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

"(8.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 1 thereof, containing an area of three acres three roods twenty-one perches, more or less: as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured neutral tint.

"(9.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 10 thereof, containing an area of twelve acres and four perches, more or less; as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered neutral tint.

"(10.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 12 thereof, containing one perch, also all that portion of the said reserve, being Lot 13 thereof, containing three roods thirty perches, more or less: as the same are delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured blue and green respectively.

"(11.) The land to which subsection four hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 15 thereof, containing an area of two acres two roods thirty-eight perches, more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"(12.) The land to which subsection five hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 16 thereof, containing an area of one acre two roods seventeen perches, more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"(13.) The lands to which subsection six hereof relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 2 thereof, containing eight perches (hatched red); Lot 3, containing seven acres two roods thirty-four perches (bordered blue); Lot 4, containing two acres and thirty perches (bordered green); Lot 5, containing one rood twenty-five perches (bordered orange); Lot 9, containing twenty-four perches (bordered citrine); Lot 11, containing ten acres two roods thirty-five perches (bordered blue); and Lot 14, containing twenty-eight acres one rood fifteen perches (coloured burnt sienna): as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington.

"114. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, an area of fifteen acres one rood fourteen perches of Crown land situated in Blocks VI and VII, Waimea Survey District, in the Westland Land District, was taken for the purposes of the Greymouth–Hokitika Railway: And whereas it is desired to dedicate as a road that portion of the said land hereinafter described, which is not now required for railway purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for railway purposes over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby dedicated for the purposes of a road.

"(2.) The land to which the preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Westland Land District containing one acre one rood and ten perches, more or less, being Lot 6: as delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured yellow.

"115. (1.) The Governor-General may, if he thinks fit, by Order in Council, direct that a poll be taken within the area recommended for inclusion in the Borough of Riccarton by a Commission appointed under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, by Warrant under the hand of the Governor-General dated the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, upon a proposal that such area or such part or parts thereof be included in the said Borough of Riccarton, or that separate polls be taken in respect of such parts of such area as may be described by such Order.

"(2.) The provisions of paragraphs (*f*), (*g*), and (*h*) of subsection one of section one hundred and thirty-two of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, shall apply with respect to any such poll.

"116. Whereas it has been decided, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1914, to establish a secondary school at Balclutha, to be known as the Balclutha High School, and to disestablish the existing district high school: And whereas it is expedient to place such secondary school under the control of the Education Board of the District of Otago: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Act, the Balclutha High School shall, until the Minister of Education shall otherwise determine, be under the control and management of the Education Board of the District of Otago, which shall have, with respect to the said high school, all the powers and duties vested by the Education Act, 1914, in a Secondary School Board.

"(2.) In connection with the said high school there shall be a committee constituted and appointed or elected in such manner as the Minister of Education shall approve. The provisions of sections forty-four to fifty-three of the Education Act, 1914, with respect to the meetings of School Committees, the powers and duties of School Committees, and the School Fund shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to the Committee at the Balclutha High School.

"117. Whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of the same month, the Governor-General, in terms of the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1908, as amended by the Rabbit Nuisance Amendment Act, 1918, constituted the area described in the Schedule to such Order a district for the purposes of Part III of the said Act, by name the Mount Benger Rabbit District: And whereas it is deemed advisable to exclude from the said district the lands hereinafter described: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The lands hereinafter described are hereby excluded from the said Mount Benger Rabbit District, and shall be deemed to have been so excluded as from the date of the constitution of that district.

"(2.) The lands excluded as aforesaid from the said district are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Land District of Otago, commencing at the snow fence one hundred and twelve chains east of the north-west corner of the Mount Benger Rabbit District described in *Gazette*, 1921, page 2417; thence towards the south by that fence to the boundary-fence between Runs 500 and 501; thence towards the east by the northern boundary of said Run 501; thence towards the south by the eastern boundary of said Run 501 to the Waikaia Road; thence in a southerly direction along the snow-line fence to the Ramspur fence, being the boundary between Runs 509 and 510; thence towards the east by the Ramspur fence a distance of 31 chains; thence towards the south by the snow-line fence through Run 510 to the north-west corner of Section 10, Benger Survey District; thence towards the south by the eastern boundary of said Run 510 to the Pomahaka Road; thence towards the west by the southern boundary fence of said Run 510 to the boundary of the rabbit district as described in the before-mentioned *Gazette*; thence towards the north by the boundary of the rabbit district described in the *Gazette* before mentioned to the point of commencement: also all that area in the Otago Land District commencing at the north-west corner of Section 6, Block XIV, Benger Survey District; thence towards the east for a distance of 52 chains, to the snow-line fence; thence towards the south-east by the snow-line fence through Sections 6 and 5, Block XIV aforesaid, to the north-west corner of Section 10, Block IV, Benger Survey District; thence in a westerly direction to the south-west corner of Section 5, Block XIV aforesaid; thence in a northerly direction along the boundary of the present Mount Benger Rabbit District to the point of commencement.

"118. (1.) The payment of the sum of eight pounds twelve shillings and one penny by the Otautau Town Board during the financial year ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, in excess of the limit of unauthorized expenditure fixed by section one hundred and twenty-two of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

"(2.) The Otautau Town Board is hereby empowered to refund to the persons entitled such sums as were paid by those persons as members of

the Otautau Town Board, pursuant to a surcharge by the Audit Office on the members of the Otautau Town Board in respect of the said sum of eight pounds twelve shillings and one penny."

To add the following to the Schedule :—

No.	Description of Land.	Purpose for which Land reserved.	Instrument of Reservation.
12	All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 135 acres, more or less, being part of Waharangi No. 2 Block, and being part of Section 11, Block XI, Rarete Survey District, bounded as follows: Towards the north and north-east generally by other part of the said Section 11 and Section 17 of Block XI, Rarete Survey District, 4683·4 links; towards the east by part Section 3 of the said Block XI, 5036·7 links; towards the south and south-west generally by the Wanganui Valley Road, and by other part of the said Section 3, 4064·6 links; and towards the west by other part of the aforesaid Section 11, 3264·4 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan numbered 82/13, deposited in the Wellington District Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, and thereon bordered red	Preservation of scenery	Proclamation in *Gazette*, 17th August, 1911, taking these lands under the Public Works Act, 1908, and the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in a Bill to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

8. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stand referred to the Lands Committee.

9. *Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

10. *Main Highways Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Main Highways Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

11. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill, the Main Highways Bill, and the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.

(In the Committee.)

13. *Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 16, to omit the word "four," and to insert the word "three" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. McCallum.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

14. *Main Highways Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the words "or engaged in dealing in motor vehicles," at the end of paragraph (*d*). (*Mr. Forbes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following new paragraph (*e*):—"One member to be appointed with the approval of the Minister of Public Works on the recommendation of the executive body of the New Zealand Municipal Association." (*Mr. Veitch.*)

And the question being put, That the paragraph be added to the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Bartram	Mackenzie	Savage	Wilford
Craigie	McCombs	Sidey	Wright.
Edie	Munro	Statham	*Tellers.*
Holland	Nash	Sullivan	Smith, S. G.
Howard	Parry	Thacker	Veitch.
Luke, Sir J. P.			

NOES, 46.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	McCallum	Rhodes, T. W.
Bollard	Hamilton, J. R.	McNicol	Seddon
Brown	Hawken	Mander	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Henare	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Uru
Campbell	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Newman, E.	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Witty
Dickson, J. McC.	Horn	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Young.
Dickson, J. S.	Hudson	Parr, Hon. C. J.	*Tellers.*
Dixon, E.	Hunter, Sir G.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Lysnar
Forbes	Jennings	Potter	McLeod.
Glenn	Jones	Reed	

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (3), to omit the words "local committee," and to insert the words "District Highways Council (hereinafter referred to as a 'District Council')" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (4), to omit the words "local committee," and insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In subclause (5), line 48, to omit the words "local committee," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof; and in line 51, to omit the word "committee," and to insert the word "Council" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (6), to omit the words "local committee," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to omit the words "local committee," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof; in paragraph (*b*), to omit the word "committee," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof; and in subclause (2), to omit the words "local committee," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph:—

"(*cc.*) All moneys paid to the Board by any local authority in respect of the maintenance and repair of any main highway." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph:—

"(*d.*) All moneys paid to the Board by any local authority in respect of the construction or reconstruction of any main highway." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph:—

"(*e.*) All moneys lawfully credited to the said fund." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 read and agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 11 and 17, to omit the words "local committee," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 19 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to omit the words "local committee of the district," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof; and in subclause (2), to omit the words "local committee," and to insert the words "District Council" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 20–24 read and agreed to.

Clause 25 read. Amendment proposed: In line 47, after the word "Accounts," to insert the words "duly audited by the Audit Office." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 26 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

15. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill:*

Postponed clause 10 again under consideration.

Clause agreed to.

The following new clause 45 was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"(1.) The Wellington City Council may, if it thinks fit, grant to any person, firm, or company a right or easement, for such period and on such terms and conditions as the Council may think fit, authorizing such person, firm, or company to lay conduit-pipes for petroleum in the City of Wellington under or along any street or other public highway or (with the consent of the owners) along any private way.

"(2.) The grant of any such right or easement shall be subject to the payment of such rent, and to the observance of such conditions as to size, construction, repair, and maintenance of such conduit-pipes, and as to repair of any street, public highway, or private way under or along which they are laid, as the Council thinks fit.

"(3.) No such right or easement shall be granted in perpetuity without the consent of the Governor-General in Council first had and obtained." (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"70. Whereas it has been ascertained that the sum of twelve thousand pounds mentioned in section three of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1921–22, is insufficient to do and complete the works authorized by section two of that Act and certain other works which it is deemed advisable to construct as improvements of the Whangarei Harbour: And whereas it is deemed advisable to extend the purposes for which moneys borrowed under that Act may be expended and to increase the amount that may be borrowed for such purposes. Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Section three of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting the words 'Twelve thousand pounds,' and substituting the words 'Twenty-five thousand pounds.'

"(2.) The construction of slipways, the reclamation of the Harbour Board's endowment lands by depositing spoil thereon by dredging operations, the erection of protective banks and flood-gates on such reclamation-works, the acquisition of additional plant and material necessary to the carrying-out of harbour-improvements are hereby declared to be works for the improvement of the Whangarei Harbour within the meaning of sections three and four of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1914.

"(3.) The provisions of section three of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1921–22, as amended by this section are hereby extended to apply to the harbour-improvement works defined in the last preceding subsection.

"71. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the will of James Dilworth, late of Auckland, Gentleman (deceased), the Dilworth Trust Board, a body incorporated in Auckland under the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, and in which is now vested the lands hereinafter firstly described, and the Diocesan High Schools Trust Board, a body incorporated in Auckland under the aforesaid statute, and in which is vested the lands hereinafter secondly described, are, and each of them is, for the purpose of straightening and adjusting the boundary-line between the respective properties of the said Boards, of which properties the lands above referred to and hereinafter described are respectively parts, hereby authorized and empowered to exchange the said pieces of land hereinafter firstly and secondly described the one for the other, and for such purpose to execute and perform all such deeds, documents, acts, matters, and things as may reasonably be required for such purpose.

"(2.) Each of the said Trust Boards shall hold the piece of land to be conveyed to it by virtue of the powers hereby conferred upon and subject to

the same trusts (if any) as now affect the other adjoining lands of the said Trust Boards respectively.

"(3.) The lands referred to in subsection one hereof, as hereinafter firstly described, comprise all that piece of land containing two perches, more or less, being part of Lot 63 on a plan lodged in the Deeds Register Office at Auckland under Number 93 (black), which said piece of land is part of Original Lot 7, Section 6, of the Village of Mount St. John, being a subdivision of part of Allotments 10 and others of Section 11 of the Suburbs of Auckland, the land hereby affected being part of said Allotment 10, and being bounded—commencing at a point on the boundary-line between Original Lots 7 and 6 of Section 6, distant 171 feet 4½ inches from Clyde Street; towards the east by other part of the said Lot 63, 74 feet 11 inches; towards the south by other part of said Allotment 10, the property of the Diocesan High School Trust Board, 14 feet 6½ inches; and towards the north-west by part of Lot 6 of said Section 6, 74 feet 11½ inches.

"(4.) The lands referred to in subsection one hereof as hereinafter secondly described comprise all that piece or parcel of land containing two perches, more or less, and being part of Allotment 10 of Section 11 of the Suburbs of Auckland: bounded—commencing at the south-eastern corner of the land above described—towards the north by said Lot 63 on a plan lodged in the Deeds Register Office, at Auckland, under Number 93 (black), being part of said Allotment 10, 19 feet 3¾ inches; towards the south-east by part of Lot 56 on the said plan Number 93 (black), being part of Allotment 7 of said Section 11 57 feet 10½ inches; and towards the west by other part of said Allotment 10, the property of the Diocesan High Schools Trust Board, 56 feet 4¾ inches.

"72. Whereas it is provided by subsection two of section six of the Education Reserves Act, 1908, that in the case of the sale of a site for a public school the money received shall be invested in the purchase of another suitable site for a public school, or in land in fee-simple to be held by the Education Board for educational purposes: And whereas it is desirable that the Education Board of the District of Auckland should be empowered to sell the existing school-site at Huntly, hereinafter described, and to apply the proceeds of such sale towards the removal of the existing school buildings from the said site to another site and towards the erection of additions to such buildings: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Education Reserves Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the Education Board of the District of Auckland may sell the school-site hereinafter described and apply the proceeds of such sale towards the removal of the existing school buildings from the said site to another site and towards the erection of additions to such buildings.

"(2.) The school-site which the said Education Board is hereby authorized to sell is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing one acre, more or less, and being part Lot 51, Parish of Taupiri.

"73. The Hamilton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to expend—

"(*a.*) The sum of six hundred and two pounds nineteen shillings and ninepence, being the unexpended balance of a loan of one thousand five hundred pounds authorized to be raised by the Hamilton Borough Council for the purpose of altering and improving the saleyards at Hamilton West and erecting a caretaker's cottage; and

"(*b.*) The sum of four hundred pounds, being the proceeds of the sale of the erections and fittings on the public saleyards at Hamilton,

for the purchase, construction, laying, and fitting of additional machinery, pipes, mains, fittings, and appliances for the supply of water in the Borough of Hamilton.

"74. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section eighty-two of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the power conferred on Borough Councils

by subsection seven of that section with respect to water rates for extraordinary supplies of water may be exercised by the Paeroa Borough Council with respect to ordinary as well as extraordinary supplies of water.

"75. Whereas consequent upon certain river-diversion works carried out pursuant to the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910, the Crown deemed it necessary to install a water-supply system for the Town of Matata and the district adjoining: And whereas it is desirable that the Whakatane County Council, being the local authority for the district, should in future exercise powers of control over the said water-supply system: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, in the manner prescribed by section one hundred and eighty-two of the Counties Act, 1920, confer upon the Whakatane County Council such of the powers of Borough Councils as he thinks fit with respect to the supply of water for domestic purposes for the Town of Matata and the district adjoining as may be specially defined in the instrument conferring such powers, and may, in like manner, vest in the Corporation of the County of Whakatane the works already constructed in connection with the aforesaid water-supply system and all pipe-line easements and other rights or appurtenances acquired by His Majesty in connection therewith.

"(2.) Any district defined for the purposes of this section shall be exempt from any rates made and levied under the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910.

"76. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is a primary-education endowment vested in the Crown in accordance with section two of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1910: And whereas by a notice in the *Gazette* of the eighteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, the land described in subsection four hereof was permanently reserved for recreation-grounds and is part of the Hamilton Domain, and subject to the provisions of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911: And whereas it is desired to increase the area of the Whitiora School site by effecting exchanges of land as hereinafter appear: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purposes of a primary-education endowment over the lands described in subsection three hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, to be included in and to form part of the Hamilton Domain, under the control of the Hamilton Domain Board, but subject to the leases granted by His Majesty over the said lands under section two of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1910, and section five of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

"(2.) The reservation for the purposes of a recreation-ground and domain over the land described in subsection four hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby permanently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing one acre and one perch, more or less, being Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Allotment 303, Town of Hamilton East.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing one acre, more or less, being Section 209, Town of Hamilton West.

"77. Paragraph (*d*) of section five of the Rotorua Town Lands Act, 1920, is hereby amended by inserting, before the word 'interest' therein, the word 'reversionary.'

"78. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the seventeenth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the island known as Takupu (or Motutukupu) in the Waikato River, containing twenty-three acres, more or less, was confiscated to the Crown: And whereas it is desirable that the

said island should be restored to the original owners or to their descendants: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) From and after the passing of this Act the said land shall be deemed to be customary land as defined by the Native Land Act, 1909, and shall be held by the Natives or descendants of Natives who would have been entitled to the said land under the customs and usages of the Maori people if the Native title thereto had not been extinguished.

"(2.) The Native Land Court is hereby empowered to investigate and determine the title to the said land, and make an order accordingly.

"79. Whereas the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, abolished the Counties of Waitomo and Awakino and, *inter alia*, constituted a new Waitomo County consisting of part of the former Awakino County and part of the former Waitomo County: And whereas it is desirable that certain by-laws and other matters in force at the date of the coming into operation of the said Act should be continued, and that the Waitomo County Council should be empowered as hereinafter appears: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) All by-laws in force in the former Waitomo County immediately before the coming into operation of the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, and all special orders, resolutions, and public notifications then in force in the former Waitomo County shall be deemed to be by-laws, special orders, resolutions, and notifications made, passed, or notified by the Waitomo County Council as constituted by the said Act, and shall be deemed to have been in force as from the date of coming into operation of that Act.

"(2.) Part II of the Motor Regulation Act, 1908, shall be deemed to have been in force in the Waitomo County as from the coming into operation of the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, and the letters and numerals assigned by the Minister of Internal Affairs to the former Waitomo County Council shall be deemed to have been assigned to the Council of the Waitomo County as constituted by that Act, and all registrations effected with and all numerals assigned by the former Waitomo County Council and the former Awakino County Council shall be deemed to have been effected with and assigned by the existing Waitomo County Council, and the said Council shall be deemed to be the registering authority in respect of all such registrations accordingly.

"(3.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Waitomo County Council may, after any financial adjustment effected pursuant to section six of the Waikato and King-country Counties Act, 1921–22, expend any balance remaining to its credit on any bridge rate heretofore raised by the former Waitomo County Council as though any such balance were part of the general fund of the said Council. Any such balance may be expended in such ridings and in such proportions as the Council by resolution determines.

"80. The Mangawara River Board may, by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and without taking the steps described in sections eight to twelve of that Act, borrow the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of repaying to the Minister of Finance an advance made by him to the said Board to enable it to carry out certain river-works.

"81. (1.) The New Plymouth High School Board, incorporated under the New Plymouth High School Act, 1889, may, with the consent of the Governor-General in Council, borrow from the Public Trustee, and the Public Trustee may lend to the Board, a sum not exceeding three thousand two hundred pounds on the security of the rents and profits of the whole or any part of the land vested in the Board, at such rate of interest, and for such term of years, and upon such conditions as the Board, with the consent of the Governor-General in Council as aforesaid, and the Public Trustee may agree upon.

"(2.) If the Public Trustee shall grant the said loan, the instrument or instruments of security may be in such form and may confer on him such powers and remedies for raising and securing repayment of the principal and interest, and may contain such covenants, agreements, conditions, and pro-

visions in every respect as he shall require, and, in particular, any such instruments may empower him, in case of default of payment of any sum of interest or principal, or in the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements, conditions, or provisions contained or implied in any such instruments, to appoint a receiver of the said rents and profits.

"(3.) The advance of twelve thousand pounds already made to the Board by the Public Trustee and secured upon the said rents and profits of the said endowments shall be deemed to have been legally made in all respects, and all instruments executed by the Board by way of security for the repayment of the said sum of twelve thousand pounds and payment of interest thereon shall be deemed to have been lawfully executed as and from the date of execution of the same by or on behalf of the said Board.

"82. Whereas by notice in the *Gazette* of the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety, Section 102, Block X, Huangarua Survey District, was permanently reserved for river-conservation purposes: And whereas the said land is no longer required for the purposes for which it was reserved: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purposes of river conservation over the aforesaid Section 102 is hereby cancelled, and the land comprised therein is hereby declared to be Crown land available for disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything in section one hundred and thirty-one of the Land Act, 1908, as to limitation of the area of any Crown land disposable thereunder, the said land and any accretions thereto as disclosed by survey, may be disposed of to the adjoining occupier under the said Land Act, 1908.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement one hundred and one acres three roods twenty-eight perches, more or less, being Section 102, Block X, Huangarua Survey District: as the same is delineated on plan numbered 6/5/98, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"83. Whereas the Wairarapa Electric-power Board was on the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, duly authorized by the ratepayers of the Wairarapa Electric-power District to raise a loan of two hundred and sixty thousand pounds for certain purposes set out in the proposal submitted to such ratepayers: And whereas it is expedient that the Board should be authorized to expend any part or parts of the loan-moneys borrowed or to be borrowed in respect of the said loan in such manner as will also provide for the construction of hydro-generating works in addition to the transmission and distribution of electric energy: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, or in any other Act, it shall be lawful for the said Board to expend from time to time the whole or any part or parts of the sums borrowed or to be borrowed in respect of the said loan, in such manner as the Board may decide, upon works, buildings, land, and equipment necessary in connection with the generation, distribution, and utilization of electric energy, instead of in the manner provided in the allocation set forth in the proposal to borrow such moneys submitted to the ratepayers of the district.

"84. Section one hundred and thirty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'building a hostel,' the words 'master's residence, and school class-rooms.'

"85. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the thirteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and eight, Section 10, Block XV, and Section 3, Block XVI, Rahu Survey District, were reserved as an endowment for primary education: And whereas by a Warrant published in the *Gazette* of the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifteen, an adjoining area of six

hundred and forty-eight acres of a public utility reserve known as Section 2 of Square 182, Blocks III and IV, Lewis Survey District, was appropriated for an endowment for primary education: And whereas the aforesaid lands have been resurveyed, and it is desirable that they should be described as hereinafter appears: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The lands comprised in Section 10 of Block XV and in Section 3 of Block XVI, Rahu Survey District, together with the land comprised in the area of six hundred and forty-eight acres hereinbefore mentioned, are hereby declared to be Sections 3 and 10 of Block XVI, Rahu Survey District.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Nelson Land District, containing by admeasurement one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four acres and thirty-four perches, more or less, being Sections 3 and 10, Block XVI, Rahu Survey District: bounded towards the north by Sections 8 and 2 of Blocks XV and XVI, respectively, of the said survey district, and by a road, 10630·7 links; towards the east generally by a provisionsl State forest reserve, 6847·5 links; towards the north-east, south-east, and again towards the north-east by the said provisional State forest reserve, 6027·1 links, 5238·1 links, and 916·6 links respectively; again towards the south-east by a road along the right bank of the Alfred River; and towards the south-west and west generally by a road along the right bank of the Maruia River: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: excepting a road and Section 10A which are included within the above-described boundaries: as the same is delineated on a plan marked L. and S. 20/143, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"86. Whereas by section fifty of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, the land on which the Millerton drill-hall is erected was vested in the Corporation of the County of Buller: And whereas on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the Buller County Council, purporting to act under and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, caused to be taken a poll upon a proposal to raise a special loan of seven hundred and fifty pounds upon the security of a special rate on the unimproved value of all the rateable property in the Millerton Riding of the County of Buller for the purpose of repairing and renovating the said Millerton drill-hall: And whereas the said proposal was carried, and the loan was raised and spent as proposed: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the said Council to raise a loan for such purpose, and it is expedient that the said Council should be so empowered, and that the said loan should be validated as hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said loan shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully raised and the said Council shall at all times be deemed to have been lawfully empowered to apply the moneys resulting therefrom in accordance with the purposes for which the raising of the same was authorized by the ratepayers of the said Millerton Riding.

"87. Whereas in pursuance of the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-two of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1915, Sections 1156, 1170, and 1171 of the Town of Picton, containing nine acres two roods fifteen perches, more or less (hereinafter referred to as the reserve) are now vested in the Corporation of the Picton Borough (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation) to be held and used exclusively as a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: And whereas the Picton Borough Council is desirous of utilizing a portion of the reserve for the erection thereon of municipal hot salt-water baths and certain municipal buildings: And whereas it is expedient that the trusts and uses upon and to which the reserve is held by the Corporation should be so varied as to permit of the erection of such municipal hot salt-water baths and municipal buildings: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) That portion of the reserve hereinafter described (which land is hereinafter referred to as the said land) shall be and the same is hereby released from the trusts and uses for and as a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, upon which the reserve is now held by the Corporation, and shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Corporation in trust for the purpose of the erection thereon by the Picton Borough Council of hot salt-water baths and municipal buildings.

"(2.) The District Land Registrar of the Marlborough Land Registration District shall, upon an application in that behalf being made by the Picton Borough Council, issue to the Corporation a certificate of title in respect of the said land.

"(3.) The said land is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods seventeen perches, more or less, being parts of Sections 1156 and 1170, Town of Picton, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, register-book, Volume 23, folio 96, Blenheim Registry: as the same is delineated and coloured red upon a plan thereof marked 'Plan of Part Reserve D, Borough of Picton,' certified by Arthur Blundell Wright, a duly licensed surveyor, and numbered L. and S. 13/90/14, and deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington.

"88. Whereas by the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907, and the Wairau Harbour Board Loan and Enabling Act, 1916, power is given to the Wairau Harbour Board to borrow any sum not exceeding five thousand pounds for the purposes therein set forth: And whereas by the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1922, power is given to the said Board to make and levy rates within the Wairau Harbour District for the purpose of providing the annual charges upon the moneys borrowed under the powers in that behalf vested in it as aforesaid: And whereas it will be necessary for the Board to compile a roll of the ratepayers of the Wairau Harbour District for the purposes of taking the requisite poll upon the question of borrowing any moneys as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that the Board should be empowered to repay to its General Account from the proceeds of the loan the expenses incurred in compiling such roll of ratepayers and in taking such poll as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Wairau Harbour Board shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to repay to the General Account of the Board from the proceeds of any loan to be raised by virtue of the powers contained in the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907, and the Wairau Harbour Board Loan and Enabling Act, 1916, the expenses incurred by the Board and paid from its General Account in compiling the requisite roll of ratepayers of the Wairau Harbour District and in taking the poll of such ratepayers upon the question of raising such loan.

"(2.) This enactment shall be read and construed along with the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907, the Wairau Harbour Board Loan and Enabling Act, 1916, and the Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1922.

"89. Whereas by a notice in the *Gazette* of the seventh day of August, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the land described in subsection five hereof was permanently reserved for a public recreation-ground: And whereas by an Order in Council in the *Gazette* of the eighth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty, the said land was declared to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, as the Clayton Domain: And whereas by an Order in Council in the *Gazette* of the twelfth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty, the said domain was placed under the control of the Clayton Domain Board: And whereas the said domain is unsuitable for the purposes for which it was reserved, and it is desired to set apart a more suitable area as the Clayton Domain by effecting exchanges of land as hereinafter provided: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation over the domain described in subsection five hereof for the purposes of recreation and the vesting of the control of the said domain in the Clayton Domain Board are hereby cancelled.

"(2.) On the acceptance on behalf of His Majesty of the surrender by the lessee of Section 1, Clayton Settlement, of that portion of the said Section 1 described in subsection six hereof, the land described in subsection five hereof shall be deemed to be incorporated in the lease of the said Section 1; and the District Land Registrar for the Canterbury Land Registration District, on receipt of an application in that behalf from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on the said lease, and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this subsection.

"(3.) On the acceptance on behalf of His Majesty of the surrender by the lessee of Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement, of that portion of the said Section 16 described in subsection seven hereof, the land described in subsection six hereof shall be deemed to be incorporated in the lease of the said Section 16; and the District Land Registrar for the Canterbury Land Registration District, on an application in that behalf from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on the said lease, and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this subsection.

"(4.) On the acceptance on behalf of His Majesty of the surrender by the lessee of Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement, of that portion of the said Section 16 described in subsection seven hereof, the land so surrendered shall be deemed to be permanently reserved for recreation purposes as the Clayton Domain, to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and to be under the control of the Clayton Domain Board.

"(5.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement ten acres, more or less, and being Reserve 3999, situated in Block XI, Opuha Survey District, and bounded as follows: towards the north, east, and south by Section 1, Clayton Settlement, 1000 links, 1000 links, and 1000 links respectively; and towards the west by Clayton Road, 1000 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 1/649A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered blue.

"(6.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement ten acres one rood, more or less, and being part of Section 1, Clayton Settlement, situated in Block XI, Opuha Survey District, and bounded as follows—towards the north-east and south-east by other part of the said Section 1, 1100 links and 1342·8 links respectively; towards the south-west by Crown land, 975 links; and towards the north-west and west by Deep Creek and by Clayton Road, 69 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 1/649A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered yellow.

"(7.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement six acres two roods thirty perches, more or less, and being Reserve 4062 (formerly part of Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement) situated in Block XI, Opuha Survey District, and bounded as follows—towards the north-east by Butler's Road, 202·6 links and 693·7 links; towards the east by Clayton Road, 300 links; and towards the south, south-west, and north-west by the said Section 16, Sherwood Downs Settlement, 500 links, 1032 links, and 700 links respectively: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 1/649A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"90. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section thirty-four of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Governor-General may grant leases under that section over portions of Reserve 3224, Block VIII,

Rangiora Survey District, in the Land District of Canterbury (being part of the Rangiora and Waikuku Beach Domain), authorizing the lessees to erect buildings on the lands comprised in such leases.

"(2.) No such lease shall comprise an area exceeding one rood, and no such area shall at any point be less than one chain from high-water mark, and the aggregate area so leased for building purposes shall not exceed twenty-two acres.

"(3.) Every lease granted under this section shall provide for the erection of a house within a specified time on the land comprised in the lease in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved by the Rangiora and Waikuku Domain Board, and for the maintenance of the premises in good order to the satisfaction of the said Domain Board.

"91. Whereas by section seventy-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1910, as amended by section seventy-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1913, the land hereinafter described was vested in the Selwyn Plantation Board for plantation purposes: And whereas it is desirable that the said Board should be empowered to sell the whole or any portion of the said land so that it may be utilized for building purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Selwyn Plantation Board is hereby empowered to sell by public auction the whole or any part of the land hereinafter described, subdivided into such lots, at such upset prices, and subject to such terms and conditions of sale as the Minister of Lands may approve.

"(2.) The whole of the net proceeds from such sale shall be paid into the Selwyn Plantation Account, and shall be applied by the said Board to the purchase of other land suitable for plantation purposes.

"(3.) Any lands so purchased shall be deemed to be vested in the said Board in trust for plantation purposes and to be subject to the provisions of section seventy-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1910, and any amendment thereof.

"(4.) Upon any sale of land made hereunder the Selwyn Plantation Board is hereby empowered to execute a transfer or assurance of such land to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

"(5.) The land to which this section refers is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement eighty-seven acres two roods twenty-four perches, more or less, being Reserve 3504, situated in Block XV, Christchurch Survey District, and Block III, Halswell Survey District: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 49135, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"92. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Ashburton in trust for municipal purposes: And whereas the land described in subsection four hereof is vested in the said Corporation: And whereas the land described in subsection five hereof is portion of Winter Street stopped under section one hundred and seventy-two of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, and the Fourth Schedule thereto: And whereas it is desired that the aforesaid lands should be added to the present site of the Ashburton District School, the area of which is now inadequate for the purpose for which the said site was set apart: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Ashburton Borough Council is hereby empowered to transfer to the Education Board of the District of Canterbury, without receiving any payment or consideration therefor, all those parcels of land described in subsections three and four hereof, and the said lands shall be held by the said Board, in trust, for the purposes of a school-site.

"(2.) The stopped portion of Winter Street described in subsection five hereof is hereby vested in the Education Board of the District of Canterbury,

in trust, for the purposes of a school-site, subject to the reservation of a perpetual easement in favour of the Ashburton Borough Council for surface and underground drainage, and of right of entry to the said Council or its employees for the purpose of constructing or maintaining drains in or on the said land.

"(3.) Portion of the lands to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-four perches, more or less, and being Reserve 765, situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by Short Street, 372 links; towards the south-west by Reserve 765x, 362 links; and towards the north-west by Winter Street, 85 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/6/349, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered purple.

"(4.) Portion of the lands to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods thirteen perches, more or less, and being Reserve 765x, situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by Reserve 765, 362 links, and by Short Street, 441·8 links; towards the south-west by Reserves 1833 and part 1642, 800 links; and towards the north-west by Winter Street, 100 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/6/349, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered blue.

"(5.) The stopped portion of Winter Street to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood thirty-nine and three-tenths perches, and being Reserve 1833x (formerly part of Winter Street), situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by the remaining part of Winter Street, 100 links; towards the south-east by Reserve 1833, 500 links; towards the south-west by Moore Street, 66·2 links; towards the west by a public street, 41·1 links; and towards the north-west by Reserve 3360, 476·5 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/6/349, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered green.

"93. Whereas it is desirable that the land hereinafter described and known as the Moa Seed Farm, formerly used for the training of discharged soldiers, but no longer required for that purpose, should be used for experimental purposes: And whereas an association of persons consisting of James Begg, of Dunedin, Farmer; Edward Fawns Duthie, of Dunedin, Settler; James Hugh Nimmo, of Dunedin, Seed-merchant; and Joseph William Hadfield, of Otago, Farm-manager, entered into an agreement dated the tenth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, with the Minister of Agriculture whereby the said association of persons agreed on terms set out in the agreement to lease the said land and to carry out experiments on lines approved by the Minister of Agriculture, and subject to his supervision: And whereas special authority is necessary to enable the said agreement to be given effect to: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, or any other Act, the Governor-General may grant to the aforesaid association a lease of the said land on the terms set out in the aforesaid agreement between the Minister of Agriculture and the association, or on any other terms necessary to give effect to the said agreement.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and nineteen acres and thirty-eight perches, more or less, being Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 16, Westcott Settlement (Benger Survey District).

"94. (1.) The public domains known as the Waikaia Domain and the Happy Valley Domain, being the lands hereinafter respectively described, are hereby amalgamated, and shall henceforth be known as the Waikaia Domain.

"(2.) The Waikaia Domain Board in office at the passing of this Act shall be the Domain Board of the Waikaia Domain hereby constituted as if it had been duly appointed as such pursuant to the provisions in that behalf of section forty of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(3.) The land formerly known as the Waikaia Domain is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Southland Land District, containing five acres two roods, more or less, being Sections 1 to 22 (inclusive), Block IV, Town of Waikaia.

"(4.) The land formerly known as the Happy Valley Domain is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Southland Land District, containing fifty-five acres two roods, more or less, being Section 7, Block III, Waikaia Survey District." *(Hon. Mr. Guthrie.)*

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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16. *Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorize the Borrowing of Money in Aid of certain Public Works and Purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

17. *Main Highways Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Main Highways Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Provision for the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance, and Control of Main Highways."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

18. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had made further progress in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill.

19. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1922, and the Fencing Amendment Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Crimes Amendment Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Cemeteries Act, 1922, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

20. *Crimes Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Crimes Amendment Bill be considered forthwith;

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

21. *Cemeteries Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

22. *Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Mander, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

23. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

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And the Question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the Bill be committed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Thursday, the 26th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Lands permanently reserved as Endowments for Primary Education.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Ordered*, That this House approves of the lands specified in Paper No. 298 of the session 1922 being permanently reserved as endowments for primary education, as set forth therein, in terms of section 324 of the Land Act, 1908.

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Standing Orders relative to Local Bills be suspended in order to allow the Waimakariri River Improvement Bill to proceed through all its stages as a Local Bill notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders Nos. 394, 395, and 399 have not been complied with and that the Bill has been introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of this session.

3. *Waimakariri River Improvement Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Better Provision for the Improvement of the Waterway of the Waimakariri River and the Protection of certain Land in Canterbury; and that the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Coates accordingly presented the Waimakariri River Improvement Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

4. *Rural Credit Associations Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision by Means of the Establishment of Rural Credit Associations for affording Financial Assistance to Farmers and other Rural Workers; and that the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring it in.

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey accordingly presented the Rural Credit Associations Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council transmits to the House of Representatives a schedule of amendments in the Stamp Duties Bill recommended by the Statutes Revision Committee of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Stamp Duties Act, 1922, without amendment.

6. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Jones, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report on the Finance Bill, and the same was read as follows:—

I am directed to report that the Public Accounts Committee, to which was referred the Finance Bill, has duly considered the same, and is of opinion that it should be allowed to proceed, subject to the amendments as shown on a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Finance Bill.—Ordered*, That the Finance Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Robert M. Thomson, K. S. Henry and others, R. O. Chesney, H. S. Osgood and another, M. J. Cleart, A. E. Wellbourn and another, T. N. Holmden, and Albert Thomas Griffin; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of T. N. Holmden, and Albert Thomas Griffin, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of M. J. Cleary, and A. E. Wellbourn, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

9. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the further amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table and be referred to the Committee on the Bill. (Appendix I.–5.)

10. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce

Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. E. A. Gill and others, and A. Robertson and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–10.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. E. A. Gill and others, and A. Robertson and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable and immediate consideration.

11. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Martin Michael Laurenson, James S. Douglas and others, and Caroline J. Brooke; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of James S. Douglas and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Caroline J. Brooke, together with the report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

12. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legislature Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

15. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 57.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Taking of a Poll in the Horouta District to determine whether Liquor may be supplied to Natives within that District," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to provide for the Taking of a Poll in the Horouta District to determine whether Liquor may be supplied to the Natives within that District.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

16. *Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to order, presented the Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill, which was read a first time and ordered to be printed (and with the leave of the House), read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

17. *Dairy Industry Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Dairy Industry Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

18. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Mining Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

19. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

20. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill, the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, the Legislature Amendment Bill, the Dairy Industry Amendment Bill, the Mining Amendment Bill, and the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

21. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

(Clause 6 struck out by the Labour Bills Committee.)

Clauses 7 to 11B read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

22. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill:*

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"95. Whereas it has been recommended by a Commission appointed under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, by Warrant under the hand of the Governor-General, dated the twenty-third day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, that a portion of the County of Whangarei, described in the report of the Commission, should be included within the boundaries of the Borough of Whangarei: And whereas the portion so recommended, with the exceptions hereinafter set out, are to be so included, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three: And whereas it is desirable that for the purposes of certain loans shortly to be raised and benefiting the borough as proposed to be extended, the land to be included should be deemed to have been already included: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the land forming part of the County of Whangarei recommended by the said Commission for inclusion in the Borough of Whangarei (with the exception of all that land comprising one hundred and six acres one rood fourteen perches, more or less, being the property of the North Auckland Farmers' Co-operative Company (Limited), and Lot 1 on deposited plan 13934, and that part of the Coronation

Scenic Reserve recommended to be included in the said borough) shall, for all purposes in connection with any loan proposal to be submitted by the Council of the said borough to ratepayers prior to the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, be deemed to be part of the said borough.

"(2.) For the purposes of any loan proposal to be submitted by the Whangarei County Council to ratepayers of the county prior to the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the said portion of the county referred to in the last preceding subsection shall be deemed not to be included in the county.

"96. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Trustee Act, 1908, it shall be lawful for a trustee, unless expressly forbidden by the instrument (if any) creating the trust, to lend to the Whangarei Fire Board such amount as the Minister of Internal Affairs may, pursuant to the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, authorize that Board to borrow for the purpose of erecting a fire-station.

"97. Whereas by a Proclamation in the *Gazette* of the seventh day of June, nineteen hundred and six, all that area of land in the North Auckland Land District, containing five hundred and seventy-three acres, more or less, being Section 2, Block I, Waipu Survey District, was permanently reserved as and for a State forest: And whereas portion of the said State forest is no longer required for forest purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, exchange with any person or persons the portion of the State forest reserve hereinbefore referred to for any area of forest land situated within a radius of ten miles of the said State forest.

"(2.) If the value of the forest land accepted in exchange is less than the value of the aforesaid State forest, the Commissioner of State Forests may accept as equality of exchange such sum of money as may be mutually agreed on, and such money shall be paid to the credit of the State Forests Account.

"(3.) The Governor-General may do or cause to be done all such acts and things, and make, sign, or execute all such instruments as may be necessary to effectuate any such exchange.

"(4.) Any land obtained in exchange as aforesaid by His Majesty shall be deemed to be set apart as a State forest, and to be subject to the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921–22.

"98. Notwithstanding anything in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, or in any other Act to the contrary, the Mount Eden Borough Council may take under the Public Works Act, 1908, or otherwise acquire the respective parcels of land laid out as streets, and known as Kelly Street and Avenham Walk, situated within the Borough of Mount Eden, and may lay out the same as streets, notwithstanding that such streets may be of less width than required by law:

"Provided that no building permits other than permits for alterations of or additions to existing buildings, or permits for buildings to replace existing buildings, shall be issued by the said Council in respect of lands having a frontage to Avenham Walk.

"99. Whereas by memorandum of lease dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, the Governor-General, acting under and by virtue of the powers conferred on him by section thirty-four of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, leased to the body corporate known as the Inhabitants of the Otahuhu Road District for a period of twenty-one years from the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and ten, those pieces of land situated in the Parish of Waitemata, containing together one acre and one rood, be the same a little more or less, being portion of Allotment 60 of Section 12 of the Suburbs of Auckland, as delineated by the plan drawn upon the said memorandum of lease, edged red, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume six, folio 188, of the register-book at Auckland, for the purposes of a water-supply for the Otahuhu Road District, with the right to construct, erect, and maintain a reservoir and pumping-station thereon: And whereas by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth

day of August, nineteen hundred and twelve, the Borough of Otahuhu was constituted, and the property, rights, claims, obligations, contracts, and engagements of the said Otahuhu Road District became vested in the body corporate known as the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Otahuhu: And whereas the said body corporate, the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Otahuhu is desirous of obtaining a right of renewal of the said memorandum of lease dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, for a further period of twenty-one years from the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, being the date of expiry of the term of twenty-one years granted by the said memorandum of lease: And whereas the Mount Richmond Domain Board (being the Domain Board appointed under section forty of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, to have control of the said Allotment 60 of Section 12 of the Suburbs of Auckland) has requested the Governor-General to grant such right of renewal: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, covenant with the body corporate, the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Otahuhu, that should the said body corporate be desirous of taking a new lease of the land demised by the said memorandum of lease, dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, after the expiration of the term thereby granted and at least three calendar months before the expiration thereof, signify such its desire by a notice in writing addressed to and to be delivered at the office of the Mount Richmond Domain Board aforesaid (all rent or royalty payable under the said memorandum of lease having been duly paid and satisfied, and all covenants and conditions upon the part of the said body corporate having been duly performed and observed) the Governor-General, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty will, at or before the expiration of the said term, at the cost and charge of the Otahuhu Borough Council, make and execute to the said body corporate a new and effectual lease of the said demised premises for a term of twenty-one years to commence from the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, being the date of expiry of the said term granted by the said memorandum of lease dated the seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, and under the like covenants and conditions as are therein contained.

"(2.) The Governor-General may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, do all such acts and things and make and execute all such deeds, covenants, contracts, and writings as may be necessary and requisite for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this section and of the covenant referred to in the preceding subsection without further authority than this section.

"(3.) Any lease granted pursuant to the provisions of this section or of the covenant for renewal referred to in subsection one hereof shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been granted under the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"100. Whereas Allotment 247 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing two roods thirty-seven perches, more or less, is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Tauranga as a municipal endowment: And whereas Allotment 296 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing two roods twenty-four perches, more or less, is vested in the said Corporation in trust for town-improvement and public-recreation purposes: And whereas Allotment 297 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing one acre one rood sixteen perches, more or less, is vested in the said Corporation as an endowment in aid of borough funds: And whereas Allotment 298 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, containing two acres two roods, more or less, is vested in the said Corporation as a municipal endowment: And whereas the Tauranga Borough Council now desires the trusts of the said lands to be altered and all the said lands to be vested in the said Corporation as a reserve for public-recreation purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The vestings for the purposes aforesaid of Allotments 247, 296, 297, and 298 of Section 1, Town of Tauranga, in the Corporation of the Borough of Tauranga are hereby cancelled, and the said allotments are hereby vested in the said Corporation in trust as a reserve or reserves for purposes of public recreation.

"101. Notwithstanding anything contained in the River Boards Act, 1908, and any amendment thereof, it shall be lawful for the Kaituna River Board to classify the lands comprised within the district of that Board into the several classes mentioned in and in the manner provided by subsection two of section nine of the River Boards Amendment Act, 1913, and to levy on a graduated scale according to such classification any special rate made by that Board for the purpose of securing the repayment of a loan not exceeding the sum of eight hundred and forty-eight pounds for extinguishing the antecedent liability of that Board under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22.

"102. Whereas the land described in the Schedule to the Waikato Agricultural College Model Farm Act, 1888, was vested in the Corporation of the County of Waikato by that Act for an estate in fee-simple as an endowment for the said county, subject to being used as and for the purposes of an agricultural college and model farm: And whereas by section twelve of the Reserves and other Lands Sale, Disposal, and Enabling and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1901, the said Waikato Agricultural College Model Farm Act, 1888, was repealed, and the Corporation of the County of Waikato was empowered to transfer the said land to His Majesty for the consideration therein mentioned: And whereas the said land was duly conveyed to His Majesty by the Corporation of the County of Waikato by deed of conveyance dated the thirteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and two: And whereas it is considered expedient to use the portion of the said land hereinafter described in connection with the development of water-power (Horahora scheme): Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinafter described is hereby set apart for the development of water-power (Horahora scheme).

"(2.) The sum of two thousand three hundred and ninety-eight pounds two shillings and sixpence shall be transferred from the Electric-supply Account to the Consolidated Fund as consideration for such transfer.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area of land situated in the Auckland Land District, Waikato County, Kirikiriroa Road District, and comprising four acres three roods seven and two-fifths perches, and being portion of Allotment 223A, Kirikiriroa Parish, Block XIV, Komakorau Survey District (S.O. 22148): as the said land is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 54088, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon bordered red.

"103. Whereas by the Public Works Amendment Act, 1910, it is provided, *inter alia*, that the Governor-General may take, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, any area of land required for recreation-grounds, and that any land so taken shall be deemed to have been taken as and for a public work duly authorized by the Public Works Act, 1908: And whereas for the purpose of improving the recreation-grounds of the Borough of Hamilton and the surrounding district it is desirable that the land described in subsection three of this section shall be taken by the Governor-General under the authority aforesaid for recreation-grounds, and when so taken shall be set apart for the purposes of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and shall be Crown land subject to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and that on such setting-apart of such land as aforesaid the reservation over certain lands now forming part of the Hamilton Domain be cancelled: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Upon the taking of the land described in subsection three hereof by the Governor-General under the authority hereinbefore recited such land shall by Proclamation be set apart by the Governor-General for the purposes of

Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, under the control of the Hamilton Domain Board.

"(2.) (*a.*) Upon the taking of the land described in subsection three hereof under the authority hereinbefore recited the Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, cancel the reservation for the purposes of a domain over the whole or any part or parts of the lands described in subsection four hereof, and also the vesting of the control of the said lands in the Hamilton Domain Board, and thereupon the lands described in such Warrant shall be deemed to be subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and available for disposal under that Act, subject also to any existing leases granted over them by the Governor-General.

"(*b.*) The moneys derived from the disposal of such lands may be applied towards the payment of compensation in connection with the taking under the Public Works Act, 1908, of the land described in subsection three hereof, and for the improvement of such land.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing fifty-seven acres, more or less, being parts of Allotments 363 and 365, of the Parish of Te Rapa, County of Waipa: bounded (commencing at a point being the intersection of the northern corner of Lot 6 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 3796 with Lake Rotoroa) on the north-east by the said lake; and thence in a north-westerly direction by the said lake, 2800 links, to the south-easternmost corner of a drain reserve running in a north-westerly direction through said Allotments 363 and 365; thence on the north-west by the southern boundary of the said drain reserve, 1610·4 links, to the railway; thence on the west by the said railway, 2670 links; thence on the south by lines running in easterly directions through said Allotments 365 and 363, 2440 links, and 227 links respectively, to the western corner of said Lot 6, on said plan Number 3796; thence on the south-east by the said Lot 6, 1100 links, to the point of commencement: be the said several admeasurements a little more or less.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing one acre one rood thirty-six perches, more or less, being Section 28 of the Town of Hamilton West: and also all that piece or parcel of land in the said Provincial District, containing one acre one rood thirty-one perches, more or less, being part of Section 16 of the Hamilton West Town Belt: bounded (commencing at the north-westernmost corner of said Section 16) on the north by Section 17 of the Hamilton West Town Belt, 250 links; on the east by other part of said Section 16, 577 links; on the south by Allotment 24, Parish of Waipa, 250 links; and on the west by the Ohaupo Road, 577 links, to the point of commencement: be the said several admeasurements a little more or less.

"104. Whereas the Hamilton Borough Council desires to exchange the land described in subsection three hereof for the land described in subsection four hereof, which last-mentioned land is part of a public domain under Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, but there is no statutory authority for the making of such exchange: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The vesting in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton of the land described in subsection three hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in His Majesty and declared to form part of the Hamilton Domain lands for the purpose of public recreation, and to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The reservation over the land described in subsection four hereof for the purpose of public recreation is hereby cancelled, and the said land is

hereby vested in the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton for an estate in fee-simple, without power of sale, as a municipal endowment or for municipal purposes, and the District Land Registrar of the District of Auckland is hereby empowered and directed to cancel all existing titles to the said land, and to issue a certificate of title in respect thereof to the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing two roods thirty and thirteen-twentieths perches, more or less, and being Lot 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 16167, which said piece of land is part of Section 22A, Town of Hamilton West, vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton by section five of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing eighteen and thirty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, and being part of Sections 5, 7, 5A, and 7A of the Hamilton West Town Belt, and the whole of the land comprised on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 21612.

"105. Whereas by section five of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, Section 22A of the Hamilton West Belt was vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hamilton for an estate in fee-simple, without power of sale, as a municipal endowment or for municipal purposes: And whereas in the Third Schedule to the said Act the said Section 22A was shown as containing two acres, but was not otherwise described: And whereas it is desirable that the said Section 22A should be clearly defined: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Section 22A, Hamilton West Belt, referred to in the Third Schedule to the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, is more particularly described as all that piece of land comprised within Section 22A, Hamilton West Belt: as the same is shown on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 16167, and thereon subdivided into Lot 1 and Lot 2.

"106. Whereas by a Proclamation under section eleven of the Land Act, 1908, published in the *Gazette* of the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, portions of road, containing sixteen acres one rood thirty-five perches, intersecting Section 3, Block XII, Hangaroa Survey District, in the Land District of Hawke's Bay, and described in the Second Schedule to that Proclamation, were closed: And whereas the said Section 3 is set apart as an endowment for primary educarion, and it is desirable that the said portions of closed road should be included in and form part of the said endowment: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said area of sixteen acres one rood thirty-five perches is hereby set apart as an endowment for primary education and shall be deemed to be included in and to form part of Section 3, Block XII, Hangaroa Survey District.

"(2.) On receipt of a certificate under the hand of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Hawke's Bay Land District, setting forth a description of the boundaries of Section 3, Block XII, Hangaroa Survey District, or of any subdivisions thereof, as altered pursuant to this section, the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Hawke's Bay is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on the certificate of title to the said Section 3, and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

"107. Whereas the parcel of land hereinafter described is by virtue of section nine of the Wellington Corporation and Harbour Board Streets and Lands Act, 1892, vested with other lands in the Wellington Harbour Board in trust for the purposes of a signal-station: And whereas the Mayor, Council-

lors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington are desirous of acquiring the said parcel of land for the purpose of constructing thereon a road: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The parcel of land hereinafter described in the Schedule hereto is hereby vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington in trust for road purposes.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece or parcel of land situated at Mount Victoria, in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods four and thirteen-hundredths perches, more or less, being part of the land described in the Seventh Schedule to the Wellington Corporation and Harbour Board Streets and Lands Act, 1892, and situated in Block VII, Port Nicholson Survey District, bounded as follows—commencing at the south-eastern corner of the land described in the said Seventh Schedule, thence in a north-westerly direction along the south-western boundary of the said land on a bearing of 293° 15′ for a distance of 219·92 links; thence by lines the bearings and distances of which are 38° 3′, 144·63 links; 56° 34′, 48·04 links; 107° 26′, 42·15 links; 125° 17′, 83·16 links, to a point on the south-eastern boundary of the land described in the said Seventh Schedule; and thence along the said south-eastern boundary on a bearing 203° 15′, for a distance of 193·54 links, to the commencing-point.

"108. Whereas by Proclamation dated the twenty-eighth day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and published in the *Gazette* of the third day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, Sections 1 and 2 and part Section 3, Block VII, Port Nicholson Survey District, in the Land District of Wellington, comprising approximately two hundred and forty-five acres, were taken under the provisions of the Public Works Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1885, for the construction of defence works at Watt's Peninsula, Wellington: And whereas the piece of land situated in Block VII, Port Nicholson Survey District, and adjoining the land hereinbefore referred to on the northern side thereof is Crown land (being Military Reserve excepted from a grant to the New Zealand Land Company, dated the twenty-seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight): And whereas a road has been constructed by His Majesty along the foreshore of the land hereinbefore mentioned (the approximate position of the said road being shown in red colour on the plan marked P.W.D. 5558, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington): And whereas it is considered expedient to declare the said road to be a public street vested in the Corporation of the City of Wellington subject to the right of the Minister of Defence to close the same to the use of the public at any time and from time to time and for any period as in the opinion of the said Minister may be advisable or necessary for any defence or military purpose: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare the said road to be a public street under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, vested in the Corporation of the City of Wellington.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, such vesting as aforesaid shall take effect subject to the following conditions, namely—

"(*a.*) The Minister of Defence may for any defence or military purpose at any time or from time to time and for any period close the said road to the use of the public:

"(*b.*) Whenever the Minister of Defence decides to close the said road he may cause to be erected thereon such notices declaring the said road closed, together with such barricades as he deems advisable, and thereupon the said road shall be closed to the use of the public until the said notices and barricades are removed under the authority of the Minister of Defence. Such barricades shall be adequately lighted at night:

"(*c.*) Before closing the said road the Minister of Defence shall wherever practicable give public notice in one or more newspapers circulating in the City of Wellington of his intention to close the road, but it shall not be obligatory for such notice to be given:

"(*d.*) Every person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds who, without the authority of the Minister of Defence, enters upon the said road when closed as aforesaid, or who mutilates, takes away, damages, destroys, or alters the position of any notice or barricade erected on the said road:

"(*e.*) Nothing in the last preceding paragraph shall be deemed to interfere with or restrict the provisions of any other law or statute under which any such person could be punished for any such offence, save that such person shall not be punished twice for the same offence.

"109. (1.) It shall be lawful for any local authority, the district of which is within or partly within the Provincial District of Nelson, to contribute out of its general fund or account such a sum in any year ending not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, as the local authority may think fit, as a subscription to the funds of the Nelson Progress League.

"(2.) In this section the term 'local authority' shall include a Harbour Board.

"110. It shall be lawful for any local authority, the district of which is within or partly within the Provincial District of Marlborough, to contribute out of its general fund or account such a sum in any year ending not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, as the local authority may think fit, as a subscription to the funds of the Marlborough Progress League.

"111. Whereas the Picton Borough Council, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and other enabling Acts, duly passed special orders for the borrowing of the undermentioned moneys—namely, on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the sum of two thousand two hundred pounds for the term of thirty-six and a half years, for the purpose of providing plant and machinery for electrical purposes; on the seventeenth day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the sum of eight hundred pounds for the purchase of a stone-crusher, motor, and motor-lorry: And whereas special orders were duly confirmed pledging special rates as security for the said loans: And whereas the Picton Borough Council being unable to raise the said loans at the prescribed rate of interest—namely, five and a quarter per centum per annum—borrowed the said sums by way of temporary loans: And whereas, pursuant to section one hundred and nineteen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, the said Council is authorized to borrow the sum of one thousand one hundred pounds for the purpose of recouping its General Fund: And whereas, pursuant to the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22, the said Council is authorized to borrow the sum of three thousand three hundred and twenty pounds nineteen shillings and one penny, being the amount of its antecedent liability: And whereas, on account of a loan of six thousand eight hundred and forty-five pounds authorized on the twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, for electric-lighting purposes, there remain unissued debentures to the total value of one thousand two hundred pounds, and it is desirable to cancel the said debentures and to raise the said sum of one thousand two hundred pounds as hereinafter appears: And whereas it is desirable to authorize the said Council to take the steps hereinafter set out: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) In lieu of exercising separately the authorities hereinbefore recited the Picton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, but without taking

the steps prescribed by sections eight to twelve thereof, a consolidated loan of eight thousand six hundred and twenty pounds nineteen shillings and one penny, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum.

"(2.) The sum so borrowed shall be applied to the purposes hereinbefore recited, save that the sum of three thousand pounds raised for the purposes hereinbefore first recited shall be applied in repayment of the temporary loans aforesaid.

"(3.) The debentures to the value of one thousand two hundred pounds created under the aforesaid loan authority for six thousand eight hundred and forty-five pounds, but still unissued, are hereby cancelled.

"112. Whereas by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, an area of twelve acres three roods thirty-three perches, being part of Education Endowment Reserve No. 129, Block VII, Waimea Survey District, was taken for the purposes of the Greymouth–Hokitika Railway: And whereas it is now desired that the severed portions of Education Endowment Reserve No. 129, situated between the aforesaid railway and Road Reserve No. 7 should be declared to be a road. Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as an endowment for the purposes of education over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby dedicated for road purposes.

"(2.) The land to which the preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Westland Land District, containing one acre one rood and ten and one-half perches, more or less, being parts of Primary Education Reserve 129, Block VII, Waimea Survey District, and being Lot 7 and Lot 8, as delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured burnt sienna and yellow respectively.

"113. Whereas by a notice published in the *Gazette* of the twentieth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, an area of one hundred and ninety-four acres, described on the maps deposited with the Chief Surveyor of the Westland Land District, as Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, was set apart as a reserve for the purposes of a road and railway: And whereas by notice in the *Gazette* of the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, a portion of this Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 as therein described was taken for railway purposes: And whereas it is now desirable that further portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 should be allocated for different purposes as hereinafter appear: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation over that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection eight hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 2545, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(2.) The reservation over those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection nine hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 2544, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(3.) The reservation over those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection ten hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 3342, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(4.) The reservation over that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection eleven hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 2550, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(5.) The reservation over that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection twelve hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be included in and to form part of Section 3216, Block VII, Waimea Survey District.

"(6.) The reservation over those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7 described in subsection thirteen hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby dedicated for road purposes.

"(7.) The District Land Registrar of the Westland Land Registration District is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements on certificates of title and to take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

"(8.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 1 thereof, containing an area of three acres three roods twenty-one perches, more or less; as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured neutral tint.

"(9.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 10 thereof, containing an area of twelve acres and four perches, more or less: as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered neutral tint.

"(10.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 12 thereof, containing one perch, also all that portion of the said reserve, being Lot 13 thereof, containing three roods thirty perches, more or less: as the same are delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured blue and green respectively.

"(11.) The land to which subsection four hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 15 thereof, containing an area of two acres two roods thirty-eight perches, more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"(12.) The land to which subsection five hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that portion of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 16 thereof, containing an area of one acre two roods seventeen perches, more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 16/803 deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"(13.) The lands to which subsection six hereof relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All those portions of the aforesaid Road and Railway Reserve No. 7, being Lot 2 thereof, containing eight perches (hatched red); Lot 3, containing seven acres two roods thirty-four perches (bordered blue); Lot 4, containing two acres and thirty perches (bordered green); Lot 5, containing one rood twenty-five perches (bordered orange); Lot 9, containing twenty-four perches (bordered citrine); Lot 11, containing ten acres two roods thirty-five perches (bordered blue); and Lot 14, containing twenty-eight acres one rood fifteen perches (coloured burnt sienna): as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington.

"114. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, an area of fifteen acres one rood fourteen perches of Crown land situated in Blocks VI and VII, Waimea Survey District, in the Westland Land District, was taken for the purposes of the Greymouth-Hokitika Railway: And whereas it is desired to

dedicate as a road that portion of the said land hereinafter described, which is not now required for railway purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for railway purposes over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby dedicated for the purposes of a road.

"(2.) The land to which the preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Westland Land District containing one acre one rood and ten perches, more or less, being Lot 6: as delineated on plan marked L. and S. 16/803, and deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured yellow.

"115. (1.) The Governor-General may, if he thinks fit, by Order in Council, direct that a poll be taken within the area recommended for inclusion in the Borough of Riccarton by a Commission appointed under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, by Warrant under the hand of the Governor-General dated the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, upon a proposal that such area or such part or parts thereof be included in the said Borough of Riccarton, or that separate polls be taken in respect of such parts of such area as may be described by such Order.

"(2.) The provisions of paragraphs (*f*), (*g*), and (*h*) of subsection one of section one hundred and thirty-two of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, shall apply with respect to any such poll.

"116. Whereas it has been decided, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1914, to establish a secondary school at Balclutha, to be known as the Balclutha High School, and to disestablish the existing district high school: And whereas it is expedient to place such secondary school under the control of the Education Board of the District of Otago: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Act, the Balclutha High School shall, until the Minister of Education shall otherwise determine, be under the control and management of the Education Board of the District of Otago, which shall have, with respect to the said high school, all the powers and duties vested by the Education Act, 1914, in a Secondary School Board.

"(2.) In connection with the said high school there shall be a committee constituted and appointed or elected in such manner as the Minister of Education shall approve. The provisions of sections forty-four to fifty-three of the Education Act, 1914, with respect to the meetings of School Committees, the powers and duties of School Committees, and the School Fund shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to the Committee at the Balclutha High School.

"117. Whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of the same month, the Governor-General, in terms of the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1908, as amended by the Rabbit Nuisance Amendment Act, 1918, constituted the area described in the Schedule to such Order a district for the purposes of Part III of the said Act, by name the Mount Benger Rabbit District: And whereas it is deemed advisable to exclude from the said district the lands hereinafter described: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The lands hereinafter described are hereby excluded from the said Mount Benger Rabbit District, and shall be deemed to have been so excluded as from the date of the constitution of that district.

"(2.) The lands excluded as aforesaid from the said district are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Land District of Otago, commencing at the snow fence one hundred and twelve chains east of the north-west corner of the Mount Benger Rabbit District described in *Gazette*, 1921, page 2417; thence towards the south by that fence to the boundary-fence between Runs 500 and 501; thence towards the east by the northern boundary of said Run 501; thence towards the south by the eastern boundary of said Run 501 to the

Waikaia Road; thence in a southerly direction along the snow-line fence to the Ramspur fence, being the boundary between Runs 509 and 510; thence towards the east by the Ramspur fence a distance of 31 chains; thence towards the south by the snow-line fence through Run 510 to the north-west corner of Section 10, Benger Survey District; thence towards the south by the eastern boundary of said Run 510 to the Pomahaka Road; thence towards the west by the southern boundary-fence of said Run 510 to the boundary of the rabbit district as described in the before-mentioned *Gazette*; thence towards the north by the boundary of the rabbit district described in the *Gazette* before mentioned to the point of commencement: also all that area in the Otago Land District commencing at the north-west corner of Section 6, Block XIV, Benger Survey District; thence towards the east for a distance of 52 chains, to the snow-line fence; thence towards the south-east by the snow-line fence through Sections 6 and 5, Block XIV aforesaid, to the north-west corner of Section 10, Block IV, Benger Survey District; thence in a westerly direction to the south-west corner of Section 5, Block XIV aforesaid; thence in a northerly direction along the boundary of the present Mount Benger Rabbit District to the point of commencement.

"118. (1.) The payment of the sum of eight pounds twelve shillings and one penny by the Otautau Town Board during the financial year ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, in excess of the limit of unauthorized expenditure fixed by section one hundred and twenty-one of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

"(2.) The Otautau Town Board is hereby empowered to refund to the persons entitled to such sums as were paid by those persons as members of the Otautau Town Board, pursuant to a surcharge by the Audit Office on the members of the Otautau Town Board in respect of the said sum of eight pounds twelve shillings and one penny." (*Hon. Mr. Guthrie.*)

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

23. *Legislature Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "section," in subclause (1). (*Mr. Holland.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter
Atmore	Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lysnar	Reed
Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Mackenzie	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Brown	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod	Rhodes, T. W.
Burnett	Harris	McNicol	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Hawken	Mander	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Henare	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Williams
Craigie	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nash	Wright
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Newman, E.	Young.
Dickson, J. S.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Dixon, E.	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Bollard
Field	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Hockly.

NOES, 25.

Bartram	McCallum	Sidey	Veitch
Forbes	Masters	Smith, R. W.	Wilford
Fraser	Munro	Smith, S. G.	Witty.
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Statham	*Tellers.*
Holland	Parry	Sullivan	Howard
Horn	Poland	Thacker	McCombs.
Jennings	Savage		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words retained.

Clause agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"*A*. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in the Legislature Act, 1908, and its amendments, no candidate shall at any election be deemed to be elected for any electoral district on the result of the ballot taken at the poll under the said Act unless he has, by the process hereinafter set forth, secured as nearly as possible an absolute majority of the valid votes polled.

"(2.) Every voter shall, when marking his paper, indicate thereon the name of the candidate for whom he desires to give his second preference ; and, in the event of the candidate who receives the greatest number of valid votes not receiving an absolute majority of all the valid votes cast, then all the second preference votes cast for the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be distributed amongst such two candidates :

"Provided that no second preference vote given to either of the said two candidates shall be taken into account or distributed as aforesaid.

"(3.) The candidate who receives the highest number of votes as a result of adding together the first choice votes and second preference votes shall be declared elected.

"(4.) The Governor-General in Council shall, by regulations duly gazetted, make provision for marking such second preference votes on the ballot-papers and generally carrying out the intent and purport of this Act." (*Mr. McCallum.*)

And the Question being put, That the clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 19.

Atmore	McCallum	Smith, R. W.	Wilford
Craigie	Masters	Smith, S. G.	Witty.
Edie	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Statham	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Poland	Thacker	Forbes
Jennings	Sidey	Veitch	Horn.

NOES, 53.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Mackenzie	Potter
Bartram	Hamilton, J. R.	McCombs	Reed
Bitchener	Harris	McLeod	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Brown	Hawken	McNicol	Rhodes, T. W.
Burnett	Henare	Mander	Savage
Campbell	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Holland	Munro	Sykes
Dickson, J. McC.	Howard	Nash	Williams
Dickson, J. S.	Hudson	Newman, E.	Wright
Dixon, E.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Young.
Field	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Parry	Bollard
Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Hockly.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Lysnar		

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"(*a*.) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act and its amendments, the Dominion shall be divided into seventeen electoral districts.

"(*b*.) At each readjustment of boundaries under the provisions of the principal Act the Representation Commissioners shall combine the electorates into groups of not less than five nor more than eleven, and each such group shall be deemed to be an electoral district :

"Provided that if in the opinion of the Electoral Commissioners the advantage gained by rural electorates by the addition of the twenty-eight per centum cannot be maintained by the formation of a five-member electorate the Electoral Commissioners may form a smaller electoral division, but in no case shall an electoral division consist of less than three electorates :

"Provided further that no combination of electorates shall be formed whose total population divided by one more than the number to be elected plus one

shall exceed the number of the population in any one of the electorates combined in an electoral district.

"(*c.*) Each voter shall have one vote only, but he may vote in the alternative for as many other candidates as he pleases, and his vote shall be deemed to be given to the candidate opposite whose name is placed the figure '1,' but in the event of its not being required for the election of that candidate it shall be transferable to other candidates in the order of preference indicated by the figure set opposite their respective names.

"(*d.*) Subsection one of section one hundred and thirty of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following is substituted, namely :—

"'(1.) The voter, having received a ballot-paper, shall retire into one of the inner compartments provided, and shall there, alone and secretly, insert opposite the names of the candidates for whom he wishes to vote the figures '1,' '2,' '3,' '4,' '5,' *et cetera*, in the order of his preference as shown in the First Schedule hereto.'

"(*e.*) If any voter who desires to vote is blind or otherwise incapacitated from reading or writing, the Returning Officer, and, if necessary, an interpreter, shall retire with him into the inner compartment, and there mark the ballot-paper according to the instruction of the voter; and such Returning Officer shall sign his own name at the foot thereof." (*Mr. McCombs.*)

And the Question being put, That the clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 27.

Atmore	Horn	Parry	Thacker
Bartram	Howard	Poland	Veitch
Edie	Jennings	Sidey	Wilford
Forbes	McCallum	Smith, R. W.	Witty.
Fraser	Masters	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Munro	Statham	McCombs
Holland	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Sullivan	Savage.

NOES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Reed
Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	Mackenzie	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Brown	Harris	McLeod	Rhodes, T. W.
Burnett	Hawken	McNicol	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Henare	Mander	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Uru
Craigie	Hockly	Nash	Williams
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Newman, E.	Wright
Dixon, E.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Young.
Field	Jones	Parr, Hon. C. J.	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Bollard
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill without amendment.

24. *Mining Amendment Bill :*

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 12 and 13 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

25. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.:*

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"The principal Act shall bind the Crown in respect of the Government of New Zealand, and shall be applicable to any Department of the Government of New Zealand, if and whenever work is being carried on by or on behalf of that Department to which the said Act would apply if such work was being carried on by private persons." (*Mr. Parry.*)

The Chairman ruled that the clause was an appropriation clause, and therefore inadmissable.

To report the Bill without amendment.

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26. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and to make certain other Provisions with respect to Labour Disputes."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

27. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had made further progress in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill.

28. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Legislature Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Legislature Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

29. *Dairy Industry Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Dairy Industry Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

30. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Mining Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

31. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Stone-quarries Act, 1910."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, adjourned.

Friday, the 27th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petition.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

On motion of Sir G. Hunter (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of E. J. Mather and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

2. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

3. *Workers' Compensation Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Workers' Compensation Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

4. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Glenn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Defence Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

5. *Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee.*—The House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee on the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill do lie upon the Table; and the amendment proposed thereto, To omit all the words after the word "Report," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration." (*Mr. Masters.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Mackenzie	Reed
Bartram	Hamilton, A.	Mander	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Rhodes, T. W.
Bollard	Harris	Nash	Savage
Burnett	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Newman, E.	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Craigie	Hudson	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Williams
Dickson, J. S.	Hunter, Sir G.	Parry	Young.
Dixon, E.	Jones	Poland	*Tellers.*
Field	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Hawken
Glenn	McNicol	Potter	McLeod.

NOES, 30.

Atmore	Isitt	Munro	Veitch
Dickson, J. McC.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Wilford
Edie	Lysnar	Seddon	Witty
Forbes	McCallum	Sidey	Wright.
Fraser	McCombs	Smith, R. W.	
Holland	Malcolm	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Horn	Masters	Sullivan	Jennings
Howard	Mitchell	Thacker	Statham.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Report do lie upon the Table, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

6. *Dairy-produce Export Control Bill.—Ordered*, That the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Scaffolding and Excavation Bill ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

8. *Scaffolding and Excavation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Scaffolding and Excavation Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

10. *Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill.—Ordered*, That the Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill be committed next sitting-day.

11. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of E. D. Dobson ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

12. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 58.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1909," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1909.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

13. *Friendly Societies Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Friendly Societies Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

14. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 59.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To insert the following new clauses:—

"119. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Costley Training Institution Act, 1885, the Costley Training Institution Trust Board may expend moneys, the property of the Board, for all or any of the following purposes, namely:—

"(*a.*) Contributing towards the maintenance of young people apprenticed to trades or professions or other approved employment:

"(*b.*) Assisting boys and girls in such manner as the Board thinks fit to obtain the benefits of secondary or higher education.

"(2.) Such moneys may be expended for such purposes as aforesaid notwithstanding that the boys and girls to or in respect of whom payments are made have not at any time been inmates of industrial schools within the meaning of the Industrial Schools Act, 1908.

"(3.) No payment pursuant to the powers conferred by this section shall be made to or in respect of any boy or girl unless such boy or girl is approved by an officer of the Education Department to be appointed in that behalf by the Minister of Education.

"120. Whereas the land described in subsection four hereof comprises portion of the recreation-ground reserve, described in the Schedule to the Epsom and Mount Eden Reserve Act, 1890: And whereas the lands described in subsections five and six hereof are regarded as set apart as a road reserve: And whereas it is desirable that the lands described in subsections four and five hereof should be vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Mount Eden as a recreation reserve, and that the lands described in subsection six hereof should be dedicated as public streets: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a recreation-ground as aforesaid over the land described in subsection four hereof, and the vesting of the said land in trustees by section two of the Epsom and Mount Eden Reserve Act, 1890, are hereby cancelled, and the said lands, together with the portions of road reserve described in subsection five hereof, the existing reservation over which is hereby cancelled, are hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Mount Eden,

in trust, as a recreation reserve, subject to the provisions of Part I of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The lands described in subsection six hereof are hereby dedicated as public streets.

"(3.) The boundaries of the Borough of Mount Eden are hereby altered so as to include the lands hereinafter described, and the boundaries of the City of Auckland are hereby altered so as to exclude the said lands.

"(4.) The land over which the reservation as a recreation-ground is cancelled by subsection one hereof is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land containing one acre two roods and eight perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 49 of Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same is delineated on a plan numbered L. and S. 1/398, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered pink.

"(5.) The portions of road reserve referred to in subsection one hereof are particularly described as follows:—

"All those parcels of land, containing together six acres one rood and thirty-two perches, more or less, being portions of road reserve adjoining Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same are delineated on the plan marked and deposited as aforesaid and thereon bordered blue.

"(6.) The lands to which subsection two hereof relates are particularly described as follows:—

"Firstly, all that parcel of land containing three roods and sixteen perches, more or less, being part of road reserve adjoining Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same is delineated on plan marked and deposited as aforesaid and thereon bordered green.

"Secondly, all that parcel of land containing three roods and sixteen perches, more or less, being portion of road reserve adjoining Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same is delineated on plan marked and deposited as aforesaid and thereon bordered yellow.

"121. Whereas in December, nineteen hundred and twenty, the One Tree Hill Road Board raised a loan of seven thousand pounds for the purpose of making additions to the existing waterworks plant by the installation of dechlorinating filters and new machinery, which said loan was secured by a special rate on all the rateable property throughout the One Tree Hill Road District: And whereas in December, nineteen hundred and twenty, the said Board also raised a loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds for the purpose of extending the water-supply throughout a special area of the said district, which said loan was secured by a special rate on all the rateable property within the said special area: And whereas, after the completion of the works for which the said loan of seven thousand pounds was raised, the Board has a surplus unexpended of the said loan-moneys amounting to two thousand nine hundred and twenty-one pounds: And whereas the said loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds was insufficient to complete the said works for which it was raised, and it is desirable that power should be given enabling the said Board to expend the said surplus in or towards the completion of the works for which the said loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds was raised: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The One Tree Hill Road Board is hereby authorized to expend the whole or any part of the sum of two thousand nine hundred and twenty-one pounds, being the unexpended surplus of its loan of seven thousand pounds aforesaid, in or towards completing the extension of the water-supply throughout the special area created in respect of the said loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds.

"122. Whereas Allotment 60, Suburbs of Tauranga, is vested in the Tauranga Hospital Board: And whereas the said Board has agreed to purchase Allotment 29, Suburbs of Tauranga, for the purpose of erecting thereon a public hospital: And whereas a public road known as Pitt Street lies between the said Allotment 60 and the said Allotment 29: And whereas it

is desirable to close that part of the said road between the said allotments to provide adequate grounds for the said hospital, and the Tauranga County Council has consented to such closing and to the vesting of the closed road in the Tauranga Hospital Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The part of the road or street hereinafter described is hereby closed.

"(2.) The part of the public road or street declared to be closed by the last preceding subsection is hereby vested in the Tauranga Hospital Board.

"(3.) The part of the public road or street hereinbefore closed and vested in the Tauranga Hospital Board is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece of land situate in the Auckland Land District, containing three roods thirty-five perches, more or less, being part of the land shown at Pitt Street on a plan deposited in the Survey Office at Auckland, under No. 441, being that part of the said street lying between Clark Street on the west and Cameron Road on the east—bounded on the north by Allotment 90, Suburbs of Tauranga, and on the south by Allotment 29, Suburbs of Tauranga.

"123. Section eighty-three of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting the word 'landless' wherever that word appears in that section.

"124. Whereas by a Warrant, published in the *Gazette* of the second day of October, nineteen hundred and two, pursuant to section six of the Cemeteries Act, 1882, on the assumption that the land described in the Schedule to such Warrant had been permanently set apart as a public cemetery, trustees were appointed to provide for the maintenance and care of the said land as a public cemetery: And whereas burials have taken place on the said land, which is now known as the Araroa Public Cemetery: And whereas the said land is Native land, part of the Whetamatarau Block, and has not been acquired or taken by the Crown for the aforesaid purpose: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinbefore referred to shall be deemed to have been set apart as a site for a cemetery as on the twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and two, and shall be deemed to have been taken for that purpose under the Public Works Act, 1894.

"(2.) The compensation to be paid to the Native owners of such land shall be such amount as the Native Land Court shall determine as the amount that would have been payable if the said land had been so taken on the twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and two, the date of the aforesaid Warrant.

"125. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is vested in the Crown in trust as an endowment for primary education: And whereas it is desired to exchange the said land for the area of private land described in subsection four hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Upon the conveyance or transfer to His Majesty of the private land described in subsection four hereof the Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, cancel the reservation as an endowment for primary-education purposes over the land described in subsection three hereof, and may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, by Warrant under his hand, authorize the issue of a certificate of title to the owner of the private land aforesaid in respect of the land over which the reservation has been cancelled in pursuance of this section.

"(2.) The land transferred or conveyed to His Majesty under the authority of this section shall thereupon be deemed to be permanently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, being Town Section 407, Town of Napier, containing two roods, and bounded as follows—commencing at north-west corner; thence bounded on north-west by Napier Terrace for a distance of 200 links; thence on the north-east by Town

Section 408 for a distance of 250 links; thence on south-east by Suburban Section 33 for a distance of 200 links; thence on the south-west by Town Section 406 for a distance of 250 links, to the point of commencement: as the same is delineated on a plan marked L. and S. 6/6/192, and deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered blue.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, being part of Town Section 406 and Suburban Sections 32 and 33, Town of Napier, containing two roods thirty-five and a half perches, and bounded as follows—commencing at a point 18·2 links in a south-westerly direction from the north-west corner of Town Section 407; thence bounded on the north-east by part Town Section 406 for a distance of 245·3 links; thence again on the north-east by parts of Town Section 406 and Suburban Section 32 for a distance of 173·8 links; thence on north-west by parts of Suburban Sections 32 and 33 for a distance of 60 links; thence on the north-east by part Suburban Section 33 for a distance of 359·8 links; thence on the south-east by Colenso Avenue for a distance of 120·5 links; thence on south-west by part Suburban Section 32 for a distance of 448·2 links; thence again on south-west by parts Suburban Section 32 and Town Section 406 for a distance of 308·4 links; thence on the north-west by Napier Terrace for a distance of 59·2 links, to the point of commencement: as the same is delineated on a plan marked L. and S. 6/6/192, and deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"126. Whereas the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hawera (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation) in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, sold Allotment 9 of Section 35, Town of Hawera, theretofore held by the Corporation as a borough reserve, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds ten shillings, and such sum has not been expended, and is held by the Corporation subject to the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-one of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920: And whereas Mrs. Rhoda Lucy Pease, of Hawera, has offered to the Corporation a piece of land containing approximately eight and a half acres, being part of Section 107, Patea Survey District, situate near the mouth of the Waihi Stream, for a public reserve for the recreation, amusement, and health of the inhabitants of the Borough of Hawera, and also a further area of land intended to be laid off and constructed as a public road giving access from an existing public road to such reserve: And whereas the Corporation is desirous of accepting such offer and of forming and metalling such new road and of laying-out and beautifying such reserve and of applying the sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds ten shillings above mentioned for such purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Corporation is hereby authorized to expend the said sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds ten shillings towards the acquisition, laying-out, and beautifying of such reserve and towards acquiring, laying-off, constructing, forming, metalling, or otherwise providing roads, streets, or other means of access to such reserve.

"127. Whereas the Horowhenua County Council borrowed, in the manner prescribed by the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of constructing North Bank Road, Otaki Gorge, and has already expended portion of such sum in survey work: And whereas it is expedient to proceed further with the construction of such road and the ratepayers of the North Bank Road, Otaki Gorge special rating area of the County of Horowhenua desire the substitution of two bridges for such road: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Horowhenua County Council may expend on the construction of such bridges as aforesaid the unexpended balance of the said loan of seven hundred and fifty pounds.

"128. Whereas certain present and former members of the Ahikouka River Board rendered certain services to that Board in connection with works carried out by it under the River Boards Act, 1908: And whereas the Board made payments to the said members on account of such services, and it is desired to validate such payments: And whereas one of the said members refunded to the Board the payments made to him, and it is desired to authorize the Board to repay the amount of such payments: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

"(1.) All payments heretofore made by the Ahikouka River Board in respect of services rendered to the Board by persons who at the time of rendering such services were members of the Board are hereby validated.

"(2.) Any sum heretofore paid by the Board to any person in respect of services rendered while a member of the Board, and refunded by him to the Board, may be repaid to such person by the Board.

"129. Whereas a petition under section three of the Sand-drift Act, 1908, has been presented to the Governor-General by certain owners of property at Lyall Bay, in the City of Wellington: And whereas it is proposed to issue a Proclamation declaring the area affected to be a proclaimed area under the said Act: And whereas the Minister of Lands, pursuant to the powers vested in him by section eight of the said Act, proposes to delegate to the Wellington City Council power to carry out the operations authorized by the scheme to be filed by the Minister: And whereas it is expedient that the Wellington City Council should be empowered to borrow such moneys as may be required to enable the said Council to carry out the operations authorized by the said scheme: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Upon the proclamation of the area aforesaid to be a proclaimed area under the Sand-drift Act, 1908, and upon the delegation to the Wellington City Council of the power to carry out the work as aforesaid, the said Council may by special order, and without taking the steps required by sections eight to twelve of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, borrow such sums as may be required to carry out the operations authorized by the scheme hereinbefore referred to, and for the purposes of the loan the proclaimed area shall be deemed to be a defined part of the city within the meaning of the said Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

"130. Section 82, Square 7, Block XVI, Mount Arthur Survey District, Nelson Land District, containing an area of two hundred and thirteen acres, is hereby declared to be reserved and set apart as an endowment for secondary education.

"131. Whereas in or about the month of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, a plan designated deposit plan No. 242 was deposited in the Land Transfer Office at Christchurch, showing a subdivision of part Rural Section 145, Christchurch Survey District, and also showing certain right-of-ways coloured brown on the said plan: And whereas the said lands coloured brown on the said plan, excepting thereout a strip of Picton Avenue, 50 links in length and 100 links in width, intersecting one of the said right-of-ways are not and never have been used as right-of-ways by the persons entitled to use the same, and it is expedient that the same should be vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Riccarton for the general purposes of the borough: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said lands coloured brown on the said deposit plan No. 242, excluding the above-described portion of Picton Avenue, are hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Riccarton for an estate in fee-simple under the Land Transfer Act, 1915, freed and discharged from all encumbrances, right-of-ways, easements, or other rights or claims affecting the same.

"(2.) The District Land Registrar at Christchurch is hereby directed and empowered to issue a certificate of title under the Land Transfer Act, 1915, to the said Corporation in respect of the said lands.

"(3.) The said Corporation is hereby authorized to use the said lands for the general purposes of the Corporation or to lease, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same (or partly the one way and partly the other) as the said Corporation may think fit.

"(4.) Every person having any estate or interest in the lands hereby vested in the said Corporation, or injuriously affected or suffering any damage by reason of such vesting, shall be entitled to claim compensation for the same from the said Corporation in the same manner as if the said lands had been taken by the said Corporation for public works under the Public Works Act, 1908.

"132. Whereas both the Christchurch Tramway Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) and the Christchurch City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) contemplate raising special loans during the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and, for the purpose of economy, the Board proposes to hold the poll to sanction the Board's proposed special loan upon the same day as that to be fixed by the Council for the poll to sanction the Council's proposed special loan, and for that part of the Board's district which is coterminous with the Council's district to use the same deputy returning officers, poll clerks, polling-booths, scrutineers, and roll as are respectively appointed, prepared, provided, and used by the Council for the poll to be held by the Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything in the Christchurch Tramway District Act, 1920, the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1908, it shall be lawful for the Board, in respect of that part of the Board's district which is coterminous with the district of the Council, to use for the purpose of the poll to sanction the Board's proposed special loan the same roll as shall be prepared, corrected, completed, authenticated, and used by the Council for the purpose of the poll to sanction the Council's proposed special loan, and for the same purpose to use the deputy returning officers, poll clerks, scrutineers, and polling-booths respectively appointed and provided by the Council for the purpose of the poll to sanction the Council's proposed special loan, subject in both cases to the consent of the Council being first obtained; and in respect of such part of the Board's district it shall not be necessary for the Board to prepare, provide, or use any roll other than the roll provided and used by the Council, or to appoint any deputy returning officers, poll clerks, or scrutineers, or to provide any polling-booths.

"133. Whereas the Industrial Corporation of New Zealand purposes holding an Exhibition of New Zealand industries in the King Edward Barracks, Christchurch, and upon portions of Cashel Street adjoining such barracks during the months of November and December, nineteen hundred and twenty-two: And whereas the Christchurch City Council has granted the said corporation permission temporarily to enclose a portion of Cashel Street between Cambridge Terrace and Montreal Street and to erect buildings thereon for the purpose of such Exhibition: And whereas doubts having arisen as to the power of the said Council to grant such permission, it is expedient to remove those doubts and to empower the Christchurch City Council to grant or otherwise to validate such permission as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Christchurch City Council is hereby empowered to grant permission to the Industrial Corporation of New Zealand in connection with the Exhibition of New Zealand industries to be held in Christchurch during the months of November and December, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and during the erection and demolition of the buildings to be used in connection therewith, to close against traffic either vehicular, pedestrian, or otherwise, such portion of Cashel Street in the City of Christchurch adjoining the King Edward Barracks as lies between Cambridge Terrace and Montreal Street, save and except the footpath on the southern side of Cashel Street and a strip of the roadway of the said street twelve feet in width measured from the edge of the curbstone of the footpath on the southern side of the said street, to enclose the same with and to erect buildings thereon for the purpose of the Exhibition aforesaid.

"(2.) The granting by the Christchurch City Council before the passing of this Act of any consent or permission to close the portion of Cashel Street aforesaid for the purposes of such Exhibition is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully granted.

"134. Whereas the parcel of land containing eleven acres one rood and twenty-four perches situate at Beckenham, in Christchurch, being all the land included in certificate of title, Volume 254, folio 264, is now vested in His Majesty for the purpose of a recreation-ground pursuant to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: And whereas the Christchurch City Council was, by an Order in Council dated the twenty-sixth day of August, nineteen hundred and twelve, and published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of the same month, appointed to be the Beckenham Domain Board having control of the said parcel of land as a domain in accordance with Part II of the said Act: And whereas the Beckenham School, established under the Education Act, 1914, is situate in close proximity to the said domain, and the Education Board of the District of Canterbury at the request and on behalf of the Beckenham School Committee, is desirous of constructing on the parcel of land hereinafter described, being part of the said domain, a public swimming-bath for the use of the said school and for public use, and has proposed to the Christchurch City Council to construct, equip, and maintain a swimming-bath to the approval of the said Christchurch City Council upon the parcel of land hereinafter described upon having the same transferred to or otherwise vested in the said Education Board for the purposes of such swimming-bath: And whereas the Christchurch City Council as such Domain Board has approved of and is desirous of accepting the said proposal: And whereas it is expedient that the said last-mentioned parcel of land should be vested in the said Education Board accordingly: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Canterbury is hereby empowered and directed, subject to a Warrant in that behalf under the hand of the Governor-General, to issue to and in the name of the Education Board of the District of Canterbury a certificate of title in respect of all that parcel of land containing by admeasurement thirty-one perches and four-fifths of a perch, more or less, being part of the said domain and of the land included in certificate of title, Volume 254, folio 264, commencing at a point on the southern boundary of the land described in the said certificate of title which bears 268° 57′ in a south-westerly direction distant 122·5 links from the north-east corner of Lot 10, deposit plan 2623; thence by a straight line in a north-westerly direction bearing 358° 57′ a distance of 106·6 links; thence by a straight line in a south-westerly direction bearing 268° 57′ a distance of 186·4 links; thence by a straight line in a south-easterly direction bearing 178° 57′ a distance of 106·6 links; thence in a north-easterly direction bearing 88° 57′ along the southern boundary of the land in the said certificate of title a distance of 186·6 links, to the commencing point.

"(2.) The land described in the preceding subsection shall be held in trust by the said Education Board as a site for a public swimming-bath.

"(3.) After the issue of such certificate of title as aforesaid and the erection of the said swimming-bath the control and management of the bath so erected shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said Education Board of the District of Canterbury.

"135. Whereas by the Lyttelton Waterworks Transfer Act, 1878, the lands described therein are vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Lyttelton subject to the terms and conditions, rights, powers, and privileges specified in the Second Schedule to that Act: And whereas it is desirable that the adjoining land hereinafter described should be vested in the said Corporation subject to the same terms, conditions, rights, powers, and privileges as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land described in subsection three hereof is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Lyttelton as a waterworks reserve subject to the terms, conditions, rights, powers, and privileges specified in the Second Schedule to the Lyttelton Waterworks Transfer Act, 1878.

"(2.) The District Land Registrar of the Land Registration District of Canterbury is hereby empowered and directed, subjected to a Warrant in that behalf under the hand of the Governor-General, to issue to the said Corporation a certificate of title in respect of the said land.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District containing by admeasurement three roods, more or less, and being part of Section 77, situated in Block XVI, Christchurch Survey District—commencing at a point on the northern boundary of the said Section 77, distant 1355 links from the north-west corner thereof; bounded towards the north by Section 329, 214·5 links; towards the south-east, south-west, and north-west by other part of the said Section 77, 416 links, 200 links, and 338 links respectively: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/1/336, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"136. Whereas the lands hereinafter enumerated have been permanently reserved for plantation purposes, and the control thereof has been vested in the Mackenzie County Council: And whereas it is desired that the said lands should be vested in the Corporation of the Mackenzie County in trust for forestry purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said reserves are hereby vested in the Corporation of the Mackenzie County, in trust for forestry purposes, subject to the following conditions:—

"(*a.*) The Mackenzie County Council shall within six months after the passing of this Act prepare a general forest working-plan of future operations to cover a period not less than five years; such working-plan shall specify fully the silvicultural operations proposed to be carried on during the currency of the plan and such other matters as the Director of Forestry thinks fit.

"(*b.*) It shall not be lawful for the said Council to carry on such silvicultural operations unless and until such plan has been approved by the Commissioner of State Forests, and all such operations shall be carried on according to such plan as approved by the said Commissioner and under the supervision of the Director of Forestry.

"(*c.*) The said Council shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of this Act, appoint some fit person to supervise and manage all tree-planting operations which may be undertaken by the said Council, and generally to advise the said Council on all matters pertaining to its forestry operations.

"(*d.*) The Council may dispose of by private sale, tender, or auction, any timber, trees, tree-seeds, firewood, or any forest-produce on or from the reserves herein referred to.

"(*e.*) All money received as rents, fees, proceeds of sale of forest-produce, or otherwise from the said reserves shall be spent solely on the administration, management, and development for forestry purposes and other purposes incidental thereto of the said reserves.

"(*f.*) The said Council, with the consent of the Governor-General first had and obtained, may exchange any area of land subject to this section for the fee-simple of any other land which is deemed to be more suitable for forestry purposes, and on any such exchange may pay or receive by way of equality of exchange any sum not exceeding twenty-five per centum of the estimated value of the land so exchanged.

"(*g.*) All existing leases of the said reserves which were granted by the Governor-General prior to the passing of this Act shall have the same effect as though they had been granted by the said Council, and all rents reserved by the said leases and the benefit of every covenant or provision therein having reference to the subject-matter thereof and on the lessee's part to be observed or performed, and every condition of re-entry and other condition therein may be recovered, enforced, and taken advantage of by the said Council.

"(*h.*) The said Council may from time to time make such by-laws, not inconsistent with this section, as may be deemed necessary for the more efficient control and administration of the said reserves, and such by-laws may provide for a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for any breach of any such by-laws. No such by-law shall have force or effect unless and until approved by the Commissioner of State Forests and until a notice of such approval has been published in the *Gazette*.

"(*i.*) In April of each year the said Council shall furnish to the Commissioner of State Forests a report for the year ending on the preceding thirty-first day of March, presenting in complete detail full particulars of the technical operations and of the administration of all the reserves vested hereby in the said Council and of the financial operations relating thereto, and shall at the same time submit a plan of operations and management for the ensuing year which shall be effective on approval by the Commissioner of State Forests.

"(2.) The reserves to which this section relates are the following reserves in the Canterbury Land District, namely:—

Reserve No.	Area. A.	R.	P.	Reserve No.	Area. A.	R.	P.
2916	831	0	0	2925	609	0	0
2917	220	0	0	2926	435	0	0
2918	564	1	35	2927	75	0	0
2919	82	2	0	2928	746	0	0
2920	148	3	0	2930	463	0	0
2921	143	1	0	2931	102	3	28
2922	271	2	0	2932	31	0	0
2959	161	2	0	2950	26	0	0
2923	132	2	0	3986	79	2	24
2924	80	0	0				

"137. Whereas certain ratepayers in the Teviot Electric-power District, being an electric-power district duly constituted under the provisions of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, formed a provisional committee which carried out the preliminary procedure necessary for the constitution of such district: And whereas such ratepayers purchased certain property, which such Baord has now been authorized to use in accordance with the provisions of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, and the Public Works Act, 1908: And whereas it is expedient to authorize the Teviot Electric-power Board to pay such ratepayers such amounts as were expended by them in the purchase of such property: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Teviot Electric-power Board is hereby authorized to make and levy a uniform rate over the Teviot Electric-power District for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of such sums or sum as were expended by the provisional committee of the Teviot Electric-power Board in the purchase of property now being used by such Board, and to pay to the persons comprising such provisional committee as aforesaid such sums as were expended by them in the purchase of such property, and the Board may include such sum in any estimate of expenditure prepared by the Board, pursuant to section forty-one of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, for any year, or may apportion such sum among the estimates of two or more years.

"138. Whereas the Otago Harbour Board (hereinafter called the Harbour Board) is seised of an estate in fee-simple in all those parcels of land containing seventy-two acres, more or less, situated in the Provincial District of Otago, being part of the Otago Harbour Board endowment, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title register-book, Volume 189, folio 132, in the Land Registry Office at Dunedin: And whereas the Education Board of the District of Otago (hereinafter called the Education Board) is seised of an

estate in fee-simple in all that parcel of land containing one acre one rood one perch and three-fifths of a perch, more or less, situated in the City of Dunedin, being Sections numbered respectively 2, 3, 4, 7, and 12, Block LIX, on the Land Transfer record map of the said city, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Dunedin, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title register-book, Volume 109, folio 211: And whereas the Harbour Board has agreed with the Education Board, subject to the necessary power being conferred by legislation, to exchange part of its said land not exceeding five acres in area for the said land of the Education Board with the buildings and fences thereon, and to lease part of its said land not exceeding three acres in area to the Education Board upon the terms hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Harbour Board is hereby empowered to transfer to the Education Board any part of the said land of the Harbour Board not exceeding five acres in area for the purposes of a school-site, and the Education Board is hereby empowered to transfer to the Harbour Board the said Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, and 12 freed from any trust, for educational purposes.

"(2.) The Harbour Board is hereby empowered to lease to the Education Board and the Education Board is hereby empowered to accept a lease of any part of the said land of the Harbour Board not exceeding three acres in area for the term of fifty years at such rent and with, upon, and subject to such terms, conditions, and provisions as may be agreed upon between the Education Board and the Harbour Board, including provision for payment of valuation for improvements and for renewal for one or more recurring periods.

"(3.) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Otago is hereby authorized and directed to accept for registration and to register the said lease notwithstanding anything contained in section one hundred and sixteen of the Public Works Act, 1908.

"139. Whereas by Proclamation issued pursuant to section seventy-five of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1921–22, and published in the *Gazette* of the fifth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the land therein described was set apart as a scenic reserve under the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908: And whereas it is expedient that the Southland Electric-power Board should be authorized to construct within the said scenic reserve certain works which the said Board is authorized to undertake: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Minister charged with the administration of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, may authorize the Southland Electric-power Board, subject to such conditions as he may see fit to impose, to use and occupy such portion or portions of the said scenic reserve as may be necessary for or in connection with any works which the said Board is authorized to construct or may hereafter be authorized to construct in accordance with the provisions of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918."

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain powers on certain Public Bodies.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

15. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stand referred to the Lands Committee.

16. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 60.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the State Advances Act, 1913," with the following amendments, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

In clause 13, subclause (3), to omit the words "and the balance shall, without further appropriation than this section, be paid by the Superintendent into the War Expenses Account," and substitute the words "and the Superintendent shall, without further authority than this section, pay the balance, in so far as it consists of interest, into the Consolidated Fund, and, in so far as it consists of moneys other than interest, into the War Expenses Account."

To add the following new clauses:—

"21. Where application for an advance under Part II or Part III of the principal Act is made, and application for financial assistance is made by the same applicant under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, or its amendments, to be secured on the same property, a mortgage in the name of the Superintendent may be given and accepted for the total amount advanced on that security to the borrower, and in any such case the Superintendent shall receive the instalments of principal and interest, and shall apportion the same between the Advances Account and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account.

"*Advances to Settlers on Securities other than First Mortgages.*

"22. (1.) In addition to the authority conferred by Part II of the principal Act, to make advances in the Advances to Settlers Branch on the security of first mortgages of the several classes of lands therein specified, the Superintendent may make advances in the aforesaid Branch under the special authority conferred by this section and subject to the special conditions hereinafter in this section prescribed.

"(2.) Every advance made under this section shall be secured by a mortgage of land or chattels, either with or without any collateral security, to be approved by the Board.

"(3.) The maximum amount that may be advanced to any one borrower under this section shall be five hundred pounds, and no such advance shall be made for a longer term than five years in any case.

"(4.) Interest on the amount of the loan for the time being outstanding shall be payable at the rate of seven per centum per annum, reducible by one-half per centum per annum on payment in accordance with the conditions prescribed in respect of the rebate of interest by section forty-one of the principal Act.

"(5.) The principal moneys comprised in any advance under this section shall be repayable by instalments, save that in each year of the term of the loan the principal moneys shall be reduced so that—

"(*a.*) At the end of the first year not more than ninety per centum thereof shall remain unpaid;

"(*b.*) At the end of the second year not more than seventy-five per centum thereof shall remain unpaid;

"(*c.*) At the end of the third year not more than fifty-five per centum thereof shall remain unpaid; and

"(*d.*) At the end of the fourth year not more than thirty per centum thereof shall remain unpaid."

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to amend the State Advances Act, 1913.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

17. *State Advances Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the State Advances Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the State Advances Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

18. *Paper.*—The following paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act, and ordered to be printed:—

328. List of Members in the Service of the Railway Department on the 1st April, 1922, with Classification, Status, and Rate of Pay. D.-3.

19. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of C. R. C. Robieson; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (Appendix I-2.)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

20. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 61.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Native Trustee Act, 1920," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Native Trustee Act, 1922.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

21. *Native Trustee Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Native Trustee Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), referred to the Native Affairs Committee, and ordered to be printed.

22. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 62.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Enactments relating to Stamp and other Duties," with the following amendments, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 2: To insert, after the definition of the term "duty," the following definition: "'Executed,' with reference to instruments, means signed by any one or more of the parties thereto, or, in the case of a corporation, sealed with its seal; and 'execution' has a meaning corresponding thereto."

Clause 27, subclause (1): To omit the word "first" before the word "execution," in the second line of the subclause; and to omit from paragraph (*a*) the words "whether on or after the first execution thereof."

Clause 29: To omit the word "first" before the word "execution" in the fourth line of the clause.

Clause 30, subclause (1): To omit the word "first" before the word "execution."

Clause 31: To omit the word "first" wherever it occurs in the clause.

Clause 54: To omit the clause.

Clause 55: To omit the word "first" wherever it occurs in the clause.

Clause 56, subclause (3): To omit the word "first" before the word "executed" in the last line of the subclause.

Clause 71: To omit the word "first" before the word "execution."

Clause 76: To omit the word "first" wherever it occurs in the clause.

Clause 88: To omit the word "full" in the second line of the clause.

Clause 90: To omit the clause.

Clause 92: To omit the word "first" wherever it occurs in the clause.

Clause 96: To omit the clause.

Clause 97: To omit the word "first" before the word "execution," in the fourth line of the clause.

Clause 98: To omit the word "first" before the word "execution," in the thirteenth line of the clause.

Clause 116, subclause (2): To omit the word "first" before the word "executed," in the sixth line of the subclause, and to omit the words "signed by the mortgagor," in the last line of the subclause.

Clause 122: To omit paragraph (*a*) of the clause.

Clause 159, subclause (1): To insert, after the words "memorandum of agreement other than," in the second and third lines of the subclause, the words "an agreement relating to the hire of services or."

Clause 187, subclause (1): To omit the words "executed by any party in New Zealand or," and also the words "wherever executed."

Clause 187, subclause (2): To add to the subclause the following words "save that the duty (if any) chargeable on the discharge of a mortgage shall not exceed the mortgage duty charged or chargeable in respect of that mortgage."

Clause 206: To omit the word "first" before the word "executed."

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to consolidate and amend the Enactments relating to Stamp and other Duties.

23. *Stamp Duties Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Stamp Duties Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Stamp Duties Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

24. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 15 read and agreed to.

(Clause 16 struck out by the Public Accounts Committee.)

Clauses 17 to 38 read and agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made progress in the Finance Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

25. *Waimakariri River Improvement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Waimakariri River Improvement Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

26. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 63.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Rating Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

To add the following new clause :—

"7. Section seventy-three of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

"(*a.*) By adding to subsection one the words 'together with a fee of one pound.'

"(*b.*) By omitting from subsection two the words 'including a fee of one pound to the Registrar.'

"(*c.*) By inserting, after subsection four, the following new subsection:—

"'(4A.) In respect of every sale under this section the Registrar shall charge a fee of two and a half per centum of the amount of the purchase-money where the purchase-money does not exceed two hundred pounds, and, where the purchase-money exceeds two hundred pounds, shall charge a fee of five pounds, together with an amount equal to one and a quarter per centum of the excess over two hundred pounds, save that in no case shall the fee be less than one pound or more than twenty pounds.'

"(*d.*) By omitting from subsection five the words 'to the same local authority for which judgment has been obtained,' and substituting the words 'at the date of the sale in respect of the same property.'"

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting amendments in the Bill to amend the Rating Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

27. *Rating Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the said Resolution, together with the Message of His Excellency, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

28. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Rural Credit Associations Bill be postponed.

29. *Rating Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Rating Amendment Bill, *Ordered*, That the Bill be committed presently.

30. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Waimakariri River Improvement Bill, and the Rating Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

31. *Waimakariri River Improvement Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 19 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"14A. In constructing any works under this Act the Trust shall not cut off from the Waimakariri River or interfere with the supply of water to any water-races subject to the Water-supply Act, 1908." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

First, Second, and Third Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

32. *Rating Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 17.

Dickson, J. McC.	Masters	Sidey	Wilford
Hockly	Mitchell	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Holland	Munro	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Hanan, Hon. J. A.
Jennings	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Veitch	Howard.
Lysnar	Poland		

NOES, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Seddon
Bitchener	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nash	Statham
Bollard	Horn	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Sykes
Burnett	Hunter, Sir G.	Newman, R.	Uru
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Jones	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Craigie	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Witty
Dickson, J. S.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Young.
Dixon, E.	McCallum	Potter	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Mackenzie	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	McLeod
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	McNicol	Rhodes, T. W.	Wright.
Hamilton, A.	Mander		

So it passed in the negative.

Clause struck out.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

(Clause 4 struck out by Statutes Revision Committee.)

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (2). (*Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"7. Section seventy-three of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By adding to subsection one the words 'together with a fee of one pound.'

"(*b.*) By omitting from subsection two the words 'including a fee of one pound to the Registrar.'

"(*c.*) By inserting, after subsection four, the following new subsection:—

"'(4A.) In respect of every sale under this section the Registrar shall charge a fee of two and a half per centum of the amount of the purchase-money where the purchase-money does not exceed two hundred pounds, and, where the purchase-money exceeds two hundred pounds, shall charge a fee of five pounds, together with an amount equal to one and a quarter per centum of the excess over two hundred pounds, save that in no case shall the fee be less than one pound or more than twenty pounds.'

"(*d.*) By omitting from subsection five the words 'to the same local authority for which judgment has been obtained,' and substituting the words 'at the date of the sale in respect of the same property.'" (*Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

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33. *Waimakariri River Improvement Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Waimakariri River Improvement Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Better Provision for the Improvement of the Waterway of the Waimakariri River and the Protection of certain Land in Canterbury."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

34. *Rating Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Rating Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Rating Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

35. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 64.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to further amend the Laws relating to Native Lands, and to determine certain Claims and Disputes in relation to Native Lands, and to confer Jurisdiction upon the Native Land Court and the Native Appellate Court, and for other Purposes," and on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Native Lands, and to determine certain Claims and Disputes in relation to Native Lands, and to confer Jurisdiction upon the Native Land Court and the Native Appellate Court, and for other Purposes.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

36. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill, which was read a first time, and a second time *pro forma* (with the leave of the House), referred to the Native Affairs Committee, and ordered to be printed.

37. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 65.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

To omit clause 13, and substitute the following new clause :—

"13A. (1.) Section fifty-three of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to subsection one, and substituting the following proviso :—

"'Provided that moneys may be issued by way of general imprest of which the balance unaccounted for shall not at any time exceed one hundred thousand pounds for general purposes, or six hundred thousand pounds for the payment of interest on loans.'

"(2.) Subsection one of section thirty-nine of the Finance Act, 1916, is hereby repealed."

In clause 35, to insert, after subclause (1), the following new subclause :—

"(1A.) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised by a trustee with respect to any contract or agreement, notwithstanding that the contract or agreement may have been entered into by the testator or other person being the creator of the trust, or by a predecessor of the trustee."

To add the following new clauses :—

"17A. In addition to all moneys which the Minister of Finance has heretofore been authorized to borrow for the purposes of the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908, the said Minister may for those purposes borrow such further amount, not exceeding one hundred thousand pounds, as he thinks fit, and all moneys so borrowed shall be dealt with as provided in section two of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1913."

"21A. Section ten of the Finance Act, 1921–22, is hereby declared to extend, and at all times since the passing of that Act to have extended, to the reduction of the purchase-money payable under an agreement for the sale of land in the same manner in all respects as it applies to the discharge or partial discharge of a mortgage."

"22A. (1.) The power conferred on local authorities by section six of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, to deposit loan-moneys with any bank is hereby extended to authorize the deposit of any such moneys with the Public Trustee, and in any such case the interest received shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of subsection two of the said section.

"(2.) All loan-moneys heretofore deposited by any local authority with the Public Trustee shall be deemed to have been lawfully so deposited.

"29A. Whereas Thomas Cawthron, of Nelson, on the seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fourteen, gave to the Nelson Hospital Board the sum of fifteen thousand pounds towards the erection and furnishing of a public hospital at Nelson, upon the condition that if from any cause the said Board did not receive a subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds from the Consolidated Fund the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds was to be refunded to him : And whereas the said Thomas Cawthron died on the eighth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifteen : And whereas the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds had not been expended nor the subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds paid : And whereas questions have arisen between the executors and the trustees of the will of the said Thomas Cawthron, deceased, and the said Board as to whether the said Board is entitled to retain the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds unexpended, and as to the duty of the said executors and trustees to endeavour to obtain a refund of the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest from the said Board : And whereas it is desired that the said gift and accrued interest thereon should be expended as aforesaid and the said subsidy thereon paid to the said Board : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

"(1.) The said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest thereon shall be deemed to have been held and shall be now held by the said Board

in trust for and towards the erection of a public hospital at Nelson, to be subsidized as hereinafter appears, and the said executors and trustees shall not be liable for any action or claim for breach of trust or otherwise for not commencing legal proceedings to recover the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest thereon from the said Board.

"(2.) The said Board is hereby authorized to expend the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest in and towards the erection of the said public hospital and for purposes incidental thereto, to be approved as hereinafter appears before payment is made of the said subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds or any part thereof.

"(3.) Payment from the Consolidated Fund of a subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds to the Nelson Hospital Board as aforesaid is hereby authorized to be made without further appropriation than this section:

"Provided that no payment on account of such subsidy shall be made before the expenditure by the said Board of the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest on the said public hospital and for purposes incidental thereto or before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, whichever shall last happen:

"Provided also that no payment on account of such subsidy shall be made unless and until the plans and specifications for the said public hospital have been approved in writing by the Minister of Health, and unless and until the total contemplated expenditure thereon and incidental thereto has been approved in writing by the Minister of Finance.

"29B. Whereas the Clutha River Board (hereinafter in this section called the Board) has incurred liabilities which require to be discharged, and it is desirable to facilitate the borrowing by the Board of funds with which to discharge such liabilities: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The power to borrow on overdraft conferred by subsection one of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22, is hereby increased from seven thousand pounds to nine thousand pounds.

"(2.) The provisions of subsections two and three of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22, shall apply to such increased overdraft.

"(3.) The Board may issue a debenture for any amount not exceeding six thousand pounds, or a series of debentures for an aggregate amount not exceeding six thousand pounds, such debentures to provide for repayment on a date not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and such debenture or debentures shall confer a charge upon the endowments of the Board to secure the payment of principal and interest, such charge to rank after the charge conferred by the seventy debentures referred to in subsection nine of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22.

"(4.) The provisions of subsections five, six, and seven of the said section thirty-five shall apply to the debenture or debentures issued under the authority of this section.

"29C. The authority conferred on Hospital Boards by paragraph (*b*) of section eleven of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), to make provision for the payment of pensions to officers and servants of the Board on retirement, is hereby extended to authorize the payment of a pension under that section to any such officer or servant who had retired, by reason of infirmity arising from old age or illness, from the service of the Board before the passing of the said Act."

"32A. Section sixty-one of the Finance Act, 1916, is hereby amended by omitting all words after the word 'credited,' and substituting the following words: 'to such classes of estates and accounts, and in such proportions, and generally in such manner and subject to such conditions as he shall by Order in Council from time to time prescribe.'"

"38A. Part I of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, and the several amendments thereof, in so far as those enactments are now in force, shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and shall then be deemed to be repealed."

"40. Whereas by section ninety-two of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, certain provisions of that Act, inclusive specifically of section twenty-six thereof, were applied to maintenance orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1908: And whereas by section twenty-six aforesaid of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, the maximum sum that a parent may be required to pay under a maintenance order towards the future maintenance of a child is fixed at twenty-one shillings a week: And whereas it has been recently decided that the application of the said section does not enable a Magistrate to fix, in respect of the maintenance of a child maintained in an industrial school, an amount in excess of ten shillings a week, being the amount prescribed by the Industrial Schools Act, 1908: And whereas it is desirable that the law be amended to admit of such orders being made: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The application by section ninety-two of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, of section twenty-six of that Act to maintenance orders made under sections thirty-three, thirty-four, or thirty-five of the Industrial Schools Act, 1908, shall be deemed to be and at all times since the commencement of that Act to have been an authority to make an order for the payment of moneys towards the maintenance of a child at any rate not exceeding the rate prescribed by subsection five of the said section twenty-six."

Government House,
Wellington, 27th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

38. *Finance Bill.—Ordered*, That the said Resolution, together with the Message of His Excellency, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922.

39. *Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Horouta District Licensing Poll Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Lysnar	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Bollard	McCallum	Poland	Veitch
Coates, Hon. J. G.	McLeod	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wilford
Dickson, J. S.	McNicol	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Williams
Field	Mander	Seddon	Witty.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Smith, R. W.	*Tellers.*
Hawken	Nash	Smith, S. G.	Atmore
Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Glenn.
Hockly			

NOES, 19.

Bitchener	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Munro	Wright
Burnett	Holland	Parry	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	Howard	Potter	*Tellers.*
Dixon, E.	McCombs	Sullivan	Harris
Hamilton, A.	Mackenzie	Sykes	Jones.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause retained.

Clauses 2 and 3 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act or any other Act, the count of the poll to be taken under this Act shall not be disclosed until after the general licensing poll has taken place, when the determination of the poll under this Act shall be declared." (*Mr. Young.*)

And the Question being put, That the clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Bitchener	Harris	McNicol	Sykes
Burnett	Holland	Munro	Wright.
Dickson, J. McC.	Howard	Parry	*Tellers.*
Field	McCombs	Potter	Dixon E.
Hamilton, A.	Mackenzie	Sullivan	Young.
Hanan, Hon. J. A.			

NOES, 30.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hockly	Poland	Veitch
Bollard	McCallum	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wilford
Coates, Hon. J. G.	McLeod	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Williams
Dickson, J. S.	Mander	Seddon	Witty.
Glenn	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Smith, R. W.	
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Nash	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Hawken	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Atmore
Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru	Lysnar.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"5. Any person who may publish or cause to be published any statement which purports to be the determination of the poll under this Act at any time prior to the day upon which the general licensing poll takes place in New Zealand shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds." (*Mr. Young.*)

Clause read a first time; second reading negatived.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide for the Taking of a Poll in the Horouta District to determine whether Liquor may be supplied to Natives within that District."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

40. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this House at its rising do adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned accordingly.

Saturday, the 28th Day of October, 1922.

THE House met at half after two of the clock p.m. this day.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. E. Newman (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Lands Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

2. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Chattels Transfer Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

3. *Companies Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Act, 1908, by authorizing Companies to issue Labour Shares to Persons in their Service; and that the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring it in.

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 66.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To add the following new clauses:—

"140. Whereas the land hereinafter described was, pursuant to the provisions of the Native School Sites Act, 1880, vested in the Crown as a site for a Native school: And whereas the said land is not now required for the said purpose, and it is desirable that it should revert to the original Native owners or their successors: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a site for a Native school over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set aside for the use and benefit of the original Native owners thereof or their successors, and the provisions of section eleven of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1912, as amended by section thirteen of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1914, shall apply to the said land, and the Native Land Court shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land situated in the Whangape Survey District, known by the name of Te Paheke Block, in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres and thirty-five perches, be the same a little more or less: bounded towards the north by a line 766 links; towards the east by the Rotokakahi River; towards the south by a line, 768 links; and towards the west by a line, 700 links.

"141. Whereas by deed dated the twenty-fourth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty, certain aboriginal Natives transferred the land hereinafter described to the Crown for the purposes of a site for a Native school at Motukaraka: And whereas the said land is not now required for the said purpose, and it is desirable that it should revert to the original Native owners or their successors: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a site for a Native school over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set aside for the use and benefit of the original Native owners thereof or their successors, and the provisions of section eleven of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1912, as amended by section thirteen of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1914, shall apply to the said land, and the Native Land Court shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land situated in the Parish of Motukaraka, in the District of Hokianga, and known as Matataiki, containing by admeasurement two acres one rood, be the same a ittle more or less: bounded towards the north-east by a line, 963 links; thence on the north-west by a line, 250 links, to the Matataiki Creek; towards the south-west by a line, 1000 links, to a road; and thence by the road, 99 links and 157 links, to the point of commencement: as the same is delineated on the plan shown on the deed conveying the land to the Crown.

"142. Whereas by a Proclamation in the *Gazette* of the twenty-fifth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty, all that area of land in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and twenty-seven acres three roods twenty-nine perches, more or less, being Section 2, Block VIII, Hokianga Survey District, was set aside as and for portion of a provisional State forest: And whereas the said land is no longer required for this purpose: And whereas it is desired to exchange it for Section 12, Block I, Waipoua Survey District, which is more suitable for forestry purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may by Proclamation cancel the reservation as a provisional State forest over the said Section 2, Block VIII, Hokianga Survey District, and may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, exchange that land for Section 12, Block I, Waipoua Survey District, containing by admeasurement fifty acres, more or less.

"(2.) The Governor-General may do or cause to be done all such acts and things, and make, sign, or execute all such instruments, as may be necessary to effectuate such exchange.

"(3.) The land obtained in exchange as aforesaid by His Majesty shall thereupon be deemed to be set apart as a provisional State forest, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921–22.

"143. The Auckland Harbour Board is hereby empowered to lease to the Corporation of the City of Auckland an area of land not exceeding five acres, and being part of Block VIII of the land reclaimed from the sea by the said Board n the Auckland Harbour, and known as the Freeman's Bay reclamation, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between the said Board and the said Corporation.

"144. Whereas Allotment 3 of Section 2 of the Suburbs of Auckland, containing two acres two roods fifteen perches, more or less, was by Crown grant dated the eighteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and registered in the Deeds Registry Office at Auckland under No. 131A, vested in George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors, and is now administered by trustees called the General Church Trust Board and identical with the General Church Trust referred to in the Order in Council hereinafter mentioned: And whereas part of the said allotment, containing three roods thirty-one perches, and referred to in conveyances registered as aforesaid under Nos. 35030 and 57256, was on or about the thirtieth day of

November, eighteen hundred and forty-four, consecrated and set aside as a site for a chapel called St. Stephen's Chapel and a cemetery for the burial of the dead according to the rights and usages of the United Church of England and Ireland (commonly known as the Church of the Province of New Zealand or as the Church of England in New Zealand): And whereas, by Order in Council dated the nineteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-second day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, it is ordered and directed that from and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, all that area in the North Auckland Land District, being part of Lot 3 of Section 2, Suburbs of Auckland, and known as St. Stephen's Cemetery, shall be closed and burials therein discontinued; and, further, that from and after the said first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the said cemetery shall be vested in the General Church Trust under the provisions and for the purposes of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908: And whereas such area of land is identical with the area of three roods thirty-one perches consecrated as aforesaid: And whereas the western portion of the said cemetery, hereinafter described, has not been used for burial purposes or as a site for the said chapel, and it is desired that the General Church Trust aforesaid shall have with respect thereto the powers hereinafter conferred: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) From and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the General Church Trust Board mentioned and referred to in the aforesaid Order in Council of the nineteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, as the General Church Trust, shall be entitled to exercise, with respect to the western portion of the said cemetery, containing five and ninety-three hundredths perches, more or less, and bounded commencing at the south-western corner of the said cemetery, thence towards the west by the western boundary of the said cemetery, 218 links by deed, but 225·3 links according to recent survey; thence towards the north by part of the northern boundary of the said cemetery, 34·8 links; and thence towards the east by a straight line, being ten feet west of the line of existing graves, 216·5 links, to the commencing-point: all or any of the powers conferred by the Church of England Trust Acts, 1913, upon trustees of granted hereditaments as therein defined.

"(2.) Such of the provisions of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908, as are inconsistent with the exercise of such powers as aforesaid or any of them shall not apply to the area described in the last preceding subsection.

"145. Whereas in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen the Tuakau Town Board was authorized to borrow the sum of twelve thousand pounds for carrying out works in connection with roads and footpaths in the town district and for lighting: And whereas of the sum of one thousand pounds of such loan allocated for lighting, a portion only has been expended, and it is deemed inexpedient that the unexpended balance of such sum should be expended on the purpose for which it was allocated: And whereas it is expedient to authorize the said Board to expend such balance as hereinafter provided: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Tuakau Town Board is hereby authorized to expend such balance as aforesaid on such of the other allocations specified in the proposal submitted to the ratepayers of the Tuakau Town District in respect of the said loan of twelve thousand pounds as it thinks fit.

"146. Whereas portion of the road along the Mangawhero Stream, hereinafter described, is no longer required for the purpose for which it was intended, and it is desirable to close the same and to dispose of the land comprised therein under the Land for Settlements Act, 1908: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything in section one hundred and thirty of the Public Works Act, 1908, the hereinafter-described portion of river-bank is hereby closed, and the land comprised therein is hereby declared to be settlement land available for disposal under the Land for Settlements Act, 1908.

"(2.) The portion of the road hereby closed is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods sixteen perches, being portion of a road reserve adjoining Tahaia B 2A Block: bounded on the west by road reserve 100 links wide on the east by Mangawhero Stream; and on the south by the said Tahaia B 2A Block: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan marked L. and S. 26/14359, deposited in the Head Office, Lands and Survey Department, Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"147. Whereas Section 286 of the Parish of Waimana is permanently reserved as a recreation-ground and domain: And whereas Section 263 of the said parish is vested in the Education Board of the District of Auckland as a site for a public school: And whereas the whole of the Whakatane Public School, with the exception of its infant department, is situated on the said Section 263, which is unsuitable as a school-site: And whereas there is an area of approximately ten acres, being part of Section 287 of the said parish which is more suitable for the purposes of a public school: And whereas it is desirable that an area of not more than five acres of the said Section 286 should be sold, and that the proceeds from such sale should be applied towards the acquisition of the said part of the aforesaid Section 287, and that the said Section 263 should eventually become part of the said domain: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, cancel the reservation for the purposes of a recreation-ground and domain over the whole or any part of the land described in subsection five hereof, and also the vesting of the control of such land in the Whakatane Domain Board, and thereupon the land described in such Warrant shall be deemed to be available for disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

"(2.) The proceeds derived from the disposal of the land referred to in the preceding subsection shall be applied towards the cost of taking or acquiring the area of approximately ten acres hereinbefore referred to, being part of the said Section 287, and on the taking or acquisition of such land the Governor-General shall declare it to be permanently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(3.) In the event of any of the said proceeds remaining unexpended after the payment of the cost aforesaid, such surplus may be applied towards the purchase of an area, not exceeding fifty acres, of the land situated adjacent to the eastern boundaries of Sections 293, 263, and 285 of the Parish of Waimana, as an addition to the said domain.

"(4.) Upon the reservation as a site for a public school of land purchased pursuant to subsection two of this section the Education Board of the District of Auckland shall transfer to His Majesty the said Section 263 of the Parish of Waimana, and on such transfer the said Section 263 shall be deemed to be permanently reserved as a recreation-ground and included in the Whakatane Domain:

"Provided that the said Board shall be entitled to use the said Section 263 until the school thereon is transferred to land reserved as a school-site pursuant to subsection two hereof.

"(5.) The land to which subsection one of this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being that part of Section 286, Parish of Waimana, containing not more than five acres: bounded as follows—towards the north by Domain Road, and towards the south by a straight line parallel to the Domain Road.

"148. Whereas the Taumarunui Borough Council was authorized by Order in Council dated the twenty-first day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, to take and use water from the Wanganui River for the purpose of generating electricity, and to erect electric lines within the Borough of Taumarunui, the Manunui Town District, and portion of the County of Kaitieke: And whereas the intake and race authorized by such Order in

Council are partly situated on the road on the left bank of the Wanganui River adjoining Section 2, Block V, Hunua Survey District, Auckland Land District, as indicated on the plan marked P.W.D. 30799, and deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington: And whereas portion of the pipe-line, the power-house, and the yard in connection with such power-house are situated on portion of the road on the left bank of the Wanganui River near the junction of such road with the road from Piriaka to Taumarunui, as indicated on the aforesaid plan: And whereas the aforesaid intake, race, pipe-line, power-house, and yard will not interfere with the use of the road whereon such works are partly situate: And whereas the Kaitieke County Council, being the local authority having control of such portions of road, has consented, in so far as it has authority so to do, to the Taumarunui Borough Council constructing such works on, along, or across the aforesaid portions of roads, and has also consented to portion of the road reserve being utilized by the Taumarunui Borough Council as a yard in connection with such power-house: And whereas a road along the bank of a river cannot be closed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Taumarunui Borough Council is hereby authorized to construct the aforesaid works on the said portions of roads and to use portion of such road as aforesaid as a yard in connection with the power-house.

"(2.) If at any time it shall become necessary for the convenience of public traffic using that portion of the road on the left bank of the Wanganui River adjoining Section 2, Block V, Hunua Survey District, occupied by the aforesaid intake and race, to construct any bridges or culverts over such intake or race, such bridges or culverts shall be constructed by the Taumarunui Borough Council at its own expense, and, failing such construction by the Taumarunui Borough Council, the same may be constructed by the Kaitieke County Council at the cost of the Taumarunui Borough Council.

"(3.) Such portions of the river-bank road as may be occupied by the power-house and yard as aforesaid are hereby closed.

"149. (1.) The reservation for forests purposes over the lands hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby reserved for scenic purposes subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"(*a.*) Firstly, all that land in the Taranaki Land District, being part of Section 1, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, containing approximately one hundred and nineteen acres: bounded on the west and north by other part of said Section 1, 106 claims; on the north-east by Crown lands, 20 chains; on the south by road reserve, 23 chains, Section 12 (Crown lands), 87·55 chains, and Mangapapa Stream, 10 chains: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1913/941, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

"(*b.*) Secondly, all that land in the Taranaki Land District, being part of Section 1, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, containing approximately thirty-nine acres: bounded on the west, north, and east by road reserve, 65 chains; on the south by Section 2, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, 34·5 chains: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1913/941, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

"(*c.*) Thirdly, all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing approximately three hundred and ninety acres, being portion of Section 10, Forest Reserve, Block III, Pouatu Survey District: bounded towards the north by the Mangapapa Road, 1500 links; towards the east and south by Section 11, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, 23049 links; towards the west by Section 4 of Block VII, Pouatu Survey District, 3301·9 links, and other part of Section 10, Forest Reserve, 15000 links: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1913/941, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

"150. Whereas by license dated the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and nineteen, issued to Robert Gordon Barr, of Eltham, sawmiller, under the hand of the Minister of Lands, the said Robert Gordon Barr was licensed to cut and remove from Sections 1 and 10, Block VIII, Mapara Survey District, in the Taranaki Land District, certain timber standing on such sections: And where the said Robert Gordon Barr transferred his rights under the said license to the Hawera Sash and Door Company (Limited): And whereas the said company failed through inadvertence to apply before the expiry of the said license for a renewal thereof, and a portion of the timber covered by the license still remains uncut: And whereas it is desirable that the said license be renewed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Minister of Lands may renew the said license as from the date of expiry thereof.

"151. Whereas pursuant to subsection two of section twelve of the Native Townships Act, 1895, and section eleven of the Native Townships Act, 1910, the lands hereinafter described were reserved for recreation purposes: And whereas it is desirable that the said lands should be added to the Wanganui River Trust Domain and placed under the control of the Wanganui River Trust: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for recreation purposes over the lands hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be a public domain for the purposes of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and shall be deemed to form part of the Wanganui River Trust Domain as constituted pursuant to section nine of the Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are more particularly described as follow:—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement seventeen acres three roods twenty-nine perches, more or less, being Sections 1, 2, and 10, of Block IV of the Pipiriki Township; bounded towards the north-east by Sections 11 and 3 of Block IV aforesaid; towards the south by the Paparoa Road; towards the south-west by the said Paparoa Road, and by Section 9 of Block IV aforesaid; towards the north-west to the point of commencement by the Akapuka Road.

"152. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Taihape Borough Council in its capacity as the Domain Board having control of the Taihape Oval Domain may, with the consent of the Minister of Lands, borrow, at such rate of interest and for such term as may be approved by the Minister of Finance, a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds, and may expend the same for the purpose of improving and equipping the said domain.

"(2.) The said Council may pledge the annual revenues and other receipts from the said domain as security for any moneys so borrowed.

"153. Whereas by Warrant dated the seventeenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and published in the *Gazette* of the twentieth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, Section 37, Block XVI, Apiti Survey District, in the Wellington Land District, containing twenty-five acres two roods, was set apart as a ferry reserve: And whereas the land is not required for the purpose for which it was reserved, and it is desired that such purpose be changed to that of a scenic reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The reservation for ferry purposes of Section 37, Block XVI, Apiti Survey District, in the Wellington Land District, is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be reserved for scenic purposes and to be subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

"154. Whereas in accordance with section one hundred and seventeen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1915, the piece of land (therein more particularly described) being part of Section 310, containing four acres one rood thirty-nine perches, was vested in

the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Palmerston North (hereinafter called the Corporation) as a borough endowment: And whereas by section fifty-one of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, the piece of land (therein more particularly described), being other part of said Section 310, containing four acres one rood, was vested in the Corporation as a reserve for the purpose of gasworks and general municipal purposes, subject to certain rights of the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association in the said section fifty-one mentioned: And whereas it is desired to authorize the Corporation to sell the said pieces of land as hereinafter mentioned, and apply the proceeds of such sale in manner and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Corporation may sell the said pieces of land (subject as to lands secondly hereinbefore described to the said rights of the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association) or any part or parts thereof respectively either for cash or on such terms as to payment of the purchase-money by instalments (with interest thereon) as the Corporation may decide.

"(2.) Upon payment of the purchase-money and interest (if any), the Corporation may transfer the said pieces of land to the purchaser or purchasers.

"(3.) The proceeds of the sale may be applied by the Corporation in the purchase or acquisition of other lands within or beyond the Borough of Palmerston North for the purposes of gasworks and in the purchase and erection of retorts, gasometers, machinery, plant, appliances, and fittings in connection with such gasworks, and generally in the improvement of the said lands so purchased.

"155. Whereas a fund of four hundred and fifty-seven pounds fourteen shillings is now held by Thomas Pettit (of Nelson), William Hart, and Charles Glidewell (both of Richmond), upon certain religious trusts in connection with the Baptist faith: And whereas the instrument declaring the said trusts has been lost and great uncertainty exists as to the terms thereof: And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the disposal of the said fund: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said fund of four hundred and fifty-seven pounds fourteen shillings and the income thereof now in the hands of the said trustees, or hereafter to be received by them, and the investments representing the same, shall be held by the said Thomas Pettit, William Hart, and Charles Glidewell, upon trust, to apply the same for the general purposes of the Nelson Baptist Church and the Richmond Baptist Church in shares proportionate to the respective membership of such two churches at the date of the passing of this Act.

"156. Whereas the lands hereinafter described are vested in the trustees for the time being of the will of James Gammack, late of Springston, in the Provincial District of Canterbury (deceased), but without power of sale or gift being conferred upon such trustees by such will: And whereas it is proposed by the trustees with the consent of the beneficiaries interested in such lands to make the following dispositions of the said lands, that is to say—(*a*) To give Lot 1 to the Corporation of the Springs County as a site for a war memorial; (*b*) to give Lot 2 to the Education Board of the District of Canterbury for the purpose of a school; (*c*) to sell Lot 3, and invest the proceeds arising from such sale in trust for the beneficiaries according as they are entitled to the same in terms of the said will: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may by Order in Council authorize the trustees for the time being of the will of the said James Gammack (deceased), subject to such conditions as the Governor-General shall think fit, to give Lot 1 as aforesaid to the Corporation of Springs County for the purpose of a war memorial and to give to the Education Board of the District of Canterbury Lot 2 as aforesaid for the purpose of a school-site, and to sell Lot 3 as aforesaid and to invest the proceeds of such sale for the benefit of the beneficiaries according as they are entitled to the same under the said will.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are more particularly described as follows:—

"Lot 1: All that piece or parcel of land situate in the Leeston Survey District, containing by admeasurement twenty-two and three-tenths perches, being portion of Rural Section 3053, on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Canterbury Land District and being bounded as follows—commencing at a point on the northern side of the road which forms the southern boundary of the said Rural Section 3053, distant 1247·3 links from the south-west corner of that section; thence north-easterly, bearing 24° 35′ 30″, for a distance of 103 links; thence south-easterly, bearing 100° 31′ for 50 links; thence south-easterly again bearing 100° 36′ for a distance of 79·45 links; thence south-westerly, bearing 193° 6′ 30″ for a distance of 100·1 links, to the northern side of the above-mentioned road; thence north-westerly along the northern side of this road, bearing 100° 36′, for a distance of 75 links; thence north-westerly again bearing 100° 31′, continuing along the side of the said road for a distance of 75 links to the commencing point.

"Lot 2: All that piece or parcel of land, containing by admeasurement two acres, being part of Rural Section 3053 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Canterbury Land District, and bounded as follows—commencing at a point on the road forming the southernmost boundary of the said Rural Section 3053, 227 links from the south-west corner thereof; thence south-easterly following the said road, 500 links; thence north-easterly, following a line parallel to the road forming the westernmost boundary of the said rural section, 410 links; thence north-westerly along a line parallel to the above first-mentioned road, 500 links; and thence south-westerly along a line parallel to the road forming the westernmost boundary of the said rural section, 410 links, to the commencing-point: be all the aforesaid dimensions a little more of less:

"Lot 3: (*a*) All that piece or parcel of land situate in the Leeston Survey District, containing by admeasurement one acre and thirty-five perches, more or less, being Lot 14 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office, at Christchurch, as No. 5565, being part of Rural Section 3043, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 329, folio 138; (*b*) All that parcel of land, containing by admeasurement three roods twenty-three perches, situated in the District of Ellesmere, being Lots 72 and 100 on deposit plan 105 of the Ellesmere District, being parts of Rural Section 5950, and being the whole of the land in certificate of title, Volume 25, folio 33, in the Land Register of the District of Canterbury.

"157. Whereas it is expedient and for the safety of the public that a certain corner of the public highway, known as Buxton's Corner, situate on the New Brighton Road at Shirley, near Christchurch, should be straightened by closing certain portions of the said highway and of Cresswell Avenue, and substituting a straighter highway therefor: And whereas the Waimairi County Council, the Christchurch City Council, and the Christchurch Tramway Board have formulated a scheme for the carrying-out of such work, under which certain lands shall be acquired by the Christchurch Tramway Board, which Board shall form, construct, and dedicate a new highway in substitution for those purposed to be closed: And whereas there is no authority under the Public Works Act, 1908, or the Tramways Act, 1908, for the carrying-out of such scheme: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything in the Public Works Act, 1908, or the Tramways Act, 1908, or any other Act, the Waimairi County Council, the Christchurch City Council, and the Christchurch Tramway Board are hereby authorized to carry out such scheme as aforesaid for the straightening of the New Brighton Road.

"(2.) It shall be lawful to close those portions of the New Brighton Road and of Cresswell Avenue as are delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 13/90/14, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green, and to vest same in the Christchurch Tramway Board.

"(3.) The Christchurch Tramway Board may acquire by agreement or in the manner provided by the Public Works Act, 1908, those several parcels of land coloured yellow on the said plan.

"(4.) The Christchurch Tramway Board may form, construct, and dedicate as a public highway the proposed highway shown on the said plan and thereon bordered red, and sell or otherwise dispose of such portions of the said New Brighton Road and Cresswell Avenue as shall be closed pursuant to the power conferred as aforesaid and of any lands acquired as aforesaid as shall not be required for the construction and dedication of such highway.

"158. Whereas portion of the road fronting Sections 9267, 9308, and 9294, Block IX, Southbridge Survey District, Canterbury Land District, which is two chains or thereabouts in width, is not required for road purposes: And whereas the Ellesmere County Council and all the adjoining owners have agreed to the closing of part of the said road: And whereas it is desirable to close the said portion, and vest the same in the Corporation of the County of Ellesmere: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) That portion of road hereinafter described is hereby closed, and the land comprised therein is hereby vested in the Corporation of the County of Ellesmere as an endowment, with power to lease the same on such terms and conditions as the Ellesmere County Council may deem advisable.

"(2.) The portion of the road hereby closed is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement six acres three roods thirty-three perches, more or less, being portion of a road in Block IX, Southbridge Survey District; commencing at a point in continuation of the south-eastern side of Jollie's Road, 104·1 links from the original south-western corner of Section 9267; thence in a south-easterly direction parallel to and one chain distant from the original south-western boundaries of Sections 9267, 9308, and 9294, a total distance of 7425·9 links; thence due southward to the boundary of Reserve 3047, 89 links; thence in a north-westerly direction along the north-eastern boundaries of Reserves 3047, 18319, 18213, 9330, a piece of Crown land, and 19164 to a point in line with the south-eastern side of Jollie's Road; thence north-easterly along such line, 104 links, to the point of commencement. Excepting thereout six strips of the existing road, one chain in width, between the said north-eastern boundaries and the one-chain road reserve remaining (for which allowance has been made in the area), and more particularly located as follows:—

"(*a.*) Between a line 60 links on the south-eastern side of the continuation of the south-east boundary of Lot 15 of deposit plan 6253 (being a subdivision of Section 9294) and a line 40 links to the north-westward of the said continuation and parallel thereto:

"(*b.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the north-western boundary of the land in certificate of title, Volume 103, folio 165:

"(*c.*) On the north-western side of the last-described strip and distant one chain therefrom and parallel thereto:

"(*d.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the north-western boundary of Section 18213:

"(*e.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the north-western boundary of Section 9330:

"(*f.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the south-eastern boundary of Section 19164:

"As the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 22/3158, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"159. Whereas the Corporation of the Ashburton Borough is the owner in fee-simple of Reserve 772 (formerly Town Sections 45, 46, and 47), situated in the Borough of Ashburton, as shown on certificate of title, Volume 80, folio 250, in the office of the District Land Registrar, Christchurch: And whereas the Ashburton County Council is desirous of disposing of the said reserve, or part thereof, to the Ashburton Electric-power Board for the purpose of erecting a substation and other buildings thereon: And whereas, for the

purpose of providing more suitable boundaries for certain sections upon which the Ashburton Electric-power Board proposes to erect a substation and other buildings, it is expedient to close a certain portion of Terrace Street adjoining Reserve 772: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Ashburton Borough Council is hereby empowered to dispose of the whole or any part of Reserve 772 to the Ashburton Electric-power Board.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything in Section 190 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, that portion of Terrace Street hereinafter described is declared to be stopped, and to be land available for disposal by the Ashburton Borough Council to the Ashburton Electric-power Board under subsection one of section one hundred and ninety-one of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

"(3.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods twelve perches, and being Reserve 772 (formerly Town Sections 45, 46, and 47), situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by Kermode Street, 300 links; towards the south-east by Town Sections 44 and 48, 500 links; towards the south-west by Dobson Street 30 links; and towards the north-west by Terrace Street, 568·2 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 13/90/14, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red:

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods eight and three-fifths perches, being Reserve 772x, formerly part of Terrace Street, situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by the remaining part of the said street, 103·1 links; towards the south-east by Reserve 772, 568·2 links; towards the south-west by Dobson Street, 113·6 links; and towards the north-west by Reserve 1923, 539·5 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan marked L. and S. 13/90/14, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered yellow.

"160. (1.) The trustees of the Oamaru Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute may lease the land hereinafter described or any part thereof or any building thereon respectively for any term not exceeding twenty-one years, to take effect within three months from the granting of such lease, at such rents and under and subject to such powers, provisoes, covenants, and conditions as the trustees may determine.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement one rood, more or less, situate in the Town of Oamaru, being part of Block XCV of said town: commencing at the north-east corner of Section 6 of said block, and bearing from thence in a north-easterly direction along Thames Street for a distance of 100 links; thence at right angles in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 250 links; thence at right angles in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 100 links; thence in a south-easterly direction at right angles, for a distance of 250 links, to the starting-point: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

"161. Whereas by the Port Molyneux Reserves Management Ordinance, 1875, the land described in the Schedule thereto was vested in the South Molyneux Road Board in trust for a commonage for the inhabitants of Port Molyneux Subdivision of the South Molyneux Road District: And whereas the said road district is now merged in the Clutha County, and the said land is vested in the Corporation of Clutha County in trust for the aforesaid purposes, subject to the provisions also of the Port Molyneux Reserves Leasing Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1880: And whereas it is desirable that certain closed roads intersecting the said land and hereinafter described should be included in and form part of the said commonage reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The closed roads hereinafter described are hereby declared to be included in and to form part of the said commonage reserve, and to be vested in the Corporation of the County of Clutha, subject to the aforesaid trust, and subject to the provisions of the Port Molyneux Reserves Leasing Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1880.

"(2.) The closed roads to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"(*a.*) All that area in the Otago Land District, containing two acres two roods thirty perches, more or less, being the road closed by notice published in the *Otago Provincial Gazette* of the twentieth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy.

"(*b.*) All that area, containing eleven acres three and one-fifth perches, being the roads closed by Proclamation in the *Gazette* of the twelfth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two."

Government House,
Wellington, 28th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies.

5. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stand referred to the Lands Committee.

6. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Main Highways Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

8. *Main Highways Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Main Highways Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the amendments be agreed to with the exception of the amendment made in paragraph (*c*) of subclause (2) of clause 5.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Mr. Seddon, Mr. Hawken, and the mover be a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for so disagreeing.

9. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—

332. Fire Brigades of the Dominion, Report on the, for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

330. Customs Amendment Act, 1921 : Order in Council modifying Tariff Agreement with Commonwealth of Australia.

331. Customs Amendment Act, 1921 : Order in Council exempting Goods from Denmark, Greece, Spain, Norway, and Italy from Depreciated Currency Duties.

333. Fire Board : Balance-sheet, &c., of Gisborne Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

334. County Council's Balance-sheet, Hawke's Bay, for the Year ended 31st March, 1922.

335. County Council's Balance-sheet, Hawke's Bay, for the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

336. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Balclutha, Riccarton.]

337. Municipal Corporation Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1921. [Greytown.]

338. Municipal Corporation Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Milton.]

339. Municipal Corporation Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Wanganui.]

340. British Traders' Insurance Company (Limited) : Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1921 (Accident Department).

341. Sawmillers' Mutual Accident Insurance Company : Balance-sheet, &c., for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

342. Standard Insurance Company (Limited), Accident Department : Balance-sheet, &c., for the Year ended 30th June, 1922.

343. New Zealand Insurance Company (Limited), Accident Branch : Balance-sheet, &c., for the Year ended 31st May, 1922.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

329. Balance-sheets, &c., of various Government Departments for the Year 1921–22. B.–1., Part III, Supplementary.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House :—

344. Number of State Schools closed in the different Education Districts during the Five Years ended 31st December, 1921. Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 329 and 332 be printed.

10. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. E. Newman, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on further amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, and the Petition of W. Fuller, and a final Report ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petition of W. Fuller, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Savage, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report *re* the Chairman ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–5.)

11. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Report of the Lands Committee on the further amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

12. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill, the Native Trustee Amendment Bill, and on the Petitions of Akapita te Toa Hamuera Pango and others, Hara Kipa Roera, Te Tirepa, Te Wehi o Mahuru and others, T. M. Erihana, and Uru Whakuku Totorewa and Roka Hopera; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

13. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

14. *Native Trustee Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Native Trustee Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

15. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of E. A. Chapman, H. A. Lamb, John Ker, F. J. Fraser, and Marian Cooper, and a final Report. (Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of John Ker, E. A. Chapman, and F. J. Fraser together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. Wright moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Petition of Marian Cooper be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Harris moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the Petition be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Horn, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–1.)

16. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Mining Amendment Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Dairy Industry Amendment Act, 1922, and the Stone-quarries Amendment Act, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the State Advances Amendment Act, 1922, transmitted in Message No. 53 from the House of Representatives.

17. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Mining Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendments be agreed to, with the exception of the amendment to clause 3, to which this House disagrees.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That Mr. Seddon, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, and the Mover be a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in clause 3 of the said Bill.

18. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of H. J. McNeil, Maud M. Malcolm, D. Mason, T. Moody, J. S. Myers, Elaine G. Osborne, T. H. Sprott, and others, A. R. Sullivan and others, J. Sweeny, and W. A. Waters. (Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of H. J. McNeil, J. S. Myers, A. R. Sullivan, Maud M. Malcolm, D. Mason, and T. H. Sprott and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. Sweeny, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. A. Waters, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Craigie, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–2.)

19. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–10.)

20. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

21. *Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee, brought up a final Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee has held during the session five meetings, with an average attendance of five members at each meeting. Number of Papers referred to the Committee for consideration, 120; number of Papers ordered to be printed, 20; number of Papers not ordered to be printed, 100:

And a Special Report.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

22. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. McLeod, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–9.)

23. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of R. Ross, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the Petition of R. Ross, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. McCallum, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–4.)

24. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Craigie, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Beatrice Mary Buckingham, a special Report *re* the Chairman, a special Report *re* the Clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–7.)

25. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. Hartley, W. Reynolds, S. Toby, O. B. Berntsen, and A. H. Carrington and eight similar Petitions; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. Hartley, and W. Reynolds, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

26. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Bollard, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of the Greymouth Borough Council, and A. J. Hart and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petitions, be referred to the Government for consideration. (Appendix I.–6.)

Mr. Sidey, from the said Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–6.)

27. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Waimakariri River Improvement Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Stamp Duties Act, 1922, transmitted in Message No. 54 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the following Resolution—viz., "That in the opinion of the Council the Stamp Duties Bill should be further amended by expressly providing, either in clause 91 or clause 92, that a mere offer to sell which has not been accepted shall not be liable to duty"; and that a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives informing the House accordingly.

28. *Main Highways Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with its amendments in the Main Highways Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

1. That the Government agreed with a conference of delegates of local bodies and motor interests that the Board as constituted should be the Board.
2. That the proposed additional member will add unnecessarily to the cost of administration.

Ordered, That the reasons be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

29. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with its amendments in the Mining Amendment Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

1. That the object of the House of Representatives in inserting clause 3 in the Mining Amendment Bill, 1922, was to return to the holders of miners' rights the privilege of prospecting in State forests for valuable mineral lodes.
2. That the proposed amendment in subclause (2) is not required to confer that privilege.

Ordered, That the reasons be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the reasons be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendments.

30. *Rural Credit Associations Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rural Credit Associations Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Provision by means of the Establishment of Rural Credit Associations, for affording Financial Assistance to Farmers and other Rural Workers."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

31. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

119. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Costley Training Institution Act, 1885, the Costley Training Institution Trust Board may expend moneys, the property of the Board, for all or any of the following purposes, namely:—

"(*a.*) Contributing towards the maintenance of young people apprenticed to trades or professions or other approved employment:

"(*b.*) Assisting boys and girls in such manner as the Board thinks fit to obtain the benefits of secondary or higher education.

"(2.) Such moneys may be expended for such purposes as aforesaid notwithstanding that the boys and girls to or in respect of whom payments are made have not at any time been inmates of industrial schools within the meaning of the Industrial Schools Act, 1908.

"(3.) No payment pursuant to the powers conferred by this section shall be made to or in respect of any boy or girl unless such boy or girl is approved by an officer of the Education Department to be appointed in that behalf by the Minister of Education.

"120. Whereas the land described in subsection four hereof comprises portion of the recreation-ground reserve, described in the Schedule to the Epsom and Mount Eden Reserve Act, 1890: And whereas the lands described in subsections five and six hereof are regarded as set apart as a road reserve: And whereas it is desirable that the lands described in subsections four and five hereof should be vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Mount Eden as a recreation reserve, and that the lands described in subsection six hereof should be dedicated as public streets: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a recreation-ground as aforesaid over the land described in subsection four hereof, and the vesting of the said land in trustees by section two of the Epsom and Mount Eden Reserve Act, 1890, are hereby cancelled, and the said lands, together with the portions of road reserve described in subsection five hereof, the existing reservation over which is hereby cancelled, are hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Mount Eden, in trust, as a recreation reserve, subject to the provisions of Part I of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The lands described in subsection six hereof are hereby dedicated as public streets.

"(3.) The boundaries of the Borough of Mount Eden are hereby altered so as to include the lands hereinafter described, and the boundaries of the City of Auckland are hereby altered so as to exclude the said lands.

"(4.) The land over which the reservation as a recreation-ground is cancelled by subsection one hereof is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land containing one acre two roods and eight perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 49 of Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same is delineated on a plan numbered L. and S. 1/398, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered pink.

"(5.) The portions of road reserve referred to in subsection one hereof are particularly described as follows:—

"All those parcels of land, containing together six acres one rood and thirty-two perches, more or less, being portions of road reserve adjoining Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same are delineated on the plan marked and deposited as aforesaid and thereon bordered blue.

"(6.) The lands to which subsection two hereof relates are particularly described as follows:—

"Firstly, all that parcel of land containing three roods and sixteen perches, more or less, being part of road reserve adjoining Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same is delineated on plan marked and deposited as aforesaid and thereon bordered green.

"Secondly, all that parcel of land containing three roods and sixteen perches, more or less, being portion of road reserve adjoining Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland: as the same is delineated on plan marked and deposited as aforesaid and thereon bordered yellow.

"121. Whereas in December, nineteen hundred and twenty, the One Tree Hill Road Board raised a loan of seven thousand pounds for the purpose of making additions to the existing waterworks plant by the installation of dechlorinating filters and new machinery, which said loan was secured by a special rate on all the rateable property throughout the One Tree Hill Road District: And whereas in December, nineteen hundred and twenty, the said Board also raised a loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds for the purpose of extending the water-supply throughout a special area of the said district, which said loan was secured by a special rate on all the rateable property within the said special area: And whereas, after the completion of the works for which the said loan of seven thousand pounds was raised, the Board has a surplus unexpended of the said loan-moneys amounting to two thousand nine hundred and twenty-one pounds: And whereas the said loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds was insufficient to complete the said works for which it was raised, and it is desirable that power should be given enabling the said Board to expend the said surplus in or towards the completion of the works for which the said loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds was raised: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The One Tree Hill Road Board is hereby authorized to expend the whole or any part of the sum of two thousand nine hundred and twenty-one pounds, being the unexpended surplus of its loan of seven thousand pounds aforesaid, in or towards completing the extension of the water-supply throughout the special area created in respect of the said loan of five thousand eight hundred pounds.

"122. Whereas Allotment 60, Suburbs of Tauranga, is vested in the Tauranga Hospital Board: And whereas the said Board has agreed to purchase Allotment 29, Suburbs of Tauranga, for the purpose of erecting thereon a public hospital: And whereas a public road known as Pitt Street lies between the said Allotment 60 and the said Allotment 29: And whereas it is desirable to close that part of the said road between the said allotments to provide adequate grounds for the said hospital, and the Tauranga County Council has consented to such closing and to the vesting of the closed road in the Tauranga Hospital Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The part of the public road or street hereinafter described is hereby closed.

"(2.) The part of the public road or street declared to be closed by the last preceding subsection is hereby vested in the Tauranga Hospital Board.

"(3.) The part of the public road or street hereinbefore closed and vested in the Tauranga Hospital Board is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece of land situate in the Auckland Land District, containing three roods thirty-five perches, more or less, being part of the land shown as Pitt Street on a plan deposited in the Survey Office at Auckland, under No. 441, being that part of the said street lying between Clark Street on the west and Cameron Road on the east—bounded on the north by Allotment 60, Suburbs of Tauranga, and on the south by Allotment 29, Suburbs of Tauranga."—(*Hon. Mr. Guthrie*).

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"123. Section eighty-three of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by omitting the word 'landless' wherever that word appears in that section."—(*Hon. Mr. Guthrie.*)

Clause read a first time, second reading negatived.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time and added to the Bill:—

"124. Whereas by a Warrant published in the *Gazette* of the second day of October, nineteen hundred and two, pursuant to section six of the Cemeteries Act, 1882, on the assumption that the land described in the Schedule to such Warrant had been permanently set apart as a public cemetery, trustees were appointed to provide for the maintenance and care of the said land as a public cemetery: And whereas burials have taken place on the said land, which is now known as the Araroa Public Cemetery: And whereas the said land is Native land, part of the Whetamatarau Block, and has not been acquired or taken by the Crown for the aforesaid purpose: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinbefore referred to shall be deemed to have been set apart as a site for a cemetery as on the twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and two, and shall be deemed to have been taken for that purpose under the Public Works Act, 1894.

"(2.) The compensation to be paid to the Native owners of such land shall be such amount as the Native Land Court shall determine as the amount that would have been payable if the said land had been so taken on the twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and two, the date of the aforesaid Warrant.

"125. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is vested in the Crown in trust as an endowment for primary education: And whereas it is desired to exchange the said land for the area of private land described in subsection four hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Upon the conveyance or transfer to His Majesty of the private land described in subsection four hereof the Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, cancel the reservation as an endowment for primary-education purposes over the land described in subsection three hereof, and may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, by Warrant under his hand, authorize the issue of a certificate of title to the owner of the private land aforesaid in respect of the land over which the reservation has been cancelled in pursuance of this section.

"(2.) The land transferred or conveyed to His Majesty under the authority of this section shall thereupon be deemed to be permanently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District being Town Section 407, Town of Napier, containing two roods, and bounded as follows—commencing at north-west corner; thence bounded on north-west by Napier Terrace for a distance of 200 links; thence on the north-east by Town

Section 408 for a distance of 250 links; thence on south-east by Suburban Section 33 for a distance of 200 links; thence on the south-west by Town Section 406 for a distance of 250 links, to the point of commencement: as the same is delineated on a plan marked L. and S. 6/6/192, and deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered blue.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, being part of Town Section 406 and Suburban Sections 32 and 33, Town of Napier, containing two roods thirty-five and a half perches, and bounded as follows—commencing at a point 18·2 links in a south-westerly direction from the north-west corner of Town Section 407; thence bounded on the north-east by part Town Section 406 for a distance of 245·3 links; thence again on the north-east by parts of Town Section 406 and Suburban Section 32 for a distance of 173·8 links; thence on north-west by parts of Suburban Sections 32 and 33 for a distance of 60 links; thence on the north-east by part Suburban Section 33 for a distance of 359·8 links; thence on the south-east by Colenso Avenue for a distance of 120·5 links; thence on south-west by part Suburban Section 32 for a distance of 448·2 links; thence again on south-west by parts Suburban Section 32 and Town Section 406 for a distance of 308·4 links; thence on the north-west by Napier Terrace for a distance of 59·2 links, to the point of commencement: as the same is delineated on a plan marked L. and S. 6/6/192, and deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"126. Whereas the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hawera (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation) in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, sold Allotment 9 of Section 35, Town of Hawera, theretofore held by the Corporation as a borough reserve for the sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds ten shillings, and such sum has not been expended and is held by the Corporation subject to the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-one of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920: And whereas Mrs. Rhoda Lucy Pease, of Hawera, has offered to the Corporation a piece of land containing approximately eight and a half acres, being part of Section 107, Patea Survey District, situate near the mouth of the Waihi Stream, for a public reserve for the recreation, amusement, and health of the inhabitants of the Borough of Hawera, and also a further area of land intended to be laid off and constructed as a public road giving access from an existing public road to such reserve: And whereas the Corporation is desirous of accepting such offer and of forming and metalling such new road and of laying-out and beautifying such reserve and of applying the sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds ten shillings above mentioned for such purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Corporation is hereby authorized to expend the said sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds ten shillings towards the acquisition, laying-out, and beautifying of such reserve and towards acquiring, laying-off, constructing, forming, metalling, or otherwise providing roads, streets, or other means of access to such reserve.

"127. Whereas the Horowhenua County Council borrowed, in the manner prescribed by the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of constructing North Bank Road, Otaki Gorge, and has already expended portion of such sum in survey work: And whereas it is inexpedient to proceed further with the construction of such road and the ratepayers of the North Bank Road, Otaki Gorge, special rating area of the County of Horowhenua desire the substitution of two bridges for such road: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Horowhenua County Council may expend on the construction of such bridges as aforesaid the unexpended balance of the said loan of seven hundred and fifty pounds.

"128. Whereas certain present and former members of the Ahikouka River Board rendered certain services to that Board in connection with works carried out by it under the River Boards Act, 1908: And whereas the Board made payments to the said members on account of such services, and it is desired to validate such payments: And whereas one of the said members refunded to the Board the payments made to him, and it is desired to authorize the Board to repay the amount of such payments: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) All payments heretofore made by the Ahikouka River Board in respect of services rendered to the Board by persons who at the time of rendering such services were members of the Board are hereby validated.

"(2.) Any sum heretofore paid by the Board to any person in respect of services rendered while a member of the Board, and refunded by him to the Board, may be repaid to such person by the Board.

"129. Whereas a petition under section three of the Sand-drift Act, 1908, has been presented to the Governor-General by certain owners of property at Lyall Bay, in the City of Wellington: And whereas it is proposed to issue a Proclamation declaring the area affected to be a proclaimed area under the said Act: And whereas the Minister of Lands, pursuant to the powers vested in him by section eight of the said Act, proposes to delegate to the Wellington City Council power to carry out the operations authorized by the scheme to be filed by the Minister: And whereas it is expedient that the Wellington City Council should be empowered to borrow such moneys as may be required to enable the said Council to carry out the operations authorized by the said scheme: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Upon the proclamation of the area aforesaid to be a proclaimed area under the Sand-drift Act, 1908, and upon the delegation to the Wellington City Council of the power to carry out the work as aforesaid, the said Council may by Special Order, and without taking the steps required by sections eight to twelve of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, borrow such sums as may be required to carry out the operations authorized by the scheme hereinbefore referred to, and for the purposes of the loan the proclaimed area shall be deemed to be a defined part of the city within the meaning of the said Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

"130. Section 82, Square 7, Block XVI, Mount Arthur Survey District, Nelson Land District, containing an area of two hundred and thirteen acres, is hereby declared to be reserved and set apart as an endowment for secondary education.

"131. Whereas in or about the month of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, a plan designated deposit plan No. 242 was deposited in the Land Transfer Office at Christchurch, showing a subdivision of part Rural Section 145, Christchurch Survey District, and also showing certain right-of-ways coloured brown on the said plan: And whereas the said lands coloured brown on the said plan, excepting thereout a strip of Picton Avenue, 50 links in length and 100 links in width, intersecting one of the said right-of-ways are not and never have been used as right-of-ways by the persons entitled to use the same, and it is expedient that the same should be vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Riccarton for the general purposes of the borough: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said lands coloured brown on the said deposit plan No. 242, excluding the above-described portion of Picton Avenue, are hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Riccarton for an estate in fee-simple under the Land Transfer Act, 1915, freed and discharged from all encumbrances, right-of-ways, easements, or other rights or claims affecting the same.

"(2.) The District Land Registrar at Christchurch is hereby directed and empowered to issue a certificate of title under the Land Transfer Act, 1915, to the said Corporation in respect of the said lands.

"(3.) The said Corporation is hereby authorized to use the said lands for the general purposes of the Corporation or to lease, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same (or partly the one way and partly the other) as the said Corporation may think fit

"(4.) Every person having any estate or interest in the lands hereby vested in the said Corporation, or injuriously affected or suffering any damage by reason of such vesting, shall be entitled to claim compensation for the same from the said Corporation in the same manner as if the said lands had been taken by the said Corporation for public works under the Public Works Act, 1908.

"132. Whereas both the Christchurch Tramway Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) and the Christchurch City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) contemplate raising special loans during the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and, for the purpose of economy, the Board proposes to hold the poll to sanction the Board's proposed special loan upon the same day as that to be fixed by the Council for the poll to sanction the Council's proposed special loan, and for that part of the Board's district which is coterminous with the Council's district to use the same deputy returning officers, poll clerks, polling-booths, scrutineers, and roll as are respectively appointed, prepared, provided, and used by the Council for the poll to be held by the Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything in the Christchurch Tramway District Act, 1920, the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1908, it shall be lawful for the Board, in respect of that part of the Board's district which is coterminous with the district of the Council, to use for the purpose of the poll to sanction the Board's proposed special loan the same roll as shall be prepared, corrected, completed, authenticated, and used by the Council for the purpose of the poll to sanction the Council's proposed special loan, and for the same purpose to use the deputy returning officers, poll clerks, scrutineers, and polling-booths respectively appointed and provided by the Council for the purpose of the poll to sanction the Council's proposed special loan, subject in both cases to the consent of the Council being first obtained; and in respect of such part of the Board's district it shall not be necessary for the Board to prepare, provide, or use any roll other than the roll provided and used by the Council, or to appoint any deputy returning officers, poll clerks, or scrutineers, or to provide any polling-booths.

"133. Whereas the Industrial Corporation of New Zealand purposes holding an Exhibition of New Zealand industries in the King Edward Barracks, Christchurch, and upon portions of Cashel Street adjoining such barracks during the months of November and December, nineteen hundred and twenty-two: And whereas the Christchurch City Council has granted the said corporation permission temporarily to enclose a portion of Cashel Street between Cambridge Terrace and Montreal Street and to erect buildings thereon for the purposes of such Exhibition: And whereas doubts having arisen as to the power of the said Council to grant such permission it is expedient to remove those doubts and to empower the Christchurch City Council to grant or otherwise to validate such permission as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Christchurch City Council is hereby empowered to grant permission to the Industrial Corporation of New Zealand in connection with the Exhibition of New Zealand industries to be held in Christchurch during the months of November and December, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and during the erection and demolition of the buildings to be used in connection therewith, to close against traffic either vehicular, pedestrian, or otherwise, such portion of Cashel Street in the City of Christchurch adjoining the King Edward Barracks as lies between Cambridge Terrace and Montreal Street, save and except the footpath on the southern side of Cashel Street and a strip of the roadway of the said street twelve feet in width measured from the edge of the curbstone of the footpath on the southern side of the said street to enclose the same with and to erect buildings thereon for the purposes of the Exhibition aforesaid.

"(2.) The granting by the Christchurch City Council before the passing of this Act of any consent or permission to close the portion of Cashel Street aforesaid for the purposes of such Exhibition is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully granted.

"134. Whereas the parcel of land containing eleven acres one rood and twenty-four perches situate at Beckenham, in Christchurch, being all the land included in certificate of title, Volume 254, folio 264, is now vested in His Majesty for the purpose of a recreation-ground pursuant to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: And whereas the Christchurch City Council was, by an Order in Council dated the twenty-sixth day of August, nineteen hundred and twelve, and published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of the same month, appointed to be the Beckenham Domain Board having control of the said parcel of land as a domain in accordance with Part II of the said Act: And whereas the Beckenham School, established under the Education Act, 1914, is situate in close proximity to the said domain, and the Education Board of the District of Canterbury at the request and on behalf of the Beckenham School Committee, is desirous of constructing on the parcel of land hereinafter described, being part of the said domain, a public swimming-bath for the use of the said school and for public use, and has proposed to the Christchurch City Council to construct, equip, and maintain a swimming-bath to the approval of the said Christchurch City Council upon the parcel of land hereinafter described upon having the same transferred to or otherwise vested in the said Education Board for the purposes of such swimming-bath: And whereas the Christchurch City Council as such Domain Board has approved of and is desirous of accepting the said proposal: And whereas it is expedient that the said last-mentioned parcel of land should be vested in the said Education Board accordingly: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Canterbury is hereby empowered and directed, subject to a Warrant in that behalf under the hand of the Governor-General, to issue to and in the name of the Education Board of the District of Canterbury a certificate of title in respect of all that parcel of land containing by admeasurement thirty-one perches and four-fifths of a perch, more or less, being part of the said domain and of the land included in certificate of title, Volume 254, folio 264, commencing at a point on the southern boundary of the land described in the said certificate of title which bears 268° 57′ in a south-westerly direction distant 122·5 links from the north-east corner of Lot 10, deposit plan 2623; thence by a straight line in a north-westerly direction bearing 358° 57′ a distance of 106·6 links; thence by a straight line in a south-westerly direction bearing 268° 57′ a distance of 186·4 links; thence by a straight line in a south-easterly direction bearing 178° 57′ a distance of 106·6 links; thence in a north-easterly direction bearing 88° 57′ along the southern boundary of the land described in the said certificate of title a distance of 186·6 links, to the commencing point.

"(2.) The land described in the preceding subsection shall be held in trust by the said Education Board as a site for a public swimming-bath.

"(3.) After the issue of such certificate of title as aforesaid and the erection of the said swimming-bath the control and management of the bath so erected shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said Education Board of the District of Canterbury.

"135. Whereas by the Lyttelton Waterworks Transfer Act, 1878, the lands described therein are vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Lyttelton, subject to the terms and conditions, rights, powers, and privileges specified in the Second Schedule to that Act: And whereas it is desirable that the adjoining land hereinafter described should be vested in the said Corporation subject to the same terms, conditions, rights, powers, and privileges as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land described in subsection three hereof is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Lyttelton as a waterworks reserve subject to the terms, conditions, rights, powers, and privileges specified in the Second Schedule to the Lyttelton Waterworks Transfer Act, 1878.

"(2.) The District Land Registrar of the Land Registration District of Canterbury is hereby empowered and directed, subjected to a Warrant in that behalf under the hand of the Governor-General, to issue to the said Corporation a certificate of title in respect of the said land.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District containing by admeasurement three roods, more or less, and being part of Section 77, situated in Block XVI, Christchurch Survey District—commencing at a point on the northern boundary of the said Section 77, distant 1355 links from the north-west corner thereof; bounded towards the north by Section 329, 214·5 links; towards the south-east, south-west, and north-west by other part of the said Section 77, 416 links, 200 links, and 338 links respectively: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 6/1/336, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"136. Whereas the lands hereinafter enumerated have been permanently reserved for plantation purposes, and the control thereof has been vested in the Mackenzie County Council: And whereas it is desired that the said lands should be vested in the Corporation of the Mackenzie County in trust for forestry purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said reserves are hereby vested in the Corporation of the Mackenzie County, in trust, for forestry purposes, subject to the following conditions:—

"(*a.*) The Mackenzie County Council shall within six months after the passing of this Act prepare a general forest working-plan of future operations to cover a period not less than five years; such working-plan shall specify fully the silvicultural operations proposed to be carried on during the currency of the plan and such other matters as the Director of Forestry thinks fit.

"(*b.*) It shall not be lawful for the said Council to carry on such silvicultural operations unless and until such plan has been approved by the Commissioner of State Forests, and all such operations shall be carried on according to such plan as approved by the said Commissioner and under the supervision of the Director of Forestry.

"(*c.*) The said Council shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of this Act, appoint some fit person to supervise and manage all tree-planting operations which may be undertaken by the said Council and generally to advise the said Council on all matters pertaining to its forestry operations.

"(*d.*) The Council may dispose of by private sale, tender, or auction, any timber, trees, tree-seeds, firewood, or any forest-produce on or from the reserves herein referred to.

"(*e.*) All money received as rents, fees, proceeds of sale of forest-produce, or otherwise from the said reserves shall be spent solely on the administration, management, and development for forestry purposes and other purposes incidental thereto of the said reserves.

"(*f.*) The said Council, with the consent of the Governor-General first had and obtained, may exchange any area of land subject to this section for the fee-simple of any other land which is deemed to be more suitable for forestry purposes, and on any such exchange may pay or receive by way of equality of exchange any sum not exceeding twenty-five per centum of the estimated value of the land so exchanged.

"(*g.*) All existing leases of the said reserves which were granted by the Governor-General prior to the passing of this Act shall have the same effect as though they had been granted by the said Council, and all rents reserved by the said leases and the benefit of every covenant or provision therein having reference to the subject-matter thereof and on the lessee's part to be observed or performed, and every condition of re-entry and other condition therein may be recovered, enforced, and taken advantage of by the said Council.

"(*h.*) The said Council may from time to time make such by-laws, not inconsistent with this section, as may be deemed necessary for the more efficient control and administration of the said reserves, and such by-laws may provide for a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for any breach of any such by-laws. No such by-law shall have force or effect unless and until approved by the Commissioner of State Forests and until a notice of such approval has been published in the *Gazette*.

"(*i.*) In April of each year the said Council shall furnish to the Commissioner of State Forests a report for the year ending on the preceding thirty-first day of March, presenting in complete detail full particulars of the technical operations and of the administration of all the reserves vested hereby in the said Council and of the financial operations relating thereto, and shall at the same time submit a plan of operations and management for the ensuing year, which shall be effective on approval by the Commissioner of State Forests.

"(2.) The reserves to which this section relates are the following reserves in the Canterbury Land District, namely:—

Reserve No.	Area. A.	R.	P.	Reserve No.	Area. A.	R.	P.
2916	831	0	0	2925	609	0	0
2917	220	0	0	2926	435	0	0
2918	564	1	35	2927	75	0	0
2919	82	2	0	2928	746	0	0
2920	148	3	0	2930	463	0	0
2921	143	1	0	2931	102	3	28
2922	271	2	0	2932	31	0	0
2959	161	2	0	2950	26	0	0
2923	132	2	0	3986	79	2	24
2924	80	0	0				

"137. Whereas certain ratepayers in the Teviot Electric-power District, being an electric-power district duly constituted under the provisions of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, formed a provisional committee which carried out the preliminary procedure necessary for the constitution of such district: And whereas such ratepayers purchased certain property, which such Baord has now been authorized to use in accordance with the provisions of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, and the Public Works Act, 1908: And whereas it is expedient to authorize the Teviot Electric-power Board to pay such ratepayers such amounts as were expended by them in the purchase of such property: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Teviot Electric-power Board is hereby authorized to make and levy a uniform rate over the Teviot Electric-power District for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of such sums or sum as were expended by the provisional committee of the Teviot Electric-power Board in the purchase of property now being used by such Board, and to pay to the persons comprising such provisional committee as aforesaid such sums as were expended by them in the purchase of such property, and the Board may include such sum in any estimate of expenditure prepared by the Board, pursuant to section forty-one of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, for any year, or may apportion such sum among the estimates of two or more years.

"138. Whereas the Otago Harbour Board (hereinafter called the Harbour Board) is seised of an estate in fee-simple in all those parcels of land containing seventy-two acres, more or less, situated in the Provincial District of Otago, being part of the Otago Harbour Board endowment, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title register-book, Volume 189, folio 132, in the Land Registry Office at Dunedin: And whereas the Education Board of the District of Otago (hereinafter called the Education Board) is seised of an estate in fee-simple in all that parcel of land containing one acre one rood one

perch and three-fifths of a perch, more or less, situated in the City of Dunedin, being Sections numbered respectively 2, 3, 4, 7, and 12, Block LIX, on the Land Transfer record map of the said city, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Dunedin, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title register-book, Volume 109, folio 211: And whereas the Harbour Board has agreed with the Education Board, subject to the necessary power being conferred by legislation, to exchange part of its said land not exceeding five acres in area for the said land of the Education Board with the buildings and fences thereon, and to lease part of its said land not exceeding three acres in area to the Education Board upon the terms hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Harbour Board is hereby empowered to transfer to the Education Board any part of the said land of the Harbour Board not exceeding five acres in area for the purposes of a school-site, and the Education Board is hereby empowered to transfer to the Harbour Board the said Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, and 12 freed from any trust for educational purposes.

"(2.) The Harbour Board is hereby empowered to lease to the Education Board and the Education Board is hereby empowered to accept a lease of any part of the said land of the Harbour Board not exceeding three acres in area for the term of fifty years at such rent and with, upon, and subject to such terms, conditions, and provisions as may be agreed upon between the Education Board and the Harbour Board, including provision for payment of valuation for improvements and for renewal for one or more recurring periods.

"(3.) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Otago is hereby authorized and directed to accept for registration and to register the said lease notwithstanding anything contained in section one hundred and sixteen of the Public Works Act, 1908.

"139. Whereas by Proclamation issued pursuant to section seventy-five of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1921–22, and published in the *Gazette* of the fifth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the land therein described was set apart as a scenic reserve under the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908: And whereas it is expedient that the Southland Electric-power Board should be authorized to construct within the said scenic reserve certain works which the said Board is authorized to undertake: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Minister charged with the administration of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, may authorize the Southland Electric-power Board, subject to such conditions as he may see fit to impose, to use and occupy such portion or portions of the said scenic reserve as may be necessary for or in connection with any works which the said Board is authorized to construct or may hereafter be authorized to construct in accordance with the provisions of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918.

"140. Whereas the land hereinafter described was, pursuant to the provisions of the Native School Sites Act, 1880, vested in the Crown as a site for a Native school: And whereas the said land is not now required for the said purpose, and it is desirable that it should revert to the original Native owners or their successors: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a site for a Native school over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set aside for the use and benefit of the original Native owners thereof or their successors, and the provisions of section eleven of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1912, as amended by section thirteen of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1914, shall apply to the said land, and the Native Land Court shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land situated in the Whangape Survey District, known by the name of Te Paheke Block, in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres and thirty-five perches, be the same

a little more or less: bounded towards the north by a line 766 links; towards the east by the Rotokakahi River; towards the south by a line, 768 links; and towards the west by a line, 700 links.

"141. Whereas by deed dated the twenty-fourth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty, certain aboriginal Natives transferred the land hereinafter described to the Crown for the purposes of a site for a Native school at Motukaraka: And whereas the said land is not now required for the said purpose, and it is desirable that it should revert to the original Native owners or their successors: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a site for a Native school over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set aside for the use and benefit of the original Native owners thereof or their successors, and the provisions of section eleven of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1912, as amended by section thirteen of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1914, shall apply to the said land, and the Native Land Court shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land situated in the Parish of Motukaraka, in the District of Hokianga, and known as Matataiki, containing by admeasurement two acres one rood, be the same a little more or less: bounded towards the north-east by a line, 963 links; thence on the north-west by a line, 250 links, to the Matataiki Creek; towards the south-west by a line, 1000 links, to a road; and thence by the road, 99 links and 157 links, to the point of commencement: as the same is delineated on the plan shown on the deed conveying the land to the Crown.

"142. Whereas by a Proclamation in the *Gazette* of the twenty-fifth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty, all that area of land in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and twenty-seven acres three roods twenty-nine perches, more or less, being Section 2, Block VIII, Hokianga Survey District, was set aside as and for portion of a provisional State forest: And whereas the said land is no longer required for this purpose: And whereas it is desired to exchange it for Section 12, Block I, Waipoua Survey District, which is more suitable for forestry purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may by Proclamation cancel the reservation as a provisional State forest over the said Section 2, Block VIII, Hokianga Survey District, and may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, exchange that land for Section 12, Block I, Waipoua Survey District, containing by admeasurement fifty acres, more or less.

"(2.) The Governor-General may do or cause to be done all such acts and things, and make, sign, or execute all such instruments, as may be necessary to effectuate such exchange.

"(3.) The land obtained in exchange as aforesaid by His Majesty shall thereupon be deemed to be set apart as a provisional State forest, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921–22.

"143. The Auckland Harbour Board is hereby empowered to lease to the Corporation of the City of Auckland an area of land not exceeding five acres, and being part of Block VIII of the land reclaimed from the sea by the said Board in the Auckland Harbour, and known as the Freeman's Bay reclamation, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between the said Board and the said Corporation.

"144. Whereas Allotment 3 of Section 2 of the Suburbs of Auckland, containing two acres two roods fifteen perches, more or less, was by Crown grant, dated the eighteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and registered in the Deeds Registry Office at Auckland under No. 131A, vested in George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors, and is now administered by trustees called the General Church Trust Board and identical with the General Church Trust referred to in the Order in Council

hereinafter mentioned: And whereas part of the said allotment, containing three roods thirty-one perches, and referred to in conveyances registered as aforesaid under Nos. 35030 and 57256, was on or about the thirtieth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-four consecrated and set aside as a site for a chapel called St. Stephen's Chapel and a cemetery for the burial of the dead according to the rights and usages of the United Church of England and Ireland (commonly known as the Church of the Province of New Zealand or as the Church of England in New Zealand): And whereas, by Order in Council dated the nineteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-second day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, it is ordered and directed that from and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, all that area in the North Auckland Land District, being part of Lot 3 of Section 2, Suburbs of Auckland, and known as St. Stephen's Cemetery, shall be closed and burials therein discontinued; and, further, that from and after the said first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the said cemetery shall be vested in the General Church Trust under the provisions and for the purposes of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908: And whereas such area of land is identical with the area of three roods thirty-one perches consecrated as aforesaid: And whereas the western portion of the said cemetery, hereinafter described, has not been used for burial purposes or as a site for the said chapel, and it is desired that the General Church Trust aforesaid shall have with respect thereto the powers hereinafter conferred: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) From and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the General Church Trust Board mentioned and referred to in the aforesaid Order in Council of the nineteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, as the General Church Trust, shall be entited to exercise, with respect to the western portion of the said cemetery, containing five and ninety-three hundredths perches, more or less, and bounded commencing at the south-western corner of the said cemetery, thence towards the west by the western boundary of the said cemetery, 218 links by deed, but 225·3 links according to recent survey; thence towards the north by part of the northern boundary of the said cemetery, 34·8 links; and thence towards the east by a straight line, being ten feet west of the line of existing graves, 216·5 links, to the commencing-point: all or any of the powers conferred by the Church of England Trust Acts, 1913, upon trustees of granted hereditaments as therein defined.

"(2.) Such of the provisions of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908, as are inconsistent with the exercise of such powers as aforesaid or any of them shall not apply to the area described in the last preceding subsection.

"145. Whereas in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen the Tuakau Town Board was authorized to borrow the sum of twelve thousand pounds for carrying out works in connection with roads and footpaths in the town district and for lighting: And whereas of the sum of one thousand pounds of such loan allocated for lighting, a portion only has been expended, and it is deemed inexpedient that the unexpended balance of such sum should be expended on the purpose for which it was allocated:, And whereas it is expedient to authorize the said Board to expend such balance as hereinafter provided: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Tuakau Town Board is hereby authorized to expend such balance as aforesaid on such of the other allocations specified in the proposal submitted to the ratepayers of the Tuakau Town District in respect of the said loan of twelve thousand pounds as it thinks fit.

"146. Whereas portion of the road along the Mangawhero Stream, hereinafter described, is no longer required for the purpose for which it was intended, and it is desirable to close the same and to dispose of the land comprised therein under the Land for Settlements Act, 1908: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything in section one hundred and thirty of the Public Works Act, 1908, the hereinafter-described portion of river-bank is hereby closed, and the land comprised therein is hereby declared to be settlement land available for disposal under the Land for Settlements Act, 1908.

"(2.) The portion of the road hereby closed is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods sixteen perches, being portion of a road reserve adjoining Tahaia B 2A Block: bounded on the west by road reserve 100 links wide; on the east by Mangawhero Stream; and on the south by the said Tahaia B 2A Block: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan marked L. and S. 26/14359, deposited in the Head Office, Lands and Survey Department, Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"147. Whereas Section 286 of the Parish of Waimana is permanently reserved as a recreation-ground and domain: And whereas Section 263 of the said parish is vested in the Education Board of the District of Auckland as a site for a public school: And whereas the whole of the Whakatane Public School, with the exception of its infant department, is situated on the said Section 263, which is unsuitable as a school-site: And whereas there is an area of approximately ten acres, being part of Section 287 of the said parish, which is more suitable for the purposes of a public school: And whereas it is desirable that an area of not more than five acres of the said Section 286 should be sold, and that the proceeds from such sale should be applied towards the acquisition of the said part of the aforesaid Section 287, and that the said Section 263 should eventually become part of the said domain: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, cancel the reservation for the purposes of a recreation-ground and domain over the whole or any part of the land described in subsection five hereof, and also the vesting of the control of such land in the Whakatane Domain Board, and thereupon the land described in such Warrant shall be deemed to be available for disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

"(2.) The proceeds derived from the disposal of the land referred to in the preceding subsection shall be applied towards the cost of taking or acquiring the area of approximately ten acres hereinbefore referred to, being part of the said Section 287, and on the taking or acquisition of such land the Governor-General shall declare it to be permanently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(3.) In the event of any of the said proceeds remaining unexpended after the payment of the cost aforesaid, such surplus may be applied towards the purchase of an area, not exceeding fifty acres, of the land situated adjacent to the eastern boundaries of Sections 293, 263, and 285 of the Parish of Waimana, as an addition to the said domain.

"(4.) Upon the reservation as a site for a public school of land purchased pursuant to subsection two of this section the Education Board of the District of Auckland shall transfer to His Majesty the said Section 263 of the Parish of Waimana, and on such transfer the said Section 263 shall be deemed to be permanently reserved as a recreation-ground and included in the Whakatane Domain:

"Provided that the said Board shall be entitled to use the said Section 263 until the school thereon is transferred to land reserved as a school-site pursuant to subsection two hereof.

"(5.) The land to which subsection one of this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being that part of Section 286, Parish of Waimana, containing not more than five acres: bounded as follows—towards the north by Domain Road, and towards the south by a straight line parallel to the Domain Road.

"148. Whereas the Taumarunui Borough Council was authorized by Order in Council dated the twenty-first day of February, nineteen hundred and

twenty-one, to take and use water from the Wanganui River for the purpose of generating electricity, and to erect electric lines within the Borough of Taumarunui, the Manunui Town District, and portion of the County of Kaitieke: And whereas the intake and race authorized by such Order in Council are partly situated on the road on the left bank of the Wanganui River adjoining Section 2, Block V, Hunua Survey District, Auckland Land District, as indicated on the plan marked P.W.D. 30799, and deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington: And whereas portion of the pipe-line, the power-house, and the yard in connection with such power-house are situated on portion of the road on the left bank of the Wanganui River near the junction of such road with the road from Piriaka to Taumarunui, as indicated on the aforesaid plan: And whereas the aforesaid intake, race, pipe-line, power-house, and yard will not interfere with the use of the road whereon such works are partly situate: And whereas the Kaitieke County Council, being the local authority having control of such portions of road, has consented, in so far as it has authority so to do, to the Taumarunui Borough Council constructing such works on, along, or across the aforesaid portions of roads, and has also consented to portion of the road reserve being utilized by the Taumarunui Borough Council as a yard in connection with such power-house: And whereas a road along the bank of a river cannot be closed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Taumarunui Borough Council is hereby authorized to construct the aforesaid works on the said portions of roads and to use portion of such road as aforesaid as a yard in connection with the power-house.

"(2.) If at any time it shall become necessary for the convenience of public traffic using that portion of the road on the left bank of the Wanganui River adjoining Section 2, Block V, Hunua Survey District, occupied by the aforesaid intake and race, to construct any bridges or culverts over such intake or race, such bridges or culverts shall be constructed by the Taumarunui Borough Council at its own expense, and, failing such construction by the Taumarunui Borough Council, the same may be constructed by the Kaitieke County Council at the cost of the Taumarunui Borough Council.

"(3.) Such portions of the river-bank road as may be occupied by the power-house and yard as aforesaid are hereby closed.

"149. (1.) The reservation for forests purposes over the lands hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby reserved for scenic purposes subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"(*a.*) Firstly, all that land in the Taranaki Land District, being part of Section 1, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, containing approximately one hundred and nineteen acres: bounded on the west and north by other part of said Section 1, 106 chains; on the north-east by Crown lands, 20 chains; on the south by road reserve 23 chains, Section 12 (Crown lands) 87·55 chains, and Mangapapa Stream 10 chains: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1913/941, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

"(*b.*) Secondly, all that land in the Taranaki Land District, being part of Section 1, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, containing approximately thirty-nine acres: bounded on the west, north, and east by road reserve, 65 chains; on the south by Section 2, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, 34·5 chains: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1913/941, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

"(*c.*) Thirdly, all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing approximately three hundred and ninety acres, being portion of Section 10, Forest Reserve, Block III, Pouatu Survey District: bounded towards the north by the Mangapapa Road, 1500 links; towards the east and south by Section 11, Block III, Pouatu Survey District, 23049 links; towards the west

by Section 4 of Block VII, Pouatu Survey District, 3301·9 links, and other part of Section 10, Forest Reserve, 15000 links: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1913/941, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

"150. Whereas by license dated the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and nineteen, issued to Robert Gordon Barr, of Eltham, sawmiller, under the hand of the Minister of Lands, the said Robert Gordon Barr was licensed to cut and remove from Sections 1 and 10, Block VIII, Mapara Survey District, in the Taranaki Land District, certain timber standing on such sections: And where the said Robert Gordon Barr transferred his rights under the said license to the Hawera Sash and Door Company (Limited): And whereas the said company failed through inadvertence to apply before the expiry of the said license for a renewal thereof, and a portion of the timber covered by the license still remains uncut: And whereas it is desirable that the said license be renewed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Minister of Lands may renew the said license as from the date of expiry thereof.

"151. Whereas pursuant to subsection two of section twelve of the Native Townships Act, 1895, and section eleven of the Native Townships Act, 1910, the lands hereinafter described were reserved for recreation purposes: And whereas it is desirable that the said lands should be added to the Wanganui River Trust Domain and placed under the control of the Wanganui River Trust: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for recreation purposes over the lands hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be a public domain for the purposes of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and shall be deemed to form part of the Wanganui River Trust Domain as constituted pursuant to section nine of the Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement seventeen acres three roods twenty-nine perches, more or less, being Sections 1, 2, and 10, of Block IV of the Pipiriki Township: bounded towards the north-east by Sections 11 and 3 of Block IV aforesaid; towards the south by the Paparoa Road; towards the south-west by the said Paparoa Road, and by Section 9 of Block IV aforesaid; towards the north-west to the point of commencement by the Akapuka Road.

"152. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Taihape Borough Council in its capacity as the Domain Board having control of the Taihape Oval Domain may, with the consent of the Minister of Lands, borrow, at such rate of interest and for such term as may be approved by the Minister of Finance, a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds, and may expend the same for the purpose of improving and equipping the said domain.

"(2.) The said Council may pledge the annual revenues and other receipts from the said domain as security for any moneys so borrowed.

"153. Whereas by Warrant dated the seventeenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and published in the *Gazette* of the twentieth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, Section 37, Block XVI, Apiti Survey District, in the Wellington Land District, containing twenty-five acres two roods, was set apart as a ferry reserve: And whereas the land is not required for the purpose for which it was reserved, and it is desired that such purpose be changed to that of a scenic reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The reservation for ferry purposes of Section 37, Block XVI, Apiti Survey District, in the Wellington Land District, is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be reserved for scenic purposes and to be subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

"154. Whereas in accordance with section one hundred and seventeen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1915, the piece of land (therein more particularly described) being part of Section 310, containing four acres one rood thirty-nine perches, was vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Palmerston North (hereinafter called the Corporation) as a borough endowment: And whereas by section fifty-one of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, the piece of land (therein more particularly described), being other part of said Section 310, containing four acres one rood, was vested in the Corporation as a reserve for the purpose of gasworks and general municipal purposes, subject to certain rights of the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association in the said section fifty-one mentioned: And whereas it is desired to authorize the Corporation to sell the said pieces of land as hereinafter mentioned, and apply the proceeds of such sale in manner and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Corporation may sell the said pieces of land (subject as to lands secondly hereinbefore described to the said rights of the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association) or any part or parts thereof respectively either for cash or on such terms as to payment of the purchase-money by instalments (with interest thereon) as the Corporation may decide.

"(2.) Upon payment of the purchase-money and interest (if any), the Corporation may transfer the said pieces of land to the purchaser or purchasers.

"(3.) The proceeds of the sale may be applied by the Corporation in the purchase or acquisition of other lands within or beyond the Borough of Palmerston North for the purposes of gasworks and in the purchase and erection of retorts, gasometers, machinery, plant, appliances, and fittings in connection with such gasworks, and generally in the improvement of the said lands so purchased.

"155. Whereas a fund of four hundred and fifty-seven pounds fourteen shillings is now held by Thomas Pettit (of Nelson), William Hart, and Charles Glidewell (both of Richmond), upon certain religious trusts in connection with the Baptist faith: And whereas the instrument declaring the said trusts has been lost and great uncertainty exists as to the terms thereof: And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the disposal of the said funds: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said fund of four hundred and fifty-seven pounds fourteen shillings and the income thereof now in the hands of the said trustees, or hereafter to be received by them, and the investments representing the same shall be held by the said Thomas Pettit, William Hart, and Charles Glidewell, upon trust, to apply the same for the general purposes of the Nelson Baptist Church and the Richmond Baptist Church in shares proportionate to the respective membership of such two churches at the date of the passing of this Act.

"156. Whereas the lands hereinafter described are vested in the trustees for the time being of the will of James Gammack, late of Springston, in the Provincial District of Canterbury (deceased), but without power of sale or gift being conferred upon such trustees by such will: And whereas it is proposed by the trustees with the consent of the beneficiaries interested in such lands to make the following dispositions of the said lands, that is to say—(*a*) To give Lot 1 to the Corporation of the Springs County as a site for a war memorial; (*b*) to give Lot 2 to the Education Board of the District of Canterbury for the purpose of a school; (*c*) to sell Lot 3, and invest the proceeds arising from such sale in trust for the beneficiaries according as they are entitled to the same in terms of the said will: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may by Order in Council authorize the trustees for the time being of the will of the said James Gammack (deceased), subject to such conditions as the Governor-General shall think fit, to give Lot 1 as aforesaid to the Corporation of Springs County for the purpose of a war memorial and to give to the Education Board of the District of Canterbury

Lot 2 as aforesaid for the purpose of a school-site, and to sell Lot 3 as aforesaid and to invest the proceeds of such sale for the benefit of the beneficiaries according as they are entitled to the same under the said will.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are more particularly described as follows:—

"Lot 1: All that piece or parcel of land situate in the Leeston Survey District, containing by admeasurement twenty-two and three-tenths perches, being portion of Rural Section 3053, on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Canterbury Land District, and being bounded as follows—commencing at a point on the northern side of the road which forms the southern boundary of the said Rural Section 3053, distant 1247·3 links from the south-west corner of that section; thence north-easterly, bearing 24° 35′ 30″, for a distance of 103 links; thence south-easterly, bearing 100° 31′ for 50 links; thence south-easterly again bearing 100° 36′ for a distance of 79·45 links; thence south-westerly, bearing 193° 6′ 30″ for a distance of 100·1 links, to the northern side of the above-mentioned road; thence north-westerly along the northern side of this road, bearing 100° 36′, for a distance of 75 links; thence north-westerly again bearing 100° 31′, continuing along the side of the said road for a distance of 75 links to the commencing-point.

"Lot 2: All that piece or parcel of land, containing by admeasurement two acres, being part of Rural Section 3053 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Canterbury Land District, and bounded as follows—commencing at a point on the road forming the southernmost boundary of the said Rural Section 3053, 227 links from the south-west corner thereof; thence south-easterly following the said road, 500 links; thence north-easterly, following a line parallel to the road forming the westernmost boundary of the said rural section, 410 links; thence north-westerly along a line parallel to the above first-mentioned road, 500 links; and thence south-westerly along a line parallel to the road forming the westernmost boundary of the said rural section, 410 links, to the commencing-point: be all the aforesaid dimensions a little more of less:

"Lot 3: (*a*) All that piece or parcel of land situate in the Leeston Survey District, containing by admeasurement one acre and thirty-five perches, more or less, being Lot 14 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office, at Christchurch, as No. 5565, being part of Rural Section 3043, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 329, folio 138; (*b*) All that parcel of land, containing by admeasurement three roods twenty-three perches, situated in the District of Ellesmere, being Lots 72 and 100 on deposit plan 105 of the Ellesmere District, being parts of Rural Section 5950, and being the whole of the land in certificate of title, Volume 25, folio 33, in the Land Register of the District of Canterbury.

"157. Whereas it is expedient and for the safety of the public that a certain corner of the public highway, known as Buxton's Corner, situate on the New Brighton Road at Shirley, near Christchurch, should be straightened by closing certain portions of the said highway and of Cresswell Avenue, and substituting a straighter highway therefor: And whereas the Waimairi County Council, the Christchurch City Council, and the Christchurch Tramway Board have formulated a scheme for the carrying-out of such work, under which certain lands shall be acquired by the Christchurch Tramway Board, which Board shall form, construct, and dedicate a new highway in substitution for those purposed to be closed: And whereas there is no authority under the Public Works Act, 1908, or the Tramways Act, 1908, for the carrying-out of such scheme: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything in the Public Works Act, 1908, or the Tramways Act, 1908, or any other Act, the Waimairi County Council, the Christchurch City Council, and the Christchurch Tramway Board are hereby authorized to carry out such scheme as aforesaid for the straightening of the New Brighton Road.

"(2.) It shall be lawful to close those portions of the New Brighton Road and of Cresswell Avenue as are delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 13/90/14,

deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green, and to vest same in the Christchurch Tramway Board.

"(3.) The Christchurch Tramway Board may acquire by agreement or in manner provided by the Public Works Act, 1908, those several parcels of land coloured yellow on the said plan.

"(4.) The Christchurch Tramway Board may form, construct, and dedicate as a public highway the proposed highway shown on the said plan and thereon bordered red, and sell or otherwise dispose of such portions of the said New Brighton Road and Cresswell Avenue as shall be closed pursuant to the power conferred as aforesaid and of any lands acquired as aforesaid as shall not be required for the construction and dedication of such highway.

"158. Whereas portion of the road fronting Sections 9267, 9308, and 9294, Block IX, Southbridge Survey District, Canterbury Land District, which is two chains or thereabouts in width, is not required for road purposes: And whereas the Ellesmere County Council and all the adjoining owners have agreed to the closing of part of the said road: And whereas it is desirable to close the said portion, and vest the same in the Corporation of the County of Ellesmere: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) That portion of road hereinafter described is hereby closed, and the land comprised therein is hereby vested in the Corporation of the County of Ellesmere as an endowment, with power to lease the same on such terms and conditions as the Ellesmere County Council may deem advisable.

"(2.) The portion of the road hereby closed is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement six acres three roods thirty-three perches, more or less, being portion of a road in Block IX, Southbridge Survey District; commencing at a point in continuation of the south-eastern side of Jollie's Road, 104·1 links from the original south-western corner of Section 9267; thence in a south-easterly direction parallel to and one chain distant from the original south-western boundaries of Sections 9267, 9308, and 9294, a total distance of 7425·9 links; thence due southward to the boundary of Reserve 3047, 89 links; thence in a north-westerly direction along the north-eastern boundaries of Reserves 3047, 18319, 18213, 9330, a piece of Crown land, and 19164 to a point in line with the south-eastern side of Jollie's Road; thence north-easterly along such line 104 links to the point of commencement. Excepting thereout six strips of the existing road, one chain in width, between the said north-eastern boundaries and the one-chain road reserve remaining (for which allowance has been made in the area), and more particularly located as follows:—

"(*a.*) Between a line 60 links on the south-eastern side of the continuation of the south-east boundary of Lot 15 of deposit plan 6253 (being a subdivision of Section 9294) and a line 40 links to the north-westward of the said continuation and parallel thereto:

"(*b.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the north-western boundary of the land in certificate of title, Volume 103, folio 165:

"(*c.*) On the north-western side of the last-described strip and distant one chain therefrom and parallel thereto:

"(*d.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the north-western boundary of Section 18213:

"(*e.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the north-western boundary of Section 9330:

"(*f.*) Adjoining on the south-eastern side the continuation of the south-eastern boundary of Section 19164:

"As the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 22/3158, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"159. Whereas the Corporation of the Ashburton Borough is the owner in fee-simple of Reserve 772 (formerly Town Sections 45, 46, and 47), situated in the Borough of Ashburton, as shown on certificate of title, Volume 80, folio 250, in the office of the District Land Registrar, Christchurch: And whereas the Ashburton County Council is desirous of disposing of the said reserve, or part thereof, to the Ashburton Electric-power Board for the purpose of erecting a substation and other buildings thereon: And whereas, for the purpose of providing more suitable boundaries for certain sections upon which the Ashburton Electric-power Board proposes to erect a substation and other buildings, it is expedient to close a certain portion of Terrace Street adjoining Reserve 772: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Ashburton Borough Council is hereby empowered to dispose of the whole or any part of Reserve 772 to the Ashburton Electric-power Board.

"(2.) Notwithstanding anything in Section 190 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, that portion of Terrace Street hereinafter described is declared to be stopped, and to be land available for disposal by the Ashburton Borough Council to the Ashburton Electric-power Board under subsection one of section one hundred and ninety-one of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

"(3.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods twelve perches, and being Reserve 772 (formerly Town Sections 45, 46, and 47), situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by Kermode Street, 300 links; towards the south-east by Town Sections 44 and 48, 500 links; towards the south-west by Dobson Street, 30 links; and towards the north-west by Terrace Street, 568·2 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan L. and S. 13/90/14, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red:

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods eight and three-fifths perches, being Reserve 772x, formerly part of Terrace Street, situated in the Borough of Ashburton: bounded towards the north-east by the remaining part of the said street, 103·1 links; towards the south-east by Reserve 772, 568·2 links; towards the south-west by Dobson Street, 113·6 links; and towards the north-west by Reserve 1923, 539·5 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on plan marked L. and S. 13/90/14, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered yellow.

"160. (1.) The trustees of the Oamaru Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute may lease the land hereinafter described or any part thereof or any building thereon respectively for any term not exceeding twenty-one years, to take effect within three months from the granting of such lease, at such rents and under and subject to such powers, provisoes, covenants, and conditions as the trustees may determine.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement one rood, more or less, situate in the Town of Oamaru, being part of Block XCV of said town: commencing at the north-east corner of Section 6 of said block, and bearing from thence in a north-easterly direction along Thames Street for a distance of 100 links; thence at right angles in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 250 links; thence at right angles in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 100 links; thence in a south-easterly direction at right angles, for a distance of 250 links, to the starting-point: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

"161. Whereas by the Port Molyneux Reserves Management Ordinance, 1875, the land described in the Schedule thereto was vested in the South Molyneux Road Board in trust for a commonage for the inhabitants of Port Molyneux Subdivision of the South Molyneux Road District: And whereas

the said road district is now merged in the Clutha County, and the said land is vested in the Corporation of Clutha County in trust for the aforesaid purposes, subject to the provisions also of the Port Molyneux Reserves Leasing Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1880: And whereas it is desirable that certain closed roads intersecting the said land and hereinafter described should be included in and form part of the said commonage reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The closed roads hereinafter described are hereby declared to be included in and to form part of the said commonage reserve, and to be vested in the Corporation of the County of Clutha, subject to the aforesaid trust, and subject to the provisions of the Port Molyneux Reserves Leasing Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1880.

"(2.) The closed roads to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"(*a.*) All that area in the Otago Land District, containing two acres two roods thirty perches, more or less, being the road closed by notice published in the *Otago Provincial Gazette* of the twentieth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy.

"(*b.*) All that area, containing eleven acres three and one-fifth perches, being the roads closed by Proclamation in the *Gazette* of the twelfth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two." (*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraphs:—

No.	Description of Land.	Purpose for which Land reserved.	Instrument of Reservation.
11	Reserve 155, Block III, Kanieri Survey District, in the Westland Land District, containing 28 acres 3 roods, more or less	Resting-place and commonage for cattle	Notice in *Gazette*, 8th March, 1877.
12	All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 135 acres, more or less, being part of Waharangi No. 2 Block, and being part of Section 11, Block XI, Rarete Survey District, bounded as follows: Towards the north and north-east generally by other part of the said Section 11 and Section 17 of Block XI, Rarete Survey District, 4683·4 links; towards the east by part Section 3 of the said Block XI, 5036·7 links; towards the south and south-west generally by the Wanganui Valley Road, and by other part of the said Section 3, 4064·6 links; and towards the west by other part of the aforesaid Section 11, 3264·4 links: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan numbered 82/13, deposited in the Wellington District Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, and thereon bordered red	Preservation of scenery	Proclamation in *Gazette*, 17th August, 1911, taking these lands under the Public Works Act, 1908, and the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

(*Honourable Mr. Guthrie.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

32. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 67.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Legislature Act, 1908, to make Provision for the Representation of Persons in the Chatham Islands," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Legislature Act, 1908, to make Provision for the Representation of Persons in the Chatham Islands.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

33. *Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey according to Order, presented the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2), which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

34. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the Committee on the Finance Bill be postponed.

35. *Friendly Societies Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Friendly Societies Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1909."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

36. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time next sitting-day.

37. *Native Trustee Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Native Trustee Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Native Trustee Act, 1920."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

38. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after eleven of the clock on Monday morning.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Monday, the 30th Day of October, 1922.

PRAYERS.

1. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day be postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day for Local Bills.

2. *Thames Harbour Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Thames Harbour Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

3. *Waimakariri Harbour Board District and Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Waimakariri Harbour Board District and Empowering Amendment Bill;

On motion of Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day be discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

4. *Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

5. *Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

6. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Thames Harbour Board, the Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill, and the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

7. *Thames Harbour Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "Matamata" wherever it occurs in the clause. (*Mr. Young.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McLeod	Smith, S. G.
Atmore	Henare	Mander	Statham
Bartram	Holland	Munro	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bitchener	Horn	Newman, E.	Sullivan
Burnett	Howard	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Uru
Craigie	Jones	Poland	Wilford
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Potter	Williams
Dickson, J. S.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, T. W.	Witty.
Field	Lysnar	Savage	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCallum	Seddon	McCombs
Glenn	Mackenzie	Sidey	Smith, R. W.

NOES, 8.

			Tellers.
Bollard	Hawken	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Herries, Hon Sir W. H.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Young.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words retained.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In line 18, to omit the word "poll." (*Mr. T. W. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four." (*Honourable Sir W. H. Herries.*)

And the Question being put, That the clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

AYES, 26.

Coates, Hon. J. G.	Jones	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Craigie	McCallum	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Veitch
Glenn	McLeod	Poland	Witty.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Mander	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Hawken	Newman, E.	Smith, S. G.	Bollard
Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Young.

NOES, 31.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Fraser	McCombs	Statham
Atmore	Holland	Mackenzie	Sullivan
Bartram	Horn	Munro	Sykes
Bitchener	Howard	Potter	Wilford
Burnett	Hudson	Rhodes, T. W.	Williams.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Savage	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. S.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Sidey	Harris
Field	Lysnar	Smith, R. W.	Seddon.

So it passed in the Negative.

First Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "south" in the phrase "Thence towards the south generally by the southern boundaries of the said Section 9," and to insert the word "north" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. T. W. Rhodes.*)

Amendment agreed to.
Schedule as amended agreed to.
Second Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Thames Harbour Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to alter the Boundaries of the Thames Harbour District, and the Constitution of the Thames Harbour Board."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

8. *Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Whangarei Borough Empowering Act, 1918."

Ordered, That the Clerk Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

9. *Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to validate a certain Agreement for the Supply of Water to the Paeroa Borough and made between the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the County of Ohinemuri and the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Paeroa."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

10. *Papers.*—The following papers were presented by command of His Excellency :—

346. Offenders' Probation Act, 1920, Report on Operations of the, for the Year 1921–22. H.–20B.

348. Return of Sheepowners; also Number of Sheep and Lambs on the 30th April, 1921 and 1922. H.–23B.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

347. Blackleg amongst Cattle, Amended Regulations for the Prevention of.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

349. Venereal Diseases in New Zealand : Report of the Committee set up by the Minister of Public Health. H.–31A.

350. Deer in the Forests and Plantations in New Zealand, Report on the Damage done by.

The following Papers were laid on the Table in Return to Orders of the House :—

345. Whangarei – Kawakawa – Kaikohe Railway Section : Details of Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. Return to an Order of the House dated 7th September, 1922.

351. Returned Soldiers: Return showing Number of T.B. Cases which have been Discharged during the Year ended 31st August, 1922, and Number of Soldiers successfully repatriated, &c. Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 346, 348, and 349 be printed.

11. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Glenn, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the statements made by Colonel McDonald, on the services of the Clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

Mr. Seddon, from the Defence Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–12.)

12. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Ataira Mohi Moke and others, Huitau te Hau, Inia Ranginui, Karauri Tiweka Anaru, Materoa Ngarimu, Neha Kipa and another, Pererika Harawene and another, Rahera Muriwai Mutu Uru, Rahera Muriwai Mutu Uru and others, Te Ara Ngamoki, Timutimu Tawhai and others, Te Hati Pakaroa, Wi Duncan and others, special Report *re* the Clerk, and a final Report. (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Rahera Muriwai Mutu Uru and others, and Rahera Muriwai Mutu Uru, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Ataria Mohi Moke and others, Materoa Ngarimu, Neha Kipa and another, and Wi Duncan and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Huitau Te Hau, and Karauri Tiweka Anaru, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Inia Ranginui, and Te Hati Pakaria, be referred to the Native Department.

Ordered, That the Petition of Pererika Harawene and another, together with the report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for departmental inquiry.

Mr. Young also brought up a Report on the Petitions of Te Ara Ngamoki, and Timutimu Tawhai and others; and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour, by direction of the Native Affairs Committee, to ask the leave of the House for permission to amend the Reports on the above-mentioned Petitions, which were brought up on the 26th September last. The Committee desires that the word "consideration," in each such Report, be substituted for the word "inquiry." (Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Reports brought up on the 26th September on the Petitions of Te Ara Ngamoki, and Timutimu Tawhai and others, be amended by the substitution of the word "consideration" for the work "inquiry."

The Honourable Mr. Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–3.)

13. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a final Report. (Appendix I.–2.)

14. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Field, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries, Stock, and Commerce Committee, brought up a final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–10.)

15. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Field, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (Appendix I.–11.)

16. *Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee, brought up a special Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that the Dairy-produce Export Control Bill Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the able and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Mr. Hawken, has presided over its deliberations, and further desires that this Resolution be conveyed to the House.

17. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

18. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill;

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Bill be recommitted presently in order to consider proposed amendments in clauses 7 and 28.

19. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed.

20. *Scaffolding and Excavation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Scaffolding and Excavation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently:

21. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill, the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill, and the Scaffolding and Excavation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

22. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill:*—

This Bill was recommitted in order to reconsider clauses 7 and 28.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (8), to omit the word "ten," in line 41, and to insert the word "five" in lieu thereof. (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed. To add the following subclause:—

"This section shall not apply to any order made upon investigation of title or partition save with regard to the relative interests defined thereunder, but the provisions of this subsection shall not prevent the making of any necessary consequential amendments with regard to partition orders." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 28 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, after the words "subject to review," to insert the following words: "without disturbing in any way such scheme of adjustment." (*Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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23. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Chattels Transfer Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

24. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to further amend the Laws relating to Native Lands, and to determine certain Claims and Disputes in relation to Native Lands, and to confer Jurisdiction upon the Native Land Court and the Native Appellate Court, and for other Purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

25. *Scaffolding and Excavation Bill.*—Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee had gone through the Scaffolding and Excavation Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make better Provision for the Prevention of Accidents in connection with the Erection and Use of Scaffolding and the Making of Excavations."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

26. *Customs Duties with the Union of South Africa: Reciprocal Arrangement.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved (with the leave of the House), That an arrangement (the terms of which are hereinafter set forth) made between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Government of New Zealand be ratified in terms of section 10 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921.

Terms of arrangement: That the existing Tariff be suspended as from the 1st day of August, 1922, in so far as it relates to the goods referred to in the Schedule hereto (being goods the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa), and that, in lieu thereof, such goods shall, as from the said 1st day of August, 1922, be subject to the duties and exemptions from duty specified in that Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Goods (being the Produce or Manufacture of the Union of South Africa).	Tariff.
Feathers	15 per cent. *ad valorem*.
Fish	1½d. the pound.
Fruits (dried)	Free.
Fruits (green)	Free.
Maize	6d. the cental.
Sugar	Free.
Tea	1d. the pound.
Wine (other than sparkling)	3s. 6d. the gallon.
Wine (sparkling)	9s. 6d. the gallon.
All other goods except spirits and tobacco	3 per cent. less than the duty which would otherwise be payable.

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

27. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 10 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 11.

28. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That an arrangement (the terms of which are hereinafter set forth) made between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Government of New Zealand be ratified in terms of section 10 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921.

Terms of arrangement: That the existing Tariff be suspended as from the 1st day of August, 1922, in so far as it relates to the goods referred to in the Schedule hereto (being goods the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa), and that, in lieu thereof, such goods shall, as from the said 1st day of August, 1922, be subject to the duties and exemptions from duty specified in that Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Goods (being the Produce or Manufacture of the Union of South Africa).	Tariff.
Feathers	15 per cent. *ad valorem*.
Fish	1½d. the pound.
Fruits (dried)	Free.
Fruits (green)	Free.
Maize	6d. the cental.
Sugar	Free.
Tea	1d. the pound.
Wine (other than sparkling)	3s. 6d. the gallon.
Wine (sparkling)	9s. 6d. the gallon.
All other goods except spirits and tobacco	3 per cent. less than the duty which would otherwise be payable.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has resolved that a reciprocal arrangement as to Customs duties with the Union of South Africa made between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Government of New Zealand be ratified in terms of section 10 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921.

Mr. Malcolm also reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

29. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 68.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

(Amendments in substitution of amendments transmitted in Message dated 27th October, 1922).

To omit clause 13, and substitute the following new clause:—

"13A. (1.) Section fifty-three of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to subsection one, and substituting the following proviso:—

"'Provided that moneys may be issued by way of general imprest of which the balance unaccounted for shall not at any time exceed one hundred thousand pounds for general purposes, or six hundred thousand pounds for the payment of interest on loans.'

"(2.) Subsection one of section thirty-nine of the Finance Act, 1916, is hereby repealed."

In clause 35, to insert, after subclause (1), the following subclause:—

"(1A.) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised by a trustee with respect to any contract or agreement, notwithstanding that the contract or agreement may have been entered into by the testator or other person being the creator of the trust, or by a predecessor of the trustee."

To add the following new clauses:—

"17A. In addition to all moneys which the Minister of Finance has heretofore been authorized to borrow for the purposes of the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908, the said Minister may for those purposes borrow such further amount, not exceeding one hundred thousand pounds, as he thinks fit, and all moneys so borrowed shall be dealt with as provided in section two of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1913."

"21A. Section ten of the Finance Act, 1921–22, is hereby declared to extend, and at all times since the passing of that Act to have extended, to the reduction of the purchase-money payable under an agreement for the sale of land in the same manner in all respects as it applies to the discharge or partial discharge of a mortgage."

"22A. All loan-moneys heretofore deposited with the Public Trustee by the Thames Valley Electric-power Board shall be deemed to have been lawfully so deposited, and such moneys or any part thereof may remain so deposited until required by the said Board for the purposes for which they were raised."

"29A. Whereas Thomas Cawthron, of Nelson, on the seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fourteen, gave to the Nelson Hospital Board the sum of fifteen thousand pounds towards the erection and furnishing of a public hospital at Nelson, upon the condition that if from any cause the said Board did not receive a subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds from the Consolidated Fund the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds was to be refunded to him: And whereas the said Thomas Cawthron died on the eighth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifteen: And whereas the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds has not been expended nor the subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds paid: And whereas questions have arisen between the executors and the trustees of the will of the said Thomas Cawthron, deceased, and the said Board as to whether the said Board is entitled to retain the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds unexpended, and as to the duty of the said executors and trustees to endeavour to obtain a refund of the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest from the said Board: And whereas it is desired that the said gift and accrued interest thereon should be expended as aforesaid and the said subsidy thereon paid to the said Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest thereon shall be deemed to have been held and shall be now held by the said Board in

trust for and towards the erection of a public hospital at Nelson, to be subsidized as hereinafter appears, and the said executors and trustees shall not be liable for any action or claim for breach of trust or otherwise for not commencing legal proceedings to recover the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest thereon from the said Board.

"(2.) The said Board is hereby authorized to expend the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest in and towards the erection of the said public hospital and for purposes incidental thereto, to be approved as hereinafter appears before payment is made of the said subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds or any part thereof.

"(3.) Payment from the Consolidated Fund of a subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds to the Nelson Hospital Board as aforesaid is hereby authorized to be made without further appropriation than this section:

"Provided that no payment on account of such subsidy shall be made before the expenditure by the said Board of the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest on the said public hospital and for purposes incidental thereto or before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, whichever shall last happen:

"Provided also that no payment on account of such subsidy shall be made unless and until the plans and specifications for the said public hospital have been approved in writing by the Minister of Health, and unless and until the total contemplated expenditure thereon and incidental thereto has been approved in writing by the Minister of Finance.

"29B. Whereas the Clutha River Board (hereinafter in this section called the Board) has incurred liabilities which require to be discharged, and it is desirable to facilitate the borrowing by the Board of funds with which to discharge such liabilities: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The power to borrow on overdraft conferred by subsection one of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22, is hereby increased from seven thousand pounds to nine thousand pounds.

"(2.) The provisions of subsections two and three of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22, shall apply to such increased overdraft.

"(3.) The Board may issue a debenture for any amount not exceeding six thousand pounds, or a series of debentures for an aggregate amount not exceeding six thousand pounds, such debentures to provide for repayment on a date not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and such debenture or debentures shall confer a charge upon the endowments of the Board to secure the payment of principal and interest, such charge to rank after the charge conferred by the seventy debentures referred to in subsection nine of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22.

"(4.) The provisions of subsections five, six, and seven of the said section thirty-five shall apply to the debenture or debentures issued under the authority of this section.

"29C. The authority conferred on Hospital Boards by paragraph (*b*) of section eleven of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), to make provision for the payment of pensions to officers and servants of the Board on retirement is hereby extended to authorize the payment of a pension under that section to any such officer or servant who had retired, by reason of infirmity arising from old age or illness, from the service of the Board at any time not earlier than six years before the passing of the said Act.

"29D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Trust Office Act, 1908, the Public Trustee may invest moneys belonging to the Common Fund of the Public Trust Office on the security of debentures issued by a Hospital Board under the authority of section ten of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), whether such debentures are issued with or without a State guarantee:

"Provided that if such debentures are not so guaranteed the Minister of Finance shall, in the event of default being made in the payment of interest or the repayment of principal, pay to the Public Trustee all moneys then or thereafter becoming payable to the Board by way of subsidy or so much thereof as is sufficient to satisfy the amount for the time being outstanding in respect of arrears of principal and interest."

"32A. Section sixty-one of the Finance Act, 1916, is hereby amended by omitting all words after the word 'credited,' and substituting the following words: 'to such classes of estates and accounts, and in such proportions, and generally in such manner and subject to such conditions as he shall by Order in Council from time to time prescribe.'"

"38A. Part I of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, and the several amendments thereof, in so far as those enactments are now in force, shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and shall then be deemed to be repealed."

"40. Whereas by section ninety-two of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, certain provisions of that Act, inclusive specifically of section twenty-six thereof, were applied to maintenance orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1908: And whereas by section twenty-six aforesaid of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, the maximum sum that a parent may be required to pay under a maintenance order towards the future maintenance of a child is fixed at twenty-one shillings a week: And whereas it has been recently decided that the application of the said section does not enable a Magistrate to fix, in respect of the maintenance of a child maintained in an industrial school, an amount in excess of ten shillings a week, being the amount prescribed by the Industrial Schools Act, 1908: And whereas it is desirable that the law be amended to admit of such orders being made: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The application by section ninety-two of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, of section twenty-six of that Act to maintenance orders made under sections thirty-three, thirty-four, or thirty-five of the Industrial Schools Act, 1908, shall be deemed to be and at all times since the commencement of that Act to have been an authority to make an order for the payment of moneys towards the maintenance of a child at any rate not exceeding the rate prescribed by subsection five of the said section twenty-six.

"41. (1.) The lessee of any Crown lands to which the Rotorua Town Lands Act, 1920, is applicable shall have the same right to objection to any valuation made by the Valuer-General under section four of that Act as he would have in respect of a valuation made under the Valuation of Land Act, 1908.

"(2.) Where any such valuation has been made before the passing of this Act the right of objection hereby conferred may be exercised at any time before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

"(3.) For the purpose of computing the price of any land proposed to be acquired in fee-simple by the lessee pursuant to the said Rotorua Town Land Act, 1920, the valuations as determined by the Assessment Court shall supersede and be deemed to be substituted for the valuations as ascertained by the Valuer-General."

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Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting amendments in the Bill to make provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

30. *Finance Bill.—Ordered*, That the said Resolution, together with the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

31. *Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"*A*. The Governor-General may, by Order in Council duly gazetted, make full provision for all patients attended by duly qualified medical practitioners recording their votes at all general and licensing election polls. Such provision may be similar to the right at present granted to seamen, or by means of a Returning Officer or some delegate appointed by him waiting upon the patient for the purpose of enabling him to record such vote." (*Mr. McCallum.*)

The clause was, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Legislature Act, 1908, to make Provision for the Representation of Persons in the Chatham Islands."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

32. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Finance Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 39 read and agreed to.

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommit clauses 13 and 35.

Clause 13 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 35 read. Amendment proposed: To insert, after subclause (1), the following subclause:—

"(1A.) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised by a trustee with respect to any contract or agreement, notwithstanding that the contract or agreement may have been entered into by the testator or other person being the creator of the trust, or by a predecessor of the trustee." (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"13A. (1.) Section fifty-three of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to subsection one, and substituting the following proviso:—

"'Provided that moneys may be issued by way of general imprest of which the balance unaccounted for shall not at any time exceed one hundred thousand pounds for general purposes, or six hundred thousand pounds for the payment of interest on loans.'

"(2.) Subsection one of section thirty-nine of the Finance Act, 1916, is hereby repealed."

"17A. In addition to all moneys which the Minister of Finance has heretofore been authorized to borrow for the purposes of the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908, the said Minister may for those purposes borrow such further amount, not exceeding one hundred thousand pounds, as he thinks fit, and all moneys so borrowed shall be dealt with as provided in section two of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1913."

"21A. Section ten of the Finance Act, 1921–22, is hereby declared to extend, and at all times since the passing of that Act to have extended, to the reduction of the purchase-money payable under an agreement for the sale of land in the same manner in all respects as it applies to the discharge or partial discharge of a mortgage."

"22A. All loan-moneys heretofore deposited with the Public Trustee by the Thames Valley Electric-power Board shall be deemed to have been lawfully so deposited, and such moneys or any part thereof may remain so deposited until required by the said Board for the purposes for which they were raised."

"29A. Whereas Thomas Cawthron, of Nelson, on the seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fourteen, gave to the Nelson Hospital Board the sum of fifteen thousand pounds towards the erection and furnishing of a public hospital at Nelson, upon the condition that if from any cause the said Board did not receive a subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds from the Consolidated Fund the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds was to be refunded to him: And whereas the said Thomas Cawthron died on the eighth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifteen: And whereas the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds has not been expended nor the subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds paid: And whereas questions have arisen between the executors and the trustees of the will of the said Thomas Cawthron, deceased, and the said Board as to whether the said Board is entitled to retain the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds unexpended, and as to the duty of the said executors and trustees to endeavour to obtain a refund of the said gift of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest from the said Board: And whereas it is desired that the said gift and accrued interest thereon should be expended as aforesaid and the said subsidy thereon paid to the said Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest thereon shall be deemed to have been held and shall be now held by the said Board in trust for and towards the erection of a public hospital at Nelson, to be subsidized as hereinafter appears, and the said executors and trustees shall not be liable for any action or claim for breach of trust or otherwise for not commencing legal proceedings to recover the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest thereon from the said Board.

"(2.) The said Board is hereby authorized to expend the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest in and towards the erection of the said public hospital and for purposes incidental thereto, to be approved as hereinafter appears before payment is made of the said subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds or any part thereof.

"(3.) Payment from the Consolidated Fund of a subsidy of eighteen thousand pounds to the Nelson Hospital Board as aforesaid is hereby authorized to be made without further appropriation than this section:

"Provided that no payment on account of such subsidy shall be made before the expenditure by the said Board of the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds and accrued interest on the said public hospital and for purposes incidental thereto or before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, whichever shall last happen:

"Provided also that no payment on account of such subsidy shall be made unless and until the plans and specifications for the said public hospital have been approved in writing by the Minister of Health, and unless and until the total contemplated expenditure thereon and incidental thereto has been approved in writing by the Minister of Finance.

"29B. Whereas the Clutha River Board (hereinafter in this section called the Board) has incurred liabilities which require to be discharged, and it is desirable to facilitate the borrowing by the Board of funds with which to discharge such liabilities: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The power to borrow on overdraft conferred by subsection one of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22, is hereby increased from seven thousand pounds to nine thousand pounds.

"(2.) The provisions of subsections two and three of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22, shall apply to such increased overdraft.

"(3.) The Board may issue a debenture for any amount not exceeding six thousand pounds, or a series of debentures for an aggregate amount not exceeding six thousand pounds, such debentures to provide for repayment on a date not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and such debenture or debentures shall confer a charge upon the endowments of the Board to secure the payment of principal and interest, such charge to rank after the charge conferred by the seventy debentures referred to in subsection nine of section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1921–22.

"(4.) The provisions of subsections five, six, and seven of the said section thirty-five shall apply to the debenture or debentures issued under the authority of this section.

"29C. The authority conferred on Hospitals Boards by paragraph (*b*) of section eleven of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), to make provision for the payment of pensions to officers and servants of the Board on retirement is hereby extended to authorize the payment of a pension under that section to any such officer or servant who had retired, by reason of infirmity arising from old age or illness, from the service of the Board at any time not earlier than six years before the passing of the said Act.

"29D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Trust Office Act, 1908, the Public Trustee may invest moneys belonging to the common fund of the Public Trust Office on the security of debentures issued by a Hospital Board under the authority of section ten of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), whether such debentures are issued with or without a State guarantee:

"Provided that if such debentures are not so guaranteed the Minister of Finance shall, in the event of default being made in the payment of interest or the repayment of principal, pay to the Public Trustee all moneys then or thereafter becoming payable to the Board by way of subsidy or so much thereof as is sufficient to satisfy the amount for the time being outstanding in respect of arrears of principal and interest."

"32A. Section sixty-one of the Finance Act, 1916, is hereby amended by omitting all words after the word 'credited,' and substituting the following words: 'to such classes of estates and accounts, and in such proportions, and generally in such manner and subject to such conditions as he shall by Order in Council from time to time prescribe.'"

"38A. Part I of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, and the several amendments thereof, in so far as those enactments are now in force, shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and shall then be deemed to be repealed."

"40. Whereas by section ninety-two of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, certain provisions of that Act, inclusive specifically of section twenty-six thereof, were applied to maintenance orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1908: And whereas by section twenty-six aforesaid of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, the maximum sum that a parent may be required to pay under a

maintenance order towards the future maintenance of a child is fixed at twenty-one shillings a week: And whereas it has been recently decided that the application of the said section does not enable a Magistrate to fix, in respect of the maintenance of a child maintained in an industrial school, an amount in excess of ten shillings a week, being the amount prescribed by the Industrial Schools Act, 1908: And whereas it is desirable that the law be amended to admit of such orders being made: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The application by section ninety-two of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910, of section twenty-six of that Act to maintenance orders made under sections thirty-three, thirty-four, or thirty-five of the Industrial Schools Act, 1908, shall be deemed to be and at all times since the commencement of that Act to have been an authority to make an order for the payment of moneys towards the maintenance of a child at any rate not exceeding the rate prescribed by subsection five of the said section twenty-six." (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made further progress in the Finance Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

33. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Rating Amendment Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

34. *Rating Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Rating Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

35. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 69.*

The Bills intituled—

The Companies Amendment Act, 1922,
The Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1922,
The Harbours Amendment Act, 1922,
The Tongariro National Park Act, 1922,
The Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act, 1922,
The Fencing Amendment Act, 1922,
The Government Railways Amendment Act, 1922,
The Cemeteries Amendment Act, 1922,
The Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act, 1922,
The Mosgiel Borough Empowering Act, 1922,
The Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Act, 1922,
The Whangarei Borough Leasing Empowering Act, 1922,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

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36. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 70.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for service of the year ending 31st March, 1923, and on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the enclosure, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

37. *Supply (Supplementary Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £5,481 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges of Legislative Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £998 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,748 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,666 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of National Provident and Friendly Societies Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £1,921 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £32,769 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Working-expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,243 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,559 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Lee,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,316 be granted to His Majesty to defray costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,672 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Justice Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,695 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £94,676 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Internal Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,822 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,763 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £694 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,014 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £3,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £5,985 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £4,041 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £11,776 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £2,437 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourists Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Parr, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £2,151 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £43 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £75,672 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Motor Transport Services for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands, Miscellaneous, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £312 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forest Service for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £138 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,745 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sun not exceeding £4,531 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlement of Discharged Soldiers, Expenses, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,955 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Purchase Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Housing for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £113 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Fishing Industry Promotion for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,181 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,863 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,526 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £46 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £108,418 8s. 5d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorized Expenditure Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £292,233 1s. 4d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works Fund, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,071 3s. 9d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands for Settlement Account, for Services in Excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,585 17s. 9d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Office Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £19,843 5s. 6d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Sums Irrecoverable by the Crown, or Value of Stores, &c., required to be written off Departmental Accounts, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

To report the Resolutions.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee of Supply had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Resolutions reported this day, together with the Resolutions previously reported, be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £63,901 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £31,106 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £63,022 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £80,181 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,785 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of National Provident and Friendly Societies Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,164,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,349,268 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101,915 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,815 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £59,468 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Improvement of Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance of Irrigation-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,945 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £18,756 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,521 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £31,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,291 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £91,127 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Supreme and Magistrates' Courts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £78,324 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,927 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £403,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £119,801 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £268,904 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,793 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,312 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £218,344 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £301,736 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £221,473 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £256,656 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £317,616 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £108,507 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £126,305 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,762 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £193,666 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £42,353 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £84,548 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £253,312 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £71,792 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourist Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,569,354 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £103,590 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forest Service for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £270,166 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,396 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £175,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,151 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £592 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlement Account (Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,733 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £149,917 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Housing Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Fishing Industry Promotion Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £799,252 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of War Expenses Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £187,397 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,216 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £97,655 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,975 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £61,267 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £602,831 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £145,853 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railway-construction, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £850,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Additions to Open Lines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £374,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, General, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Timber-supply and Sawmills for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,935 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour-works for the Finanical Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourist and Health Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £241,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £815,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Mining for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £783,385 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands-improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation and Water-supply for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £110,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads to Open up Lands for Settlements for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,075,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electric Supply Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £350,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,481 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £998 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,748 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,666 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of National Provident and Friendly Societies Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,921 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £32,769 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Working-expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,243 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,559 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,316 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,672 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Justice Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,695 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £94,676 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Internal Affairs Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,822 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,763 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £694 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,014 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,985 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,041 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,776 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,437 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourist Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,151 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour-works for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £43 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration Department for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £75,672 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Motor Transport Services for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands, Miscellaneous, for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £312 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forest Service for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £138 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,745 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,531 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlement of Discharged Soldiers, Expenses, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,955 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Purchase Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Housing for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £113 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Fishing-industry Promotion for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,181 be granted to His Majesty to to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,863 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,526 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £46 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £108,418 8s. 5d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorized Expenditure Account, for services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £292,233 1s. 4d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works Fund, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,071 3s. 9d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands for Settlement Account, for Services in excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,585 17s. 9d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Office Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1922.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £19,843 5s. 6d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Sums irrecoverable by the Crown, or Value of Stores, &c., required to be written off Departmental Accounts, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

38. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Msjesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the following sums may be issued and applied: Out of the Consolidated Fund, Ordinary Revenue Account, fifteen million one hundred and fifty-seven thousand two hundred and seventy-two pounds; out of the Public Works Fund, General Purposes Account, five million and eighty-five thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight pounds; out of the separate accounts, three million seven hundred and sixty thousand two hundred and sixteen pounds.

To report the Resolution.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the following sums may be issued and applied : Out of the Consolidated Fund, Ordinary Revenue Account, fifteen million one hundred and fifty-seven thousand two hundred and seventy-two pounds ; out of the Public Works Fund, General Purposes Account, five million and eighty-five thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight pounds ; out of the separate accounts, three million seven hundred and sixty thousand two hundred and sixteen pounds.

And the Resolution being read a second time ;

Resolved, that this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Massey and the Honourable Sir W. H. Herries do presently prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

39. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 71.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendment in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly :—

To insert the following new clause :—

"42. (1.) This section shall be read together with and deemed to form part of the Government Accident Insurance Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act).

"(2.) When and as often as the Commissioner considers that the funds of the Accident Insurance Branch are sufficient to meet all the actual and contingent liabilities of that branch it may direct that a rebate be allowed to insurers in respect of premiums, or of any class or classes of premiums, thereafter becoming payable.

"(3.) The amount of such rebate, and the terms and conditions under which the same shall be allowed, shall be determined by the Board from time to time, and the decision of the Board shall in every case be final. Every such rebate shall be made without further appropriation than this section.

"(4.) In particular, but without affecting the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Board may, in its discretion, refuse to allow a rebate to any person who has made a claim under any accident policy during the period of three years immediately prior to the date when the premium in respect of which the rebate is claimed became payable.

"(5.) The provision made by this section for rebates of premiums in respect of policies of accident insurance is in lieu of the provision made by the said Act for the allocation of bonuses, and the said Act is consequentially amended by repealing paragraph (*b*) of section twenty, and also section twenty-one thereof."

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Wellington, 30th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting amendment in the Bill to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters."

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

40. *Finance Bill.—Ordered*, That the said Resolution, together with the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

41. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows :—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 72.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision in respect to Public Finance and other Matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordoingly :—

To add the following new clauses :—

"*Amendments as to Public Service Superannuation Fund and Teachers' Superannuation Fund.*

"43. For the purposes of section thirty-five of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908, the service of an original contributor to the Public Service Superannuation Fund shall include, and shall be deemed at all times since the passing of that Act to have included, any period of employment in the Education service which, if the period of Government service had been Education service, would have been included in like circumstances in the length of service of an original member and contributor to the Teachers' Superannuation Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Teachers' Superannuation Act, 1905.

"44. For the purposes of section twenty-six of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, the service of a contributor to the Teachers' Superannuation Fund shall include, and shall be deemed at all times since the passing of that Act to have included, any period of employment in the Government service subsequent to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, which, if the period of Education service had been Government service, would have been included in like circumstances in the length of service of an original contributor to the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

"45. Section forty-seven of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908, is hereby amended—

"(*a.*) By omitting from subsection one the word 'April,' and substituting the word 'July'; and

"(*b.*) By omitting the word 'December' in the same subsection, and substituting the word 'March.'

"(2.) The actuarial examination of the fund under section forty-eight of the said Act, to be made next after the commencement of this Act, shall be made for the period commencing on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty, and ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and thereafter the actuarial examination shall be made for each triennial period after the said thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

"46. (1.) Section thirty-seven of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, is hereby amended—

"(*a.*) By omitting from subsection one the word 'April,' and substituting the word 'May'; and

"(*b.*) By omitting the word 'December' in the same subsection, and substituting the word 'January.'

"(2.) The actuarial examination of the fund under section thirty-eight of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, to be made next after the commencement of this Act shall be made for the period commencing on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty, and ending on the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and thereafter the actuarial examination shall be made for each triennial period after the said thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

"47. (1.) Section twenty-eight of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to paragraph (*b*) of subsection three, and substituting the following proviso:—

"'Provided that the Board may, if it thinks fit, for special reasons, on the application of the contributor made before the expiry of the said period of twelve months, extend the period herein prescribed for a further period not exceeding twelve months, or may, in any case where a contributor is the holder of a scholarship or bursary granted by the Government of New Zealand or by any university, or university college, or other educational institution within the British Dominions, extend the first-mentioned period of twelve months for a further period not exceeding two years in the case of a scholarship or bursary held in New Zealand, and not exceeding three years in the case of a scholarship or bursary held out of New Zealand.'

"(2.) In the case of any contributor who was on active service as a member of an Expeditionary Force under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, the Board may, for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of subsection three of section twenty-eight of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, grant any extension of the period of unemployment it deems fit in respect of any interval elapsing between the date at which such contributor was discharged from the Expeditionary Force and the date on which he resumed employment in the Education service, notwithstanding that an application for such extension had not been made within the time prescribed.

"(3.) In any case where the period of unemployment has been extended as aforesaid, the contributor shall be deemed to have retired from the Education service at the end of the period as so extended, unless he sooner obtains employment in the Education service.

"(4.) In calculating any period of unemployment under paragraph (*b*) of the said section twenty-eight, as amended by this section, no account shall be taken of any period during which a contributor has been on active service as a member of an Expeditionary Force under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, or has been employed by the Government of New Zealand as a teacher in Western Samoa.

"(5.) Subsection two of section thirty-five of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, and section thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1921–22, are hereby repealed.

"48. (1.) Service as a teacher in any school under the control of the Government of Fiji shall, for the purposes of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund, be deemed to be Education service in the case of every person who immediately prior to the date of his appointment to such school is a contributor to that fund.

"(2.) The Teachers' Superannuation Board may, at the request of the Government of Fiji, determine that each complete and continuous year of service as mentioned in subsection one hereof shall be counted as one year and six months for the purposes of computing any retiring-allowance.

"(3.) This section shall come into force on a date to be appointed in that behalf by the Governor-General in Council, after the Government of Fiji has agreed to pay into the Teachers' Superannuation Fund such amount or amounts as the Board, having regard to the interests of the fund, may determine."

Government House,

Wellington, 30th October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting amendments in the Bill to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

42. *Finance Bill.—Ordered*, That the said Resolution, together with the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Finance Bill ;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Finance Bill again under consideration.

The following new clauses were read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill :—

"41. (1.) The lessee of any Crown lands to which the Rotorua Town Lands Act, 1920, is applicable shall have the same right of objection to any valuation made by the Valuer-General under section four of that Act as he would have in respect of a valuation made under the Valuation of Land Act, 1908.

"(2.) Where any such valuation has been made before the passing of this Act the right of objection hereby conferred may be exercised at any time before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

"(3.) For the purpose of computing the price of any land proposed to be acquired in fee-simple by the lessee pursuant to the said Rotorua Town Lands Act, 1920, the valuations as determined by the Assessment Court shall supersede and be deemed to be substituted for the valuations as ascertained by the Valuer-General.

"42. (1.) This section shall be read together with and deemed to form part of the Government Accident Insurance Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act).

"(2.) When and as often as the Commissioner considers that the funds of the Accident Insurance Branch are sufficient to meet all the actual and contingent liabilities of that branch it may direct that a rebate be allowed to insurers in respect of premiums, or of any class or classes of premiums, thereafter becoming payable.

"(3.) The amount of such rebate, and the terms and conditions under which the same shall be allowed, shall be determined by the Board from time to time, and the decision of the Board shall in every case be final. Every such rebate shall be made without further appropriation than this section.

"(4.) In particular, but without affecting the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Board may, in its discretion, refuse to allow a rebate to any person who has made a claim under any accident policy during the period of three years immediately prior to the date when the premium in respect of which the rebate is claimed became payable.

"(5.) The provision made by this section for rebates of premiums in respect of policies of accident insurance is in lieu of the provision made by the said Act for the allocation of bonuses, and the said Act is consequentially amended by repealing paragraph (*b*) of section twenty, and also section twenty-one thereof.

"Amendments as to Public Service Superannuation Fund and Teachers' Superannuation Fund.

"43. For the purposes of section thirty-five of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908, the service of an original contributor to the Public Service Superannuation Fund shall include and shall be deemed at all times since the passing of that Act to have included, any period of employment in the Education service which, if the period of Government service had

been Education service, would have been included in like circumstances in the length of service of an original member and contributor to the Teachers' Superannuation Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Teachers' Superannuation Act, 1905.

"44. For the purposes of section twenty-six of the Public Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, the service of a contributor to the Teachers' Superannuation Fund shall include, and shall be deemed at all times since the passing of that Act to have included, any period of employment in the Government service subsequent to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, which, if the period of Education service had been Government service, would have been included in like circumstances in the length of service of an original contributor to the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

"45. Section forty-seven of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908, is hereby amended—

"(*a.*) By omitting from subsection one the word 'April,' and substituting the word 'July'; and

"(*b.*) By omitting the word 'December' in the same subsection, and substituting the word 'March.'

"(2.) The actuarial examination of the fund under section forty-eight of the said Act, to be made next after the commencement of this Act, shall be made for the period commencing on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty, and ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and thereafter the actuarial examination shall be made for each triennial period after the said thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

"46. (1.) Section thirty-seven of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, is hereby amended—

"(*a.*) By omitting from subsection one the word 'April,' and substituting the word 'May'; and

"(*b.*) By omitting the word 'December' in the same subsection, and substituting the word 'January.'

"(2.) The actuarial examination of the fund under section thirty-eight of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, to be made next after the commencement of this Act shall be made for the period commencing on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty, and ending on the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and thereafter the actuarial examination shall be made for each triennial period after the said thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

"47. (1.) Section twenty-eight of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to paragraph (*b*) of subsection three, and substituting the following proviso:—

"'Provided that the Board may, if it thinks fit, for special reasons, on the application of the contributor made before the expiry of the said period of twelve months, extend the period herein prescribed for a further period not exceeding twelve months, or may, in any case where a contributor is the holder of a scholarship or a bursary granted by the Government of New Zealand, or by any university, or university college, or other educational institution within the British Dominions, extend the first-mentioned period of twelve months for a further period not exceeding two years in the case of a scholarship or bursary held in New Zealand, and not exceeding three years in the case of a scholarship or bursary held out of New Zealand.'

"(2.) In the case of any contributor who was on active service as a member of an Expeditionary Force under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, the Board may, for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of subsection three of section twenty-eight of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, grant any extension of the period of unemployment it deems fit in respect of any interval elapsing between the date at which such contributor was discharged from the Expeditionary Force and the date on which he resumed employment in the Education service, notwithstanding that an application for such extension had not been made within the time prescribed.

"(3.) In any case where the period of unemployment has been extended as aforesaid, the contributor shall be deemed to have retired from the Education service at the end of the period as so extended unless he sooner obtains employment in the Education service.

"(4.) In calculating any period of unemployment under paragraph (*b*) of the said section twenty-eight, as amended by this section, no account shall be taken of any period during which a contributor has been on active service as a member of an Expeditionary Force under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, or has been employed by the Government of New Zealand as a teacher in Western Samoa.

"(5.) Subsection two of section thirty-five of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, and section thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1921–22, are hereby repealed.

"48. (1.) Service as a teacher in any school under the control of the Government of Fiji shall, for the purposes of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund, be deemed to be Education service in the case of every person who immediately prior to the date of his appointment to such school, is a contributor to that fund.

"(2.) The Teachers' Superannuation Board may, at the request of the Government of Fiji, determine that each complete and continuous year of service as mentioned in subsection one hereof shall be counted as one year and six months for the purposes of computing any retiring-allowance.

"(3.) This section shall come into force on a date to be appointed in that behalf by the Governor-General in Council, after the Government of Fiji has agreed to pay into the Teachers' Superannuation Fund such amount or amounts as the Board, having regard to the interests of the fund, may determine."

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

And the Question being put, That the Report be considered forthwith, Mr. Savage moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the Bill be recommitted for the further consideration of clause 29."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Mackenzie	Smith, R. W.
Atmore	Henare	Malcolm	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Brown	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Uru
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Sykes
Craigie	Hudson	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Wright
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir G.	Newman, E.	Young.
Dickson, J. S.	Lee, Hon. E. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Bollard
Glenn	McLeod	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Lysnar.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.			

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Bartram	Howard	Smith, S. G.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Statham	McCombs
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Poland	Sullivan	Savage.
Holland	Sidey	Veitch.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Report was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

43. *Ministers of the Crown: Salaries, Allowances, and Travelling-expenses.*—On motion of Mr. S. G. Smith, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing separately for the years ended 31st March, 1921, and 31st March, 1922, respectively, the amounts paid to each Minister of the Crown for (*a*) salaries, (*b*) allowances, and (*c*) travelling-expenses.

44. *Assessable Incomes for Years 1914 to 1922.*—On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total assessable incomes for the following years: 1914–15, 1917–18, 1920–21, and 1921–22.

45. *Rebates granted under Land-tax Amendment Act, 1921.*—On motion of Mr. S. G. Smith, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total amount granted by way of rebate under the provisions of the Land-tax Amendment Act, 1921, to land-tax payers classified (1) persons and firms, and (2) companies; the return to show respectively rebates under £5, between £5 and £50, between £50 and £100, between £100 and £200, between £200 and £300, between £300 and £500, and over £500.

46. *Message.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council insists on its amendment in the Bill intituled the Main Highways Act, 1922, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendment in the Bill intituled the Mining Amendment Act, 1922, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendment.

47. *Main Highways Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting upon its amendment in the Main Highways Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

That the presence on the Board of two representatives of County Councils (particularly if such persons are representatives of the North and South Islands) would tend to the successful working of the provisions contained in the Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendment in the said Bill, and that Mr. Atmore, Mr. Hawken, and the Mover be the Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of the amendment made by the Council in the Main Highways Bill, and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the time and place of the meeting of the Conference.

48. *Mining Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendment in the Mining Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follow:—

That in any matter affecting the interest of the State Forest Service the Commissioner of State Forests should be given the right of approval.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendment in the said Bill, and that Mr. Poland, Mr. Hudson, and the Mover be the Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of the amendment made by the Council in the Mining Amendment Bill and has

appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the time and place of the meeting of the Conference.

49. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of the amendment made by the Council in the Bill intituled the Main Highways Act, 1922. The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. on this, the 30th day of October, in Committee-room No. 27 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of the amendment made by the Council in the Bill intituled the Mining Amendment Act, 1922. The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of ten of the clock p.m. on this, the 30th day of October, in Committee-room No. 27 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council concurs in the resolution of the House of Representatives transmitted to the Council this day in Message No. 61, That the arrangement made between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Government of New Zealand, as set forth in the said Message, be ratified as provided in section 10 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Horouta District Licensing Act, 1922, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

50. *Horouta District Licensing Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Horouta District Licensing Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922.

51. *Main Highways Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, from the Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendment in the Main Highways Bill, brought up the following Report :—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the Main Highways Bill on behalf of the House of Representatives have the honour ro report that they have met the Managers appointed to conduct the same on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that they have come to the following agreement :—

That the words "one member" be deleted in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (3) of clause (5), and that the words "two members" be inserted in lieu thereof; and certain consequential amendments.

That the words "two members" be retained in paragraph (*c*) of subsection (3) of clause (5).

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That the Report be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to the Report of the Conference on the said Bill.

52. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until eleven of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty minutes after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned accordingly.

Tuesday, the 31st Day of October, 1922.

The House met this day at eleven of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Legislature Amendment Act, 1922 (No. 2), without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bills intituled the Thames Harbour Act, 1922, the Whangarei Borough Empowering Act, 1922, and the Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the report of the Conference on the Bill intituled the Main Highways Act, 1922. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Finance Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

2. *Finance Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Finance Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

3. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

356. Board of Trade Regulations : Altering Maximum Price of Bread, also amending Maximum Prices of Flour, Bran, and Pollard.

358. Public Service Commissioner, Tenth Report of the. H.-14.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

357. Native Affairs Committee-room : Report of Proceedings at Opening Ceremony.

359. International Labour Conference : Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the Conference at the Third Session of the League of Nations, 15th June to 10th July, 1920.

360. International Labour Conference : Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the Conference at the Third Session of the League of Nations, 25th October to 19th November, 1921.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House :—

352. Spirits, Beer, and Wine, Quantity of, and the Amount of Duty collected in the Years 1918, 1919, and 1920. Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.

353. Tariff of 1921, Effect of: Customs and Excise Duty received in respect of Alcoholic Liquors for Nine Months ended 30th September, 1921, and for Nine Months ended 30th September, 1922, and showing the respective Amounts collected in respect of Spirits, Wines, and Ales respectively. Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.

354. Tariff of 1921, Effect of: Customs and Excise Duty received in respect of Alcoholic Liquors for Three Months ended 30th September, 1921, and for Three Months ended 30th September, 1922; such Return to show the respective Amounts collected in respect of Wines, Spirits, and Ales separately. Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.

355. Wool purchased by the Imperial Authorities: Amount paid if Wool had been insured at Current Rates of Insurance, Fire and Marine, Losses by Fire, Wreck, &c., during the whole Period. Return to an Order dated 18th October, 1922.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

361. Schedule of Business of the House of Representatives, and of Bills passed and lapsed during the Session.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 353, 354, 357, and 358 be printed.

5. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, from the Conference with the Council on the subject of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Mining Amendment Bill, brought up the following Report:—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference on the Mining Amendment Bill on behalf of the House of Representatives have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed to conduct the same on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that they have come to the following agreement:—

'That new subclause (2A) of clause 3 be deleted; and, in clause 6, to omit the proposed new subsection (2) of section 153 of the principal Act, and substitute the following:—

"(2.) No such tramway or other additional mining privilege shall be granted save as provided in this subsection, that is to say:—

"(*a.*) In the case of lands comprised in a State forest, save with the consent of the Commissioner of State Forests, and subject to such conditions as he may impose;

"(*b.*) In the case of other lands, save with the consent of the Minister of Mines, and subject to such conditions as he may impose."

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the Report be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has agreed to the Report of the Conference on the said Bill.

6. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Friendly Societies Amendment Act, 1922, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled the Mining Amendment Act, 1922. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1922, the Native Trustee Amendment Act, 1922, the Rural Credit Associations Act, 1922, and the Scaffolding and Excavation Act, 1922, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Animals Protection and Game Amendment Act, 1922 (No. 2), in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Friendly Societies Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Friendly Societies Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

8. *Animals Protection and Game Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921–22, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the said Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read. Motion made, and Question proposed: To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (*Right Honourable Mr. Massey.*)

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	McLeod	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bollard	Herries, Hon. Sir W. H.	Mander	Sykes
Brown	Hockly	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Uru
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Holland	Mitchell	Wright
Craigie	Hudson	Newman, Dr. A. K.	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. C. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.

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Fraser	McCallum	Statham	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McCombs	Sullivan	Atmore
Howard	Munro	Wilford	Nash.
Mackenzie	Sidey	Witty.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had made progress in the Animals Protection and Game Amendment Bill (No. 2), and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 73.*

The Bills intituled—

The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1922,
The Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1922,
The Crimes Amendment Act, 1922,
The Dairy Industry Amendment Act, 1922,
The Finance Act, 1922,
The Friendly Societies Amendment Act, 1922,
The Horouta District Licensing Poll Act, 1922,
The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1922,
The Legislature Amendment Act, 1922,
The Main Highways Act, 1922,
The Mining Amendment Act, 1922,
The Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1922,
The Native Trustee Amendment Act, 1922,
The Rating Amendment Act, 1922,
The Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922,

The Rural Credit Associations Act, 1922,
The Scaffolding and Excavation Act, 1922,
The Settled Land Amendment Act, 1922,
The Stamp Duties Act, 1922,
The State Advances Amendment Act, 1922,
The Stone-quarries Amendment Act, 1922,
The Workers' Compensation Act, 1922,
The Paeroa Water-supply Transfer Validation Act, 1922,
The Thames Harbour Act, 1922,
The Whangarei Borough Empowering Amendment Act, 1922,
The Waimakariri River Improvement Act, 1922, and
The Appropriation Act, 1922,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1922.

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 74.*

The Bills intituled—

The Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1922, and
The Sea Carriage of Goods Act, 1922,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has reserved the same for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1922.

11. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

JELLICOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 75.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance, and Control of Main Highways," with the following amendment, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To omit subclause (4) of clause 5, and substitute "(4A.) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor-General, and shall hold office during his pleasure."

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1922.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Malcolm accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of an amendment in the Bill to make Provision for the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance, and Control of Main Highways.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

12. *Main Highways Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Main Highways Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Main Highways Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

13. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Main Highways Act, 1922, transmitted in Message No. 74 from the House of Representatives.

14. *Appropriation Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey, according to Order, presented a Bill to appropriate and apply certain Sums of Money out of the Consolidated Fund, the Public Works Fund, and other Accounts to the Services of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this present Session ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be printed and read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Malcolm reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to appropriate and apply certain Sums of Money out of the Consolidated Fund, the Public Works Fund, and other Accounts for the Services of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this present Session."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

15. *Schedule of Business.*—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the Schedule of Business of the House of Representatives, and of the Bills passed and lapsed in both Houses during the session.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Massey, the same was ordered to be printed.

*16. *Adjournment.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Massey moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 17.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Sullivan.
Brown	Malcolm	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Coates, Hon. G. J.	Mander	Sidey	Dickson, J. S.
Fraser	Massey, Rt. Hon. W. F.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Smith, R. W.
Guthrie, Hon. D. H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.		

NOES, 18.

Atmore	Lysnar	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Young.
Hockly	McCallum	Parr, Hon. C. J.	
Howard	McCombs	Poland	*Tellers.*
Hunter, Sir G.	Munro	Sykes	Bollard
Luke, Sir J. P.	Nash	Wright	Witty.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at forty-five minutes after ten of the clock p.m.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] JELLICOE, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at his pleasure, prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand:

And whereas by an Order in Council of the ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seven, His Majesty was pleased to approve the draft of a Proclamation substituting the title of the Dominion of New Zealand for that of the Colony of New Zealand as the designation of the said Colony:

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and the said General Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this first day of November, 1922.

W. DOWNIE STEWART,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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