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Anderson, Hon. George James	Mataura.
Armstrong, Hubert Thomas	Christchurch East.
Atmore, Harry	Nelson.
Bartram, Frederick Notley	Grey Lynn.
Bell, Allen	Bay of Islands.
Bitchener, John	Waitaki.
Bollard, Hon. Richard Francis	Raglan.
Buddo, Hon. David	Kaiapoi.
Burnett, Thomas David	Temuka.
Coates, Hon. Joseph Gordon	Kaipara.
Corrigan, James Randall	Patea.
de la Perrelle, Philip Aldborough	Awarua.
Dickson, James McColl	Chalmers.
Dickson, James Samuel	Parnell.
Edie, John	Clutha.
Field, William Hughes	Otaki.
Forbes, George William	Hurunui.
Fraser, Peter	Wellington Central.
Girling, William James	Wairau.
Glenn, William Spiers	Rangitikei.
Guthrie, Hon. David Henry	Oroua.
Hanan, Hon. Josiah Alfred	Invercargill.
Harris, Alexander	Waitemata.
Hawken, Oswald James	Egmont.
Henare, Tau	Northern Maori.
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.
Jordan, William Joseph	Manukau.
Langstone, Frank	Waimarino.
Lee, John Alexander	Auckland East.
Linklater, Joseph	Manawatu.

Name.	Electoral District.
Luke, Sir John Pearce, Kt., C.M.G.	Wellington North.
Lye, Frederick	Waikato.
Lysnar, William Douglas	Gisborne.
McCombs, James	Lyttelton.
McIlvride, Lewis	Napier.
McKay, Gilbert	Hawke's Bay.
McKeen, Robert	Wellington South.
McLennan, Ewan Donald*	Franklin.
McLeod, Hon. Alexander Donald	Wairarapa.
Macmillan, Charles Edward de la Barca	Tauranga.
Macpherson, John Andrew	Oamaru.
Masters, Robert	Stratford.
Monteith, Alexander Lammont	Wellington East.
Munro, James Wright	Dunedin North.
Murdoch, Alfred James	Marsden.
Nash, James Alfred ....*	Palmerston.
Ngata, Hon. Apirana Turupa	Eastern Maori.
Nosworthy, Hon. William	Ashburton.
O'Brien, James	Westland.
Parr, Hon. Sir Christopher James, K.C.M.G.	Eden
Parry, William Edward	Auckland Central.
Poland, Hugh	Ohinemuri.
Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui Ngatata, K.B.E., C.M.G.	Western Maori.
Potter, Vivian Harold	Roskill.
Ransom, Ethelbert Alfred	Pahiatua.
Rhodes, Hon. Sir Robert Heaton, K.B.E.	Ellesmere.
Rhodes, Thomas William	Thames.
Rolleston, Francis Joseph	Timaru.
Rolleston, John Christopher	Waitomo.
Savage, Michael Joseph	Auckland West.
Sidey, Thomas Kay	Dunedin South.
Smith, Sydney George	Taranaki.
Statham, Hon. Charles Ernest	Dunedin Central.
Stewart, Hon. William Downie	Dunedin West.
Sullivan, Daniel Giles	Avon.
Sykes, George Robert....	Masterton.
Thomson, John Charles	Wallace.
Uru, Henare Whakatau	Southern Maori.
Veitch, William Andrew	Wanganui.
Wilford, Thomas Mason	Hutt.
Williams, Kenneth Stuart	Bay of Plenty.
Witty, George	Riccarton.
Wright, Robert Alexander	Wellington Suburbs.
Young, James Alexander	Hamilton.

* Elected 17th June, 1925, vice Right Hon. W. F Massey (deceased) 10th May, 1925

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391. Cooper, Marion	Oct. 20, 1922	For reinstatement in New Zealand Public Service	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	First report, Oct. 28, 1922, referred back; second report 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.
61. Henry, Matthew	July 4, 1923	That a certain matter be referred to two Judges of the Supreme Court to determine what compensation should be paid to the petitioner	1	Mr. Young ..	Lands	Sept. 29, 1925.
166. Karepa Matairs	Aug. 14, 1923	*Re* partition of Nuhaka 2B 3A 7B 2 Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Sept. 30, 1925.
141. Richards, Isaac, and 114 others	Aug. 2, 1923	For amendment of the ballot-paper used at licensing polls, with a view to securing corporate control of the licensed liquor trade	115	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Licensing	Held over.
154. Scott, R. J., and 23 others ..	Aug. 8, 1923	For an amendment of the ballot-paper used at licensing polls, with a view to securing corporate control of the licensed liquor trade	24	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Licensing	Held over.

III (*continued*).—SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SESSION 1924, AND DEALT WITH DURING SESSION 1925.

FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	No. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
183. Ahere to Keita	Aug. 13, 1924	Praying for an inquiry in connection with the taking of the Whaksangi Block by the Crown	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
398. Anaru Makiwhara and 6 others	Oct. 22, 1924	For an inquiry into the matter of succession to the interests of Thomas Maxwell (deceased) in Motutapu Island	7	Hon. Sir. M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
261. Andrew, J. B. (Messrs.), and 1,068 others	Sept. 5, 1924	For an inquiry into the administration of the Napier Harbour Board	1069	Mr. McIlvride ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
257. Ataera Waru and 29 others ..	Sept. 4, 1924	*Re* Kopuni South Block	30	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
110. Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board and 38 others	July 18, 1924	That the road giving access to Orakei Native Settlement be formed without delay	39	Mr. Jordan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 6, 1924; Held over.*
203. Bell, G. Gordon, and 91 others	Aug. 22, 1924	Praying for legislation to amend the ballot-paper which is used at the licensing polls, with the object of securing corporate control of the licensed liquor traffic	92	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Licensing	Held over.
212. Bishop of Dunedin and 41 others	Aug. 30, 1924	For legislation to amend the ballot-paper which is used at the licensing polls, with the object of securing corporate control of the licensed liquor traffic	42	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Licensing	Held over.
331. Campbell, Clara	Sept. 24, 1924	For permission to sell to a returned soldier Allotment No. 470, Taupiri, granted to petitioner and her family by the Government	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
413. Campbell, James	Oct. 30, 1924	For compensation for physical injuries sustained as the result of an accident which took place on the Auckland Wharf	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 10, 1925.
416. Edmonds, James George ..	Nov. 3, 1924	That the by-laws dealing with encroachment on a section on which he has erected a dwelling should be rigidly enforced	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16 1925.
133. Galvin, Haki	July 24, 1924	For the setting-up of a Commission to inquire into the will of George Southgate (deceased)	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
415. Garrett, Frank Ernest ..	Oct. 31, 1924	For compensation for alleged wrongful arrest for an offence of which he was subsequently acquitted	1	Mr. Lye	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 19, 1925.
410. Gray, H. B., and 103 others	Oct. 29, 1924	That the Government should procure supplies of Spahlinger treatment for tuberculosis patients at Pukeora Sanatorium	104	Mr. Atmore ..	Public Health ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
133. Haki Galvin	July 24, 1924	For the setting-up of a Commission to inquire into the will of George Southgate (deceased)	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
168. Hamiora Take and another ..	Aug. 7, 1924	For investigation into Mangapoike 2B Block allotment ..	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
403. Hamuera Kingi and 76 others	Oct. 27, 1924	For reinvestigation of the title to the Paketotara Block ..	77	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
21. Hangi Rawhiti	June 27, 1924	For inquiry into matter of succession orders to Lot 49, Parish of Pepepo	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
406. Hape Hera and 8 others ..	Oct. 28, 1924	For investigation into the title of the former bed of the Ngaruroro River	9	Mr. McKay ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
180. Hare Pepata and another ..	Aug. 13, 1924	Praying for a Native Land Court inquiry in respect of the Pukewhau Block	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
350. Heeni Tipene te Waru and 4 others	Oct. 1, 1924	*Re* Waiotahi, Sections 19, 386, and 388	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
406. Hera Hape and 8 others ..	Oct. 28, 1924	For investigation into the title of the former bed of the Ngaruroro River	9	Mr. McKay ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
377. Heta Wharehuia and 38 others	Oct. 13, 1924	*Re* Kaingaroa No. 1 Block	39	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
156. Hira Eruera Keremeneta ..	July 31, 1924	For relief in regard to the alleged fraudulent sale of a piece of land in the Parish of Hapuakohe	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.

* Debate interrupted by the 5.30 p.m. adjournment.

SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS—*continued.*

FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	NO. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
184. Hoani Matiu and 15 others ..	Aug. 13, 1924	Praying for an inquiry into the ownership of Titi Island, Tauhikepis (Long Island)	16	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
386. Hota Takarua and another ..	Oct. 14, 1924	That they be appointed trustees of Allotment No. 10, Village of Mangere, which is set aside for a church, school, and burial-ground	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
405. Kahupake Rongomui ..	Oct. 27, 1924	That the Native burial-ground in the Parish of Manurewa, being part of the property sold to Mr. George Hanning at Pukaki, Mangere, be returned to the Maoris	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
176. Karena Mokaraka and 25 others	Aug. 8, 1924	For an inquiry in connection with the oyster reserve and the removal of shingle from the beaches at Whangaruru	26	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
391. Kawana Karatau and 2 others	Oct. 17, 1924	*Re* Papakainga on Paeroa No. 2 Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
183. Keita te Ahere	Aug. 13, 1924	Praying for an inquiry in connection with the taking of the Whakaangi Block by the Crown	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
156. Keremeneta Eruera Hira ..	July 31, 1924	For relief in regard to the alleged fraudulent sale of a piece of land in the Parish of Hapuakohe	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
403. Kingi Hamuera and 77 others	Oct. 27, 1924	For reinvestigation of the title to the Puketotara Block	78	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
391. Kuratau Kawana and 2 others	Oct. 17, 1924	*Re* Papakainga on Paeroa No. 2 Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
368. Kuru, Ruku te, and 4 others ..	Oct. 11, 1924	*Re* Te Kaonga, part of Rana Block, Wairoa	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
420. Latmer, Robert	Nov. 6, 1924	For compensation for alleged wrongful imprisonment at Apia ..	1	Mr. Holland ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
395. Makere Paora	Oct. 21, 1924	*Re* will of Tokeriri Paora	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
404. Maki Pirihi and 49 others ..	Oct. 27, 1924	That 10 per cent. of the money received for the sale of Ruakaka Block be paid to the Native owners	50	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
398. Makiwhara Anaru and 6 others	Oct. 22, 1924	For an inquiry into the matter of succession to the interests of Thomas Maxwell (deceased) in Motutapu Island	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
361. Marera Tiki and 2 others ..	Oct. 7, 1924	For investigation into the partition by the Court of Taumata-o-Teo Block	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
106. Mate Ngahuru	July 18, 1924	For amendment of the succession to the personal estate of Hera Mio (deceased)	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
418. Mathews, William	Nov. 5, 1924	For refund of land-tax which he paid in error in 1919	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
184. Matiu Hoani and 15 others ..	Aug. 13, 1924	Praying for an inquiry into the ownership of Titi Island, Tauhikepis (Long Island)	16	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
371. Mayor and Councillors of Wellington	Oct. 11, 1924	For exemption from the Schedule of the Eastbourne Borough Council Empowering Bill, 1924	1	Mr. Wright ..	Local Bills	Lapsed.
66A. Miria Mokai	July. 8, 1924	For inquiry into the will of Te Pane Nikitini (deceased)	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
175. Mita Wepiha and 4 others ..	Aug. 8, 1924	That Motukino Island be revested in them	5	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
66A. Mokai Miria	July 8, 1924	For inquiry into the will of Te Pane Nikitini (deceased)	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925
176. Mokaraka Karena and 25 others	Aug. 8, 1924	For an inquiry in connection with the oyster reserve and the removal of shingle from the beaches at Whangaruru	26	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
378. Neill, Redmond Barry ..	Oct. 13, 1924	For an inquiry in respect of allegedly harsh treatment at the hands of the Canterbury Land Board, with reference to Run 115B, Mount Somers	26 1	Mr. Henare .. Hon. Mr. Nosworthy	Native Affairs .. Lands (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925. Sept. 15, 1925; petition withdrawn.
106. Ngahuru, Mate	July 18, 1924	For amendment of the succession to the personal estate of Hera Mio (deceased)	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.

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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.
154. Nicholson, Rere	July 31, 1924	For an inquiry by the Native Land Court to determine the rightful owners of the Raumatangi Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 23, 1925.
360. Nohomairangi te Whiti ..	Oct. 7, 1924	That the block of land known as Parihaka Pa be revested in petitioner and his sister	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
260. O'Reilly, John Joseph ..	Sept. 4, 1924	For a revaluation of the farm he took up under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915	1	Mr. Corrigan ..	Lands (direct) ..	Oct. 9, 1924, referred back; held over.
411. Paihau Rawiri and 31 others ..	Oct. 29, 1924	That the principle of payment of 10 per cent. be applied to all lands sold to the Crown in the Ngapuhi and Thames districts	32	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
419. Pango Waka and 18 others ..	Nov. 5, 1924	That Lake Te Whanganui-o-Rotu be returned to them	19	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
395. Paora Makere	Oct. 21, 1924	*Re* will of Tokerira Paora	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
417. Peta Tiekiwai and 3 others ..	Nov. 4, 1924	For inclusion in the title to Hinewhaki No. 2	4	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
404. Pirihi Maki and 49 others ..	Oct. 27, 1924	That 10 per cent. of the money received for the sale of Ruakaka Block be paid to the Native owners	50	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
369. Pomare Tuehu and another ..	Oct. 11, 1924	For an investigation into the title of Mangatu Nos. 1 and 4 Blocks	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
370. Pomare Tuehu and another ..	Oct. 11, 1924	That the will of Ihaka Kapo (deceased) and the deed of conveyance by Piripi Maki be produced in connection with the Appellate Court's decision regarding Te Mangaroa No. 3 Reserve	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
385. Pomare, P., and another ..	Oct. 14, 1924	For a rehearing of the case in regard to Rangitatahi and Motuhara Islands	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925; petition withdrawn.
180. Popata Hare and another ..	Aug. 13, 1924	Praying for a Native Land Court inquiry in respect of the Pukewhau Block	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
328. Pukepuke Tangiora and 2 others	Sept. 23, 1924	That an area of 613 acres in Kohinu-Rakau Block be excluded from sale and set aside as a reserve	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
21. Rawhiti Rangi	June 27, 1924	For inquiry into matter of succession orders to Lot 49, Parish of Pepepe	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
411. Rawiri Paihau and 31 others ..	Oct. 29, 1924	That the principle of payment of 10 per cent. be applied to all lands sold to the Crown in the Ngapuhi and Thames districts	32	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
46. Rawiri Tautau and 4 others ..	July 1, 1924	*Re* will of Hirini Tautau as affecting Kopuatarakihi 1c Block ..	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
154. Rere Nicholson	July 31, 1924	For an inquiry by the Native Land Court to determine the rightful owners of the Raumatangi Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 23, 1925.
212. Richards, Isaac (Bishop of Dunedin) and 41 others	Aug. 30, 1924	For legislation to amend the ballot-paper which is used at the licensing polls, with the object of securing corporate control of the licensed liquor traffic	42	Right Hon. Mr. Massey	Licensing	Held over.
351. Rito, Winiata te, and 2 others	Oct. 1, 1924	*Re* Ngamotu Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
403. Rongomai Kahupake ..	Oct. 27, 1924	That the Native burial-ground in the Parish of Manurewa, being part of the property sold to Mr. George Hanning at Pukaki, Mangere, be returned to the Maoris	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
368. Ruku te Kuru and 4 others	Oct. 11, 1924	*Re* Te Kaonga, part of Raua Block, Wairoa	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
396. Skeels, Lilian May	Oct. 21, 1924	For refund of stamp duty paid on an agreement which was not subsequently completed	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
334. Stent, W. F., and 39 others ..	Sept. 25, 1924	That legislation be not passed that would legalize the restoration of the publican's license at Porirua	40	Mr. Isitt	Licensing	Held over.

SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS—*continued*.

	FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	No. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
50.	Strong, William, and 47 others	July 1, 1924	That steps be taken to secure an Imperial war pension for naval service in the Baltic and the Crimea	48	Mr. Bitchener ..	Defence ..	Held over.
386.	Takarua Hota and another ..	Oct. 14, 1924	That they be appointed trustees of Allotment No. 10, Village of Mangere, which is set aside for a church, school, and burial-ground	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
168.	Take Hamiora and another ..	Aug. 7, 1924	For investigation into Mangapoike 2B Block allotment	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
328.	Tangiora Pukepuke and 2 others	Sept. 23, 1924	That an area of 613 acres in Kohinu-Rakau Block be excluded from sale and set aside as a reserve	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
46.	Tautau Rawiri	July 1, 1924	*Re* will of Hirini Tautau as affecting Kopuatarakihi 1c Block ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
417.	Tickiwni and 3 others ..	Nov. 4, 1924	For inclusion in the title to Hinewhaki No. 2	4	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
361.	Tiki Marera and 2 others ..	Oct. 7, 1924	For reinvestigation into the partition by the Court of Taumata-o-Teo Block	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
402.	Toka, W. H., and 33 others ..	Oct. 27, 1924	For an inquiry in connection with the Ruakaka Block	34	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
407.	Toka, W. H., and 33 others ..	Oct. 28, 1924	That the principle of payment of 10 per cent. be applied to Poupou Block	34	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
408.	Toka, W. H., and 32 others ..	Oct. 28, 1924	That the principle of payment of 10 per cent. be applied to the Tokatoka and other blocks	33	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
412.	Toka, W. H., and 49 others ..	Oct. 29, 1924	That the principle of payment of 10 per cent. be applied to the Horotia Block	50	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
369.	Tuoha Pomare and another ..	Oct. 11, 1924	For an investigation into the title of Mangatu Nos. 1 and 4 Blocks	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
370.	Tuohu Pomare and another ..	Oct. 11, 1924	That the will of Ihaka Kapo (deceased) and the deed of conveyance by Piripi Maki be produced in connection with the Appellate Court's decision regarding Te Mangaroa No. 3 Reserve	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
185.	Waitomo County Council ..	Aug. 13, 1924	That provision be made for recovery of rates on Native lands ..	3	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925; petition withdrawn.
419.	Waka Pango and 18 others ..	Nov. 5, 1924	That Lake Te Whanganui-o-Rotu be returned to them	19	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
350.	Waru, Heeni Tipene te, and 4 others	Oct. 1, 1924	*Re* Waiotahi Sections 19, 386, and 388	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
257.	Waru Ataera and 29 others ..	Sept. 4, 1924	*Re* Kopuni South Block	30	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
165.	Waugh, Thomas, and 3 others..	Aug. 6, 1924	For discontinuance of the State Forest Department's competition in the nursery business in New Zealand	4	Mr. Wilford ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 3, 1924; Nov. 6, 1924; held over.*
175.	Wepiha Mita and 4 others ..	Aug. 8, 1924	That Motukino Island be revested in them	5	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
388.	Whalley, Albert, and 71 others	Oct. 16, 1924	For an amendment of the licensing ballot-paper by eliminating the State-control issue	72	Mr. Murdoch ..	Licensing	Held over.
377.	Wharehuia Heta and 38 others	Oct. 13, 1924	*Re* Kaingaroa No. 1 Block	39	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
360.	Whiti, Nohomairangi te ..	Oct. 7, 1924	That the block of land known as Parihaka Pa be revested in petitioner and his sister	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
15.	Wilson, William, and 52 others	June 26, 1924	For distribution of the Relief Fund raised to relieve distress in connection with the mining explosion which occurred at Kaitangata in 1879	53	Mr. Edie ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
351.	Winiata te Rito and 2 others ..	Oct. 1, 1924	*Re* Ngamotu Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.

*Debate interrupted by 5.30 p.m. adjournment.

III (*continued*).—Schedule of Petitions presented to the House of Representatives, Session 1925.

From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented	Committee Referred to	Date of Report.
42. Ahuriri Hemare and 2 others ..	July 7, 1925	*Re* Kairapiraki Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
1. Allan, Arthur	June 25, 1925	For a refund of the heavy cost of an action brought against him by the Police at Wanganui, as he was acquitted	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1925.
138. Anderson, Mrs. M. A. (nee Grant)	Aug. 4, 1925	That her previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	1	Hon. Mr. Anderson	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
45. Arthur, Thomas W.	July 8, 1925	For redress for alleged wrongful arrest..	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1925.
10. Ashdown, George	June 29, 1925	For return of part of land belonging to his mother, which was confiscated at outbreak of the Taranaki War, or for compensation in lieu	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
184. Asher, Maata Mahupuku ..	Aug. 20, 1925	*Re* sale of her trust estate to the Crown	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
84. Awhikau, Tonga, and 58 others	July 14, 1925	That the rates on lands administered by the Native Trustee should be levied on the individual interest of each owner	59	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
85. Awhikau, Tonga, and 69 others	July 14, 1925	That their lands held under the Act leases be returned to them on the expiration of the term of twenty-one years	70	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
86. Awhikau, Tonga, and 60 others	July 14, 1925	That subsection (*a*) of section 4 of the Native Land Rating Act, 1924, be made to operate in connection with Papatipu lands	61	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
97. Ayre, Harry William, and 4 others	July 16, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	5	Hon. Mr. McLeod..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
2. Baikie, George	June 25, 1925	For rebate of interest paid to State Advances Office	1	Mr. F. J. Rolleston	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 10, 1925.
189. Bates, Jane M.	Aug. 25, 1925	That her previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	1	Mr. Bitchener (for Mr. Burnett)	Education	Sept. 22, 1925.
137. Berriman, Jane	Aug. 4, 1925	For compassionate allowance on account of her husband having died of miner's phthisis	1	Mr. Parry ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
146. Blackwell, G. A., and 16 others	Aug. 6, 1925	Amendment of the regulations governing use of privately owned launches	17	Mr. Savage ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Sept. 10, 1925.
149. Blyth, Kate	Aug. 6, 1925	Compassionate allowance owing to the death of her husband from miner's phthisis	1	T. W. Rhodes ..	Industries and Commerce (direct) Goldfields and Mines	Sept. 10, 1925.
101. Booth and Co. (Limited) ..	July 16, 1925	For a refund of the amount paid in error in excess of the income taxation due, for two years—1918 and 1919	1	Mr. Isitt	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 22, 1925.
242. Boyle, Martha	Sept. 16, 1925	For a compassionate allowance in lieu of a widow's miner's phthisis pension	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Goldfields and Mines (direct)	Sept. 24, 1925.
98. Bradbury, William, and 11 others	July 16, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Monteith ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
111. Bray, Beatrice	July 21, 1925	That she may be declared a beneficiary under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915	1	Mr. Monteith ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
269. Brett, J. L.	Sept. 29, 1925	Compensation for losses sustained on a soldier settlement at Hauraki	1	Mr. Potter ..	Lands	Held over.
258. Brickell, R. B.	Sept. 23, 1925	That he may be placed in the same position as other Maori War veterans	1	Hon. Mr. McLeod..	Defence	Sept. 30, 1925.

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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.
170.	Bronlund, Arthur D., and 29 others	Aug. 13, 1925	For an amendment of the regulations governing the use of privately owned motor-launches	30	Mr. T. W. Rhodes ..	Industries and Commerce	Sept. 10, 1925.
27.	Broomfield, Susan	July 2, 1925	For compensation for loss of her husband, who was killed in a railway accident at Hukerenui	1	Mr. Murdoch ..	Railways	Sept. 24, 1925.
204.	Brown, Andrew, and another ..	Sept. 1, 1925	That the matter of compensation *re* leases of Rotoiti Blocks be referred to assessors	2	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
28.	Brown, John Henry	July 2, 1925	For a revaluation of the farm purchased by him under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act	1	Mr. Lee	Lands	Sept. 15, 1925: Petition withdrawn.
3.	Brown, Ralph J. D.	June 25, 1925	For remission of land-tax on a property at Waimana sold by him, the purchaser of which became bankrupt	1	Mr. Hockly ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
4.	Burgoyne, E., and 139 others ..	June 25, 1925	For a rehearing of the case of Frederick Edward Peitro Shortland, now serving sentence in His Majesty's prison in Auckland	140	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions A to L	First report, Sept. 16, 1925; referred back. Second report, Sept. 1925.
58.	Burns, Vincent James, and 11 others	July 10, 1925	For an amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
230.	Burton, Arthur Earnest ..	Sept. 10, 1925	For relief owing to alleged disablement contracted during war service	1	Mr. Parry (for Mr. Lee)	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
118.	Byrnes, Rebecca	July 22, 1925	For compensation on account of the death of her husband, which resulted from a mishap he met with during his employment in the New Zealand Railways Department	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Railways	Sept. 9, 1925.
195.	Callaghan, James	Aug. 25, 1925	For relief owing to loss sustained in selling his farm to a returned soldier	1	Mr. Sidey ..	Lands	Held over.
161.	Chipperfield, Emily	Aug. 13, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	1	Mr. Hudson ..	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back. Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
63.	Churchill, Annie, and 9 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	10	Mr. Munro ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
88.	Clauccy, John	July 14, 1925	That he should be granted a permanent war pension commensurate with the physical disabilities he suffers as a result of service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Holland ..	Defence	Sept. 24, 1925.
169.	Cleary, Martin Joseph ..	Aug. 13, 1925	That he may be granted a pension on account of illness contracted during service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. O'Brien ..	Defence	Sept. 24, 1925.
255.	Cockburn, W. R.	Sept. 22, 1925	For a compassionate grant on account of discovering an improved method of extracting kauri-gum	1	Mr. Parry (for Mr. Jordan)	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Sept. 29, 1925.
47.	Collins, Samuel, and 11 others	July 9, 1925	For amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
33.	Commins, Flora Mary ..	July 3, 1925	For compensation for land taken from her by the Public Works Department for railway purposes	1	Mr. Murdoch ..	Lands	Sept. 15, 1925: Petition withdrawn.

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192. Connell, Elizabeth, and 3 others	Aug. 25, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	4	Hon. Mr. McLeod ..	Education	Sept. 22, 1925.
112. Cooper, William Saunderson ..	July 21, 1925	That he may be reinstated in the Public Service as Resident Commissioner at Savai'i, or equivalent position	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1925.
64. Cornes, John Edwin and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
216. Coulter, Robert, and 2 others ..	Sept. 3, 1925	For legislation to authorize the Public Trustee to afford assistance to descendants of original beneficiaries under the Kaitangata Relief Fund	3	Mr. Edie ..	Mines	Sept. 22, 1925.
198. Couper, W. A. X.	Aug. 27, 1925	For refund of stamp duty paid on an uncompleted purchase of land	1	Mr. McIlvride ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 25, 1925.
29. Cox, Wilfred F.	July 2, 1925	For a compassionate allowance as recompense for permanent disabilities incurred while on active service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
108. Dalziell, Frederick George ..	July 17, 1925	That a Royal Commission or other authoritative tribunal be set up to investigate the subject-matter of the petition	1	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions A to L	First report, Sept. 10, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 29, 1925.
56. Davies, William Bolland, and 5 others	July 10, 1925	For recognition of services rendered during the Maori War ..	6	Mr. Smith ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
99. Davis, Edwin Howard, and 11 others	July 16, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Girling ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
272. Dawson, W. J.	Sept. 30, 1925	Praying to be registered as a dentist without examination ..	1	Mr. Sullivan ..	Public Health ..	Held over.
179. Delamare, F. A., and 19 others	Aug. 18, 1925	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law..	20	Mr. Young ..	Education	Held over.
262. de Latour, H. B.	Sept. 25, 1925	For inquiry *re* erection of harbour-works by the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board	1	Mr. Williams ..	..	Sept. 29, 1925.
140. Dike, John Frederick ..	Aug. 4, 1925	For restoration of miner's phthisis pension	1	Mr. Poland ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
263. Dobson, Ralph, and 24 others ..	Sept. 25, 1925	For inquiry *re* erection of harbour-works by the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board	25	Mr. Williams ..	Industries and Commerce	Sept. 29, 1925.
34. Dominikovich, Steve, and 11 others	July 3, 1925	For legislation to amend the Gaming Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Young ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
213. Don, Rutherford	Sept. 3, 1925	For consideration in the matter of teachers' superannuation ..	1	Mr. Thomson ..	Education	Sept. 22, 1925.
156. Donald, James R., and 4 others	Aug. 7, 1925	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law..	5	Mr. Savage ..	Education	Held over.
11. Douds, Maria	June 29, 1925	For removal of disability under which she suffers in respect of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	1	Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back. Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
235. Dowse, Gladys Martha ..	Sept. 11, 1925	For amendment to Part III of the Infants Act, 1908, in reference to orders of adoption	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 29, 1925.
20. Dryden, W. S.	June 30, 1925	For compassionate allowance for permanent injuries sustained by him during the time he was employed in the Public Works Department	1	Mr. Sidey ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 10, 1925: Second report, Sept. 29, 1925.

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256. Duncan, Thomas C.	Sept. 22, 1925	That some suitable employment may be found for him	1	Hon. Sir C. J. Parr	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
147. Dunne, Martin Savoury ..	Aug. 6, 1925	Refund of stamp duty	1	Mr. Savage ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 10, 1925.
231. Elder, Jessie A.	Sept. 11, 1925	For inquiry into a land transaction	1	Mr. Forbes ..	..	Withdrawn by order of Mr. Speaker: S.O. 319 not complied with.
260. Elder, Jessie A.	Sept. 23, 1925	For inquiry into a land transaction for the purpose of getting compensation	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Lands	Held over.
6. Elliott, William James ..	June 26, 1925	For compensation for moneys wrongfully withdrawn from his post-office savings-bank account	1	Mr. Savage ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 19, 1925.
125. Eraihia te Rei	July 23, 1925	For cancellation of succession order to Raurais Riparipa (deceased) in the Mangapoike A Block and for the appointment of new successors	1	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 18, 1925.
119. Eruera te Kura and 5 others ..	July 22, 1925	For an inquiry into the division of shares in the Patutahi Block ..	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
188. Esther, Robert Thompson ..	Aug. 20, 1925	That he may receive the benefits of the National Provident Fund ..	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 29, 1925.
31. Falleni, Harry, and 11 others ..	July 2, 1925	For an amendment of the gaming laws so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
9. Farley, C. T. D., and 433 others	June 26, 1925	For action in the direction of repairing and maintaining the roads in the West Auckland scenic district so that they may be accessible to tourists and residents of the district	444	Hon. Sir C. J. Parr	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 10, 1925.
171. Fletcher, F., and 45 others ..	Aug. 13, 1925	For an amendment of the regulations governing the use of privately owned motor-launches	46	Mr. T. W. Rhodes	Industries and Commerce	Sept. 10, 1925.
5. Foote, Gladys Pearl	June 25, 1925	For compassionate allowance for the loss of her husband, who was accidentally killed at Featherston Military Camp in 1916	1	Mr. Monteith ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
265. Ford, H., and 97 others ..	Sept. 25, 1925	For inquiry *re* erection of harbour-works by the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board	98	Mr. Williams ..	Industries and Commerce	Sept. 29, 1925.
144. Forrest, A., and 22 others ..	Aug. 6, 1925	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law ..	23	Mr. Wright ..	Education	Held over.
65. Garrett, Arthur, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. T. W. Rhodes	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
66. Gorrie, Frederick, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Wilford ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
209. Grant, T., and 51 others ..	Sept. 2, 1925	That the Clifton State Settlement be thrown open for general selection	52	Mr. Edie ..	Lands	Held over.
83. Hamiora Toitu and 3 others ..	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into Kotuku Block and other lands in the Wairoa Survey District	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
208. Hanson, Robert Horatio ..	Sept. 2, 1925	For compensation for injuries received while engaged in the Railway service	1	Mr. Savage ..	Railways	Sept. 24, 1925.
182. Hape te Paea	Aug. 20, 1925	*Re* succession to Miriama Tau	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
43. Hapuku Tangatake	July 7, 1925	For inquiry into the succession to Te Pohuku Hapuku in Poukawa 5 and 13 Blocks	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
67. Harbour, George James, and 10 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	11	Mr. Sidey ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.

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68. Hardie, Thomas Gilchrist, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Hon. Mr. McLeod ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
190. Hare Matenga and 7 others ..	Aug. 25, 1925	*Re* Patutahi	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
173. Hariata Tauros	Aug. 14, 1925	That the Kaingapipiwai No. 2 North B 9 Block be repartitioned ..	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
69. Harris, William George, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Bell	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
121. Harwick, George William, and 11 others	July 22, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Hon. Mr. Nosworthy	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
41. Hau, Iops te, and 11 others ..	July 7, 1925	For further inquiry in regard to the Patutahi Block	12	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
217. Hay, George	Sept. 8, 1925	Return of deposit paid on certain sections of land in the Auckland District	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Lands	Held over.
227. Heke, E., and 86 others ..	Sept, 9, 1925	That they as ex-service amputees be granted the option of obtaining their appliances where they desire	87	Hon. Sir C. J. Parr	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
54. Hemi Matenga	July, 9, 1925	For refund of land-tax and income-tax stated to have been paid out of the estate in error	1	Mr. Atmore ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
168. Hemi Riwhi and 2 others ..	Aug. 13, 1925	For an inquiry into the sale of the Otangaroa No. 2 Block ..	3	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
185. Hemi Riwhi and another ..	Aug. 20, 1925	For an inquiry into the alleged wrongful taking of the Whironui Block	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
42. Henare Ahuriri and 2 others ..	July 7, 1925	*Re* Kairapirapi Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
158. Henare Pitimana and another	Aug. 7, 1925	For inquiry into the title to the Pikiomaha Block	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
180. Hendrickson, Sarah Elsie ..	Aug. 19, 1925	For a compassionate allowance owing to her husband having been accidentally killed by high-voltage electricity	1	Mr. Lye ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
91. Heni Tohiriri and 24 others ..	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into the sale of Mangaopuraka, part of Nuhaka Block No. 1.	25	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
128. Henry Matthew	July 30, 1925	That the purchase of the Ballachraggan Estate by the Crown from the petitioner in 1913 be submitted to two Judges of the Supreme Court or other tribunal to decide whether petitioner is entitled to compensation	1	Mr. Young ..	Lands	Sept. 29, 1925.
18. Herewini te Wharua, and 9 others	June 29, 1925	For the restoration of confiscated lands in the Waikato District ..	10	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
221. Heta Tamihana	Sept. 9, 1925	Extension of right of appeal	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
25. Hill, Henry Edward	July 1, 1925	For a refund of rent and telephone fees paid by him during the time he was Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, &c., in the Gisborne district	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 10, 1925.
226. Himiona Torepe and 18 others	Sept. 9, 1925	To empower the Native Land Court to cancel partition orders, if necessary, in *re* Te Upokorakaitauheke, town section, Timaru	19	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
200. Hirschberg, Gustav Adolf ..	Sept. 1, 1925	For inquiry into his claim to lease of Ngawakaakupe No. 3 Block	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
129. Hiriako Rewatu	July 30, 1925	For the setting aside of an area of 500 acres in connection with the Umukaimata Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 15, 1925.
154. Hockin, Florence Margaret ..	Aug. 6, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Education	Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second Report, Sept. 22, 1925.
50. Hodge, William	July 9, 1925	For redress for services rendered in connection with the New Zealand Railway Department	1	Mr. Isitt ..	Railways	Sept. 16, 1925.

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248. Hodgson, Edward Gregg ..	Sept. 16, 1925	For compensation for losses in farming at the Pukenui Settlement	1	Mr. Macpherson ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Sept. 25, 1925.
157. Hohaia Patu and another ..	Aug. 7, 1925	For an investigation into the alleged wrongful taking of the Puketi Block at Whangaroa	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
113. Holmden, Trevor Noel ..	July 21, 1925	For computation of his war gratuity and military pay on the New Zealand scale	1	Mr. Savage ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
238. Hone te Tai and 28 others ..	Sept. 15, 1925	For relief in connection with the sale of the timber on the Waireia D Block	29	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
183. Hori Matenga and 13 others ..	Aug. 20, 1925	*Re* Tutukau East B No. 7B Block	14	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
166. Hore Turu and another ..	Aug. 13, 1925	For relief on account of an alleged error in the awards made at the time of the partition of the land known as Ngatitara 1892 Act leases	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
12. Hori Raharuhi	June 29, 1925	For rehearing of succession orders in respect of Lots 85, 86, and 87, Parish of Katikati	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 16, 1925.
105. Hota Takirua and 3 others ..	July 16, 1925	That they be appointed trustees in connection with Lot 10, Parish of Mangere	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
244. Husband, Agnes Elizabeth Jane	Sept. 16, 1925	For a compassionate grant in respect of a land transaction at Glencairn Settlement, Turakina	1	Mr. Smith ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Sept. 29, 1925.
252. Humphrys, Iris Frances ..	Sept. 18, 1925	For remission of arrears of taxes	1	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
94. Huterengu Tawhito and 3 others	July 15, 1925	For the return of Rangitatau Block, which was confiscated by the Crown	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
76. Ihaka, Kapuiawariki, and 5 others	July 14, 1925	For the return to the owners of Section 22, Block VII, Paritutu Survey District, Tarurutangi District, now under lease	6	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
178. Ihaka Pera	Aug. 18, 1925	For cancellation of the lease of the Matauri No. 1E Block	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
80. Ihaka, Porcata Taupiri, and 2 others	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into the confiscation of Te Rautangata-Matakitaki and other lands in the Taranaki District	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
267. Inia Ranginui and 47 others ..	Sept. 28, 1925	That the order in Council prohibiting alienation of lands other than in favour of the Crown be removed forthwith from the Waimarino Reserve F Block and be not reimposed for at least twelve months from date of its removal	48	Mr. Langstone ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
122. Ingley, Joseph	July 22, 1925	That the New Zealand War Medal should be awarded to him in recognition of services rendered during the Maori War of 1864	1	Mr. Smith ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
162. Ingley, Mary, and 3 others ..	Aug. 13, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	4	Mr. Witty ..	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
41. Iopa te Hau and 11 others ..	July 7, 1925	For further inquiry in regard to the Patutahi Block	12	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs	..
194. Isaacs, R., and 8 others ..	Aug. 25, 1925	For the setting-up of a Price-fixation Board in connection with the Wellington City Milk-supply	9	Mr. Field ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock (direct)	Sept. 30, 1925.
222. Iwingaro, Mere te, and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2D Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
223. Iwingaro, Mere te, and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2C Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
224. Iwingaro, Mere te, and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2D and 2A 3 Blocks	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.

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246. Iwingaro, Mere te	Sept. 16, 1925	*Re* Patutahi	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
148. Jamieson, Mary	Aug. 6, 1925	For a compassionate allowance owing to the death of her husband from miner's phthisis	1	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Goldfields and Mines (direct)	Sept. 10, 1925.
259. Johnson, John Thomas ..	Sept 23, 1925	For amendment of the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Act, 1924	1	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Goldfields and Mines ..	Held over.
134. Johnston, George Forbes ..	July, 31, 1925	For a permanent military pension as compensation for injuries met with during service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Savage ..	Defence	Sept. 24, 1925.
13. Jones, W. G., and 17 others ..	June 29, 1925	For resumption by the Government of the endowment lands occupied by them so that they may have the option of tenure	18	Mr. Bell	Lands	Sept. 24, 1925.
19. Kahao, Wiremu te Kupenga, and 2 others	June 29, 1925	For the restoration of confiscated lands in the Taranaki District ..	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
77. Kahu Ngarongo and 6 others ..	July 14, 1925	For the return to the owners of Mahoetahi Block, Grant 3862, now under lease	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
78. Kahu Ngarongo and 8 others ..	July 14, 1925	For the return to the owners of Kaipakopako, Part Section 133, Block III, Parituto Survey District	9	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
82. Kaiwharu, Te Uranga ..	July 14, 1925	For inclusion in the Rangitatau Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
74. Kapua, Keepa, and 6 others ..	July 14, 1925	For the return of certain lands lying between Purangi and Tarata which were confiscated by the Crown	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
76. Kapuiawariki, Ihaka, and 5 others	July 14, 1925	For the return to the owners of Section 22, Block VII, Paritutu Survey District, Tuturitangi District, now under lease	6	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
75. Kapuiawariki and 6 others ..	July 14, 1925	For the return to the owners of Tapuirau Reserve No. 532, Section 155, Block XI, Paritutu Survey District, Hua Survey District, now under lease	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
143. Kawiti, Riri M., and 3 others ..	Aug. 6, 1925	For an inquiry into the alleged wrongful sale to the Crown of the Opua Block	4	Mr. Hemare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
79. Kauika, Ranganui	July 14, 1925	For the return of certain lands of the Ngatipoura Tribe which were confiscated by the Crown	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
74. Keepa, Kapua, and 6 others ..	July 14, 1925	For the return of certain lands lying between Purangi and Tarata which were confiscated by the Crown	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
104. Kerekere Take and another ..	July 16, 1925	For inquiry into the interests in the Patutahi Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
14. Kienle, C.	June 29, 1925	For compensation for physical infirmities alleged to be due to want of medical attention while he was interned on Somes Island	1	Mr. Lee	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
187. Kinsman, A. S., and 15 others	Aug. 20, 1925	For an inquiry into the financial position of the settlers on the Douglas Settlement, with the object of a further revaluation	16	Mr. Bitchener ..	Lands	Sept. 10, 1925.
92. Kipa Neha	July 15, 1925	For the return of the Ahoroa Block on account of the non-fulfilment of certain conditions by the Wesleyan Church authorities	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
211. Laing, George	Sept. 3, 1925	For inquiry into administration of Auckland Technical College ..	1	Mr. Lee	Education	Held over.
23. Lake, Frederick James ..	July 1, 1925	For a compassionate allowance to cover loss of capital and business of motor-car number-plate maker, as the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, destroyed value of his patent	1	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 19, 1925.
220. Lavender, Allen	Sept. 9, 1925	Redress owing to an alleged error in the surveying of his land ..	1	Mr. Witty (for Mr. Bell)	Lands (direct) ..	Held over.
46. Lawfield, W., and 22 others ..	July 8, 1925	For amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Mr. F. J. Rolleston	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.

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254. Lea, J. E.	Sept. 22, 1925	For relief owing to disability alleged to be due to military service ..	1	Mr. de la Perrelle ..	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
59. Leader, Robert, and 11 others ..	July 10, 1925	For an amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
37. Leslie, Thomas	July 3, 1925	For compassionate allowance for services rendered to the Public Works Department	1	Mr. Langstone ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 22, 1925.
130. Leydon, Michael	July 30, 1925	For a refund of the fine paid by petitioner to the Commissioner of Stamp Duties	1	Mr. Hawken ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 10, 1925.
218. Lovelock, Henrietta Bella ..	Sept. 8, 1925	Legislation to enable her to take legal action with regard to purchase of a farm property	1	Mr. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Sept. 22, 1925.
249. Lumley, Charles Savile ..	Sept. 17, 1925	For opportunity to sit for examination to decide his competency to be registered as a dentist	1	Mr. Monteith ..	Health (direct) ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
70. McCabe, Joseph, and 9 others ..	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	10	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
109. McGonagle, Samuel John, and 11 others	July 17, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. McLennan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
241. McGregor, William Roy ..	Sept. 16, 1925	For an inquiry into his service with the State Forests Department	1	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Sept. 28; 1925.
131. Macintosh, Winifred Shaw, and 2 others	July 30, 1925	For redress in regard to the method of computing the teachers' superannuation with reference to teachers whose service has not been continuous	3	Mr. F. J. Rolleston	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
268. McIntosh, William	Sept. 28, 1925	For reinstatement in the Public Service	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
271. Mackenzie, Clutha, and 14 others	Sept. 29, 1925	That they be brought under the provisions of the Superannuation Act	15	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
114. Mackenzie, Hugh, and 6 others	July 21, 1925	That the Religious Instruction in Schools Bill be not passed ..	7	Sir J. P. Lake ..	Education	Held over.
142. McKenzie, James D. ..	Aug. 4, 1925	For deviation of the road connecting Takahiwai Settlement with One Tree Point and the construction of a traffic-bridge over the Takahiwai Creek	85	Mr. Murdoch ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
196. McLean, Robert James, and 8 others	Aug. 25, 1925	For revaluation of their farms situated at Finlay Downs and Teschemaker's	9	Mr. Bitchener ..	Lands (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
141. McLellan, J. C.	Aug. 4, 1925	For inquiry and redress for alleged wrongful arrest	1	Mr. Howard ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
123. McLennan, Jane A.	July 22, 1925	For computation of the superannuation allowance as if her service as a school-teacher had been continuous	1	Mr. Murdoch ..	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
7. McMillan, Thomas, and another	June 26, 1925	For a refund of *ad valorem* duty paid on an option to purchase farm lands which was subsequently surrendered	2	Mr. Corrigan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
184. Maata Mahupuku Asher ..	Aug. 20, 1925	*Re* sale of her trust estate to the Crown	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
239. Maher, James J., and 49 others	Sept. 15, 1925	For relief in respect of the Wellington City Milk-supply Act, 1919 ..	50	Mr. Field ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock (direct)	Sept. 30, 1925.

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225. Makarati, Te Kapinga, and 91 others	Sept. 9, 1925	For inquiry into the injustices alleged to have been inflicted by the manner in which the Crown acquired the lands of the Ngati-Tama, Ngati-Mutunga, and Kaitangata Tribes in the Taranaki District	92	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
233. Makene Puhi and 79 others ..	Sept. 11, 1925	That the post-office at Mangamuka be removed from V. A. Abraham's store	80	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
167. Maki Pirihi and another ..	Aug. 13, 1925	For an investigation into the title to the Tawhitirahi Island ..	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
71. Malin, George Alfred, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
152. Manning, George, and 17 others	Aug. 6, 1925	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	18	Mr. Howard ..	Education	Held over.
48. Marfell, William James, and 11 others	July 9, 1925	For an amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Girling ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
237. Martin, Mary	Sept. 15, 1925	For inquiry and renewal of a military pension to her son ..	1	Mr. Potter ..	Defence	Sept. 30, 1925.
106. Mataira, Te Hauerangi, and 5 others	July 16, 1925	For a further hearing of the Patutahi case	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
190. Matenga Hare and 7 others ..	Aug. 25, 1925	*Re* Patutahi	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
54. Matenga Hemi	July 9, 1925	For refund of land-tax and income-tax stated to have been paid out of the estate in error	1	Mr. Atmore ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
183. Matenga Hori and 13 others ..	Aug. 20, 1925	*Re* Tutukau East B No. 7B Block	14	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
57. Matthews, William	July 10, 1925	For repayment of land-tax which he paid owing to a misunderstanding	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
270. Meikle, J. J.	Sept. 29, 1925	That the reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee in the years 1921-22 and 1924 be given effect to	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
115. Mere te Iwingaro and 3 others	July 21, 1925	For an inquiry into the Mangapoike Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
222. Mere te Iwingaro and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2D Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
223. Mere te Iwingaro and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2C Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
224. Mere te Iwingaro and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2D and 2A 3 Blocks	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
246. Mere te Iwingaro and 7 others	Sept. 16, 1925	*Re* Patutahi	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
247. Mewhinney, Oliver	Sept. 16, 1925	For reimbursement of costs in connection with certain litigation in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Sept. 28, 1925.
95. Millward, Daniel B.	July 15, 1925	That steps should be taken to revalue the land he selected at the Taniwha Soldiers Settlement	1	Mr. T. W. Rhodes	Lands	Sept. 16, 1925.
135. Moana Paratene	July 31, 1925	For redefinition of relative interests in the Patutahi Block ..	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
199. Montgomery, H. J.	Sept. 1, 1925	For compassionate allowance owing to having contracted blindness while a member of the Police Force	1	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 24, 1925.
205. Moon, Ernest C.	Sept. 1, 1925	That a pension be granted to him in respect of his services as Postmaster at Te Uku and of his present condition of health	1	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 28, 1925.
24. Moriarty, Timothy	July 1, 1925	For compensation for loss of land held under Crown leases in Westland Land District	1	Hon. Mr Coates ..	Lands	Sept. 24: referred back; held over.
60. Morris, W. J., and 11 others ..	July 10, 1925	For an amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Mr. Jordan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
210. Morrison, H. H. (Limited) ..	Sept. 2, 1925	For a refund of alleged excess of stamp duty paid	1	Mr. Ransom ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 24, 1925.
203. Morton, Lucy Elizabeth ..	Sept. 1, 1925	For a compassionate allowance owing to death of her husband whilst employed in the New Zealand Government Railway service	1	Mr. Young ..	Railways (direct) ..	Sept. 16, 1925.

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214. Moulin, Milicent Theresa ..	Sept. 3, 1925	That the Government take over her interests in a farm property ..	1	Mr. Munro ..	Lands	Held over.
51. Murdoch, William, and 215 others	July 9, 1925	For an inquiry into the matter of repairing the Shannon bridge, and also the question of apportioning the cost of such work	216	Mr. Linklater ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
52. Murray, Margaret P. ..	July 9, 1925	That her superannuation as a school-teacher should be computed as if she were an original contributor	1	Mr. Girling ..	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
240. Nairn, L. D.	Sept. 15, 1925	For relief in respect of the Wellington City Milk-supply Act, 1919 ..	50	Mr. Field ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock (direct)	Sept. 30, 1925.
92. Neha Kipa	July 15, 1925	For the return of the Ahorea Block on account of the non-fulfilment of certain conditions by the Wesleyan Church authorities	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
261. Nelson, Isabella Marie ..	Sept. 25, 1925	That she be granted a pension as a war widow	1	Mr. Young ..	Defence	Sept. 30, 1925.
228. Newdick, Violet	Sept. 10, 1925	For relief in connection with interests acquired in Native lands at Maketu	1	Mr. Macmillan ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
206. Ngakuru Wiremu, and 6 others	Sept. 2, 1925	For inquiry into inclusion of their burial-places in portion of Waimamaku No. 2 Block awarded to Crown	7	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
77. Ngarongo Kahu and 6 others ..	July 14, 1925	For the return to the owners of Mahoetahi Block, Grant 3862, now under lease	7	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
78. Ngarongo Kahu and 8 others ..	July 14, 1925	For the return to the owners of Kaipakopako, Part Section 133, Block III, Paritutu Survey District	9	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
159. Nicolson, Ada	Aug. 13, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	1	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
160. Nicolson, Ada, and 2 others ..	Aug. 13, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	3	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
197. Nikora Papi	Aug. 27, 1925	That he may be included in the list of owners in Tihoi No. 3L Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
264. Nopera Rangiuia and 21 others	Sept. 25, 1925	For inquiry *re* erection of harbour-works by the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board	22	Mr. Williams ..	Industries and Commerce	Sept. 29, 1925.
186. O'Buglion, Mary	Aug. 20, 1925	For a compassionate allowance owing to the death of her husband from miner's phthisis	1	Mr. Parry ..	Goldfields and Mines (direct)	Sept. 10, 1925.
110. Onyon, Charles	July 17, 1925	For additional monetary payment for reporting a Royal Commission which investigated the position of the Westport Harbour Board	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
181. Onyon, Charles	Aug. 19, 1925	For payment of moneys alleged to be due to him while acting as official reporter	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
191. Overton, John Reginald ..	Aug. 25, 1925	For compensation owing to delay in final settlement and deductions made when his property was taken for soldier settlement	1	Mr. Young ..	Lands (direct) ..	Held over.

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87. Paekawa Tunga, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into certain confiscated lands in the Taranaki District	12	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
53. Page, Alfred William ..	July 9, 1925	For the removal of disabilities as a school-teacher which his reservation in the oath of allegiance has imposed on him	1	Mr. Howard ..	Education	Sept. 22, 1925.
172. Pango Waha and 6 others ..	Aug. 13, 1925	That section 38 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1924, be repealed, and that proceedings thereunder be stayed, particularly in regard to Tarawera and Tataraakina Blocks	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
229. Panther, W. L., and 16 others	Sept. 10, 1925	That they as ex-service amputees be granted the option of obtaining their appliances where they desire	17	Mr. Parry ..	Defence (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
243. Papanui Progress League ..	Sept. 16, 1925	That the Papanui Railway-station be brought within the city area and suburban fares be granted	210	Mr. Witty ..	Railways (direct) ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
107. Paora te Whare and 29 others	July 16, 1925	For legislation authorizing an inquiry into the titles to Ohuia Nos. 3 and 4 Blocks	30	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
215. Papera Rangiania and 4 others	Sept. 3, 1925	For reinvestigation of title to Patutahi Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
197. Papi Nikora	Aug. 27, 1925	That he may be included in the list of owners in Tihoi No. 3L Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
135. Paratene Moana	July 31, 1925	For redefinition of relative interests in the Patutahi Block ..	8	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
253. Paratomeo Patate	Sept. 18, 1925	Reinvestigation of boundaries of Whakapoungakau No. 12B Block	14	Mr. Forbes (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
253. Patate Paratomeo and 13 others	Sept. 18, 1925	Reinvestigation of boundaries of Whakapoungakau No. 12B Block	14	Mr. Forbes (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
157. Patu Hohaia and another ..	Aug. 7, 1925	For an investigation into the alleged wrongful taking of the Puketi Block at Whangaroa	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
15. Peacock, M. E.	June 29, 1925	For compassionate allowance in recognition of the services of her deceased husband while he was on the staff of the New Zealand Defence Forces	1	Mr. Harris ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
201. Peddle, Eliza Helen	Sept. 1, 1925	That a direction be given to remove a tramway on Motu Block ..	1	Mr. Williams ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 28, 1925.
100. Pellow, John, and 11 others ..	July 16, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Smith ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
178. Pera Ihaka	Aug. 18, 1925	For cancellation of the lease of the Matauri No. 1E Block ..	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
8. Perry, John David	June 26, 1925	That the war pension granted to him should be made retrospective to the date his son was killed in action	1	Mr. Sullivan ..	Defence	Sept. 17, 1925; referred back; Second report; Sept. 24, 1925.
21. Peskett, Henry	June 30, 1925	For a refund from the Stamp Duties Department of the stamp duty paid on an uncompleted sale of land	1	Mr. Buddo ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
232. Peters, Frederick	Sept. 11, 1925	For compensation for loss of time and earnings during the period he has resided in New Zealand owing to inability to be registered as a dentist	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 24, 1925.
30. Picot, F., and 11 others ..	July 2, 1925	For an amendment of the gaming laws so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
167. Pirihi Maki, and another ..	Aug. 13, 1925	For an investigation into the title to the Tawhitirahi Island ..	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
158. Pitimana Henare and another	Aug. 7, 1925	For inquiry into the title to the Pikiomaha Block	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
44. Pouwhareumutoi and 19 others	July 7, 1925	For the restoration of confiscated lands between Parininihi and Waitotara	20	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.

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266. Prudhoe, Joseph Cumberland	Sept. 25, 1925	For review by the Appeal Court of the existing law with reference to the absence of religious teaching in State schools	1	Mr. Isitt ..	Education	Sept. 29, 1925; held over.
233. Pui Makene and 79 others ..	Sept. 11, 1925	That the post-office at Mangamuka be removed from V. A. Abraham's store	80	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
126. Puhuta Wiha Rawiri and 76 others	July 24, 1925	For relief in connection with certain lands at Takapuna which petitioners claim as their ancestral rights	77	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
90. Pukaki te Whare, and 18 others	July 14, 1925	For further investigation of the titles to Hinewhaki No. 2 Block ..	19	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
193. Purchase, James, and 29 others	Aug. 25, 1925	For the setting-up of a Price-fixation Board in connection with the Wellington City Milk-supply	30	Mr. Field ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock (direct)	Sept. 30, 1925.
12. Raharuhi, Hori	June 29, 1925	For rehearing of succession orders in respect of Lots 85, 86, and 87, Parish of Katikati	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 16, 1925.
81. Rakei te Ahi	July 14, 1925	For the return of the Rangitatau Block, which was confiscated by the Crown	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
89. Rangi Tutu	July 14, 1925	*Re* forfeiture of Section 4, Block I, Moeangiangi Survey District ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925; referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 24, 1925.
215. Rangiania, Papera, and 4 others	Sept. 3, 1925	For reinvestigation of title to Patutahi Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
267. Ranginui Inia and 47 others ..	Sept. 28, 1925	That the Order in Council prohibiting alienation of lands other than in favour of the Crown be removed forthwith from the Waimarino Reserve F Block and be not reimposed for at least twelve months from date of its removal	48	Mr. Langstone ..	Native Affairs (direct)..	Held over.
79. Ranginui Kauika	July 14, 1925	For the return of certain lands of the Ngatipoura Tribe which were confiscated by the Crown	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
264. Rangiuia Nopera, and 21 others	Sept. 25, 1925	For inquiry *re* erection of harbour-works by the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board	22	Mr. Williams ..	Industries and Commerce	Sept. 29, 1925.
17. Rawiri Tamaiwhina	June 29, 1925	For reinvestigation of Te Hape Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
102. Reddy, William, and 50 others	July 16, 1925	For cancellation of the Marine Department's regulations which prevent petitioners marketing their own produce	51	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
61. Reid, William Gordon, and 11 others	July 10, 1925	For an amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Mr. T. W. Rhodes..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
129. Rewatu Hiriako	July 30, 1925	For the setting-aside of an area of 500 acres in connection with the Umukaiwata Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 15, 1925.
62. Richards, Harold, and 11 others	July 10, 1925	For an amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so that bookmakers may be licensed	12	Mr. Smith ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
16. Rickerby, John	June 29, 1925	For return of moneys which he lent his son on land in the soldiers settlement, Ideworth, which was subsequently lost by foreclosure	1	Hon. Mr. Buddo ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
143. Riri, M. Kawiti, and 3 others ..	Aug. 6, 1925	For an inquiry into the alleged wrongful sale to the Crown of the Opua Block	4	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
168. Riwhi, Hemi, and 2 others ..	Aug. 13, 1925	For an inquiry into the sale of the Otangaroa No. 2 Block ..	3	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
185. Riwhi, Hemi, and another ..	Aug. 20, 1925	For an inquiry into the alleged wrongful taking of the Whironui Block	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
219. Robbie, John	Sept. 8, 1925	Compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal as Manager of Borstal Institution Farm	1	Hon. Mr. Hanan ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Sept. 29, 1925.

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40. Robertson, H. A., and 3,164 others	July 7, 1925	For the early commencement of the railway deviation from Morningside to Auckland	3,165	Hon. Sir C. J. Parr	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
22. Robinson, R. D. B.	June 30, 1925	For amending legislation in connection with land-tax assessments..	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
176. Rogers, E. T.	Aug. 14, 1925	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	41	Mr. Young ..	Education	Held over.
145. Ross, Edward H., and 117 others	Aug. 6, 1925	For the retention of the Stationmaster and postal and money-order office at Herbert	118	Mr. Macpherson ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 24, 1925.
116. Putene Takina	July 21, 1925	For inquiry into subdivision of Patutahi Block..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs	
151. Sanft, Baldwin G.	Aug. 6, 1925	That he may be registered under the Dentists Act	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z; Public Health	Sept. 10, 1925; brought up, Sept. 17, 1925.
257. Sargent, Fred.	Sept. 23, 1925	For compensation owing to loss sustained by selling his farm to returned soldiers	1	Mr. Sullivan ..	Lands (direct) ..	Held over.
136. Shadbolt, Ada Mary	July 31, 1925	For a Royal Commission to be set up to inquire into the cause of the delay in giving access by road to the property of petitioners	11	Mr. Young ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
212. Shadbolt, Ernest Francis ..	Sept. 3, 1925	For compensation for loss incurred through certain litigation ..	1	Mr. Young ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
155. Shortal, John	Aug. 7, 1925	For relief for alleged wrongful discharge from the New Zealand Permanent Military Forces	1	Mr. de la Perrelle ..	Defence	Sept. 24, 1925.
245. Simpson, John	Sept. 16, 1925	For a compassionate allowance in consequence of the loss of his son while an inmate of the Weraroa Industrial Farm	1	Hon. Mr. Hanan ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Sept. 28, 1925.
132. Sloan, Frank Cockburn ..	July 30, 1925	For a inquiry into the matter of the right of a freeholder to collect surface rents for gold-mining claims situated on his property	1	Mr. Nash ..	Mines	Sept. 22, 1925.
22. Smailes, George Wells ..	July 2, 1925	For compassionate allowance for disabilities incurred while on active service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
164. Smeaton, L. E.	Aug. 13, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	1	Mr. O'Brien ..	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.
72. Smith, Joseph Martin, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Holland ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
103. Smyth, Henry Blair	July 16, 1925	For compensation for financial losses incurred as a result of incorrect information said to have been supplied to him by the High Commissioner	1	Mr. Isitt	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1925.
124. Steen, W. J.	July 22, 1925	For legislation that will enable him to convert his leasehold tenure under the National Endowment into freehold	1	Mr. T. W. Rhodes	Lands	Sept. 16, 1925.
38. Stevens, Zillah	July 3, 1925	For a war pension in recognition of the services of her husband, now deceased, with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Savage ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
230. Stevenson, Edward	Sept. 17, 1925	For compensation for, and inquiry into, a prosecution of petitioner by the Labour Department	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
163. Stirling, William, and 4 others..	Aug. 13, 1925	That previous service in the teaching profession be allowed to count for superannuation purposes	5	Mr. Holland ..	Education	First report, Sept. 18, 1925; referred back: Second report, Sept. 22, 1925.

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238.	Tai, Hone te	Sept. 15, 1925	For relief in connection with the sale of the timber on the Waiwia D Block	29	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
104.	Take Kerekere and another ..	July 16, 1925	For inquiry into the interests in the Patutahi Block	2	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
116.	Takina Patene	July 21, 1925	For inquiry into subdivision of Patutahi Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
105.	Takirua Hota and 3 others ..	July 16, 1925	That they be appointed trustees in connection with Lot 10, Parish of Mangere	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
17.	Tamaiwhina Rawiri	June 29, 1925	For reinvestigation of Te Hape Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
93.	Tamati Whanganui and 13 others	July 15, 1925	For the return of the lands of the Puketapu Tribe which were confiscated by the Crown	14	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
221.	Tamihana Heta	Sept. 9, 1925	Extension of right of appeal	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
43.	Tangatake Hapuku	July 7, 1925	For inquiry into the succession of Te Pohuku Hapuku in Poukewa 5 and 13 Blocks	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
80.	Taupiri Ihaka Poroata and 2 others	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into the confiscation of Te Rautangata-Matakitaki and other lands in the Taranaki District	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
173.	Taurua Hariata	Aug. 14, 1925	That the Kaingapipiwai No. 2 North B9 Block be repartitioned ..	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
117.	Tawhio te Keepa and 49 others	July 21, 1925	Protesting against drainage operations as affecting Lots 28 and 29, Rangataiki	50	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
94.	Tawhito Huterengu and 3 others	July 15, 1925	For the return of Rangitatau Block, which was confiscated by the Crown	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
49.	Taylor, Edward, and 11 others	July 9, 1925	For an amendment to the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Corrigan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
81.	Te Ahi Rakei	July 14, 1925	For the return of the Rangitatau Block, which was confiscated by the Crown	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
106.	Te Hauerangi Mataira and 5 others	July 16, 1925	For a further hearing of the Patutahi case	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
115.	Te Iwingaro Mere	July 21, 1925	For an inquiry into the Mangapoike Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
225.	Te Kapinga Makarati and 91 others	Sept. 9, 1925	For inquiry into the injustices alleged to have been inflicted by the manner in which the Crown acquired the lands of the Ngati-Tama, Ngati-Mutunga, and Kaitangata Tribes in the Taranaki District	4 92	Hon. Mr. Ngata .. Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs .. Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 30, 1925. Sept. 30, 1925.
117.	Te Keepa Tawhio and 49 others	July 21, 1925	Protesting against drainage operations as affecting Lots 28 and 29, Rangitaiki	50	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
119.	Te Kura Eruera and 5 others ..	July 22, 1925	For an inquiry into the division of shares in the Patutahi Block ..	6	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
182.	Te Paea Hape	Aug. 20, 1925	*Re* succession to Miriama Tau	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
125.	Te Rei Eraihia	July 23, 1925	For cancellation of succession order to Rawikia Riparipa (deceased) in the Mangapoike A Block, and for the appointment of new successors	1	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 18, 1925.
82.	Te Uranga Kaiwhare.. ..	July 14, 1925	For inclusion in the Rangitatau Block	1	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
107.	Te Whare Paora and 29 others..	July 16, 1925	For legislation authorizing an inquiry into the titles to Ohuia Nos. 3 and 4 Blocks	30	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
90.	Te Whare Puhaki and 18 others	July 14, 1925	For further investigation of the titles to Hinewhaki No. 2 Block ..	19	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
18.	Te Wharua Herewini and 9 others	June 29, 1925	For the restoration of confiscated lands in the Waikato district ..	10	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
127.	Thompson, William Thomas ..	July 28, 1925	That he should be given a military pension commensurate with his present incapacity, which is due to wounds received in the recent war	1	Mr. McCombs ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.

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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.
150. Thomson, James William ..	Aug. 6, 1925	For compensation or compassionate allowance for long service as Harbourmaster at Okarito	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
91. Toheriri Heni and 24 others ..	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into the sale of Mangaopuraka, part of Nuhaka Block No. 1	25	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
83. Toitu Hamiora and 3 others ..	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into Kotuku Block and other lands in the Wairoa Survey District	4	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
84. Tonga Awhikau and 58 others..	July 14, 1925	That the rates on lands administered by the Native Trustee should be levied on the individual interest of each owner	59	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
85. Tonga Awhikau and 69 others..	July 14, 1925	That their lands held under the Act leases be returned to them on the expiration of the term of twenty-one years	70	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
86. Tonga Awhikau and 60 others..	July 14, 1925	That subdivision (*a*) of section 4 of the Native Land Rating Act, 1924, be made to operate in connection with Papatipu lands	61	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
226. Torepe Himiona, and 18 others	Sept. 9, 1925	To empower the Native Land Court to cancel partition orders, if necessary, *in re* Te Upokorakaitauheke, town section, Timaru	19	Mr. Uru ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 22, 1925.
165. Tovey, Sydney	Aug. 13, 1925	For compensation for alleged neglect in treatment of injuries received while serving as a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
175. Trustees of the New Zealand Sheepowners' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen Fund	Aug. 14, 1925	(1) For the refund of approximately £35,000 deducted by the Land and Income Tax Department from the sum due to this fund from surplus wool profits; and (2) that the Land and Income Tax Act may be amended so that this great charity and Empire-settlement scheme may be exempt from taxation	1	Mr. Linklater ..	Public Accounts (direct)	Sept. 17, 1925.
87. Tunga Paekawa and 11 others..	July 14, 1925	For inquiry into certain confiscated lands in the Taranaki District..	12	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
166. Turu Hore and another ..	Aug. 13, 1925	For relief on account of an alleged error in the awards made at the time of the partition of the land known as the Ngatitara 1892 Act leases	2	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 30, 1925.
89. Tutu Rangi	July 14, 1925	*Re* forfeiture of Section 4, Block I, Moeangiangi Survey District ..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925; referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 24, 1925.
153. Victoria University College Council	Aug. 6, 1925	For reimbursement of moneys and inquiry into the alleged wrongful administration of endowment lands	2	Sir J. P. Luke ..	Lands	Sept. 16, 1925; petition withdrawn.
172. Waha Pango and 6 others ..	Aug. 13, 1925	That section 38 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1924, be repealed, and that proceedings thereunder be stayed, particularly in regard to Tarawera and Tataraakina Blocks	7	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
139. Walls, Edward	Aug. 4, 1925	For a renewal of war pension	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
207. Ward, Alfred	Sept. 2, 1925	For compensation for loss sustained through purchase of Crown land in Rolleston Survey District	1	Mr. Witty ..	Lands (direct) ..	Sept. 24, 1925.
55. Ward, Joseph G., and 183 others	July 9, 1925	That action be taken to preserve the bay known as Cockel Cove, Queen Charlotte Sound, as a scenic reserve	184	Mr. Girling ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 10, 1925.
35. Watson, George G.	July 3, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. McLennan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.

SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS—*continued.*

	FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	NO. OF SIGNATURES	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
133.	Batson, Violet	July 30, 1925	For an inquiry into the administration of her deceased husband's estate by the Public Trustee	1	Mr. McIlvride ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 28, 1925.
120.	Welch, Thomas Saunders, and 11 others	July 22, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Hon. Mr. Nosworthy	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
39.	Willbourn, Eva Laura ..	July 3, 1925	For compassionate allowance as compensation for the impaired health of her brother, which is alleged to be due to service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces	1	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
73.	Westworth, John Harold, and 11 others	July 14, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
93.	Whanganui Tamati and 13 others	July 15, 1925	For the return of the lands of the Puketapu Tribe which were confiscated by the Crown	14	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
126.	Wiha Rawiri Puhuta and 76 others	July 24, 1925	For relief in connection with certain lands at Takapuna which petitioners claim as their ancestral rights	77	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
177.	Williams, Stanley F. G. ..	Aug. 18, 1925	For compensation for loss sustained as a soldier settler on the Minden Estate	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Lands	Held over.
234.	Wilson, Emily	Sept. 11, 1925	For a compassionate allowance in respect of the services of her late husband, formerly a messenger in Parliament Buildings	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 24, 1925.
26.	Wilson, Norman Edwin ..	July 1, 1925	For a compassionate allowance for injuries he met with while a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Sept. 15, 1925.
206.	Wiremu Ngakuru and 6 others	Sept. 2, 1925	For inquiry into inclusion of their burial-places in portion of Waimamaku No. 2 Block awarded to Crown	7	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
19.	Wiremu te Kupunga Kahao and 2 others	June 29, 1925	For the restoration of confiscated lands in the Taranaki District ..	3	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 10, 1925.
174.	Wixon, J. H., and 7 others ..	Aug. 14, 1925	For extension of time within which to lodge appeals against the decision of the Native Land Court in respect of the Ngaitahu claim	8	Mr. Henare (for Mr. Uru)	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 15, 1925.
251.	Woodville County Council ..	Sept. 17, 1925	For payment of balance of a subsidy on rates	1	Mr. Ransom ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
236.	Worth, William John, and another	Sept. 11, 1925	For compensation owing to loss incurred white erecting a schoolhouse at Waikeri	2	Mr. Witty (for Mr. Bell)	Education	Sept. 22, 1925.
96.	Wright, John Trevor, and 11 others	July 15, 1925	For an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. McKay ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
36.	Young, Frederick George ..	July 3, 1925	For amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to provide for the licensing of bookmakers	12	Mr. Bell ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 19, 1925.
202.	Zenith Artificial Appliances (Limited)	Sept. 1, 1925	For inquiry into treatment of company by Defence Department (Medical Branch)	1	Mr. Bartram (for Mr. Parry)	Defence	Sept. 25, 1925.

IV.—Schedule of Select Committees appointed by the House of Representatives, 1925.

Subject.	Members' Names.	Date of Appointment.	Remarks.
Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries and stock; 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. Corrigan, Mr. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hawken, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Lysnar, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	Shearers' Accommodation Amendment Bill referred, July 22; Report, Sept. 10. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 30. Special Report *re* Clerk, Sept. 30. Final Report, Sept. 30. (For Reports, *vide* I.–10.)
Controller and Auditor-General's Report and Prime Minister's Statement thereon.—Consisting of ten Members; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Holland, Hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. McCombs, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Young, Hon. Mr. Coates.	August 18, on motion of Hon. Mr. Coates.	Report of the Controller and Auditor-General contained in B.–1 (Part II), together with the Statement made by the Prime Minister thereon, as delivered in the House on the 18th August referred, Aug. 18; Report, Sept. 28. (*Vide* Journals.)
Defence.—Consisting of ten 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, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Munro, Mr. Potter, Mr. Ransom, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes.	Special Report *re* late Major-General C. W. Melvill, Sept. 22. Special Report *re* Clerk, Sept. 30. Final Report, Sept. 30. Special Report *re* services of the Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes, K.B.E., Sept. 30. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 30. (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. Armstrong, Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bitchener Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hudson, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Masters, Mr. Nash, Mr. Poland, Mr. Potter, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright, Mr. Young, Hon. Sir C. J. Parr.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Sir C. J. Parr.	Child Welfare Bill referred, July 21; Report, Sept. 10. (For Reports, *vide* I.–8.)
Goldfields and Mines.—Consisting of fourteen 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.	Mr. Bell, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Edie, Mr. Girling, Mr. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Parry, Mr. Poland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 23, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Paper No. 40 referred, July 23; Report, Aug. 19. Paper No. 45 referred, July 23; Report, Aug. 19. Stone-quarries Amendment Bill referred, July 23; Report, Sept. 10. Coal-mines Bill referred, Aug. 18; Report, Sept. 10. The name of Mr. Horn added, Sept. 8. Special Report, Sept. 24. Final Report, Sept. 24. (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.	Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Isitt, Mr. Savage, Mr. Witty, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	No Report.
Industries and Commerce.—Consisting of ten Members to deal with all matters in connection with industries and commerce; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Atmore, Mr. Girling, Mr. Harris, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Munro, Mr. Nash, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 23, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	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. Field, Mr. McCombs, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Young.	July 16, on motion of Mr. Young.	No Report.

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Joint on Standing Orders on Private Bills	Mr. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Young.	July, 16 on motion of Mr. Young.	Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill; Report, Aug. 27. Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill, Report, Aug. 27. (*Vide* Journals.)
Kauri-gum Control.—Consisting of ten Members, to which shall be referred the Kauri-gum Control Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bell, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Henare, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Poland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Young, Hon. Mr. McLeod.	July 17, on motion of Hon. Mr. McLeod.	Kauri-gum Control Bill referred, July 17; Report, Sept. 22. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 24. Special Report *re* Clerk, Sept. 24. (*Vide* Journals.)
Labour Bills.—Consisting of ten Members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to labour; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Howard, Mr. Linklater, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Lye, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McKeen, Mr. McLennan, Mr. Veitch, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill referred, July 16; Report, Sept. 29. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill No. 2 referred, July 22; Report, Aug. 14. Harbours Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Sept. 29. Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Sept. 29. Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill referred, Sept. 2; Report brought up, Sept. 8. Laid on Table, Sept. 10. Apprentices Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 16. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 30. (For Reports, *vide* L.-9.)
Lands.—Consisting of ten 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 think proper, and to report generally when necessary upon the principles and provisions of the Bills; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Langstone, Mr. McLennan, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Savage, Mr. Witty, Hon. Mr. McLeod.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. McLeod.	Coal-mines Bill referred, July 16; Report, Aug. 18. Land for Settlements Bill referred, Aug. 13; Report, Aug. 19. Forests Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 13; Report, Sept. 10. Paper No. 174 referred, Aug. 19; Report, Sept. 10. Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 10. Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill referred, Sept. 3; Report, Sept. 10. Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill referred; Sept. 3; Report, Sept. 10. Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 10; Report, Sept. 16. Governor-General's amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 22; Report, Sept. 24. Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill referred, Sept. 23; Report, Sept. 24. Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 24; Report, Sept. 29. Governor-General's further amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 25; Report, Sept. 29. Ashley River Improvement Bill referred, Sept. 25; Report, Sept. 29. Governor-General's further amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 28; Report, Sept. 29. Governor-General's further amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 29; Report, Sept. 29. Deteriorated Lands Bill referred, Sept. 29; Report, Sept. 29. Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 28; Report, Sept. 29. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 30. Special Report *re* Clerk, Sept. 30. (For Reports, *vide* L.-5.)
Library.—Consisting of ten Members; with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Atmore, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Girling, Hon. Mr. Hanan, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Monteith, Mr. Potter, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	Report of Chief Librarian for year 1924-25 brought up, Sept. 10. Report of Joint Library Committee *re* control and management of Library brought up and agreed to, Sept. 24. Message of Legislative Council, Sept. 24. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Sept. 28. Report of Joint Library Committee *re* services of Chairman, Sept. 30. (*Vide* H.-32. For other reports, *vide* Journals.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Local Bills.—Consisting of ten 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 at 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. Armstrong, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Hudson, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Mcpherson, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thomson, Hon. Mr. Bollard.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Bollard.	Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill referred, June 26; Report, Aug. 19 and referred back; Report, Sept. 3. Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill referred, June 29; Report, Sept. 3. Matamata County Council Empowering Bill referred, July 3; Report, Aug. 18. Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill referred, July 15; Report, Sept. 2. Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill referred, July 22; Report, Sept. 24. Wellington City Empowering Bill referred, July 22; Report, Aug. 19. Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill referred, July 22; Report, Sept. 2. Counties Amendment Bill referred, July 28; Report, Aug. 18. Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill referred, July 31; Report, Sept. 2. Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill referred, July 31; Report, Sept. 3. Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill referred, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 3. Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 7; Report, Sept. 2. Matakaoa Hospital District Bill referred, Aug. 14; Report, Sept. 3. Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill referred, Sept. 16; Report, Sept. 24. Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill referred, Sept. 17; Report, Sept. 24. Special Report *re* Clerk, Sept. 24. Final Report, Sept. 24. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 30. (For Reports other than formal Reports, *vide* Journals.)
Native Affairs.—Consisting of sixteen 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 report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bell, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Henare, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Mcllvride, Mr. McKay, Mr. Murdoch, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. O'Brien, Hon. Sir M. Pomare, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Uru, Mr. Williams, Mr. Young, Hon. Mr. Coates.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Coates.	Paper No. 120 referred, July 23; Report, Sept. 29. Paper No. 121 referred, July 23; Report, Sept. 29. Paper No. 122 referred, July 23; Report, Sept. 29. Paper No. 145 referred, Aug. 13; Report, Sept. 29. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill referred, Sept. 23; Report, Sept. 25. Final Report, Sept. 30. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 30. (For Reports, *vide* L.-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. Bell, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Harris, Mr. Monteith, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Reports not printed.
Public Accounts.—Consisting of twelve 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.	Hon. Mr. Coates, Hon. Mr. Hanan, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Isitt, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Nash, Mr. Poland, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	Repayment of the Public Debt Bill referred, July 22; Report, Sept. 9. Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 2. Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill referred, Sept. 8; Report, Sept. 9. Special Report *re* Clerk, Sept. 30. Final Report, Sept. 30. (For Reports, *vide* L.-14.)
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. Armstrong, Mr. Bell, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Field, Mr. Hockly, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Parry, Mr. Williams, Hon. Sir M. Pomare.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Sir M. Pomare.	Special Report *re* Dentists' Amendment Bill, Sept. 28. Special Report, *re* Clerk, Sept. 28. Final Report, Sept. 28. (For Reports, *vide* L.-7.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	REMARKS.
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. Bartram, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Harris, Mr. Lye, Mr. Munro, Mr. Ransom, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Wright, Hon. Sir C. J. Parr.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Sir C. J. Parr.	(For Reports, *vide* I.–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. Bell, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thomson, Hon. Mr. Bollard.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Bollard.	(For Reports, *vide* I.–2.)
Railways.—Consisting of ten Members, to examine and report upon questions relating to railways; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. McIlvride, Mr. Munro, Mr. Nash, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Witty, Hon. Mr. Coates.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Coates.	Government Railways Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 8; Report, Sept. 9. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill referred for consideration of clause 142, Sept. 10; Report, Sept. 16. (For Reports, *vide* I.–6.)
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. Speaker, Mr. Girling, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Lye, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Witty, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Final Report, Sept. 30. (*Vide* Journals.)
Selection	Mr. Edie, Mr. Field, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Young.	July 16, on motion of Mr. Young.	No Report.
Standing Orders.—Consisting of eleven Members; three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, Hon. Mr. Hanan, Mr. Linklater, Hon. Sir C. J. Parr, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Young, Mr. Wilford, Hon. Mr. Coates.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Mr. Coates.	Local Legislation Bill referred, July 22; Report, Sept. 17. Draft of proposed new Standing Orders relating to procedure with regard to the introduction of local legislation, Sept. 17. (*Vide* I.–15. For other Reports, *vide* Journals.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Statutes Revision.—Consisting of eleven 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, Mr. Hoiland, Mr. Lysnar, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilford, Hon. Sir C. J. Parr.	July 16, on motion of Hon. Sir C. J. Parr.	Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 20; Report, Sept. 10. Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 10. Land Transfer Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 10. District Courts' Abolition Bill referred, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 10. Life Insurance Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 10. Stamp Duties Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 21; Report, Sept. 25. Death Duties Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 21; Report, Sept. 24. Special Report *re* Chairman, Sept. 24. (For Reports, *vide* L–11.)

V.—Schedule of Public Bills, Session 1925.

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.
Agricultural Bank	Mr. Wilford	July 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Animals Protection and Game Amendment	Legislative Council	Aug. 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Apprentices Amendment	Hon. Mr. Anderson	July 24	Sept. 2 *pro forma*	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 16.
Appropriation	Hon. Mr. Nosworthy	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	..	..	..
Ashley River Improvement	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 25	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 25; Report, Sept. 29.
Auckland Harbour Board Empowering	Hon. Sir C. J. Parr	July 22	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 22; Report, Sept. 2. Standing Order 395 suspended, Sept. 3.
Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition	Mr. Holland	Sept. 17	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Standing Orders relative to Local Bills suspended, Sept. 17. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Sept. 17; Report, Sept. 24. Short Title amended by Legislative Council to Brunner Borough Abolition.
Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment	Hon. Sir C. J. Parr	July 11	July 17	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	..	..	..
Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition	Legislative Council	July 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Order for second reading lapsed*, Aug. 19.
Chattels Transfer Amendment	Legislative Council	Aug. 27	Sept. 1 *pro forma*	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 10.
Child Welfare	By Message (Hon. Sir C. J. Parr)	July 16	July 21	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Education Committee, July 21. Report, Sept. 10.
Coal-mines	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 24	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, July 16; Report, Aug. 18. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Aug. 18; Report, Sept. 10. Amendments of Legislative Council read and disagreed with. Mr. Horn, Mr. Holland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed Committee to prepare reasons, Sept. 24. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 25. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons; same read and disagreed with. Message to Legislative Council requesting Conference. Mr. Horn, Mr. Holland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed Managers, Sept. 25. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to Conference and naming hour and place, Sept. 28. The name of Mr. T. W. Rhodes discharged from the Committee of Managers, and the name of Mr. Macmillan substituted, Sept. 28. Report of Conference brought up, read, and agreed to, Sept. 29. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 29. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Sept. 29.
Cook Islands Amendment	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 23	July 23	July 23	..	..	..
Counties Amendment	Hon. Mr. Bollard	July 24	July 28	Sept. 22	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 28; Report, Aug. 18. Progress reported, Sept. 22. *Lapsed.*
Counties Amendment (No. 2)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Bollard)	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Death Duties Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Sept. 21	Sept. 21 *pro forma*	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 21; Report, Sept. 24.
Dentists Amendment	Hon. Sir M. Pomare	Aug. 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Special Report of Public Health Committee, Sept. 28. *Lapsed.*
Deteriorated Lands	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 28; Report, Sept. 29.

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.
District Courts Abolition	Legislative Council ..	July 30	Sept. 1 *pro forma*	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 10.
Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment	Mr. Sidey	July 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 31; Report, Sept. 2.
Election of Ministers and Party Government Reform	Hon. Mr. Hanan ..	Aug. 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Electric-power Boards	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 28. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Sept. 28.
Electrical Wiremen's Registration ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Aug. 13	Sept. 2	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Sept. 2. Report brought up, Sept. 8. Laid on Table, Sept. 10.
Expiry Laws Continuance	Hon. Mr. Coates ..	June 25 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Finance	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Fire Brigades	By Message (Hon. Mr. Bollard)	July 16	July 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. *Lapsed.*
Forests Amendment	By Message (Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes)	Aug. 13	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 13; Report, Sept. 10.
Government Railways Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 8	Sept. 8 *pro forma*	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Railways Committee, Sept. 8; Report, Sept. 9.
Harbours Amendment	Mr Monteith	June 30	Aug. 19	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Harbours Amendment (No 2)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment	By Message (Hon. Sir M. Pomare)	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Housing Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	July 28	Aug. 13	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Hutt Valley Lands Settlement	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 23; Report, Sept. 24.
Imprest Supply	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	June 29	June 29	June 29	June 29	June 29	June 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; Report agreed to, June 29.
Imprest Supply (No. 2)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	July 30	July 30	July 30	July 30	July 30	July 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; Report agreed to, July 30.

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.
Imprest Supply (No. 3)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 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; Report agreed to, Aug. 27.
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration (No. 2)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 17	July 22 *pro forma*	Sept. 8 Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 22; Report, Aug. 14. Referred to Railways Committee for consideration of clause 142, Sept. 10; Report, Sept. 16.
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment	Mr. Monteith ..	June 26	July 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 16; Report Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Iron and Steel Industries Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 16	July 17	July 21	July 21	July 21	July 21	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Justices of the Peace Amendment	Mr. Wilford	Aug. 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Kauri-gum Control	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	July 16	July 17	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Kauri-Gum Control Bill Committee, July 17; Report, Sept. 22.
Land and Income Tax Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Aug. 20	Sept. 1 *pro forma*	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 2.
Land and Income Tax (Annual)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Sept. 3	Sept. 8 *pro forma*	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, Sept. 8; Report, Sept. 9.
Land for Settlements	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Aug. 13	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 13; Report, Aug. 19.
Land Laws Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Standing Order 339 suspended.
Land Transfer Amendment	Legislative Council ..	July 30	Sept. 1 *pro forma*	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 10. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 30. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Oct. 1.
Legislature Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Life Insurance Amendment	Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes	July 24	Sept. 2	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 10.
Life Insurance Amendment (No. 2) ..	Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes	Aug. 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Lights on Vehicles	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	Sept. 9	Sept. 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Local Elections and Polls	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	Sept. 2	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	..	..	..
Local Legislation	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	July 17	July 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Standing Orders Committee, July 22; Report, Sept. 17. Order of the Day for committal discharged, Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Main Highways Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 17	Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 23.
Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment	Mr. Nash	July 15	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 15; Report, Sept. 2.

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.
Massey Burial-ground	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	July 17	July 22	July 23 Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Matakaoa Hospital District	Mr. Williams	Aug. 14	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	..	..	Standing Order 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 14; Report, Sept. 3.
Matamata County Council Empowering ..	Mr. Hockly	July 3	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 3; Report, Aug. 18. Urgency accorded the passing, Aug. 20.
Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes	Hon. Mr. Anderson ..	Sept. 16	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	..	..	Standing Orders 394, 395, and 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Sept. 16; Report, Sept. 24.
Miner's Phthisis	Mr. Parry	July 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill not in order inasmuch as it contained an appropriation.* Aug. 19. *Lapsed.*
Motherhood Endowment	Mr. Savage	July 21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill not in order inasmuch as it contained an appropriation.* Aug. 19. *Lapsed.*
Municipal Corporations Amendment ..	Mr. Sullivan	Aug. 13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment ..	Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes	July 24	July 28	Aug. 18 Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	..	..	..
Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation..	Mr. McIlvride ..	June 26	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 26; Report, Aug. 19. Referred back, Aug. 19; Report, Sept. 3.
National Provident Fund Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes)	July 28	Aug. 13	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to. Message Legislative Council, Sept. 28. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Sept. 28.
Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 23	Sept. 23 *pro forma*	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Sept. 23; Report, Sept. 25. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 28.
Nurses and Midwives Registration ..	By Message (Hon. Sir M. Pomare)	July 16	July 22	July 23 Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Pensions Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 10 Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments, read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 16.
Popular Initiative and Referendum ..	Mr. McCombs.. ..	July 24	Aug. 19	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Public Reserves and Domains Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 28; Report, Sept. 29.
Public Works Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Rating	By Message (Hon. Mr. Bollard)	Sept. 8	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Rawhiti Domain	Mr. Sullivan ..	June 29	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 29; Report, Sept. 3. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 3; Report, Sept. 10. Short Title amended by Local Bills Committee.
Religious Exercises in Schools	Mr. Isitt	June 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Second reading negatived on division,* Aug. 20. *Lapsed.*
Rent Restriction Continuance	Hon. Mr. Anderson ..	Aug. 25	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	..	..	..

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.
Repayment of the Public Debt	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	July 16	July 22	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, July 22; Report, Sept. 9.
			pro forma	7, 25						
Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 10; Report, Sept. 16. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to. Amendments referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 22; Report, Sept. 24. Governor-General's amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 24. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read and agreed to. Amendments referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 25; Report, Sept. 29. Governor-General's amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 29. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read and agreed to. Amendments referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 28; Report, Sept. 29. Governor-General's amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 29. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read and agreed to. Amendments referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 29. Report Sept. 29. Governor-General's amendments referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 29.
Rotorua Borough Amendment	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	July 24	Aug. 13	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	..	..	..
Samoa (Shipping)	Legislative Council ..	Aug. 21	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	..	..	Governor-General's Message reserving Bill for His Majesty's assent; Sept. 30.
Shearers' Accommodation Amendment ..	Mr. Langstone ..	July 17	July 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, July 22; Report, Sept. 10. *Lapsed.*
Shipping and Seamen Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message reserving Bill for His Majesty's assent, Oct. 1.
Stamp Duties Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 21; Report, Sept. 25.
			pro forma							
Stone-quarries Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 16	July 17	July 21	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Bill restored to Order Paper, July 22. Order of the Day for committal discharged, and Bill referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, July 23; Report, Sept. 10.
				Sept. 23						
Summer Time	Mr. Sidey	June 29	July 16	Aug. 19	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment	Mr. Fraser	July 8	Aug. 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Aug. 20; Report, Sept. 10. *Lapsed.*
Valuation of Land	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Sept. 8	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Waikou Domain Board Empowering ..	Mr. Macmillan ..	July 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 22; Report, Sept. 24. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 24; Report, Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling	Mr. Veitch	Aug. 4	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 3. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 3; Report, Sept. 10.
Weights and Measures	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 16	July 17	July 21	July 21	July 22	July 22	Sept. 9	Sept. 23	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 29. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Sept. 29.
Wellington City Empowering	Mr. Monteith	July 22	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 20	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 22; Report, Aug. 19. Urgency accorded the passing, Aug. 20.

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.
Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering ..	Mr. Murdoch ..	July 31	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 31; Report, Sept. 3.
Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering	Mr. Murdoch	Aug. 7	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	..	..	Standing Order 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 7; Report, Sept. 2. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 10.
Workers' Compensation Amendment ..	Mr. Howard	July 21	Aug. 19	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Workers' Compensation Amendment (No. 2)	Mr. Holland	Aug. 19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*

VI.—SCHEDULE OF PRIVATE BILLS, SESSION 1925.

SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Referred to Committee of Selection.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation	Legislative Council ..	Sept. 10	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	..	Sept. 22	..	..	Report of Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills brought up, Aug. 27.
Mildred Elaine Smyth Divorce	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Report of Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills brought up, Aug. 28.
Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment	Legislative Council ..	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 23	..	Sept. 24	..	..	Report of Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills brought up, Aug. 27.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering	Legislative Council ..	Aug. 20	Aug. 26	Aug. 26	Sept. 8	..	Sept. 10	..	..	..

VII.—Schedule of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table, Session 1925.

[Note.—The letter and number given after each Paper refer to its 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:—	
July 16	89	Agricultural and Pastoral Production of New Zealand, Statistical Report on, for Year 1923-24. (By Act.)	†
Sept. 17	227	Agricultural Instruction in the Dominion of New Zealand, Report of the Board of Agriculture on. (By leave.)	H.–29B.
Aug. 13	160	Annual Report for Year 1924-25. (By command)	H.–29.
Sept. 22	237	Sheep Returns for Year ended 30th April, 1925. (By command)	H.–23.
July 3	26	Alliance Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Branch): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
July 21	112	Amateur Transmitting and Receiving: Post and Telegraph Regulations. (By Act)	*
Sept. 15	214	Arawa District Trust Board: Statement of Operations for Period ended 31st March, 1925. (By leave.)	G.–8.
July 16	93	Articles in Common Use, Consumption of, for Years 1904 to 1924. (By command) ..	H.–9.
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Aug. 13	145	Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1923: Opanaki 2K No. 1 Block, Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 328/22, relative to Succession to Mikaera Urututu (deceased) in. (By Act)	G.–6A.
July 23	120	Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1924: Tangonge Block, Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 162/24, relative to Ownership of. (By Act.)	G.–6B.
July 23	121	Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1924: Rakaukaka Block, Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 19/21, relative to.	G.–6C.
Aug. 13	142	Native Land Courts, Maori Land Boards, Native Land Purchase Board, &c.: Report of Under-Secretary for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By leave)	G.–9.
Sept. 15	218	Native Lands: Purchases by Government during Years 1922, 1923, 1924. (Return to an Order dated 2nd September, 1925.)	G.–7.
July 16	103	Native Land Settlement Account, Moneys paid into and out of, for Year 1924–25. (By Act)	G.–5.
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Sept. 15	219	Money belonging to certain Tribes in hands of. (Return to an Order dated 2nd September, 1925.)	
July 28	133	Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	G.–2.
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July 3	53	NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE, Transactions and Proceedings of the (Vol. 55). (Issued September, 1924.) (By leave.)	†
July 16	81	"NEW ZEALAND OFFICIAL YEAR-BOOK" for year 1925. (By Act.)	†
Sept. 16	224	NO-LICENSE DISTRICTS: Charges and Convictions for drunkenness in. (Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.)	H.–37.
Sept. 16	225	NO-LICENSE DISTRICT OF OHINEMURI, Liquor sent into. (Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.)	
July 3	10	NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
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1925	247	PACT OF SECURITY, Proposals for: Geneva Protocol.—Statement by Hon. J. G. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, relative to Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the Dominions.—Paper No. "I."	A.–5B.
Sept. 16	223	PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS ACT, 1911: Annual Report of Registrar. (By Act)	H.–10.
Sept. 15	217	PATRIOTIC FUNDS: Details of Investment. (Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925)	H.–35.
July 21	113	PENSIONS DEPARTMENT, Annual Report of, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	H.–18.
Sept. 29	274	PENSIONS.—Old-age Pensioners: Number receiving Additional Pension. (Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.)	
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Aug. 25	177	POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION, Annual Report on. (By command)	H.–16.
July 16	88	POPULATION AND BUILDINGS OF NEW ZEALAND FOR YEAR 1923–24. (By Act.)	†
July 21	112	POSTAGE RATES: Post and Telegraph Regulations. (By Act)	*
		POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:—	
Aug. 13	140	Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By command)	F.–2.
July 24	124	Post Office Savings-bank: Deposits received and paid from 1867 to 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	F.–4.
July 21	112	Regulations, Schedule of: Householders' Circulars; Charges; Money-orders for Payment in Australia; Cinematograph Films; Government Publications; Postage Rates, Radio Receiving; Amateur Transmitting and Receiving; Experimental Stations; Radio Broadcasting Stations; Sale of Radio Apparatus; Telephone Exchange Rates; Telephone Services. (By Act)	*
Sept. 30	279	Regulations, Schedule of. (By Act)	*
July 22	118	Report for Year 1924–25. (By command)	F.–1.
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Sept. 23	241	POST-PRIMARY EDUCATION IN NEW ZEALAND: Report by Mr. Frank Tate. (By leave.)	†
July 16	86	PRICES IN NEW ZEALAND FOR YEAR 1923, Statistical Report on. (By Act.)	†
Sept. 8	206	PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT: Report for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By leave)	H.–36.
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Sept. 25	247	PROTOCOL (GENEVA): Proposals for a Pact of Security.—Statement by Hon. J. G. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, relative to Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the Dominions.	A.–5B.
Sept. 25	248	PROTOCOL: The Pacific Settlement of International Disputes.—Correspondence relating to the Position of the Dominions. (By leave)	A.–5C.
July 3	1	PROVIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
July 3	18	PROVIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY: Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
July 24	128	PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1924–25. (By Act)	B.–1 (Part III).
July 24	129	PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1924–25. (By Act)	B.–1 (Part I).
July 29	137	PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1924–25, with Report by Controller and Auditor-General thereon. (By Act)	B.–1 (Part II).
Aug. 18	165	PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, B.–1 (Part II), and Controller and Auditor-General's Report: Ministerial Statement on. (By leave)	B.–2.
July 28	132	PUBLIC DEBT EXTINCTION ACT, 1910, Certificate of Controller and Auditor-General under the. (By Act)	B.–20.
Sept. 8	202	PUBLIC DEBT EXTINCTION BOARD: Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	B.–20A.
Aug. 18	164	PUBLIC DEBTS SINKING FUNDS: Report of Commissioners for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	B.–8.
July 24	125	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 16	64	Section 407, Town of Hamilton West, from a Post and Telegraph Reserve to a Reserve for Public Buildings for the Government. (By Act.)	*
July 16	65	Part Section 175, Township of Hampden, from a Site for a Post-office to an Addition to a Site for a Public Library. (By Act.)	*
July 16	67	Portion of Section 144, Township of Waverley, from a Site for a Telegraph-station and Post-office to a Site for a War Memorial. (By Act.)	*
July 16	68	Section 2 of 55, Picton Suburban, Block XII, Linkwater Survey District, from a Reserve for the Purpose of supplying Timber for the Public Service to a Reserve for Quarry Purposes. (By Act.)	*
July 28	134	PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1910: Amounts temporarily transferred from one Fund or Account to another. (By Act)	B.–14.
July 3	34	PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1910, AND AMENDMENTS, Regulations under. (By Act) ..	*
Sept. 15	212	PUBLIC SECURITIES HELD IN DOMINION AND ELSEWHERE AS ON 31ST MARCH, 1925. (By Act)	B.–10.

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Sept. 3	195	PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BOARD : Report, with Accounts, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	H.–26.
Aug. 18	163	PUBLIC SERVICE, Temporary Employees in, and Remuneration paid. (By Act.)	
		PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE :—	
Aug. 25	178	Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	B.–9A.
Aug. 18	161	Enemy Property in New Zealand, Report on, by Public Trustee. (By leave) ..	H.–25.
July 21	117	Land Settlement Finance Act, 1909, Accounts of Associations under the, as at 31st March, 1925. (By Act.)	
Sept. 2	190	Report for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	B.–9.
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Sept. 25	264	QUEENSLAND INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED, (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
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July 21	112	RADIO APPARATUS, SALE OF : Post and Telegraph Regulations. (By Act)	*
July 21	112	RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS : Post and Telegraph Regulations. (By Act) ..	*
July 21	112	RADIO RECEIVING : POST and Telegraph Regulations. (By Act)	*
		RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT :—	
Sept. 24	244	Classification List as on 1st April, 1925. (By Act)	D.–3.
Aug. 25	180	Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry. (By command)	D.–2A.
Aug. 25	181	Statement by Hon. J. G. Coates, Minister of Railways, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By leave)	D.–2.
Aug. 25	179	Superannuation Fund : Report of Board for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	D.–5.
		RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE :—	
Sept. 22	233	Report for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	C.–11.
Sept. 16	222	Report of Commission of Inquiry. (By command)	C.–11A.
July 16	59	RETURNS OR STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW OR RESOLUTION TO BE LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE. (Return to Order dated 18th August, 1893)	H.–13.
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July 16	58	In various districts. (By Act)	*
July 16	106	In various districts. (By Act)	*
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Sept. 8	203	In various districts. (By Act)	*
Sept. 10	209	In various districts. (By Act)	*
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Aug. 27	183	Lysnar-Vestey Bros. (Limited), Report on. (By leave.)	H.–30.
Sept. 9	207	University Education in New Zealand. Report on. (By command)	E.–7A.
July 3	8	ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
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Aug. 13	147	SCENERY-PRESERVATION, Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act) ..	C.–6.
1925	..	SECURITY, PACT OF : Papers respecting the proposals made by the German Government on the 9th February, 1925.—Paper No. 3.	
Aug. 13	148	SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS : Report of Lands and Survey Department for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By command)	C.–1.
July 16	92	SEXUAL OFFENDERS AND MENTAL DEFECTIVES, Report of Committee of Inquiry on. (By leave.)	H.–31A.
Sept. 30	287	SHEEP : Sheepowners and Number of Sheep in each County on 30th April, 1924, and 30th April, 1925. (By command)	H.–23B.
Sept. 22	237	SHEEP RETURNS, for Year ended 30th April, 1925. (By command)	H.–23.
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July 3	16	SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
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Sept. 30	281	SOUTHERN UNION GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AUSTRALASIA (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 30th June, 1924. (By Act.)	
Sept. 25	262	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH) : Accounts for Year ended 30th June, 1925. (By Act.)	
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Sept. 24	246	STATE COAL-MINES, Report on Working of, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	C.–2A.
July 21	108	STATE FIRE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE OFFICE: Regulations under the Government Accident Insurance Act, 1908. (By Act.)	*
July 16	109	STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE: Report for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act)	H.–6.
Sept. 3	194	STATE FOREST SERVICE:—	
		First Quinquennial Review of Operation of National Forest Policy, together with Annual Report of Director of Forestry for Year ended 31st March, 1924. (By Act.)	C.–3.
Sept. 3	174	Forests Act, 1921-22: Proposal to revoke Reservation over certain Land. (By Act.)	
July 16	82	STATISTICS OF NEW ZEALAND, Monthly Abstract of, July, 1924, to May, 1925. (By Act.)	†
July 21	114	STOCK ACT, 1908: Stock slaughtered and Compensation paid for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act.)	H.–33.
Aug. 13	143	STORES CONTROL BOARD, Annual Report of. (By leave)	H.–4.
July 3	11	SUN INSURANCE OFFICE (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
		SUPERANNUATION. (*Vide* PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION; LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION; TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION; RAILWAYS SUPERANNUATION.)	
Sept. 22	235	SWAMP-DRAINAGE, Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	C.–4.
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Sept. 25	260	TARANAKI FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act.)	
Sept. 22	228	TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND, Particulars relating to. (By command) ..	E.–8.
July 21	112	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE RATES: Post and Telegraph Regulations. (By Act) ..	*
July 21	112	TELEPHONE SERVICES: Post and Telegraph Regulations. (By Act)	*
Aug. 18	163	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, and Remuneration paid. (By Act.)	
Sept. 22	236	TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK, Annual Report of Board on. (By command).. ..	C.–13.
July 24	127	TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS: Annual Report. (By command)..	H.–2.
July 16	85	TRADE AND SHIPPING OF NEW ZEALAND, Statistical Report on, for Year 1923. (By Act.)	†
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Sept. 25	259	UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	
July 3	13	UNITED INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st August, 1924. (By Act.)	
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Aug. 13	159	VALUATION OF LAND DEPARTMENT: Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By Act)	R.–17.
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Aug. 13	151	WAKATIPU, ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF, Particulars relative to Crown Land Leases in. (Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.)	
1925	..	WESTERN SAMOA, MANDATED TERRITORY OF:—	
Sept. 8	199	Fifth Report on Administration of, to 31st March, 1925. (By command) ..	A.–4.
Sept. 8	200	Annual Report of Department of Health, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. (By command)	A.–4A.
July 21	111	WOOL INDUSTRY: Board of Trade Regulations, 1925. (By Act.)	*
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July 16	81	YEAR-BOOK (NEW ZEALAND), FOR YEAR 1925. (By Act.)	†
July 3	30	YORKSHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1923. (By Act.)	
July 3	9	YORKSHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (ACCIDENT BRANCH): Accounts for Year ended 31st December, 1924. (By Act.)	

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	h. m.		
Hours of sitting before midnight	369 57		
Hours of sitting after midnight	49 16		
		h. m.	
		419 13	
Daily average			7 13
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			1,225
Daily average			21
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District Courts Abolition.

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Electrical Wiremen's Registration.

Finance.
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Housing Amendment.
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Imprest Supply.
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Iron and Steel Industries Amendment.

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Land and Income Tax (Annual).
Land for Settlements.
Land Laws Amendment.
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Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment.

Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment.
Matakaca Hospital District.
Matamata County Council Empowering.
Masterton Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes.

Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation.

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Harbours Amendment (No. 1).

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Justices of the Peace Amendment.

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Lights on Vehicles Amendment.
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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	..	..	1[illegible]5 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	28 " ..	7 November ..	133	77	518 23	116 1	634 24	8 14
1902	1 July ..	3 October ..	95	57	367 53	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	390 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
1922	28 June ..	31 October ..	126	76	460 19	7 47	468 8	6 10
*1923	14 June ..	29 August ..	77	55	374 7	59 26	433 33	7 53
1924	26 June ..	6 November ..	134	83	564 2	63 43	627 45	7 48
1925	25 " ..	1 October ..	99	58	369 57	49 16	419 13	7 13

* 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, 30th April to 10th June, 46 days; 1897, 5th April to 10th April, 6 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. 1923, 7th to 17th February, 11 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 fifth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, 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, this 7th day of November, 1924.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Further proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

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 fifth day of the month of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

WHEREAS on the seventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the fifth day of the month of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, 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 seventh 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, this 24th day of January, 1925.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Further proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

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 seventh day of the month of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

WHEREAS on the twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the seventh day of the month of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, at which time you were held constrained to appear: Now know ye 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 Saturday, the sixth 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 that Dominion, this 29th day of April, 1925.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Meeting of the General Assembly for the Despatch of Business.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

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 sixth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

WHEREAS the Meeting of the General Assembly stands prorogued to the sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five: Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations I have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, so that neither you nor any of you, on the said sixth 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 Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, 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, this 29th day of May, 1925.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

JOURNALS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

FOURTH SESSION—TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

Thursday, the 25th Day of June, 1925.

THE House met at thirty minutes after two of the clock in the afternoon, in pursuance of a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) by His Excellency the Governor-General, bearing date the 29th day of May, 1925.

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 the House being returned;

2. *Vacancy.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, owing to the death of the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, the Franklin seat has become vacant.

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

Department of Internal Affairs,
Clerk of the Writs' Office, Wellington, 25th June, 1925.

SIR,—

Pursuant to the provisions of section 148 of the Legislature Act, 1908, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a writ dated the 30th day of May, 1925, for the election of a member of Parliament to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Franklin, with an endorsement thereon that the name of the person elected for that electoral district pursuant to the writ is Ewen Donald McLennan.

I have, &c.,
G. P. NEWTON, Deputy Clerk of the Writs.

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

4. *Member sworn.*—Ewen Donald McLennan, Esquire, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

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

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

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

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

8. *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 in a spirit of thankfulness that in the opening paragraph of my speech I am able to record the complete recovery of the King from the effects of the serious illness from which His Majesty suffered during the earlier part of the present year.

The great pleasure I have in meeting you for the first time in the General Assembly, of which under the Constitution I am part, would be greater for me, as I know it would be for you, had there been still present with us the distinguished man who was my Prime Minister when I assumed office as Governor-General. For more than twenty-one years Mr. Massey had been the Leader in the House of Representatives of one of the great political parties, and for nearly thirteen consecutive years had been Prime Minister of this Dominion. In time of war, as in times of peace, he proved himself to be a true servant of the Empire, and it is not only among the people of this Dominion that the loss sustained by his death is realized. The messages of sympathy during his illness, and of condolence after his death, received by me from Their Majesties the King and Queen, from the leading statesmen of Great Britain, from the Governors-General, Governors, and Ministers of the other Dominions and Colonies, and from the Governments of the Allies of Great Britain, and of the United States of America, have testified the world-wide sense of the value of his public service. This is not the time or the place to record his life's work, or to attempt adequate expression of the public sorrow. With my Ministers, I adopt the concluding words of the message from the Prime Minister of Great Britain: "Mr. Massey's death will not be a loss to New Zealand only. The whole Empire will mourn him both as a man and a statesman, and many of us will long cherish the memory of a most genuine and lovable personality."

Acting on the advice of my Ministers, I proclaimed a portion of the Crown reserve at Point Halswell, in the Harbour of Wellington, to be a burial-place for Mr. Massey and his widow. Included in the legislation to be submitted to you will be an Act specifically appropriating to that purpose the land so defined.

On the 14th May last I appointed my Attorney-General, the Hon. Sir Francis Bell, to be Prime Minister, and on his advice I confirmed the surviving Ministers in their several Ministerial offices and in their membership of the Executive Council, and also appointed the Hon. William Nosworthy to be Minister of Finance and Minister of Stamp Duties, those offices having become vacant by Mr. Massey's death. On the 30th May Sir Francis Bell tendered to me the resignation of himself and his colleagues, and on his advice I sent for the Hon. Joseph Gordon Coates, M.C., and appointed him to be

Prime Minister. On Mr. Coates's advice I appointed the members of the Government who had resigned to hold again their respective offices and their membership of the Executive Council, except that in the case of the office of Postmaster-General the Hon. Sir James Parr was appointed in lieu of Mr. Coates.

It had been my intention before my first meeting with you to have visited many parts of the Dominion, and also the Cook Islands and our mandatory territory of Samoa, but the recent severe epidemic of infantile paralysis which caused so much sorrow and anxiety throughout the country, combined with the circumstances of Mr. Massey's illness and death, rendered such visits inadvisable. I hope to be able later to make myself more fully acquainted with every part of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and with every section of its people. It has been my happiness so far to find everywhere loyalty to our Sovereign and his Empire, general prosperity and contentment, and an absence of that unemployment which has caused and is causing so much anxiety in the Mother-country.

I take this opportunity of thanking the people of New Zealand most warmly for the kindness and consideration extended by one and all to Her Excellency and myself since our arrival in the Dominion. The kindly references to our parents which have been so frequently made have touched us greatly. The extreme courtesy and goodwill of the welcome which we have received have added much to the pleasure of our return to the scenes of our childhood, and have given us great encouragement in undertaking the duties which fall to us.

It is with pleasure that I have received evidence of the increasing well-being of the Cook Islands Dependencies and of the prosperity and welfare of the people of Western Samoa

A complete reorganization and control of the public railways has been brought into operation, and has provided improved facilities and service to the people. Important works and improvements have been put in hand which, when completed, will greatly increase the efficiency of the Department and service to the public.

The Board created under recent legislation to inquire into and make recommendations upon the finance of discharged soldiers settled on the land has nearly completed its work, and there is reason to believe that action taken under your authority in pursuance of those recommendations has enabled many deserving soldier settlers to realize that they have opportunity in the present and hope for the future in their enterprise.

The conditions developed in certain areas of Crown lands in the North Island, by deterioration of pastures, which are gradually becoming replaced by native flora of various kinds, have been investigated by a special committee, which has submitted a valuable report. It is proposed to establish methods of dealing with such lands, and to assist settlers occupying them to carry out necessary improvements. You will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for the purpose.

My Ministers realize that the development of our primary industries demands an extension of the instructional services of the Department of Agriculture. It is proposed to increase the trained staff of the Department in order that information and advice may be provided directly to producers through the medium of trained Instructors stationed at various suitable centres throughout the Dominion. The existing services of the Department have already been the means of rendering material aid to producers, and provide a basis upon which a wider and more comprehensive service can be established.

The measures prepared for your consideration during your present session include provision for the amendment of Acts relating to Chattels Transfer, Local Bodies' Loans, Stone-quarries, Property Law, Land Transfers, Official Appointments and Documents, Public Works, Nurses Superannuation, Destitute Persons, Forests, Workers' Compensation for Accidents, and the Kauri-gum Industry.

Several important consolidation measures have been prepared, and will be submitted to you. Among them you will find Bills consolidating and amending the Coal-mines Acts, Land for Settlement Acts, Public Revenues Acts, Hauraki Plains Acts, and Fire Brigades Acts. If time allows, you will also be asked to consider and pass an Act consolidating the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Acts. A Child Welfare Bill, providing for the establishment of Children's Courts, for the care of indigent and delinquent children, and limiting the employment of children in various forms of employment, and for the better administration of child-welfare institutions, has been prepared, and my Ministers hope that you may find it possible to pass this into law during the present session.

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

You will be gratified to find that the financial operations of the Dominion in the year ended 31st March last resulted in a surplus in the Consolidated Fund of £1,243,800. The estimates of public expenditure for the present year have been prepared for your consideration with due regard to economy.

The demand for money for the Office of Advances to Settlers and Advances to Workers has been most urgent, and it has been found difficult to meet the requirements in full. Under your authority a loan of seven millions has been recently raised in London on terms which compare favourably with similar loans raised about the same time by other Dominions and public bodies. Such part of the proceeds of that loan as are not urgently required for the continuance of public works, including hydro-electric extension, will be available for advances to settlers and workers. In addition, the repayments of principal to the State Advances Department will provide approximately £1,300,000 in each year for investment in further advances.

My Ministers are aware of the difficulty that settlers and workers are experiencing in obtaining money for development and housing purposes. Very careful attention has been given to ways and means to assist, and proposals will be submitted in due course for your consideration.

You will be asked specially to consider a Bill dealing with the sinking funds of the public debt. It is not proposed to limit the provision made under the existing Act for the ultimate extinction of the debt. But experience has shown that investment of sinking funds in permanent securities is not advantageous as compared with investment in the purchase of such of our own securities as are at a discount on the London market, and the main object of the Bill is to invest the annual payments from the Consolidated Fund in the form of liquid securities so far as immediate opportunity does not occur for the purchase of our own public-debt debentures. At the same time provision is made for continuance of payment to the sinking fund of interest on the part of the debt so extinguished.

During and after the war many holders of land found difficulty in paying their land-tax, which by the statute is made a first charge upon the land itself. Time for payment was conceded in many cases, and transfers of property have taken place, the purchasers being ignorant of the existing encumbrance of tax, and this in a considerable number of cases is thought to be unfair. The matter was dealt with in part by legislation of your last session, but you will be invited to consider further provisions for the relief of the charge of arrears of land-tax in cases involving hardship to purchasers.

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

I commend these several matters to your earnest consideration, and I trust that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations to the advantage of our Sovereign and his Empire and the benefit of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

9. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates 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 thirty-eight minutes after three of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Friday, the 26th Day of June, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Rating Operations of the Napier Harbour Board; and that Mr. McIlvride do prepare and bring it in.

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

3. *Summer Time Bill.—Ordered*, That Motion for leave to introduce the Summer Time Bill be postponed until to-morrow.

4. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908; and that Mr. Monteith do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Monteith accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 8th day of July, and to be printed.

5. *Death of the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, LL.D.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Wilford, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House desires to place on record its high sense of the devoted and distinguished services rendered to New Zealand and to the Empire by the late Prime Minister, the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, LL.D., and of the great loss the Dominion has sustained by his death, and respectfully tenders to Mrs. Massey and her family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

6. *Death of the late Honourable O. Samuel, K.C., M.L.C.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 Oliver Samuel, K.C., a member of the Legislative Council, and a former 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.

7. *Death of the late Honourable Joseph Grimmond, M.L.C.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 Joseph Grimmond, a Member of the Lgislative Council, and a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectifully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy with her in her bereavement.

8. *Death of the late Mr. Edward Wakefield.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 Wakefield, formerly a Member of the House of Representatives and a Minister of the Crown, and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

9. *Death of the late Eparaima te Mutu Kapa.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 Eparaima te Mutu Kapa, 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.

10. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn until half past seven of the clock p.m. on Monday, the 29th day of June, 1925, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Right Honourable W. F. Massey, LL.D., the late Honourable O. Samuel, K.C., M.L.C., the late Honourable J. Grimmond, M.L.C., the late Mr. Edward Wakefield, and the late Eparaima te Mutu Kapa.

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

Monday, the 29th Day of June, 1925.

The House met this day at half after seven of the clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, on account of illness.

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

2. *Summer Time Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Time in New Zealand being in Advance of New Zealand Standard Time during a certain Period of the Year; and that Mr. Sidey do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Sidey accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, and to be printed.

3. *Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Rawhiti Domain Board to subdivide Part of Reserve 1616 into Building Allotments and to provide Access thereto; and that Mr. Sullivan do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Religious Exercises in Schools Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Performance of certain Religious Exercises in Schools; 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 read a second time on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, and to be printed.

5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

FERGUSSON, 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, 1926.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th June, 1925.

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

6. *Suspension of Standing Order No. 422.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *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.

7. *Supply.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy 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.

Mr. Savage 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 has no confidence in the administration of the Government."

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.	Henare	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Atmore	Hockly	Nash	Sykes
Bell	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Bitchener	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Burnett	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Girling	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Hawken			

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Lee	Munro	Savage.
Bartram	McCombs	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McIlvride	Parry	Howard
Holland	McKeen	Poland	Sullivan.
Langstone	Monteith		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original 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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two million four hundred and eighty-three thousand seven 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-six.

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

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

8. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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-six,—

(*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 four hundred and thirty-six thousand five hundred 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 forty-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-six.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,750,000
State Coal-mines Account	30,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	450,000
Electric Supply Account	125,000
Separate Accounts—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	750
Land for Settlements Account	750
Land for Settlements Account—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	750
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account	2,500
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	20,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	30,000
Native Land Settlement Account	300
State Forests Account	20,000
Westport Harbour Account	1,500
War Expenses Account	5,000
	£2,436,550

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	2,500
The State Fire Insurance Account	7,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	600
The Public Trustee's Account	18,200
The Native Trustee's Account	3,000
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	4,200
Advances to Workers Branch	900
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	700
	£47,200

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

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

9. *Imprest Supply Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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-six; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *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 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. Young 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-six."

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

10. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 30th day of June.

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

Tuesday, the 30th Day of June, 1925.

The House met this day at half after seven of the o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by Charles Mildmay Bothamley, Acting Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1925, which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

3. *Harbours Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Harbours Act, 1923; and that Mr. Monteith do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Monteith accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, and to be printed.

4. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. McLennan moved, seconded by Mr. Hudson, 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. Sidey, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

Wednesday, the 1st Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *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;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words: "but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the 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 Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 2nd Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *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 (*Mr. McLennan*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the words "but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House" (*Mr. Holland*);

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

On motion of Mr. J. C. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

Friday, the 3rd Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Matamata County Council Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill empowering the Matamata County Council to pay Interest and Sinking-fund Charges in respect of certain Special Loans for Roading Purposes out of Proceeds of Special Rate levied as Security for Loan for like Purposes; and that Mr. Hockly do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

   1. Provident Life Assurance Company (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   2. Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company (Limited): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   3. Atlas Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at the 31st December, 1924.

   4. Northern Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   5. Farmers' Co-operative Insurance Association of New Zealand (Limited): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 30th June, 1924.

   6. Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company (Limited): Returns for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   7. Victoria Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 30th June, 1924.

   8. Royal Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   9. Yorkshire Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at the 31st December, 1924.

   10. North British and Mercantile Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   11. Sun Insurance Office (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   12. Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

   13. United Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st August, 1924.

14. Australian Provincial Assurance Association (Limited): Returns for the Year ended the 31st December, 1923.

15. Australian Provincial Assurance Association (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1925.

16. South British Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

17. Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation of London (Limited), (New Zealand Branch), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

18. Provident Life Assurance Society: Returns for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

19. Phœnix Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

20. Eagle, Star, and British Dominions Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st May, 1924.

21. Southern Cross Assurance Company (Limited): Returns for the Year ended the 30th June, 1924.

22. National Insurance Company of New Zealand (Limited): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 30th September, 1924.

23. London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

24. The British Traders' Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

25. Southern Cross Assurance Company (Limited): Returns for the Year ended the 31st August, 1923.

26. Alliance Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

27. Guardian Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

28. Australian Mutual Provident Society: Returns for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

29. The Insurance Office of Australia (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

30. Yorkshire Insurance Company (Limited): Returns for the Year ended the 31st December, 1923.

31. National Mutual Life Association of Australasia (Limited): Returns for the Year ended the 30th September, 1924.

32. New York Life Insurance Company: Accounts and Statements for the Year ended the 31st December, 1924.

33. Australasian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society (Limited): Returns for the Year ended the 30th September, 1924.

34. Public Revenues Act and Amendments, 1910–1919, and Treasury Regulations.

35. Bank of New Zealand, Balance-sheet of the, as at 31st March, 1925.

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

37. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Coal Leases Nos. 5403 and 5706, Westport, situated in Block XV, Mokihinui Survey District, from James Richards to William Boyd Young.

38. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment by way of Mortgage only of his Interest in Coal Leases Nos. 5403 and 5706, Westport, situated in Block XV, Mokihinui Survey District, from William Boyd, the younger, to James Richards.

39. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Coal Leases Nos. 5403 and 5706, Westport, situated in Block XV, Mokihinui Survey District, from Michael Moloney to James Richards.

40. Mining Act, 1908, Amended Regulation in respect of a License to bore for Petroleum or other Mineral Oils or Natural Gas under the.

41. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Coal Lease No. 7054, Invercargill, situated in part of Section 9, in the District of Wairaki, from the Nightcaps Company (Limited), in Liquidation, to William Stevenson.

42. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Coal Lease No. 6358, Westport, situated in Block XV, Mokihinui Survey District, from George Herbert Mulholland and Harry Lowther to Thomas Rogers, the younger, and Walter Rogers.

43. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment by way of Mortgage only of Coal Leases Nos. 5003, 5034, 5148, 5206, and 5230, Reefton, situated in Block II, Waitahu Survey District, from Victor William Albborn, Isaac Patterson, Anna Pascoe, and David Woods, as Executors and Trustees under the Will of William Pascoe, deceased, to the Westport Coal Company (Limited).

44. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of Coal Lease No. M.L. 310, situated in Block VI, Kurow Survey District, from the Public Trustee, as Executor under the Will of Andrew Fleming Shanks, deceased, to Mary Shanks.

45. Mining Act, 1908: Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1908, for the Control of Operations in connection with Prospecting for, Production, and Storage of Mineral Oils and Natural Gas.

46. Board of Trade: Sale of Garments made to Measure Regulations, 1925.

47. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended the 31st March, 1922. [Brunner, Eketahuna, Motueka, New Plymouth, Ohakune, and Stratford.]

48. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended the 31st March, 1922. [Grey and Whangamomona.]

49. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended the 31st March, 1923. [Birkenhead, Eketahuna, Greymouth, Greytown, Hampden, Hastings, Levin, Lower Hutt, Motueka, Nelson, New Plymouth, Ohakune, Onehunga, Otaki, Paeroa, Roxburgh, Shannon, Stratford, Te Aroha, Te Kuiti, and Whakatane.]

50. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended the 31st March, 1923. [Castlepoint, Featherston, Kawhia, Masterton, Morrinsville, Ohinemuri, Oxford, Stratford, Taranaki, Waimate West, Weber, Whangamomona, and Woodville.]

51. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended the 31st March, 1924. [Akaroa, Alexandra, Arrowtown, Ashburton, Auckland, Avondale, Christchurch, Dannevirke, Dargaville, Dunedin, Eastbourne, Foxton, Gore, Green Island, Greytown, Hamilton, Hastings, Hawera, Invercargill, Lawrence, Lower Hutt, Marton, Mataura, Milton, Mount Albert, Naseby, Nelson, New Brighton, Newmarket, Ngaruawahia, Oamaru, Onehunga, Otaki, Paeroa, Port Chalmers, Pukekohe, Queenstown, Raetihi, Rangiora, Riverton, Ross, Roxburgh, St. Kilda, Shannon, Stratford, Sumner, Te Aroha, Temuka, Timaru, Waikouaiti, Waimate, Waipawa, Wanganui, and Winton.]

52. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended the 31st March, 1924. [Akaroa, Ashley, Awatere, Castlepoint, Collingwood, Cook, Dannevirke, Ellesmere, Grey, Halswell, Heathcote, Hobson, Hutt, Kawhia, Levels, Makara, Malvern, Maniototo, Manukau, Marlborough, Masterton, Morrinsville, Ohinemuri, Oroua, Oxford, Paparoa, Patangata, Piako, Rangitikei, Rodney, Selwyn, Springs, Stratford, Takaka, Taranaki, Tawera, Tuapeka, Waihemo, Waikato, Waikohu, Waikouaiti, Waimate, Waimate West, Waipa, Waipukurau, Wairewa, Waitaki, Waitotara, Weber, Whangamomona, Whangarei, and Woodville.]

54. Results of a Census of the Dominion of New Zealand taken on the Night of the 17th April, 1921.

55. Fire Boards: Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended the 30th June, 1923. [New Plymouth, Petone, and Waihi.]

56. Fire Boards: Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended the 30th June, 1924. [Christchurch, Dargaville, Dunedin, Gisborne,

Greymouth, Hamilton, Hastings, Kaitangata, Lawrence, Levin, Milton, Napier, New Plymouth, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Petone, Port Chalmers, Rotorua, Tauranga, and Waihi.]

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

53. Transactions and Proceedings of the New Zealand Institute, Vol. 55. (Issued September, 1924.)

4. *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 (*Mr. McLennan*); and the amendment proposed thereto, T add the words "but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House" (*Mr. Holland*);

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

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

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

Tuesday, the 7th Day of July, 1925.

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 (*Mr. McLennan*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the words "but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House" (*Mr. Holland*);

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

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

Wednesday, the 8th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Act, 1919; and that Mr. Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Fraser accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, and to be printed.

3. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech (*Mr. McLennan*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the words "but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House" (*Mr. Holland*);

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

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the 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 ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 9th Day of July, 1925.

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 (*Mr. McLennan*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the words "but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House" (*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, 18.

Armstrong	Langstone	Monteith	Savage.
Bartram	Lee	Munro	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	O'Brien	Howard
Holland	McIlvride	Parry	Sullivan.
Jordan	McKeen	Poland	

NOES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Macmillan	Sykes
Atmore	Hawken	Nash	Uru
Bell	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Bitchener	Hudson	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Witty
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright
Burnett	Linklater	Potter	Young.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. McC.	Lysnar	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Field	McLennan	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Girling	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.	

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 thereupon.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the 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 Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 10th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896; and that the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Sir C. J. Parr accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on next sitting-day, and to be printed.

3. *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;

   The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

   Mr. Atmore moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words: "(1.) That it is imperatively necessary in the best interests of the Dominion that a strong, stable National Government should be formed during the present session in order to provide a comprehensive policy of reconstruction and economic and social betterment, and by so ministering to the true needs of the people avert the dangers of a breakdown of representative government and the menace to orderly progress now threatening owing to the increase of parties and the consequent inability of Government to function for the welfare of the State; (2) that no consideration of party advantage, personal ambitions, or claims of candidates should be allowed to block the way to the immediate formation of such a National Government; (3) that in the event of the parties concerned failing to arrive at an agreement to establish such a Government full information shall be given to the people, showing the nature of the proposals discussed, and the attitude and actions of each party, so that the public may then judge those who have failed to put national interests before the interests of parties and persons and thus proved unworthy of the public confidence."

   And the Question and amendment being again proposed, a Debate arose thereupon.

   Mr. Fraser moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be further amended by omitting all the words after the word "is" in the first line of the amendment proposed by Mr. Atmore, with a view of inserting the

following words in lieu thereof: "desirable in the interests of the Dominion that the three-party system should come to an end, and that the proposed union between the Reform and Liberal parties should be consummated; that there is no single political principle upon which the two parties mentioned are in disagreement; and that no question of the allocation of portfolios, personal ambitions, or claims of candidates is any justification for blocking the way to the immediate formation of a united Conservative party, or for the Reform and Liberal parties remaining separate and apart."

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 as follow:—

AYES, 51.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, T. W.
Bell	Harris	Macmillan	Rolleston, F. J.
Bitchener	Hawken	Macpherson	Rolleston, J. C.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hockly	Masters	Sidey
Burnett	Horn	Murdoch	Smith
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nash	Sykes
de la Perrelle	Hunter, Sir G.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Veitch
Dickson, J. McC.	Linklater	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wilford
Dickson, J. S.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Field	Lye	Poland	Wright.
Forbes	Lysnar	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Girling	McKay	Ransom	Atmore
Glenn	McLennan	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Corrigan.

NOES, 16.

Armstrong	Lee	Monteith	Savage.
Bartram	McCombs	Munro	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McIlvride	O'Brien	Howard
Holland	McKeen	Parry	Sullivan.
Langstone			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question and amendment being again proposed, a Debate arose thereupon.

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, 30.

Armstrong	Langstone	Masters	Smith
Bartram	Lee	Monteith	Sullivan
de la Perrelle	Lye	Munro	Veitch
Forbes	McCombs	O'Brien	Wilford.
Fraser	McIlvride	Parry	*Tellers.*
Holland	McKay	Ransom	Atmore
Horn	McKeen	Savage	Hanan, Hon. J. A.
Howard	Macpherson	Sidey	

NOES, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Macmillan	Rolleston, F. J.
Bell	Hawken	Nash	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hudson	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Burnett	Hunter, Sir G.	Poland	Wright.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. McC.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Dickson, J. S.
Field	McLennan	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Glenn.
Girling	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, T. W.	

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 thereupon.

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

SATURDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1925.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 14th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Miner's Phthisis Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for Pensioner totally incapacitated for Work by reason of Miner's Phthisis; and that Mr. Parry do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Parry accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, and to be printed.

3. *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;

   The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until half after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 15th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Manawatu-Oroua River District Act, 1923; and that Mr. Nash do prepare and bring it in.

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

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, on account of illness.

4. *Adjournment (Questions and Answers).*—Mr. Rhodes moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the time-limit for Questions and Answers be extended until five-thirty p.m.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

5. *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;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Savage moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words: "and that this House expresses the opinion—(1) That all awards of the Arbitration Court should provide for a wage at least equivalent in purchasing-power to the 1914 standard; (2) that wages and salaries in the Public Services, beginning immediately with salaries of £300 and under, should be restored to, at east, the pre-war standard, measured in purchasing-power."

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, 33.

Armstrong	Howard	Masters	Smith
Bartram	Jordan	Monteith	Sullivan
Buddo, Hon. D.	Langstone	Munro	Thomson
Corrigan	Lee	Murdoch	Veitch
de la Perrelle	Lye	Parry	Wilford.
Forbes	McIlvride	Poland	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McKay	Ransom	McCombs
Holland	McKeen	Sidey	Savage.
Horn	Macpherson		

NOES, 38.

Atmore	Hawken	Macmillan	Sykes
Bell	Hockly	Nash	Uru
Bitchener	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Witty
Burnett	Isitt	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Potter	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Field	Lysnar	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	McLennan	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.	

So it passed in the Negative.

The House resumed the Debate on the Question, That a respectfu Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech.

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

THURSDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 1925.

And the 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 unite with Your Excellency in expressing our gratification at the recovery of His Majesty the King from his recent serious illness.

We deeply regret with Your Excellency that your pleasure in meeting us in Parliament has been marred by the death of the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, who for nearly thirteen consecutive years occupied the position of Prime M nister of this Dominion. We agree whole-heartedly with Your Excel'ency that throughout this long career he proved himself a true servant of the Empire, and the world-wide expressions of appreciation of the value of his public service afford signal testimony of the great loss which not only New Zealand but the whole Empire has sustained by his death.

We join very cordially in the welcome which has been extended to Your Excellency upon your arrival as His Majesty's Representative in the Dominion.

We desire to assure Your Excellency that the matters referred to in Your Exce'lency's Speech shall receive our most careful consideration, and we join with Your Excellency in trusting that Divine Providence may guide our deliberations to the advantage of our Sovereign, of His Empire, and of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

6. *Presentation of Address to His Excellency.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *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.

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

8. *Ways and Means.*—On mot'on of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *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 thirty-five minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 16th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Joint on Bills Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Young, *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, ocal, or private Bill : the Committee to consist of Mr. Field, Mr. McCombs, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, and the Mover.

3. *Education Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. 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. Armstrong, Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hudson, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Masters, Mr. Nash, Mr. Poland, Mr. Potter, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. 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. Burnett, Mr. Harris, Mr. Lye, Mr. Munro, Mr. Ransom, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

5. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven 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 Hon. Mr. Hanan, Mr. Holland, Mr. Lysnar, the Hon. Mr. Ngata, the Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, the Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilford, and the Mover.

6. *Lands Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten 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 think proper, and to report generally when necessary upon the principles and provisions of the Bills; 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. Hockly, Mr. Langstone, Mr. McLennan, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Savage, Mr. Witty, and the Mover.

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

8. *Native Affairs Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Native Affairs Committee be appointed, consisting of sixteen 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. Bell, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Tau Henare, Mr. Hockly, Mr. McIlvride, Mr. McKay, Mr. Murdoch, the Honourable Mr. Ngata, Mr. O'Brien, the Honourable Sir M. Pomare, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Uru, Mr. Williams, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

9. *Local Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bollard, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten 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. Armstrong, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Hudson, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thomson, and the Mover.

10. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bollard, *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. Bell, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thomson, and the Mover.

11. *Library Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That a Library Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Speaker, Mr. Atmore, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Girling, the Honourable Mr. Hanan, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Monteith, Mr. Potter, and the Mover.

12. *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 the Honourable Mr. Speaker, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Isitt, Mr. Savage, Mr. Witty, and the Mover.

13. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all matters pertaining to agricultural and pastoral industries and stock; 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. Corrigan, Mr. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hawken, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Lysnar, the Honourable Mr. Ngata, and the Mover.

14. *Standing Orders Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Standing Orders Committee, consisting of eleven members be appointed; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Honourable Mr. Hanan, Mr. Linklater, the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilford, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

15. *Railways Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten 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. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. McIlvride, Mr. Munro, Mr. Nash, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Witty, and the Mover.

16. *Public Health Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir M. Pomare, *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. Armstrong, Mr. Bell, the Honourable Mr. Buddo, Mr. Field, Mr. Hockly, Sir G. Hunter, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Parry, Mr. Williams, and the Mover.

17. *Public Accounts Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of twelve 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 the Honourable Mr. Coates, the Honourable Mr. Hanan, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Isitt, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Nash, Mr. Poland, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

18. *Defence Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten 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, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Glen, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Munro, Mr. Potter, Mr. Ransom, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, and the Mover.

19. *Labour Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten 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. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Howard, Mr. Linklater, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Lye, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McLennan, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Veitch, and the Mover.

20. *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 the Honourable Mr. Speaker, Mr. Girling, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Lye, the Honourable Mr. Ngata, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Witty, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

21. *Selection (Committee of).*—On motion of Mr. Young, *Ordered*, That a Committee of Selection (Private Bills) be appointed: the Committee to consist of Mr. Edie, Mr. Field, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sullivan, and the Mover.

22. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *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. Bell, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Harris, Mr. Monteith, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

23. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 2.*

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 Trade in and the Export of Kauri-gum," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Trade in and the Export of Kauri-gum.

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

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

24. *Kauri-gum Control Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Kauri-gum Control Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

25. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 3.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill ntituled "An Act to make Better Provision for the Repayment of the Public Debt," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Repayment of the Public Debt.

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.

26. *Repayment of the Public Debt Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Repayment of the Public Debt Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

27. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Registration of Nurses and Midwives," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Registration of Nurses and Midwives.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable Sir M. Pomare do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

28. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill.*—The Honourable Sir M. Pomare, according to Order, presented the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

29. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 s as follows:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 Stone-quarries Act, 1910," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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.

30. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

31. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 6.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Iron and Steel Industries Act, 1914," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Iron and Steel Industries Act, 1914.

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.

32. *Iron and Steel Industries Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Iron and Steel Industries Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

33. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 7.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision with regard to Weights and Measures," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 with regard to Weights and Measures.

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.

34. *Weights and Measures Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Weights and Measures Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

35. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 8.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Coal-mines," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Coal-mines.

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.

36. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Coal-mines Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

37. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 9.*

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 the Establishment of Fire Boards and the Protection of Life and Property from Fire," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 the Establishment of Fire Boards and the Protection of Life and Property from Fire.

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

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

38. *Fire Brigades Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Bollard, according to Order, presented the Fire Brigades Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

39. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 10.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision with respect to the Maintenance, Care, and Control of Children who are specially under the Protection of the State; and to provide generally for the Protection and Training of Indigent, Neglected, or Delinquent Children," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 with respect to the Maintenance, Care, and Control of Children who are specially under the Protection of the State; and to provide generally for the Protection and Training of Indigent, Neglected, or Delinquent Children.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

40. *Child Welfare Bill.*—The Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, according to Order, presented the Child Welfare Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

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

57. Cook and other Islands. [In continuation of parliamentary paper A.–3 of 1924.] A.–3.

93. Articles in Common Use, Table showing Consumption of, per Head of Population, for the Years 1904 to 1924. H.–9.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

92. Mental Defectives and Sexual Offenders, Report of the Committee on. H.–31A.

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

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

60. Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, Regulations under the.

61. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Balance-sheet, Statement of Revenue Account, and Statement of Membership for Year ended 31st December, 1924. [Wellington Harbour Board and Auckland Harbour Board.]

62. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Wanganui Fire Board for Year ended 30th June, 1924.

63. Fire Boards: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the undermentioned Fire Boards for Year ended 30th June, 1924. [Balclutha, Foxton, and Taumarunui.]

64. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Notice of the Change of Purpose of the Reservation over Section 407, Town of Hamilton West, from a Post and Telegraph Reserve to a Reserve for Public Buildings of the General Government.

65. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Notice of the Change of Purpose of the Reservation over Part Section 175, Township of Hampden, from a Site for a Post-office to an Addition to a Site for a Public Library.

66. Land Act, 1924, Copies of Proclamations declaring Lands in Nelson and Taranaki Land Districts to be subject to Section 133 of the.

67. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Notice of the Change of Purpose of the Reservation over Portion of Section 144, Township of Waverley, from a Site for a Telegraph-station and Post-office to a Site for a War Memorial.

68. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Notice of the Change of Purpose of Reservation over Section 2 of 55, Picton Suburban, Block VII, Linkwater Survey District, from a Reserve for the Purpose of supplying Timber for the Public Service to a Reserve for Quarry Purposes.

69. Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1909, Exemptions granted by the Minister of Marine in pursuance of the Provisions of the.

70. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, Amending Regulations under the.

71. Customs Act, 1913, Order in Council under Section 47 of the, amending the Regulations relating to the Export of Timber.

72. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment (by way of mortgage only) of Interest in Coal Lease No. M.L. 310, Dunedin, situated in Block VI, Kurow District, from Mary Shanks and Thomas David Shanks, and J. Comrie Campbell Shanks, to J. B. Barclay, W. J. Barclay, and Hugh Barclay.

73. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of all Interest in Coal Lease No. 3740, Ahaura, situated in Block I, Mawheranui Survey District, from the Paparoa Coal-mining Company (Limited) (in Liquidation), with the consent and approval of the Receivers on behalf of the First Debenture-holders, to the Paparoa Coal Company (Limited).

74. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1920. [Motueka.]

75. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1921. [Motueka.]

76. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1919. [Motueka.]

77. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1925. [Raglan.]

78. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1923. [Bay of Islands, Foxton, Gisborne, Hokitika, Kawhia, Motueka, Opunake, Otago, Thames, and Tokomaru Bay.]

79. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1922. [Motueka and Opunake.]

80. Harbour Board Accounts for the Year 1924. [Auckland, Foxton, Hokitika, Kawhia, Napier, New River, Oamaru, Raglan, Riverton, Thames, Timaru, Tokomaru Bay, Wairau, Wellington, Whakatane, and Whangateau-Omaha.]

81. Official Year-book for the Year 1925.

82. Statistics of the Dominion of New Zealand, Monthly Abstract of, from July, 1924, to May, 1925.

83. Insurance Statistics of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923, Statistical Report on.

84. Justice Statistics of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923, Statistical Report on.

85. Trade and Shipping of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923, Statistical Report on.

86. Prices, Building Societies, Bankruptcy, Income, and Meteorology of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923.

87. Industrial Manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923–24, Statistical Report on.

88. Population and Buildings of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923–24.

89. Agricultural and Pastoral Production of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923–24, Statistical Report on.

90. External Migration of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1924, Statistical Report on.

91. Local Government of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1923–24, Statistical Report on.

94. Customs Amendment Act, 1921 : Order in Council exempting Agar-agar from Customs Duty.

95. Customs Amendment Act, 1921 : Order in Council exempting certain Goods from Primage Duty.

96. Customs Amendment Act, 1921 : Order in Council removing the Suspension of Duty on Bran and Pollard.

97. Customs Amendment Act, 1921, Order in Council making Additional Regulations under the.

98. Customs Amendment Act, 1921 : Orders in Council altering the Rates of Duty on certain Specified Articles.

99. Honey-export Control Act, 1924, and Customs Act, 1913 : Order in Council prohibiting the Export of Honey save in accordance with a License to be issued by the Minister of Agriculture.

100. Dairy-produce Export Control Act, 1923, and Customs Act, 1913 : Order in Council prohibiting the Export of Dairy-produce save in accordance with a License to be issued by the Minister of Agriculture.

101. Customs Act, 1913 : Order in Council revoking the Prohibition of the Export of Bran and Pollard.

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

103. Native Land Settlement Account, Statement showing the Moneys paid into and out of the, during 1924–25.

104. Natives declared to be Europeans : Statement of Orders in Council.

105. Contract between the Honourable William Stewart, M.L.C., and His Majesty the King for the Sale and Purchase of Part Allotments 64 and 65, Township of Kawakawa, and the Buildings thereon, for Post-office Purposes.

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

107. Naval Defence Act, 1913, Regulations under the, amended.

108. State Fire and Accident Insurance Office, Regulations under the.

109. State Fire Insurance Office : Annual Report of General Manager for Year ended 31st December, 1924. H.–6.

110. Defence Amendment Act, 1910, Regulations under the.

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

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

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 57, 59, 93, and 109 be printed.

42. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Monteith, *Ordered*, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

43. *Summer Time Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Summer Time Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, the 12th day of August.

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

Friday, the 17th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Local Legislation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Better Provision for Due Notification to Ratepayers and other Persons interested of the Form and Effect of Local Legislation before the Consideration thereof by Parliament; and that the Honourable Mr. Bollard do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Bollard 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. *Shearers' Accommodation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1919; and that Mr. Langstone do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Langstone accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, and to be printed.

4. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

   CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 11.*

   The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Settlement of Industrial Disputes by Conciliation and Arbitration," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

   Government House,
   Wellington, 17th July, 1925.

   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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

   Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

   Mr. Young accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

   Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency' Message transmitting draft of a Bill to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Settlement of Industrial Disputes by Conciliation and Arbitration.

   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.

5. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.*—The Honourable Mr Anderson, according to Order presented the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 12.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Dedication of certain Land to be the Burial-ground of the late Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey and of his Widow," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Dedication of certain Land to be the Burial-ground of the late Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey and of his Widow.

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.

7. *Massey Burial-ground Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Massey Burial-ground Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

8. *Paper.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the deterioration of certain Crown lands (C.–15) do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until half after five of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

9. *Kauri-gum Control Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Kauri-gum Control Bill, the Bill was read a second time accordingly.

10. *Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That a Special Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to which shall be referred the Kauri-gum Control Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Bell, Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Tau Henare, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Poland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

11. *Kauri-gum Control Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That the Kauri-gum Control Bill be referred to the Special Committee on the Bill.

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

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

13. *Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill;

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

14. *Weights and Measures Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Weights and Measures Bill;

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

15. *Iron and Steel Industries Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Iron and Steel Industries 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-four minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 21st Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922; and that Mr. Howard do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Howard accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, and to be printed.

3. *Motherhood Endowment Bill.—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. Savage accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, and to be printed.

4. *Cook Islands Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cook Islands Act, 1915; and that the Honourable Sir M. Pomare do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Sir M. Pomare accordingly presented the 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 presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

111. Board of Trade (Wool Industry) Regulations, 1925.

112. Post and Telegraph Department: Schedule of Regulations, comprising Orders in Council (Householders' Circulars; Charges; Money-orders for Payment in Australia). Postal Regulations: Cinematograph Films; Government Publications; Postage Rates. Regulations for Radio-receiving, Amateur Transmitting and Receiving, and Experimental Stations. Regu-

lations for Radio-broadcasting Stations and Sale of Radio Apparatus. Electric-line Regulations: Telephone-exchange Rates. Electric-line Regulations: Telephone Services. Regulations for Radio-broadcasting Stations and the Sale of Radio Apparatus.

113. Pensions Department, Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. H.-18.

114. Return of Stock slaughtered and Compensation paid under the Stock Act, 1908, during Year ended 31st March, 1925.

115. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908, Regulations under the, governing Removal of certain Plants and Trees from the Counties of Patea, Waitotara, and Wanganui.

116. Deeds Registration Act, 1908, Regulations under the.

117. Land Settlement Finance Act, 1909, Statements required to be made by the Public Trustee showing the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of every Association under the, on 31st March, 1925.

Ordered, That Paper No. 113 be printed.

6. *Child Welfare Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Child Welfare Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Ordered*, That the Child Welfare Bill be referred to the Education Committee.

7. *Iron and Steel Industries Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Iron and Steel Industries Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young 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 Iron and Steel Industries Act, 1914."

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

8. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

9. *Weights and Measures Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Weights and Measures Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 39, to delete the words "by retail." *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), line 42, to delete the word "deliver," and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "forthwith deliver or send to the purchaser." *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (3), line 1, to delete the words "by retail." *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (3), line 3, to insert, after the word "package," the words "such package shall contain not less than the definite weight of one pound or multiples of one pound or equal fractional units of one pound." *(Mr. McKeen.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.
Clause as amended agreed to.
Clauses 21 to 42 read and agreed to.
First, Second, and Third Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

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

10. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the said Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Bill.

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

Wednesday, the 22nd Day of July, 1925.

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. Savage (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one day's leave of absence be granted to Mr. Fraser.

3. *Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Waihou Domain Board to give a use of the Waihou Domain for Annual-show Purposes; and that Mr. Macmillan do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Wellington City Council to construct Water-mains under Private Lands or Buildings; and that Mr. Monteith do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Auckland Harbour Board to grant a Lease or New Leases to certain of its Tenants in lieu of paying Compensation, and to accept Surrenders of Leases and to grant New Leases, and to expend a certain Sum of Money in the Publication of a History of the Port of Auckland; and that the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill be restored to the Order Paper, for committal.

7. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency, and ordered to lie upon the Table, and to be printed :—

118. Post and Telegraph Department, Report of the Hon. Sir C. J. Parr, Postmaster-General, on the, for Year 1924–25. F.–1.

8. *Adjournment (Questions and Replies).*—Sir J. P. Luke moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

9. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 11 be postponed till after consideration of Order of the Day No. 12.

10. *Repayment of the Public Debt Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Repayment of the Public Debt Bill ;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

11. *Religious Exercises in Schools Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill ;

On motion of Mr. Isitt (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the second reading of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be postponed until to-morrow.

12. *Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill ;

On motion of Mr. Holland (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the second reading of the Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill be postponed until Wednesday, the 29th day of July.

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

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of Mr. Langstone, referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

14. *Cook Islands Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Cook Islands Amendment Bill ;

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

15. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill ;

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

16. *Massey Burial-ground Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Massey Burial-ground Bill ;

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

17. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration 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.

18. *Weights and Measures Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Weights and Measures 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 make Better Provision with regard to Weights and Measures."

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

19. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Local Legislation Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Bollard, referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twelve o'clock midnight, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 23rd Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Petitions not dealt with during Previous Session.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That all Petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1924 be again referred to the same Committee as they were referred to during the said session.

3. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to deal with all the matters in connection with industries and commerce; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Atmore, Mr. Girling, Mr. Harris, Sir J. P. Luke, Mr. Munro, Mr. Nash, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

4. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Goldfields and Mines Committee be appointed, consisting of fourteen 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. Bell, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Edie, Mr. Girling, Mr. Holland, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Parry, Mr. Poland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Smith, and the Mover.

5. *Papers ordered to be referred to Select Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Papers Nos. 40 C and 45 C, presented to the House of Representatives on the 3rd July, 1925, be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

6. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Glenn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one day's leave of absence be granted to Mr. Fraser, on account of illness.

7. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

119. Customs and other Revenue: Cost of collecting by the Customs Department at each Port of Entry, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. B.–12.

The following Papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

120. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1924 : Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 162 of 1924, of Herepete Rapihana, relative to the Tangonge Block.

121. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1924 : Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 19 of 1921, of Mere Hape and others, relative to Rakaukaka Block.

122. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1922 : Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 336 of 1922, of Karauri Tiweka Anaru, relative to succession to Takimoana, deceased.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 119, 120, 121, and 122 be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Papers Nos. 120, 121, and 122 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency :—

123. Education, Report of the Minister of, for Year ended 31st December, 1924. E.–1. (In continuation of E.–1, 1924.)

The Honourable Sir C. J. Parr moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 123 be printed.

A debate arose thereupon.

The hour of half after five of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

8. *Religious Exercises in Schools Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill ;

On motion of Mr. Isitt (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, the 5th day of August.

9. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill :

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the committal of the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill be discharged from the Order Paper, and that the Bill be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

10. *Cook Islands Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Cook Islands Amendment Bill ;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young 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 Cook Islands Act, 1915."

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

11. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *Massey Burial-ground Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Massey Burial-ground Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill, the Massey Burial-ground Bill, and the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress. *(Mr. McCombs.)*

Motion lapsed.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read: Amendments proposed: In subclause (2), to insert, after the word "may" in line 22, the words "with the consent of any Hospital Board"; and to delete the words "a Hospital" in line 23, and insert the word "such" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Sir C. J. Parr.)*

Amendments, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had made progress in the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

16. *Massey Burial-ground Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Massey Burial-ground Bill, and had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

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

17. *Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Friday, the 24th Day of July, 1925.

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 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 the kind words of welcome to myself which you have embodied in it.

I thank you also for your assurance that the measures submitted to you will receive your earnest consideration."

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the reply of His Excellency the Governor-General be entered on the Journals of the House.

3. *Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Act, 1908; 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, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

4. *Life Insurance Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Life Insurance Act, 1908; 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, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Apprentices Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Apprentices Act, 1923; and that the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *Popular Initiative and Referendum Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Legislation and the Repeal or Rejection of Laws or Proposed Legislation by Means of the Popular Initiative and Referendum, and for other Relative Purposes; and that Mr. McCombs do prepare and bring it in.

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

7. *Rotorua Borough Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922; and that the Honourable Mr. Bollard do prepare and bring it in.

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

8. *Counties Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Counties Act, 1920; and that the Honourable Mr. Bollard do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Bollard 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 presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

124. Post Office Savings-bank: Statement showing the Deposits received and paid by the Post Office Savings-banks, and the Expenses in connection therewith, for the Years ended 31st March, 1925, and 31st March, 1924, 1923, and 1922; also for the Fifteen Months ended 31st March, 1921, together with similar Particulars, by Ten-year Periods, from the date Post Office Savings-banks were established in the Dominion in February, 1867.

126. Lands Department: Roading Crown or other Lands, Advances obtained for the Purpose of.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

125. Public Domains of New Zealand, Annual Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1925.

127. Tourist and Health Resorts Department: Annual Report of the Hon. Mr. Nosworthy, for Year ended 31st March, 1925.

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Annual Report of the Tourist and Health Resorts Department be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 13.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1926, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 24th July, 1925.

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

11. *Supply (Financial Statement).*—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 sixty-two thousand five hundred and sixty pounds be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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.

12. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

128. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1924–25. B.–1 [Pt. III].

129. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1924–25. B.–1 [Pt. I].

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

130. Financial Statement, by the Honourable W. Nosworthy, Minister of Finance (together with Estimates of Expenditure for Year 1925–26).

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 128, 129, and 130 be printed.

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

Tuesday, the 28th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Agricultural Bank Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute and regulate and provide for the Establishment and Management of an Agricultural Bank in New Zealand, to provide for Government Contributions to such Bank and a State Guarantee of certain Obligations thereof; and that Mr. Wilford do prepare and bring it in.

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

3. *Order of Business.*—On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That all Order of Business be postponed in order to take Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Notices of Motion, if time permits.

4. *Fire Brigades Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Fire Brigades Bill;

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

5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

   CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 14.*

   The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the National Provident Fund Act, 1910," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

   Government House,
   Wellington, 28th July, 1925.

   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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

   Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

   Mr. Young 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 National Provident Fund Act, 1910.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

6. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, according to Order, presented the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 Housing Act, 1919," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th July, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Housing Act, 1919.

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.

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

9. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Counties Amendment Bill;

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

10. *Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill;

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

11. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

131. New Zealand Naval Forces: Report of the Commodore Commanding the New Zealand Station for the Period 1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925. H.–5.

The following Papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

132. Public Debt Extinction Act, 1910, Certificate of Controller and Auditor-General under the. B.–20.

133. Native Trust Office, Accounts of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1925. G.–2.

134. Public Revenues Act, 1910, Statement of Amounts temporarily transferred from one Fund or Account to another, in Terms of Section 56 of the. B.–14.

135. Balance-sheets and Statements of Account of various Government Departments for the Year 1923–24 (Audited Accounts). B.–1 [Pt. IV].

136. Naval Defence Act Sinking Fund: Statement of Securities in which the Fund is invested.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 131, 132, 133, 134, and 135 be printed.

12. *Tourist and Health Resorts Department Annual Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Tourist and Health Resorts Department be printed.

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

Ordered, That the paper be printed.

13. *Adjournment.*—The House, having continued to sit until twenty-one minutes after five of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned until half after seven of the clock p.m.

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

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy 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.

Mr. Sidey moved, and the Question was proposed, 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 has no confidence in the Government, as it has failed to bring into effect a more equitable system of taxation by placing the burden upon individuals in proportion to their ability to bear it."

The Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That the 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 Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 29th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Committee of Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy*); and the following amendment proposed thereto: "That all the words after 'that' be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words: 'this House has no confidence in the Government, as it has failed to bring into effect a more equitable system of taxation by placing the burden upon individuals in proportion to their ability to bear it'" (*Mr. Sidey*);

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

The Debate interrupted by Messages from the Legislative Council.

2. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Iron and Steel Industries Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Cook Islands Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment.

3. *The Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to prohibit the Use of Captive Birds in all Shooting carried on under Artificial Conditions 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 19th day of August.

4. *Committee of Supply.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy*); and the following amendment proposed thereto: "That all the words after 'that' be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words: 'this House has no confidence in the Government, as it has failed to bring into effect a more equitable system of taxation by placing the burden upon individuals in proportion to their ability to bear it'" (*Mr. Sidey*).

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

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

5. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by the Honourable the Speaker (with the leave of the House) :—

137. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1924–25 (together with the Report of the Controller and Auditor-General thereon). B.–1. [Pt. II].

Ordered, That Paper No. 137 be printed.

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

Thursday, the 30th Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Liquor sent into No-license District of Ohinemuri.*—On motion of Mr. Poland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing separately for each of the years ended the 31st December, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924, the quantity and kind of liquor sent into the No-license District of Ohinemuri.

2. *Pastoral Leases and Grazing-run Leases transferred into Freehold.*—On motion of Mr. Horn, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The area of any Crown land or national-endowment lands that was held under pastoral leases or small grazing-run leases that have been sold and transferred into freehold during the last twelve months; and (2) the particulars as to the area in acres, and the price paid.

3. *Funds held by Patriotic Associations.*—On motion of Mr. Harris, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total patriotic funds held separately by each Patriotic Association, giving in detail how same are invested; and (2) the total funds held by the War Funds Council, giving in detail how same are invested.

4. *Electric Signalling-apparatus on Christchurch–Greymouth Railway.*—On motion of Mr. O'Brien, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The cost of installing electric signalling-apparatus on the Christchurch–Greymouth Railway; (2) the number of men employed at present attending to breakdowns and keeping the apparatus in order; (3) the number of tablet porters the system replaced; and (4) the time lost by trains being held up through the failure of the signals.

5. *Canteen Funds, Total Amount and Distribution of.*—On motion of Mr. Harris *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total amount and disposition of the canteen funds.

6. *Training-college Students, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Mr. Howard, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of students that have passed through the four training colleges during the past two years, and (2) the number who have been successful in obtaining employment as teachers in our State educational service.

7. *Miner's Phthisis Act, Pensions paid under.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The age of each miner who is now in receipt of a pension under the Miner's Phthisis Act; (2) the age at which each miner died who was in receipt of a pension under the Act; and (3) the number of recipients of the said pension who have died and the certificate of death showed the cause to be other than miner's phthisis or pneumoconiosis.

8. *Charges and Convictions for Drunkenness, and Liquor sent into No-license Districts.*—On motion of Mr. Isitt, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing separately—(1) The number of charges and convictions for offences for drunkenness, and the number of persons so convicted under twenty-one years of age, also the number between twenty-one and twenty-five, and the number above twenty-five years of age, in each no-license district from the 1st January to 31st December, 1924; and (2) the quantity and kind of liquor sent into each no-license district from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1924.

9. *Old-age Pensioners receiving Additional Pension.*—On motion of Mr. McCombs, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of old-age pensioners at present in receipt of the extra 2s. 6d. per week as provided in section 9 of the Pensions Amendment Act, 1924.

10. *Motor-spirit and Benzine imported into the Dominion, and Duty paid on Motor-vehicles.*—On motion of Mr. Jordan, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The amount and value of motor-spirit and benzine imported into the Dominion during 1924; and (2) the amount of duty paid on motor-vehicles, including lorries and motor-cycles, and accessories imported during 1924.

11. *Land abandoned in Auckland Province.*—On motion of Mr. Lye, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of sections of Crown lands in the Auckland Province that have been abandoned within the last three years; (2) the area and situation of each section; and (3) the amount of mortgage (if any) held by the State Advances Department in respect of each section.

12. *State Advances Department, Money advanced by.*—On motion of Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of money advanced by the State Advances Department during the past financial year—Under the advances to settlers (*a*) at 4½ per cent. on unencumbered securities, and (*b*) at 5½ per cent. to release existing mortgages.

13. *Crown Land Leases renewed within District of Wakatipu.*—On motion of Mr. Horn, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of Crown land leases that have been renewed (pastoral leases and small grazing-run licenses) from January, 1924, to the present date within the Electoral District of Wakatipu; (2) giving area of lease; (3) where situated; (4) period for which granted; (5) former rent per acre; (6) present rent per acre; (7) name and address of holder of license; and (8) the number of renewals refused and their areas.

14. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That six days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Burnett, on account of illness.

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

On motion of Mr. Ransom (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, that three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Isitt, on account of sickness in his family.

15. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the District Courts Abolition Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Land Transfer Amendment Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

16. *District Courts Abolition Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to abolish District Courts 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.

17. *Land Transfer Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Land Transfer Act, 1915, 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.

18. *Committee of Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy*); and the following amendment proposed thereto: "That all the words after 'that' be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words: 'this House has no confidence in the Government, as it has failed to bring into effect a more equitable system of taxation by placing the burden upon individuals in proportion to their ability to bear it'" (*Mr. Sidey*);

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

19. *Adjournment.*—And the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after five of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned until half after seven of the clock p.m.

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

20. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 16.*

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 31st day of March, 1926.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th July, 1925.

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

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy 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.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two million four hundred and ninety-nine thousand one 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-six.

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. Young 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 presently again resolve itself into the said Committee.

22. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 9 be postponed in order to take Order of the Day No. 10.

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

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do not leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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-six,—

(*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 four hundred and fifty-six 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 forty-three thousand one 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-six.

The Minister of Finance is hereby empowered, without further appropriation than this section, to pay to the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition Company (Limited), by way of loan out of the Consolidated Fund, such sum or sums as he thinks fit not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of thirty thousand pounds. The loan hereby authorized shall be free of interest, but shall be on such terms (including terms as to the security to be given therefor and as to its repayment) as may be mutually agreed on between the Minister and the said company.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,750,000
State Coal-mines Account	25,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	450,000
Electric Supply Account	125,000
Separate Accounts—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	10,000
Land for Settlements Account	500
Land for Settlements Account—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	750
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account ..	7,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	25,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	40,000
Native Land Settlement Account	300
State Forests Account	20,000
Westport Harbour Account	2,500
	£2,456,050

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	2,000
The State Fire Insurance Account	6,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	600
The Public Trustee's Account	18,000
The Native Trustee's Account	600
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	4,100
Advances to Workers Branch	800
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	700
	£43,100

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

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

Mr. Young 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.

24. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 2).*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, 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-six; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, That the 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 forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young 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-six."

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 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1925.

25. *Committee of Supply.*—The House, according to Order, resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy*); and the following amendment proposed thereto: "That all the words after 'that' be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words: 'this House has no confidence in the Government, as it has failed to bring into effect a more equitable system of taxation by placing the burden upon individuals in proportion to their ability to bear it'" (*Mr. Sidey*).

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 31st Day of July, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Act, 1900, and the Acts amending the same; and that Mr. Sidey do prepare and bring it in.

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

3. *Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Whangarei Harbour Board to borrow a Further Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Addition to Moneys already borrowed, and to levy Rates to secure Repayment thereof and Interest thereon; and that Mr. Murdoch do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1925 (No. 2), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

5. *Committee of Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy*); and the following amendment proposed thereto: "That all the words after 'that' be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words: 'this House has no confidence in the Government, as it has failed to bring into effect a more equitable system of taxation by placing the burden upon individuals in proportion to their ability to bear it'" (*Mr. Sidey*);

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 omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 32.

Bell	Hockly	Nash	Sykes
Bitchener	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright
Dickson, J. McC.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Young.
Girling	Lysnar	Rhodes, T. W.	*Tellers.*
Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn.
Henare			

NOES, 28.

Armstrong	Horn	McKeen	Poland
Bartram	Howard	Macpherson	Savage
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Masters	Sidey
Corrigan	Langstone	Monteith	Veitch.
de la Perrelle	Lee	Munro	*Tellers.*
Forbes	McIlvride	Murdoch	Ransom
Fraser	McKay	Parry	Smith.
Holland			

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 Mr. de la Perrelle, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

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

Tuesday, the 4th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Wanganui City Council to pay, use, or apply certain Loan-moneys in providing an Efficient Means of Transit in the City of Wanganui, and to grant certain Leases; and that Mr. Veitch do prepare and bring it in.

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

2. *Committee of Supply.*—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 Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-six minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be granted to the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

2. *Committee of Supply.*—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 Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock 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 Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 6th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Howard, the Petition of George Manning and others was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Mary Jamieson and Kate Blyth be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Horn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted the Honourable Mr. Ngata, on account of urgent private business.

4. *Committee of Supply.*—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 House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

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, 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 £62,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 7th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of Mr. Savage (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of G. A. Blackwell and others, presented on the 6th instant, be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Glenn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That five days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Burnett, on account of illness.

4. *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, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 26th day of August, and to be printed.

5. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. Forbes (for Mr. Murdoch), (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 399 be suspended in regard to the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering 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.

6. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain of the Foreshore within the Harbour of Whangarei and situated in and about Urquhart's Bay within the said Harbour in the Whangarei Harbour Board; and that Mr. Murdoch do prepare and bring it in.

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

7. *Dentists Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dentists Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Sir M. Pomare do prepare and bring it in.

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

8. *Election of Ministers and Party Government Reform Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Direct Election of the Executive Council and Reform of Party Government; 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, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 26th day of August, and to be printed.

9. *Committee of 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 £62,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Veitch.)*

Amendment, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £4. *(Mr. Monteith.)*

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

AYES, 12.

Bartram	Holland	Munro	*Tellers.*
Corrigan	McKeen	O'Brien	Savage
Fraser	Monteith	Poland.	Sullivan.
Hanan			

NOES, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	Masters	Sidey
Atmore	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Smith
Bell	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Isitt	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Thomson
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Veitch
de la Perrelle	Lye	Ransom	Williams
Dickson, J. McC.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Wright.
Field	McKay	Rhodes, T. W.	*Tellers.*
Girling	McLennan	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn
Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.	Hockly.
Hawken	Macmillan		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £3. *(Mr. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 18.

Bartram	Lye	O'Brien	Veitch.
Corrigan	McKay	Poland	*Tellers.*
de la Perrelle	McKeen	Ransom	Savage
Fraser	Monteith	Sidey	Sullivan.
Holland	Munro	Smith	

NOES, 33.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	Masters	Rolleston, J. C.
Atmore	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Bell	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Thomson
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Isitt	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Wright.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Field	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.	Glenn
Girling	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Hockly.
Harris	Macmillan		

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,456 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £68,668 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £93,767 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £114,013 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of public buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £139,782 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Sir C. J. Parr.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Corrigan.)*

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

AYES, 15.

Atmore	McKeen	O'Brien	Veitch.
Bartram	Masters	Savage	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Monteith	Sidey	Corrigan
Lye	Munro	Sullivan	Smith.

NOES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.
Bell	Hockly	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Thomson
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Isitt	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright.
Dickson, J. McC.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Field	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Glenn
Girling	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.	Williams.
Harris			

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

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 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Young also reported that he had been directed to move for leave to sit again.

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

10. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Thursday, the 13th instant.

11. *Committees to sit during Adjournment of House.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Select Committees be permitted to sit during the adjournment of the House.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after two of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 13th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Death of Right Honourable W. F. Massey.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter he had received from Mrs. Massey:—

"Ariki-Toa," 260 Tinakori Road, Wellington, 6th August, 1925.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a Resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives of New Zealand recording its high sense of the devoted and distinguished services rendered to New Zealand and to the Empire by my husband the late Prime Minister, and acknowledging the loss the Dominion has sustained by his death.

My family and I most gratefully appreciate the Resolution and its recognition of Mr. Massey's services, and we would ask you to be so good as to accept and convey to Members an expression of our heartfelt thanks for the kind sympathy extended to us in our great bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

C. A. MASSEY.

The Honourable the Speaker, House of Representatives,
Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, ordered to be entered on the Journals of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Ransom (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Wilford for the remainder of the session, on account of illness.

4. *Municipal Corporations Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in the Municipal Corporations Bill; and that Mr. Sullivan do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 17.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Electrical Wiremen and for the Regulation of Electrical-wiring Work," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 13th August, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Registration of Electrical Wiremen and for the Regulation of Electrical-wiring Work.

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. *Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 Forests Act, 1921–22," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 13th August, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Forests Act, 1921–22.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Forests Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, according to Order presented the Forests Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

9. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Acquisition of Private Lands for Purposes of Settlement," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 13th August, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Acquisition of Private Lands for Purposes of Settlement.

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

10. *Land for Settlements Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Land for Settlements Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

11. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

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

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

140. Post Office Account, Statement of Transactions of the, to the 31st March, 1925. F.–2.

141. Securities, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post Office Savings-bank Fund, Statement of, on the 31st March, 1925. F.–5.

148. Lands and Survey Department: Settlement of Crown Lands, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–1.

157. Department of Industries and Commerce, Annual Report of the. H.–44.

158. Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Department: Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1925.

160. Department of Agriculture: Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1925.

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

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

145. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1923: Report and Recommendation on Petition 328 of 1922, of Wiremu Rikihana, relative to the appointment of Successors to the Interest of Mikaera Urututu in Opanake 2B No. 1 Block.

146. Lands and Survey Department: National Endowments, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–14.

147. Lands and Survey Department: Scenery-preservation, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–6.

149. State Advances Office: Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1925.

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

153. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Balance-sheet, Statement of Revenue Account, and Statement of Membership of the Buller County Council for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

154. Fire Board: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Kaiapoi Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1924.

155. Fire Board: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Masterton Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1924.

156. Fire Boards: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Dannevirke and Timaru Fire Boards for the Year ended 30th June, 1924.

159. Valuation of Land Department: Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. B.–17.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

142. Native Land Courts and other Matters under Control of Native Department: Report from Under-Secretary for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. G.–9.

143. Stores Control Board, Annual Report of the. H.–4.

152. Department of Internal Affairs, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. H.–22.

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

151. Crown Land Leases within Electoral District of Wakatipu, Particulars relative to. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145, 146, 147, 148, 152, 157, and 159 be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 145 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for 1924–25 be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

13. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill;

The Question being 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 Friday morning;

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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 next sitting-day.

14. *Rotorua Borough Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rotorua Borough 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 twenty-eight minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 14th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of Mr. Williams (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 399 be suspended in regard to the Matakaoa Hospital District 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. *Matakaoa Hospital District Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909; and that Mr. Williams do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.-9.)

5. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—Ordered*, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be committed next sitting-day.

6. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That all Order of Business be postponed down to No. 10 Orders of the Day.

7. *Committee of Supply.*—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. Bollard, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £6,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Government and other domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of maintenance and repairs to roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of maintenance of irrigation, drainage, and river protection and improvement works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,089 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir M. Pomare, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £32,504 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £2,478,938 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £205,322 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £13,836 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £68,888 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee of Supply had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Young 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 eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 18th Day of August, 1925.

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 presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

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

163. Public Service: Return showing the Names of all Temporary Employees in the Public Service, and the Remuneration paid to each.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

161. Enemy Property in New Zealand, Fifth Annual Report on, by the Public Trustee, as Custodian of Enemy Property and Controller of the New Zealand Clearing Office. H.–25.

165. Controller and Auditor-General's Report [B.–1 (Part II)], Ministerial Statement on. B.–2.

Ordered, That Paper No. 161 be printed.

3. *Ministerial Statement.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates read a Ministerial Statement commenting on the Report of the Controller and Auditor-General, as contained in Paper B.–1 (Part II), presented to the House of Representatives on the 29th day of July. (*Vide* B.–2, 1925.)

The Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Statement do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Parry moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words : " and be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."

Mr. Parry (with the leave of the House) withdrew the motion to amend the Question.

And the Original Question being put, That the Statement do lie upon the Table and be printed, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

4. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Honourable the Speaker, and ordered to be printed :—

164. Sinking Funds : Report and Accounts of the Commissioners of the Public Debts Sinking Funds for the Year ended the 31st March, 1925. B.–8.

5. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Coal-mines Bill ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

6. *Coal-mines Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the Coal-mines Bill be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

7. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Matamata County Council Empowering Bill and the Counties Amendment Bill ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Matamata County Council Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Matamata County Council Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 20th day of August.

9. *Counties Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Counties Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

11. *Orders of the Day.*—Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 6 were read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed in order to consider Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 3.

12. *Agriculture Department Annual Report.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture, 1924–25, be printed.

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

13. *Select Committee on Controller and Auditor-General's Report and Prime Minister's Statement thereon.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Report of the Controller and Auditor-General, contained in B.–1 (Part II), together with the Statement made by the Prime

Minister thereon, as delivered in the House on the 18th instant, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of ten Members, the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Holland, the Honourable Mr. McLeod, Mr. McCombs, the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. F. J. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

14. *Report of the Minister of Education for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Minister of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1924, be printed.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

15. *Massey Burial-ground Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Massey Burial-ground Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

16. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

17. *Rotorua Borough Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Rotorua Borough Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

18. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

19. *Housing Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Housing Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

20. *Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

21. *Acting Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Mr. Hockly be Chairman of Committees for this day.

22. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Massey Burial-ground Bill, the Nurses and Midwive Registration Bill, the Rotorua Borough Amendment Bill, the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill, the Housing Amendment Bill, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

23. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: In the definition of "permanent staff," in lines 9 and 14, to omit the word "January," and insert the word "April" in lieu thereof; and in line 15 to omit the words "one month," and to insert the words "six months" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), line 22, to omit the word "January," and insert the word "April" in lieu thereof; and in subclause (2), line 27, to omit the word "January," and insert the word "April" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the words "interest at the rate of five per centum per annum from the due date shall be charged on all amounts unpaid on the expiration of fourteen days from the due date," and to insert the words "interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum may be charged as from the due date on any amounts unpaid after the expiration of fourteen days from that date." *(Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 21 read and agreed to.

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

"19A. The limitations of the principal Act as to the amount of any pension that may be paid under that Act shall not apply in the case of persons accepted as contributors to the fund pursuant to section nine of the Amendment Act, 1914, or pursuant to the last preceding section. *(Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

24. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill:*

Clause 14 again under consideration.

Amendments proposed: In subclause (2), line 22, to insert, after the word "may," the words "with the consent of any Hospital Board"; and in line 23 to omit the words "a Hospital," and to insert the word "such" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Sir M. Pomare.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, to insert the following new subclause:—

"(3.) That the cost of all maternity hospitals transferred to the control of Hospital Boards under the provisions of this clause shall be charged to the Consolidated Fund." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

The Acting-Chairman, Mr. Hockly, ruled the amendment out of order as involving an appropriation.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the ruling of Mr. Speaker be taken. *(Mr. McCombs.)*

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on a decision of the Chairman given in Committee.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 207, p. 421), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

And the Question being put, That the new subclause (3) be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 25.

Armstrong	Lee	Munro	Smith
Bartram	Lye	Murdoch	Sullivan
de la Perrelle	McIlvride	Parry	Veitch.
Edie	McKeen	Poland	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Macpherson	Savage	Langstone
Holland	Masters	Sidey	McCombs.
Jordan	Monteith		

NOES, 30.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Macmillan	Uru
Bell	Hawken	Nash	Williams
Bitchener	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Isitt	Potter	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. McC.	Linklater	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Field	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn.
Girling	McLennan	Sykes	

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (3), to insert, after the word "emergency" in line 12, the words "or where a registered midwife or maternity nurse is not available within a reasonable distance." *(Honourable Sir M. Pomare.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (4), to omit the words "forthwith after the issue of any such certificate the medical practitioner shall in the prescribed form give notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health, and if he fails so to do he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten pounds." *(Honourable Sir M. Pomare.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 29 read and agreed to.

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

"16A. The Registrar shall forthwith after the commencement of this Act transfer to the appropriate register under this Act the name of every person then registered as a nurse under the Nurses Registration Act, 1908, or as a midwife under the Midwives Registration Act, 1908, together with particulars as to the qualifications by virtue whereof they are so registered:

"Provided that the Registrar may omit to transfer as aforesaid the name of any registered nurse or midwife whom he believes to be dead, or to have removed her permanent residence from New Zealand, or to have become disqualified for registration under this Act." *(Honourable Sir M. Pomare.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

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25. *Massey Burial-ground Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Massey Burial-ground 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 for the Dedication of certain Land to be the Burial-ground of the late Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey and of his Widow."

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

26. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill, and had made amendment therein.

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

27. *Rotorua Borough Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Rotorua Borough 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 Rotorua Borough Act, 1922."

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

28. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein.

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

29. *Housing Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Housing 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 Housing Act, 1919."

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

30. *Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment 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 the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 19th Day of August, 1925

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Linklater (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of the New Zealand Sheep-farmers' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen Fund Association, presented to the House on the 14th instant, be referred direct to the Public Accounts Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Nash (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Public Accounts Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Compensation to Workers for Injuries suffered in the Course of their Employment; and that Mr. Holland do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency :—

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

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

167. Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, Regulations under the.

169. State Advances Office : Fishing Industry Promotion. (Annual Report.)

170. State Advances Office : Fruit-preserving Industry. (Annual Report.)

171. Government Insurance Department (Accident Insurance Branch), Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st December, 1924. H.–8A.

172. Government Insurance Commissioner, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st December, 1924. H.–8.

173. National Provident Fund : Fourteenth Annual Report of the Board for the Year ended 31st December, 1924. H.–17.

174. Forests Act, 1921–22 : Proposal to revoke the Reservation over an Approximate Area of 7 Acres, Portion of a Permanent State Forest situated in Block X, Pouatu Survey District.

175. Defence Act, 1909, Regulations under the.

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

168. Mines Department (Geological Survey Branch), Nineteenth Annual Report (New Series) of the. C.–2C.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 166, 168, 171, 172, and 173 be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That Paper 174 C be referred to the Lands Committee.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of F. J. Lake, W. J. Elliott, and F. E. Garrett ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of F. J. Lake and W. J. Elliott, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Wellington City Empowering Bill ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City Empowering Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

8. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a Report on the Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McIlvride moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof : "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

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.

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 W. Matthews, W. Reddy, H. Peskett, T. McMillan and another, R. D. B. Robinson, J. Rickerby, and F. Picot ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. Matthews, W. Reddy, H. Peskett, T. McMillan and another, and R. D. B. Robinson, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. Rickerby, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

10. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Land for Settlements Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

11. *Land for Settlements Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land for Settlements Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

12. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report on parliamentary papers Nos. 40 C and 45 C; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–4.)

13. *Adjournment (Questions and Answers).*—Mr. Fraser moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

14. *Popular Initiative and Referendum Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Popular Initiative and Referendum Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, the 26th day of August.

15. *Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Bill;

Motion lapsed.

16. *Acting Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That Mr. Hockly be Chairman of Committees for this day.

17. *Summer Time Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Summer Time Bill;

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress. *(Mr. Macmillan.)*

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

AYES, 29.

Bartram	Hawken	Lye	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bitchener	Henare	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Holland	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.
de la Perrelle	Howard	Masters	Williams.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Field	Hunter, Sir G.	Parry	Lysnar
Forbes	Lee	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Macmillan.
Glenn	Linklater		

NOES, 32.

Armstrong	Horn	Macpherson	Rolleston, F. J.
Atmore	Isitt	Monteith	Savage
Bell	Jordan	Munro	Sidey
Buddo, Hon. D.	Langstone	Murdoch	Veitch
Corrigan	Luke, Sir J. P.	Nash	Witty.
Dickson, J. S.	McCombs	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Edie	McIlvride	Poland	Smith
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McKay	Ransom	Sullivan.
Harris			

So it passed in the Negative.

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, 29.

Armstrong	Harris	Monteith	Rolleston, F. J.
Atmore	Horn	Munro	Savage
Bell	Isitt	Murdoch	Sidey
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Nash	Veitch.
Corrigan	Luke, Sir J. P.	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. S.	McCombs	Poland	Smith
Edie	McIlvride	Ransom	Sullivan.
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McKay		

NOES, 30.

Bartram	Glenn	Linklater	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bitchener	Hawken	Lysnar	Rhodes, T. W.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Holland	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Howard	Macmillan	Williams.
de la Perrelle	Hudson	Masters	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Lye
Field	Langstone	Parry	McLennan.
Forbes	Lee	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress. *(Mr. Sidey.)*

Motion agreed to.

Progress reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had directed him to report progress on the Summer Time Bill.

18. *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, on motion of Mr. Monteith, referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

19. *Miner's Phthisis Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Miner's Phthisis Bill ;

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order as containing appropriation clauses which had not received the recommendation of the Crown.

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

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, That the Bill be now read a second time, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

21. *Motherhood Endowment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Motherhood Endowment Bill ;

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order as containing appropriation clauses which had not received the recommendation of the Crown.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 20th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. S. Kinsman and others be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

On motion of Mr. Parry (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Mary O'Buglien be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Te Paea Hape, Matenga Hori and others, and Maata Mahupuku Asher be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

176. Defence Act, 1909: Agreement between the New Zealand Government and the Colonial Ammunition Company (N.Z.), Limited, for the supply of Small-arms Ammunition. Dated 31st December, 1924.

Ordered, That Paper No. 176 be printed.

3. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 Land and Income Tax Act, 1923," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 18th August, 1925.

4. *Acting Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Mr. Hockly be Chairman of Committees for this day.

(*Message*—continued).—*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. Hockly reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Hockly 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 Land and Income Tax Act, 1923.

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.

5. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

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

7. *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 Henry Blair Smyth; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (*Vide* Appendix I.-2.)

8. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed a Private Bill intituled the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

9. *Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill.—Ordered,* That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Act, 1914, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Act, 1925, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

10. *Matamata County Council Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Matamata County Council Empowering Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

On motion of Mr. Hockly, *Ordered,* That urgency be accorded the passing of the Bill.

Mr. Hockly moved, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

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. Hockly 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 empowering the Matamata County Council to pay Interest and Sinking-fund Charges in respect of certain Special Loans for Roading Purposes out of Proceeds of Special Rate levied as Security for Loan for like Purposes."

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

11. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City Empowering Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

On motion of Mr. Monteith, *Ordered,* That urgency be accorded the passing of the Bill.

Mr. Monteith moved, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

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. Hockly 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 authorize the Wellington City Council to construct Water-mains under Private Lands or Buildings."

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

12. *Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill;

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

13. *Religious Exercises in Schools Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill

Mr. Isitt moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:

AYES, 26.

Bitchener	Hawken	McLennan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hockly	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hudson	Macmillan	Wright.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nash	*Tellers.*
Field	Linklater	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Glenn	Luke, Sir J. P.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Isitt.
Harris	Lysnar	Potter	

NOES, 32.

Armstrong	Holland	McKeen	Poland
Atmore	Horn	Macpherson	Rolleston, F. J.
Bartram	Howard	Masters	Savage
Bell	Jordan	Monteith	Sullivan
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Langstone	Munro	Witty.
Corrigan	Lee	Murdoch	*Tellers.*
de la Perrelle	Lye	O'Brien	McCombs
Forbes	McIlvride	Parry	Smith.
Fraser			

So it passed in the Negative.

14. *Paper.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Minister of Education for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, be printed.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until seven of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 21st Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Postponement of Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of all Order of Business down to Orders of the Day be postponed.

2. *Committee of 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 Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £22,751 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the National Provident and Friendly Societies Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £5,619 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £193,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bollard, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £318,285 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £21,092 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of scenery-preservation for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £2,883,869 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £51,083 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Young 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.

3. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Massey Burial-ground Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Rotorua Borough Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Housing Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Samoa (Shipping) Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *Samoa (Shipping) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to provide for the Application of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, to Samoa be now read a first time.

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

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

Tuesday, the 25th Day of August, 1925.

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 Purchase and others be referred direct to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of R. J. McLean and others be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

On motion of Mr. Field (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of R. Isaacs and others be referred direct to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

On motion of Mr. Young (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. R. Overton be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Hare Matenga and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given for the Public Petitions A to L Committee to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

3. *Government Business on Wednesdays.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That on and after Wednesday, the 26th day of August, and for the remainder of the session, Government business take precedence on Wednesdays from half after two of the clock p.m.

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

AYES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Bell	Isitt	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Bitchener	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Wright
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, T. W.	*Tellers.*
Field	Macmillan	Rolleston, F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	Nash	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn.
Henare			

NOES, 28.

Armstrong	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McKay	Poland
Atmore	Holland	McKeen	Sidey
Bartram	Horn	Macpherson	Sullivan
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Munro	Thomson.
de la Perrelle	Langstone	Murdoch	*Tellers.*
Edie	Lee	O'Brien	Howard
Forbes	McCombs	Parry	Smith.
Fraser			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

4. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further continue the Operation of Part I of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, and its Amendments (relating to the Restriction of Rent); and that the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Anderson accordingly presented the 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 presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency :—

177. Police Force of the Dominion, Annual Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. H.–16.

180. Government Railways: Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Railway Service, together with Copy of Commission and Addendum. D.–2A.

182. Prisons, Report on, for the Year 1924–25.

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

178. Public Trust Office: Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. B.–9A.

179. Government Railways Superannuation Fund: Report of Board. D.–5.

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

181. Railways Statement, by the Honourable J. G. Coates, Minister of Railways, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. D.–2.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 177, 178, 179, 180, and 181 be printed.

The Honourable Sir C. J. Parr moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report on Prisons for the year 1924–25 be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

6. *Land for Settlements Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land for Settlements Bill;

The Honourable Mr. McLeod 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 Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

And the 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 fifteen minutes after two of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

2. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of all Order of Business down to Orders of the Day be postponed.

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

The Honourable Mr. Coates 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.

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

THURSDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £6,200,391 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Working Railways Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

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

AYES, 26.

Armstrong	Jordan	Munro	Sidey
Bartram	Langstone	Murdoch	Smith
Buddo, Hon. D.	Lee	O'Brien	Veitch.
Corrigan	Lye	Parry	*Tellers.*
Forbes	McIlvride	Poland	Fraser
Holland	McKeen	Ransom	Sullivan.
Howard	Monteith	Savage	

NOES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hockly	Nash	Rolleston, J. C.
Atmore	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Bell	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Bitchener	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Wright.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	Macmillan	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Henare			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £4. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

And the question being put on the reduction, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 26.

Armstrong	Holland	Monteith	Sidey
Atmore	Howard	Munro	Smith
Bartram	Jordan	Murdoch	Veitch.
Buddo, Hon. D.	Langstone	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Corrigan	Lye	Parry	Savage
Forbes	McIlvride	Poland	Sullivan.
Fraser	McKeen	Ransom	

NOES, 31.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hockly	Nash	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Bitchener	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Wright.
Harris	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Henare	Macmillan	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

To report the Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Young 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.

4. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after three of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty minutes after two of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, the 27th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Life Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in the Life Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2); 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, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

183. Lysnar - Vestey Bros. (Limited): Report of Royal Commission.

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

184. Immigration Department: Annual Report for the Year 1924–25.

Ordered, That Paper No. 183 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 184, Annual Report of the Department of Immigration, 1924–25, be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

4. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 21.*

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, 1926.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th August, 1925.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy 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.

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

FRIDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

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

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. Young 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.

6. *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 Honourable Mr. Nosworthy 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.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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-six,—

(*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 nine hundred and fifty-six thousand one 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-eight thousand seven 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-six.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,250,000
State Coal-mines Account	25,000
Nauru and Ocean Islands Account	50
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	450,000
Electric Supply Account	125,000
Separate Accounts—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	750
Land for Settlements Account—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	500
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account	6,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	25,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	50,000
Native Land Settlement Account	300
State Forests Account	20,000
Westport Harbour Account	3,500
	£1,956,100

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	1,000
The State Fire Insurance Account	2,500
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	600
The Public Trustee's Account	18,200
The Native Trustee's Account	600
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	4,200
Advances to Workers Branch	800
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	700
	£38,700

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

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

Mr. Young 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.

7. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 3).*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, 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-six; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, That the 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 forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young 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-six."

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

8. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

9. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Chattels Transfer Act, 1924, 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. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council —

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Report of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders upon the Bill intituled the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Act, 1925. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Report of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders upon the Bill intituled the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Act, 1925. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the report of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders upon the Bill intituled the Mildred Elaine Smyth Divorce Act, 1925.

11. *New Business after 12.30 of the Clock a.m.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill be taken, and that the Bill be allowed to proceed through all its stages during the present sitting of the House.

12. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rent Restriction Continuance 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. Young 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 further continue the Operation of Part I of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, and its Amendments (relating to the Restriction of Rent)."

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 eight minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, adjourned.

Friday, the 28th Day of August, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill.*—Mr. Young, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, brought up a Report on the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill, and the same was read, as follows :—

The Joint Committee on Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, to which stands referred the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill, 1925, the Standing Orders on which relative to the publication of notices have not been fully complied with, being satisfied that the prescribed notices have been published in the *Auckland Truth* on 20th and 27th June and in the *Truth* on 20th and 27th June, and in the *New Zealand Gazette* on 25th June, 1925, recommends that the compliance with Standing Orders which have not been complied with be dispensed with, and that the Petitioners be permitted to proceed with the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. Young (with the leave of the House), *Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee on the said Report.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to the said Report.

2. *Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, brought up a Report on the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill, and the same was read, as follows :—

The Joint Committee on Standing Orders relative to Private Bills, to which stands referred the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders on which relative to the publication of notices have not been fully complied with, being satisfied that the prescribed notices have been published in the *Otago Daily Times* from 23rd June to 6th July inclusive and in the *New Zealand Gazette* on 2nd July, 1925, recommends that the compliance with Standing Orders which have not been complied with be dispensed with, and that the Petitioners be permitted to proceed with the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. Young (with the leave of the House), *Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee on the said Report.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to the said Report.

3. *Mildred Elaine Smyth Divorce Bill.*—Mr. Young, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, brought up a Report on the Mildred Elaine Smyth Divorce Bill, and the same was read, as follows :—

The Joint Committee on Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, to which stands referred the Mildred Elaine Smyth Divorce Bill, the Standing Orders on which relative to the publication of notices have not been complied with, have the honour to report that, having considered the Report of the Examiner regarding non-compliance with Standing Orders, they recommend that the promoters be not allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

4. *Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Young, from the Committee of Selection, brought up a Report on the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill, and the same was read, as follows :—

The Committee of Selection has the honour to report that, in pursuance of Standing Orders Nos. 59 and 60, relating to Private Bills, the Committee has appointed a Committee on the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill, consisting of the Chairman of Committees, the Honourable J. G. Coates (the Member ordered to bring in the Bill), Mr. Munro, Mr. Bitchener, and Mr. de la Perrelle, and has referred the Bill to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

5. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of all Order of Business down to Orders of the Day be postponed.

6. *Committee of Supply.*—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. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £87,059 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Industries and Commerce for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £79,609 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £152,594 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

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

AYES, 28.

Armstrong	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McIlvride	Poland
Atmore	Holland	McKay	Ransom
Bartram	Horn	McKeen	Sidey
Buddo, Hon. D.	Howard	Monteith	Veitch.
Corrigan	Jordan	Munro	*Tellers.*
Edie	Langstone	O'Brien	Savage
Forbes	Lee	Parry	Sullivan.
Fraser			

NOES, 31.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hawken	Nash	Sykes
Bitchener	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hockly	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Potter	Wright.
Dickson, J. McC.	Linklater	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Field	Lake, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	McLennan	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £368,297 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item, Inquiry into sale of Poverty Bay Meat-works to Vestey Brothers, £3,500, by the sum of £1,000. *(Mr. Masters.)*

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

AYES, 21.

Armstrong	Holland	Monteith	Sidey
Atmore	Horn	Munro	Veitch.
Bartram	Lee	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Corrigan	McIlvride	Poland	Masters
Forbes	McKay	Savage	Ransom.
Fraser	McKeen		

NOES, 27.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hawken	McLennan	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Uru
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Field	Hunter, Sir G.	Potter	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Glenn.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Masters.)*

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

AYES, 23.

Armstrong	Fraser	McKeen	Sidey
Atmore	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Monteith	Sullivan
Bartram	Holland	Munro	Veitch.
Corrigan	Horn	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Edie	Lee	Poland	McKay
Forbes	McIlvride	Savage	Ransom.

NOES, 28.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	McLennan	Sykes
Bell	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Uru
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir G.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Field	Linklater	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn.
Harris			

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £274,562 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £1 000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £235,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Cr. £6,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the War Expenses Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £19,304 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £104,317 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,642 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

Mr. Young 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.

7. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1925 (No. 3), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Rent Restriction Continuance Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Wellington City Empowering Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Animals Protection and Game Amendment Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

8. *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 next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twelve minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 1st Day of September, 1925

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Young (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Lucy Elizabeth Morton be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

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

2. *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 the Public Petitions A to L Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 22.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly providing for the Construction or Purchase of Works for the Generation, Transmission, and Supply of Electric Power by Electric-power Boards," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 1st September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly providing for the Construction or Purchase of Works for the Generation, Transmission, and Supply of Electric Power by Electric-power Boards.

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. *Electric-power Boards Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Electric-power Boards 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 Paper was presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

185. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment by way of Mortgage of Coal Lease No. 38, Christchurch, from John Comrie Sutherland and John Thomas Todd to G. McClatchie and Co. (Limited).

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

186. Department of Labour, Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. H.-11.

187. Marine Department: Annual Report for the Year 1924–25.

Ordered, That Paper No. 186 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the report of the Marine Department for the year 1924–25 be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

6. *Nurses and Midwives Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Nurses and Midwives Registration 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 consolidate and amend certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Registration of Nurses and Midwives."

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

7. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the National Provident Fund 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 National Provident Fund Act, 1910."

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

8. *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;

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

9. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day down to and including No. 10 be postponed in order to take Orders of the Day Nos. 11, 12, and 13.

10. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill;

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

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

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

12. *District Courts Abolition Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the District Courts Abolition Bill;

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

13. *Land for Settlements Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land for Settlements Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 81 read and agreed to.

Clause 82 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, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Masters	Smith
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hockly	Murdoch	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Horn	Nash	Veitch
Corrigan	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir G.	Poland	Witty.
Field	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lysnar	Potter	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	McKay	Ransom	Glenn.
Harris	McLennan	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	

NOES, 12.

Armstrong	Jordan	McIlvride	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Langstone	Munro	Lee
Holland	McCombs	O'Brien	Savage.
Howard			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 83 to 111 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 consolidate and amend certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Acquisition of Private Lands for Purposes of Settlement."

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 minute after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 2nd Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of Mr. Witty (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Alfred Ward be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit 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.

3. *Business after 12.30 a.m.*—Mr. Speaker made the following announcement: Following on the usual custom at this period of the session, I wish to announce that on and after next sitting-day all business and Bills that have passed their first stage not later than the previous day may be proceeded with and passed through all stages at one sitting and after half past twelve a.m., provided that they have been called on before half past twelve a.m.

4. *Religious Instruction in State Schools.*—On motion of Mr. Isitt, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(*a*) The number of State schools in which the Nelson system of one half-hour's religious instruction

once a week outside school hours by voluntary clerical or lay effort is now conducted; (*b*) the average attendance at these lessons; (*c*) the number of schools, high, technical, and primary, in which the scholars participate in other religious exercises; (*d*) the average attendance at such exercises; and (*e*) the number of complaints made to the Department of Education during the period from the 1st August, 1922, to the 1st August, 1925, in connection with these exercises by either parents or teachers.

5. *Soldier Settlements, Particulars of Estates purchased for.*—On motion of Mr. Lye, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The name of each estate purchased for soldier settlement, and the area of each estate; (2) the price paid for each estate purchased, and the amount written off in respect of each estate; and (3) the number of soldier settlers now in occupation on each estate.

6. *Native Trustee, Amount of Money in Hands of, belonging to Te Whiti Tribe.*—On motion of Mr. Holland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of money (if any) in the hands of the Native Trustee belonging to the tribes of which the late Te Whiti, of Parihaka, was chief.

7. *Native Urban and Rural Lands purchased by the Crown, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Mr. J. C. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The area and cost of urban Native land purchased by the Crown during the years ended the 31st March, 1922, 1923, and 1924 respectively; (2) the area and cost of improved rural Native land purchased by the Crown during the years ended the 31st March, 1922, 1923, and 1924 respectively; and (3) the area and cost of unimproved rural Native land purchased by the Crown during the years ended the 31st March, 1922, 1923, and 1924 respectively.

8. *Kauri-gum-diggers' Licenses, Kauri-gum purchased by the Department, and Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of special and ordinary kauri-gum-diggers' licenses respectively; and (2) the quantity of kauri-gum purchased by the Department, and value of same, for each of the following districts: Mangonui, Whangaroa, Hokianga, Bay of Islands, Hobson, Whangarei, Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, Coromandel, Thames, Ohinemuri, Katikati, and Auckland.

9. *Hutt Valley Lands purchased for Railway and Settlement Purposes.*—On motion of Mr. Monteith, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the land purchased by the Government for railway and settlement purposes in the Hutt Valley which has been sold provisionally or definitely; the return to state who are the purchasers, the areas purchased, and the prices paid.

10. *State Advances Department, Applications from Workers for Loans.*—On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of applications from workers received by the Advances Department from the date of the amending legislation of 1923; and (2) the number of applications granted to applicants.

11. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Burnett for the remainder of the session, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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 Mr. Bell, on account of illness.

12. *Local Elections and Polls Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Local Elections and Local Polls; and that the Honourable Mr. Bollard do prepare and bring it in.

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

13. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Reports of the Local Bills Committee and a Report of the Public Accounts Committee be received before Order of Business No. 7, Presentation of Papers.

14. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill and the Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up Reports, which were read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been suspended by leave of the House. They recommend that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have not been wholly complied with, inasmuch as the deposited copy of the Bill was lifted one day prior to the period laid down.

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.

15. *Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

16. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—The Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

17. *Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

18. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

19. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Nash, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report on the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I–14.)

20. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

21. *Death of the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), communicated to the House the following extracts from the records of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia: Resolutions and Speeches relating to the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand (the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey), as follows:—

DEAR SIRS,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 21st August, 1925.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th July, forwarding a bound copy and several loose copies of resolutions agreed to and speeches delivered in both Houses of Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia relating to the death of the late Prime Minister of New Zealand.

I desire on behalf of the Government, Parliament, and people of New Zealand to express deep appreciation of the tributes paid to Mr. Massey's services to the Empire, and sincere thanks for the kind message of sympathy in the great loss sustained by the Dominion.

I propose to arrange for this correspondence, together with a copy of the resolutions and speeches, to be laid on the Tables of both Houses of the New Zealand Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. COATES, Prime Minister.

The Hon. the President of the Senate, and the Right Hon. the Speaker,
House of Representatives, Parliament House, Melbourne.

DEAR SIR,— Parliament House, Melbourne, 14th July, 1925.

With reference to the cablegram sent on the 12th May last, conveying an expression of sympathy on behalf of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia in connection with the death of the late Prime Minister of New Zealand, we now forward under separate cover a bound copy and a few loose copies of resolutions and speeches delivered in both Houses.

Copies of these documents have also been forwarded to Mrs. Massey.

Faithfully yours,
W. A. WATT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOS. GIVENS, President of the Senate.

The Honourable the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Wellington.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PARLIAMENT.

Resolutions and Speeches relating to the Death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand (the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, P.C., LL.D., M.P.).

THE SENATE.

Extract from the Journals of the Senate, No. 1, dated Wednesday, 10th June, 1925.

13. *The late Right Honourable W. F. Massey, P.C.*—The Minister for Home and Territories (Senator Pearce), by leave of the Senate, moved, That the Senate places on record its profound regret at the death of the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, P.C., LL.D., M.P., Prime Minister of the Dominion of New Zealand, and expresses its deep sympathy to his family and the people of New Zealand.

And the motion having been seconded by Senator Gardiner, and all Senators present having risen, in silence;

Question passed unanimously.

THOS. GIVENS, President.
F. U'REN, Acting Clerk of the Senate.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, 10th June, 1925.

Death of the Right Honourable W. F. Massey, P.C.

Senator PEARCE (Western Australia)—(Minister for Home and Territories)—(By leave).—I move, That the Senate places on record its profound regret at the death of the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, P.C., LL.D., M.P., Prime Minister of the Dominion of New Zealand, and expresses its deep sympathy to his family and the people of New Zealand.

I am sure honourable senators will agree with me that it is quite proper that the Commonwealth should publicly express, through this Parliament, its sympathy with the people of New Zealand in the death of their late Prime Minister. He died, as honourable Senators are aware, on the evening of the 10th May, leaving behind him a fine record of public service. He was leader of the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament from 1903 to 1912, and was Prime Minister from the 10th July, 1912, up till his death. I may be permitted to sketch briefly some of the principal events in his great career. He attended a number of Imperial Conferences and War Cabinets during the years 1916, 1917, 1918, and onwards, and received the freedom of London and other cities in Great Britain and Ireland as a tribute for services which he had rendered to the Empire. In 1915 he formed the National Government in New Zealand for the more vigorous prosecution of the war, and at its close he attended the Peace Conference at Versailles and signed the Treaty of Peace on behalf of New Zealand. He attended the Imperial Conference

in 1923. At his death, in addition to the position of Prime Minister, he held the portfolio of Minister of Finance. The late Mr. Massey led a strenuous public life. Shortly after his taking office in 1913 came the world crisis of 1914, and in the subsequent years of the war his great courage, loyalty, and statesmanship placed him in the first rank of overseas statesmen. We know how, under his leadership, New Zealand entered whole-heartedly upon its duty in the Great War. His message to the Mother-country on behalf of New Zealand has become memorable—"All we are, and all we have, are at the disposal of the Imperial Government for the purpose of carrying on the war to a successful issue." The late Mr. Massey took a firm stand when the interests of the Dominion demanded it. From his refusal to allow the New Zealand troops to sail without adequate protection, right through to the scene at Versailles, where he affixed his signature as Prime Minister to the first Treaty of Peace to which a Dominion was a party, Mr. Massey played his part as the representative of a people who were paying the price, and were therefore entitled to be heard. His attitude was the same when dealing with the British Government on matters affecting the economic position of the Dominion. The appearance of Mr. Massey at the various Imperial and War Conferences was welcomed by the British Government. "A robust Imperialist of the practical type," the London *Daily Telegraph* called Mr. Massey, and added, "He has played at the Peace Conference the role which every one expected from so staunch a patriot. We do not remember a single occasion on which the head of the National Government of New Zealand has failed to speak worthily on behalf of the splendid Dominion which sent to Europe over 100,000 gallant soldiers, whose war record is surpassed by none." These are neat and well-merited commendations from a great newspaper. Solidity, staunchness, straightforwardness, and honesty recommended Mr. Massey to the people of the British Empire, and through him the Dominion was represented by the characteristics which appeal strongly to the British race. He was the real and effective leader of the Dominion during the dark years when New Zealand and the Empire most wanted an example of tenacity and staunchness, and, irrespective of party, his services in that respect have been whole-heartedly acknowledged in the Dominion, and his loss deplored. He was a firm believer in co-operation between New Zealand and the Commonwealth in all matters of common concern. During his term as Prime Minister several commercial agreements were concluded between New Zealand and Australia, thus encouraging the spirit of co-operation between the two countries. New Zealand, and the Empire generally, have lost a great dominion leader, and a robust, unequivocal patriot. Because we in Australia were in close touch with our sister Dominion we realize what a great loss his death is to her people, and I ask the Senate to pass the motion which I am submitting.

Senator GARDINER (New South Wales).—In rising to associate myself with the motion so ably moved by the Leader of the Senate, I join quite sincerely in his expression of sympathy with the family of the late Prime Minister of New Zealand, and the people, in the loss of the first statesman of that Dominion. No matter what our party views may be, we can, on occasions like the present, pay a just tribute to a good man who, in times of stress and trouble, did his level best for the Dominion which he so ably represented. Honourable Senators on this side of the chamber join with me in expressing profound sympathy with the people of New Zealand in the death of Mr. Massey, who rendered such splendid services to the Dominion of New Zealand.

Question resolved in the Affirmative, honourable Senators standing in their places.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Extracts from the Votes and Proceedings, No. 1.

Dated Wednesday, 10th June, 1925.

7. *The late Right Honourable W. F. Massey, P.C.—Vote of Condolence.*—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia expresses its sorrow at the loss which has befallen the Dominion of New Zealand by the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, records its appreciation of his distinguished services to the Empire, and extends its sympathy to the Parliament and to the people of the sister Dominion.

And all Members present having risen in silence;

Question passed.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the Resolution to Mrs. Massey and to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand.

8. *Suspension of Sitting as Mark of Respect.*—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late deceased statesman the sitting be suspended for an hour.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair.

W. A. WATT, Speaker.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, 10th June, 1925.

Death of Right Honourable W. F. Massey, P.C.

Mr. BRUCE (Flinders—Prime Minister).—It is with profound regret that I rise to refer to the death of a great Prime Minister of our sister Dominion of New Zealand. I feel sure that every member of this House will join in paying homage to the memory of one whose sterling qualities and unremitting efforts on behalf of New Zealand and the Empire have made his name a household word wherever the English tongue is spoken. Mr. Massey's long political career is a record of personal success, combined with sound democratic legislation. For thirty-two years he sat as a representative in the Parliament of his adopted country, and the outstanding evidence of his own personality, and the affection and esteem in which he was held by his fellow-citizens, is the fact that for twenty-nine years of that period he was returned continuously as a representative of one constituency. Leader of his party since 1903, and Prime Minister since 1912, his name is inseparably associated with the most important period in the history of New Zealand. Immediately war broke out in 1914 Mr. Massey, with characteristic vigour and directness of purpose, pledged his country to the Empire's common cause. To all the calls he made upon the patriotism and self-sacrifice of his people they responded with a liberality and readiness which spoke more eloquently than words of their faith in his leadership, and their confidence in his policy. In repeated visits to Great Britain as a member of successive Imperial Conferences he proved himself to be not only a great Prime Minister of his own Dominion, but an Imperial statesman of sound judgment and broad vision. He will ever be held in grateful memory as one who served his country and the Empire with ability, loyalty, and unselfish zeal. But, perhaps, even greater than his public achievements is the fact that by his courage and integrity he won the well-deserved love, respect, and trust of all with whom he came in contact. He was essentially a democrat, and one of the finest representatives which modern democracy has produced. To his country he has left a long record of public service, and to future generations an outstanding example of what a man of character and capacity may achieve by the pursuit of high ideals. He died as he lived, a simple man devoted to the service of his country and his Empire, and we, who, in our different ways, strive to follow the path he trod to the heights he scaled, incline our heads in respect and admiration. I move, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia expresses its sorrow at the loss which has befallen the Dominion of New Zealand by the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honourable William Ferguson Massey, records its appreciation of his distinguished services to the Empire, and extends its sympathy to the Parliament and to the people of the sister Dominion.

Question resolved in the Affirmative, members standing in their places.

Motion (by Mr. Bruce) agreed to: That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the Resolution to Mrs. Massey and to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand.

Motion (by Mr. Bruce) agreed to: That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late deceased statesman, the sitting be suspended for an hour.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Extracts, Resolutions, and Speeches be entered on the Journals.

22. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

188. Electric-signalling Apparatus on the Christchurch–Greymouth Railway, Particulars relating to. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

189. Motor-spirit and Benzine imported into the Dominion during 1924, and Amount of Duty paid on Motor-vehicles, including Lorries and Motor-cycles and Accessories, imported during 1924. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

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

190. Public Trust Office, Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. B.–9.

191. Mines Statement, by the Hon. Mr. Anderson, Minister of Mines. C.–2.

192. Health Department: Annual Report of the Director-General of Health for the Year 1924–25.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 190 and 191 be printed.

The Honourable Sir M. Pomare moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Director-General of Health for the year ended 31st March, 1925, be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

23. *Electric-power Boards Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Electric-power Boards Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed presently.

24. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Matamata County Council Empowering Act, 1925, without amendment.

25. *Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill, the Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

26. *Life Insurance Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Life Insurance Amendment Bill, the Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

27. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 6.

28. *Apprentices Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Apprentices 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.

29. *Electric-power Boards Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Electric-power Boards Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 4, to delete the word "ratepayers," and insert the word "electors" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Savage.)*

And the Question being put, That the word "ratepayers" stand part of the subclause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McKay	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Atmore	Hawken	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.
Bitchener	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hockly	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Buddo, Hon. D.	Horn	Macpherson	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Masters	Williams
Corrigan	Hunter, Sir G.	Murdoch	Witty.
Dickson, J. McC.	Isitt	Poland	*Tellers.*
Field	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Dickson, J. S.
Forbes	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Nash.
Girling	Lysnar	Ransom	

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien	Veitch.
Bartram	Langstone	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lee	Smith	Munro
Holland	McCombs	Sullivan	Savage.
Howard	McIlvride		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Subclause agreed to.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses 21 to 129 read and agreed to.
Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly providing for the Construction or Purchase of Works for the Generation, Transmission, and Supply of Electric Power by Electric-power Boards."

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-one minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 3rd Day of September, 1925.

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 presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

194. State Forest Service: First Quinquennial Review of the Operation of the National Forest Policy, together with the Annual Report of the Director of Forestry for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–3.

195. Public Service Superannuation Board, Seventeenth Annual Report of the (with Accounts), for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1925. H.–26.

196. State Advances Office, Report by the Superintendent of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925.

197. Friendly Societies and Trade-unions: Forty-eighth Annual Report by the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the Year ended 31st December, 1924. H.–1.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

193. Defence Forces of New Zealand: Report of the General Officer Commanding the Forces for the Period 1st June, 1924, to 31st May, 1925. H.–19.

198. Mental Hospitals of the Dominion, Report on, for 1924.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 193, 194, 195, and 197 be printed.

The Honourable Sir M. Pomare moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report on the mental hospitals of the Dominion for the year 1924 be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

3. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Reports of the Local Bills Committee be taken before consideration of Orders of the Day, and that the Bills may be allowed to be put through all their stages.

4. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill, the Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill, and the Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up Reports, which were read, as follow:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Matakaoa Hospital District Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been suspended by leave of the House. The Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have not been wholly complied with, inasmuch as no estimate of increased revenue was deposited with the copy of the 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 attached hereto.

The Committee draws the attention of the House to the fact that the railway from Auckland to Whangarei has recently been completed, and it is a question of policy as to whether further large expenditure by way of loan should be incurred on the harbour, the effect of which will be to reduce the earning-capacity of the railway.

5. *Matakaoa Hospital District Bill.—Ordered*, That the Matakaoa Hospital District Bill be read a second time presently.

6. *Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill be read a second time presently.

7. *Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill be read a second time presently.

8. *Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill.*—The Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

9. *Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill.*—The Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

10. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 23.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 2: To omit subclause (2), and substitute the following new subclause:—

"(2.) If in any such case the Commission appointed as aforesaid reports that in its opinion the payment of land-tax (whether before or after the passing of this Act) by any successor in title, tenant, or mortgagee liable for the payment thereof by virtue of section one hundred and forty-seven of the principal Act, as modified by section eleven of the Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1924, has entailed or would entail serious hardship, the Commissioner of Taxes may, in accordance with the report of the said Commission and without further authority than this section, refund the whole or any part of the land-tax so paid, or release such successor in title, tenant, or mortgagee wholly or in part from his liability to pay any such tax."

To add the following new clause:—

"6. Section one hundred and thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'appointed as the due date of payment' in subsection one, the words 'and such interest may, without further appropriation than this section, be paid accordingly out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund.'"

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Land and Income Tax Act, 1923.

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.

11. *Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill;

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

12. *Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill;

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

13. *Suspension of Standing Orders (Local Bills).*—On motion of Sir G. Hunter (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill Standing Order No. 395 be suspended in so far as it relates to the time the Bill should remain deposited in the Magistrate's Courthouse.

14. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill;

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

15. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill, the Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill, and the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.

(In the Committee.)

16. *Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To add at the end of the clause the following words: "Subject to the provisions of sections eight to twelve of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, being complied with." *(Mr. T. W. Rhodes.)*

And the Question being put on the addition of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 8.

Bitchener	McLennan	Sykes	*Tellers.*
Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Wright.	Dickson, J. S.
			Rhodes, T. W.

NOES, 49.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Holland	McIlvride	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.
Armstrong	Horn	McKay	Potter
Atmore	Howard	Macmillan	Ransom
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hudson	Macpherson	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hunter, Sir G.	Masters	Rolleston, J. C.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Isitt	Monteith	Savage
Corrigan	Jordan	Munro	Smith
Dickson, J. McC.	Langstone	Murdoch	Sullivan
Edie	Lee	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Veitch.
Forbes	Linklater	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Girling	Lye	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Hanan, Hon. J. A.
Harris	Lysnar	Poland	Sidey.
Hockly	McCombs		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage 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 Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Act, 1900, and the Acts amending the same."

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

17. *Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Manawatu-Oroua River District 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 Manawatu-Oroua River District Act, 1923."

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

18. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Auckland 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 empowering the Auckland Harbour Board to grant a Lease or New Lease to certain of its Tenants in lieu of paying Compensation, and to accept Surrenders of Leases and to grant New Leases, and to expend a certain Sum of Money in the Publication of a History of the Port of Auckland."

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

19. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill, the House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (2), and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"(2.) If in any such case the Commission appointed as aforesaid reports that in its opinion the payment of land-tax (whether before or after the passing of this Act) by any successor in title, tenant, or mortgagee liable for the payment thereof by virtue of section one hundred and forty-seven of the principal Act, as modified by section eleven of the Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1924, has entailed or would entail serious hardship, the Commissioner of Taxes may, in accordance with the report of the said Commission and without further authority than this section, refund the whole or any part of the land-tax so paid, or release such successor in title, tenant, or mortgagee wholly or in part from his liability to pay any such tax." *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In paragraph (*ee*), line 39, to insert, after the word "cheese," the word "casein." *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

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

"6. Section one hundred and thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'appointed as the due date of payment' in subsection one, the words 'and such interest may, without further appropriation than this section, be paid accordingly out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund.'" *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 Land and Income Tax Act, 1923."

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

20. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 24.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to fix the Rates of Land-tax and Income-tax for the Year commencing on the First day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-five," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to fix the Rates of Land-tax and Income-tax for the Year commencing on the First Day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

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. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

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

Friday, the 4th Day of September, 1925.

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 Nopera Rangiuia and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of Mr. Edie (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Robert Coulter and others be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

2. *Postponement of Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of all Order of Business down to Orders of the Day be postponed.

3. *Committee of 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 £174,018 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st day of March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Corrigan.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £43,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,041 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Land for Settlements Account (Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £444,215 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £200,000. *(Mr. McCombs.)*

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

AYES, 13.

Bartram	Langstone	Monteith	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	O'Brien	Munro
Holland	McIlvride	Sullivan.	Savage.
Howard	McKeen		

NOES, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Atmore	Hawken	Macmillan	Rhodes, T. W.
Bitchener	Henare	Masters	Smith
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Horn	Murdoch	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright.
Corrigan	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	*Tellers.*
de la Perrelle	Linklater	Poland	Glenn
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Rolleston, J. C.
Forbes	Lysnar	Potter	

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £412,875 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £100,000. *(Mr. McCombs.)*

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

AYES, 13.

Bartram	Langstone	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McIlvride	Savage	McCombs
Holland	Monteith	Sullivan.	McKeen.
Howard	Munro		

NOES, 35.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Lysnar	Potter
Atmore	Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Bitchener	Henare	Macmillan	Rhodes, T. W.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Horn	Masters	Rolleston, J. C.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Murdoch	Sykes
Corrigan	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright.
de la Perrelle	Linklater	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Poland	Glenn
Forbes	Lye	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Smith.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

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

AYES, 13.

Bartram	McCombs	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Holland	McIlvride	Savage	Fraser
Howard	McKeen	Sullivan.	Monteith.
Langstone	Munro		

NOES, 35.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.
Atmore	Henare	Macmillan	Rhodes, T. W.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Horn	Masters	Rolleston, J. C.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Murdoch	Smith
Corrigan	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
de la Perrelle	Linklater	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Wright.
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Poland	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lye	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Bitchener
Harris	Lysnar	Potter	Glenn.

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £124,276 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

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

AYES, 18.

Corrigan	McCombs	Munro	Sullivan.
Forbes	McIlvride	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McKeen	Poland	Bartram
Holland	Masters	Savage	Langstone.
Howard	Monteith	Smith	

NOES, 26.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Atmore	Hudson	Murdoch	Sykes
Bitchener	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Glenn
Field	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Harris.
Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, T. W.	

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £4. *(Mr. Holland.)*

Negatived on the voices.

Vote agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £50,213 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

Motion, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £4. *(Mr. Masters.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

Motion negatived on the voices.

Motion to reduce total vote by the sum of £4. *(Mr. Holland.)*

Motion negatived on the voices.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £30,452 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Young 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.

4. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, 1925, without amendment.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twelve minutes after seven of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 8th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill Committee.*—Mr. Young, from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee on the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill has the honour to report,—

(1.) That it finds the allegations of the Preamble proved to its satisfaction.

(2.) That it has carefully considered the clauses of the Bill, and has passed them without amendment.

The Minutes of the Committee accompany this Report.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

2. *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 Henrietta Bella Lovelock be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hanan (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the petition of John Robbie be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

199. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa, Fifth Report of the Government of New Zealand on the Administration of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. A.–4.

200. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa: Annual Report of the Department of Health for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. A.–4A.

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

201. Canteen Funds, Total Amount and Disposition of. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

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

202. Public Debt Extinction Board: Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1925.

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

204. Ohakune Fire Board: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1924.

205. Hokitika Fire Board: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1924.

206. Printing and Stationery Department: Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. H.–36.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 199, 200, and 206 be printed.

4. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Horn be added to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 25.*

The Bills intituled—

The Imprest Supply Act, 1925,
The Cook Islands Amendment Act, 1925,
The Iron and Steel Industries Amendment Act, 1925,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1925 (No. 2),
The Massey Burial-ground Act, 1925,
The Rotorua Borough Amendment Act, 1925,
The Housing Amendment Act, 1925,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1925 (No. 3), and
The Rent Restriction Continuance Act, 1925,

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, 3rd September, 1925.

6. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 26.*

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, 8th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

7. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Government Railways Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and a second time *pro forma*, ordered to be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, referred to the Railways Committee.

8. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 27.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Periodical Valuation of Landed Properties in New Zealand," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 8th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Periodical Valuation of Landed Properties in New Zealand.

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.

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

10. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 28.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Making and Levying of Rates," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 8th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Making and Levying of Rates.

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

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

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

12. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 Pensions Act, 1913," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 8th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Pensions Act, 1913.

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.

13. *Pensions Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Pensions Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

14. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–9.)

Mr. Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a 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, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hudson	Nash	Smith
Atmore	Hunter, Sir G.	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Sykes
Bitchener	Luke, Sir J. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Lye	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Potter	Wright
de la Perrelle	McLennan	Ransom	Young.
Forbes	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Macmillan	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	Macpherson	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Hockly	Murdoch	Rolleston, J. C.	

NOES, 18.

Armstrong	Jordan	Masters	Savage.
Fraser	Langstone	Monteith	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McCombs	O'Brien	Howard
Holland	McIlvride	Parry	Sullivan.
Horn	McKeen	Poland	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being again proposed, "That the Report do lie upon the Table";

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until half after five of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

15. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

16. *Division-list corrected.*—Mr. Speaker drew attention to the fact that in the division taken in Committee on Thursday last on the Question that certain words be added to clause 2 of the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Bill, Mr. McLennan's name appeared on both the Ayes and Noes lists.

Mr. McLennan having stated that he voted with the Ayes, both Tellers came to the Table and corrected the division-lists accordingly.

17. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration 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: In subclause (1), line 25, after the word "workers," to insert the words "or the place where workers are engaged." *(Mr. McKeen.)*

And the Question being put on the insertion of the words, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Lye	Murdoch	Smith
Corrigan	McCombs	O'Brien	Sullivan
Forbes	McIlvride	Parry	Veitch.
Holland	McKay	Poland	*Tellers.*
Howard	Macpherson	Ransom	McKeen
Jordan	Munro	Savage	Monteith.
Langstone			

NOES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hockly	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.
Atmore	Horn	Macmillan	Sykes
Bitchener	Hudson	Nash	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright.
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Lysnar	Rhodes, T. W.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	McLennan	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Henare			

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 21 read and agreed to.

Clause 22 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraphs :—

"(*g.*) From and after the passing of this Act no industrial union shall cancel its registration until and unless the members thereof shall have so decided by secret ballot.

"(*h.*) Notwithstanding that a majority of the members of an industrial union voting at such ballot shall have decided in favour of cancellation, registration of the union shall not be cancelled unless the Registrar is satisfied that a majority of the members of the union have voted for cancellation.

"(*i.*) When registration of any industrial union shall have been duly cancelled, no union of workers shall be registered in succession thereto in the same industry until and unless a secret ballot shall have been taken as hereinafter prescribed, and the majority of workers voting thereat shall have so decided.

"(*j.*) For the purpose of the last preceding subsection an industrial union shall be deemed to be registered in succession to that union of which the registration has been cancelled if and when the employers who were parties to any award or industrial agreement by which the previous union was bound must necessarily be parties to any award or industrial agreement by which the proposed new industrial union shall be bound, and the ballot to decided upon the proposed registration shall be taken by the workers in the employment of those employers :

"Provided that the Registrar may, in his discretion, require that before such ballot is taken a roll or register shall be prepared of the workers entitled to vote thereat.

"(*k.*) Notwithstanding that a majority of the workers voting at any such ballot shall have decided in favour of the proposed registration, registration shall not be granted unless the Registrar is satisfied that the majority of the workers entitled to vote have in fact voted for registration.

"(*l.*) The Governor-General may from time to time make regulations—

"(i.) Prescribing the form of ballot-papers to be used pursuant to the provisions of this Act :

"(ii.) Prescribing the procedure to be followed in the taking of ballots.

"The Act is hereby modified if and in so far as it may be in conflict with this section." *(Mr. Monteith.)*

And the Question being put on the addition of the paragraphs, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 14.

Holland	McCombs	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Howard	McIlvride	Parry	Armstrong
Jordan	McKeen	Savage	Monteith.
Langstone	Munro	Sullivan.	

NOES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.
Atmore	Hockly	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hudson	Macpherson	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Masters	Veitch
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Nash	Williams
Corrigan	Luke, Sir J. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty
Field	Lye	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright.
Forbes	Lysnar	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Girling	McKay	Rhodes, Hon Sir. R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.	Glenn.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 46 read and agreed to.

Clause 47 read. Amendment proposed : To add the following new subclause :—

" (4.) Parties to an award shall be all persons engaged in the industry within the area covered by the award, irrespective of whether they have been cited as parties or not." *(Mr. McKeen.)*

Amendment, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 48 to 86 read and agreed to.

Clause 87 read. Amendment proposed : To delete the words " Court began to sit for the " in line 30, and insert the words " Courts final " in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Jordan.)*

Amendment, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 88 to 98 read and agreed to.

Clause 99 read. Amendment proposed : To add the following proviso :—

" Provided that in fixing the minimum rate of wages the Court shall not fix a wage lower than the equivalent of the 1914 standard measured in purchasing-power." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

And the Question being put on the addition of the proviso, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 23.

Armstrong	Howard	Macpherson	Savage
Corrigan	Jordan	Monteith	Sullivan
Forbes	Langstone	Munro	Veitch.
Fraser	McIlvride	Murdoch	*Tellers.*
Holland	McKay	Poland	McCombs
Horn	McKeen	Ransom	O'Brien.

NOES, 29.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hudson	Nash	Sykes
Bitchener	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Wright.
Girling	Lysnar	Rhodes, T. W.	*Tellers.*
Hawken	McLennan	Rolleston, F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn.
Hockly	Macmillan		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso:—

"Provided that the minimum wage of an adult male worker shall not be less than two shillings and sixpence per hour, or its equivalent." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 100 read and agreed to.

Clause 101 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following new sub-clause:—

"(7.) An authorized officer of any union shall have the same privileges and powers as conferred on Inspectors of Awards." *(Mr. McIlvride.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 102 to 140 read and agreed to.

Clause 141 read. Amendment proposed: To delete the word "six" in line 30, and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 142 read. Consideration of clause postponed.

Clauses 143 to 165 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had made progress in the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration 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 the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-six minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Witty (for Mr. Bell), *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. Lavender be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Mere Tete Iwingaro and others (3) be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Tamihana Heta be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of E. Heke and others be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Uru (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Himiona Torepe and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs 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 the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee have leave to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

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

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Mr. Guthrie, on account of illness.

4. *Lights on Vehicles Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Lights on Vehicles Act, 1915; and that the Honourable Mr. Bollard do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Bollard accordingly presented the 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 Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

207. University Education in New Zealand, Report of Royal Commission on. E.–7A.

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to an Act:—

208. Naval Defence Act, 1913, Amended Regulations under the.

Ordered, That Paper No. 207 be printed.

6. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Witty, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Rebecca Byrnes; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for consideration. (*Vide* Appendix I.–6.)

Mr. Witty, from the Railways Committee, also brought up a Report on the Government Railways Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Nash, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report on the Repayment of the Public Debt Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–14.)

9. *Repayment of the Public Debt Bill.—Ordered*, That the Repayment of the Public Debt Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Nash, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report on the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–14.)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until half after five of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

11. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order No. 69 be suspended in order that a Debate on the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill, interrupted by the half after five p.m. adjournment, may be continued this evening.

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

12. *Public Accounts Committee.*—And the Question being again proposed, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill do lie upon the Table;

The House resumed the Debate interrupted by the half after five p.m. adjournment.

Mr. O Brien moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Bill," with a 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 House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

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, 48.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	Macpherson	Rolleston, F. J.
Atmore	Horn	Masters	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hudson	Murdoch	Smith
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nash	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Isitt	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Corrigan	Linklater	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
de la Perrelle	Luke, Sir J. P.	Poland	Witty
Field	Lye	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright
Forbes	Lysnar	Potter	Young.
Girling	McKay	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	Macmillan	Rhodes, T. W.	Hockly.
Hawken			

NOES, 15.

Armstrong	Langstone	Monteith	Savage.
Fraser	McCombs	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland	McIlvride	O'Brien	Howard
Jordan	McKeen	Parry	Sullivan.

So 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.

13. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill be committed forthwith.

Mr. McCombs raised a point of order, That as the Bill was not on the Order Paper it could not be called upon.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 208, p. 173);

Mr. Fraser raised a further point of order, That no new business shall be taken after half after twelve o'clock at night.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 208, p. 174);

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be committed forthwith;

Mr. Fraser 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: "the Bill be referred back to the Government with a recommendation that there should be no reduction in income taxation."

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, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	Macpherson	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hockly	Murdoch	Smith
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hudson	Nash	Sykes
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Corrigan	Isitt	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Witty
de la Perrelle	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Young.
Forbes	Lye	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Girling	McKay	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, T. W.	Williams.
Hawken	Macmillan		

NOES, 16.

Armstrong	McCombs	Monteith	Savage.
Fraser	McIlvride	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland	McKeen	O'Brien	Howard
Jordan	Masters	Parry	Sullivan.
Langstone			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the said Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young 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, 1923."

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

14. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Weights and Measures Act, 1925, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

15. *Weights and Measures Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Weights and Measures Bill be considered next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after six of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 10th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Act, 1914, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Act, 1924."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has passed the said Bill without amendment.

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

On motion of Mr. Parry (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. L. Panther and others be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

On motion of Mr. Macmillan (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Violet Newdick be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of Mr. Parry (for Mr. Lee), (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. E. Burton be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented pursuant to Act, and ordered to lie upon the Table:—

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

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

210. General Assembly Library: Report of Chief Librarian for the Year 1924-25. H.-32.

4. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill, the Coal-mines Bill, and the Petitions of Jane Berriman, Mary Jamieson, Kate Blythe, John Dike, Mary O'Buglien, and John Wilson; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.-4.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Jane Berriman, Mary Jamieson, Kate Blythe, and John Dike, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

5. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

6. *Coal-mines Bill.—Ordered*, That the Coal-mines Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Shearers' Accommodation Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.-10.)

8. *Shearers' Accommodation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Shearers' Accommodation Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. F. J. Rolleston, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up Reports on the Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill, the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill, the Life Insurance Amendment Bill, the District Courts Abolition Bill, and the Land Transfer Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–11.)

10. *Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Undesirable Immigrants Exclusion Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

11. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

12. *Life Insurance Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Life Insurance Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

13. *District Courts Abolition Bill.—Ordered*, That the District Courts Abolition Bill be committed next sitting-day.

14. *Land Transfer Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land Transfer Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

15. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Child Welfare Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–8.)

16. *Child Welfare Bill.—Ordered*, That the Child Welfare Bill be committed next sitting-day.

17. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Forests Amendment Bill, the Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill, the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill, the Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill, and Parliamentary Paper No. 174; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

18. *Forests Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Forests Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

19. *Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

20. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

21. *Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

22. *Parliamentary Paper No. 174.*—Mr. Hockly moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House approves of the revocation of the reservation of lands described in Parliamentary Paper No. 174.

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

23. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Field, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of H. B. Gray 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. (*Vide* Appendix I.–7.)

24. *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. W. Thomson, W. Murdoch and others, H. A. Robertson, J. C. McLellan, J. D. McKenzie and others, Ada Mary Shadbolt, E. F. Shadbolt, Charles Onyon (2), J. G. Ward and others, and B. G. Sanft; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petition of B. G. Sanft be referred to the Public Health Committee.

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. G. Ward and others, J. D. McKenzie and others, and J. C. McLellan, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of E. F. Shadbolt, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry.

Ordered, That the petitions of William Murdoch and others, and J. W. Thomson, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

25. *Library Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Library Committee, brought up the Report of the Chief Librarian on the General Assembly Library for the year 1924–25, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix H.–32.)

26. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a Report on the Petitions of G. A. Blackwell and others, A. D. Bronlund and others, and F. Fletcher and others, praying for the abolition of certain regulations affecting privately-owned launches; and the same was read as follows:—

> I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the Shipping and Seamen Act should be amended so that launches of less than 6 tons register that do not ply for hire, either for passenger or goods, be exempted from the provisions of the Act as regards annual survey.

Ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petitions, be referred to the Government for consideration.

27. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Ataera Waru and others, Heeni Tipene te Waru and others, Nohomairangi te Whiti, Kere Erihe and others, Keita te Ahere, Wharehuia Heta and others, Hare Popata and another, Te Paea Hape, Tonga Awhikau and others, Kahupake Rongonui, Tonga Awhikau and others, P. Pomare and another, Waitomo County Council and other local bodies, Rangi Tutu, Tonga Awhikau and others, George Ashdown, Te Wharau Herewini, Wiremu te Kupenga Kahao and others, Puwhareumutoi and others, Kapu Keepa and others, Ranginui Kauika, Taupiri Ihaka Poroata and others, Te Ahi Rakei, Tunga Paekawa and others, Tamati Whanganui and others, Tawhito Huterengu and others, Wiremu Henare Toka and others, Maki Pirihi and others, Wiremu Henare Toka and others, Wiremu Henare Toka and others, Paihau Rawiri and others, Wiremu Henare Toka and others, Takirua Hota and others, Wiha Rawiri Puhuta and others, Kawana Karatau and others, Karena Mokaraka and others, Hamiora Taki and another, Miria Mokai, Hangi Wawhiti, Takirua Hota and another, Clara Campbell, and Mate Ngahuru; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Tonga Awhikau and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Wiremu Henare Toka and others, Maki Pirihi and others, Wiremu Henare Toka and others, Wiremu Henare Toka and others, Paihau Rawiri and others, Wiremu Henare Toka and others, George Ashdown, Te Wharau Herewini, Wiremu te Kupenga Kahao and others, Pouwhareumutoi and others, Kapu Keepa and others, Ranginui Kauika,

Taupiri Ihaka Poroata and others, Te Ahi Rakei, Tunga Paekawa and others, Tamati Whanganui and others, Tawhito Huterengu and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Kere Erihe and others, Keita te Ahere, Ataera Waru and others, Heeni Tipene te Waru and others, Nohomairangi te Whiti, Wharehuia Heta and others, Kahupake Rongonui, Tonga Awhikau and others, Tonga Awhikau and others, Hare Popata and another, Te Paea Hape, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petition of Rangi Tutu be referred to the Lands Committee.

Ordered, That the Petitions of M. Pomare and another, and the Waitomo County Council and other local bodies, be withdrawn.

28. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of C. T. D. Farley and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of F. G. Dalziell, and moved, and the Question was propsed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir J. P. Luke moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a 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, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	McLennan	Uru
Bitchener	Hockly	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Horn	Macmillan	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Young.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Isitt	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Wright.
Hawken	Lye		

NOES, 32.

Armstrong	Howard	Masters	Savage
Atmore	Jordan	Monteith	Sidey
Buddo, Hon. D.	Langstone	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Smith
Edie	Lysnar	Parry	Sykes
Field	McIlvride	Poland	Veitch.
Forbes	McKay	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McKeen	Ransom	Luke, Sir J. P.
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Macpherson	Rolleston, F. J.	Rhodes, T. W.
Holland			

So 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.

Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of G. Baikie and H. E. Hill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of G. Baikie, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of H. E. Hill, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of W. S. Dryden, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Mr. Sidey moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a 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, 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.

Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. Campbell, M. S. Dunne, and M. Leydon; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of M. S. Dunne, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

29. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of A. S. Kinsman and others, and R. J. McLean and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

30. *Labour Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Labour Bills Committee on the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill do lie upon the Table, be resumed.

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

Debate interrupted by a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

31. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 30.*

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.

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Wellington, 10th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

32. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, 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.

33. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Private Bill intituled the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Private Bill intituled the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Act, 1925, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

34. *Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to authorize the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property, at the Direction of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland, to pay out of the Ecclesiastical Fund of the said Church to the Otago Presbyterian Church Boys' College Board of Governors (Incorporated), yearly, for a Period not exceeding Five Years, such Sum as may be voted in each of these Five Years by the said Synod in aid of the John McGlashan College, but such Vote not to exceed Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds in any one Year, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

35. *Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to incorporate the New Zealand Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and its Branches, and to vest certain Real and Personal Property in, and determine the Powers of, the said Institute and its Branches, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

36. *Labour Bills Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Labour Bills Committee on the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill do lie upon the Table.

And the Question being put, That the Report do lie upon the Table, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

37. *Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill.—Ordered*, That the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill be committed next sitting-day.

38. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 11, inclusive, be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 12.

39. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Order of the Day for further consideration in Committee of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to the Railways Committee, and that it be an instruction to the Railways Committee that it consider clause 142 only, with power to make any amendments therein, and to insert any additional clauses relevant thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be discharged.

40. *Instruction to a Select Committee.—Ordered*, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be referred to the Railways Committee, and that it be an instruction to the Railways Committee that it consider clause 142 only, with power to make any amendments therein, and to insert any additional clauses relevant thereto.

41. *Pensions Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Pensions Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 8 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again. *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had made progress in the Pensions Amendment 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 the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 11th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of Business for this day be, (1) Petitions, (2) Notice of Motion No. 1, and (3) Orders of the Day.

2. *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 Gladys M. Dowse be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

On motion of Mr. Witty (for Mr. Bell), (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. J. Worth and another be referred direct to the Education Committee.

On motion of Mr. Potter (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Emily Wilson be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

3. *Government Business on Mondays.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That on and after Monday, the 14th day of September, 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. *Committee of 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. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £24,865 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £415,939 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £45,562 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bollard,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £27,987 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,631 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir M. Pomare,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £280,851 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £248,035 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £97,119 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £212,887 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the New Zealand State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £217,931 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £60,042 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee of Supply had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

5. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Act, 1925, without amendment.

6. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after two of the clock on Tuesday, the 15th day of September.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-four minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 15th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

2. *Message (Public Works Estimates).*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 31.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives an Estimate for the sums required for the undermentionned services : Public Works, Departmental ; Railways ; Public Buildings ; Timber-supply and Sawmills for Public Works Department ; Acquisition and Operation of Quarries ; Lighthouses and Harbour-works ; Development of Tourist Resorts ; Immigration ; Construction, Maintenance, and Supervision of Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works ; Telegraph Extension ; Motor Transport Service ; Contingent Defence ; Lands Improvement ; Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage ; Plant, Material, and Stores, together with an Estimate of Expenditure in respect of the Electric Supply Account ; Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account ; Land for Settlements Account (opening up Land for Settlements) ; Main Highways ; Construction Fund ; Railways Improvements Authorization Act 1914 Account, and Education Loans Account—which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1926 ; and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

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Wellington, 15th September, 1925.

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

3. *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 John A. Maher and others, and L. G. Nairn and others, be referred direct to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

On motion of Mr. Henare (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Hone te Tai be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

4. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

212. Public Securities held in the Dominion or elsewhere as on 31st March, 1925, together with an Account of all Securities purchased or received and all Securities redeemed or otherwise disposed of during the Year ended the 31st March, 1925, as provided by Section 101, Subsection (2), of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, and Section 11 of the Finance Act, 1924. B.–10.

213. Customs Act, 1913 : Orders in Council made by the Governor-General under the Dairy-produce Export Control Act, 1923, and the Customs Act, 1913, and its Amendments, relating to the Prohibition of the Exportation of Dairy-produce save in accordance with a License to be issued by the Minister of Agriculture.

215. East Coast Native Trust Lands : Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1925.

216. East Coast Native Trust Lands (Mangatu Nos. 1, 3, and 4 Blocks) : Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1925.

220. Harbour Board Accounts : Supplementary Statements for the Year 1923. [New Plymouth, Stewart Island, and Waimakariri.]

221. Harbour Board Accounts : Supplementary Statements containing Accounts for the Year 1924. [Bay of Islands, Bluff, Clutha, Lyttelton, Motueka, Nelson, Stewart Island, Waimakariri, Wairoa, and Wanganui.]

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

211. Public Works Statement and Estimates for the Year 1925, by the Honourable J. G. Coates, Minister of Public Works. D.–1.

214. Arawa District Trust Board, Statement of the Operations of the, for the Period ended 31st March, 1925.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House :—

217. Patriotic Funds : Details of Investment. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

218. Native Lands : Purchases by the Government during the Years 1922, 1923, and 1924. Return to an Order dated 2nd September, 1925.

219. Moneys in the Hands of the Native Trustee. Return to an Order dated 2nd September, 1925.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 211, 212, 214, 215, and 216 be printed.

5. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Zilla Stevens, Christian Kienle, Myrtle Evelyn Peacock, W. F. Cox, G. W. Smailes, N. E. Wilson, S. Tovey, E. Walls, W. B. Davies and others, Eva Laura Wellbourne, Joseph Ingley, W. T. Thompson, and T. N. Holmden ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Eva Laura Wellbourne and Joseph Ingley, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Zilla Stevens, E. Walls, W. T. Thompson, and T. N. Holmden, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

6. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Flora M. Commins, J. H. Brown, and R. B. Neill ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Flora M. Commins, J. H. Brown, and R. B. Neill be withdrawn.

7. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. H. Wixon and others, and Rewatu Hiriako; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petitions, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

8. *Repayment of the Public Debt Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Repayment of the Public Debt Bill;

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now committed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by Messages from the Legislative Council.

9. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has pas-ed the Bill intituled the National Provident Fund Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment.

10. *Repayment of the Public Debt Bill.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Repayment of the Public Debt Bill be now committed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

11. *Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *Child Welfare Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

13. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Repayment of the Public Debt Bill, the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill, and the Child Welfare Bill.

(In the Committee.)

14. *Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill:*

Amendments made by the Labour Bills Committee read into the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 17 read and agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (1), and substitute the following new subclause:—

"The wiring of any premises for electric lighting, heating, or power purposes shall be carried out only by a registered electrical wireman, or by the holder of a provisional license, with or without the assistance of apprentices." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 19, 20, and 21 read and agreed to.

Clause 22 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 52, after the words "electrical traders," to insert the words "or electrical contractors." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 28 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

15. *Child Welfare Bill:*

Amendments made by the Education Committee read into the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert the following new paragraph:—

"(*dd.*) Director of Child Welfare of the Health Department, appointed under the Health Act, 1920." *(Honourable Sir C. J. Parr.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 23 read and agreed to.

Clause 24 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), line 50, to insert, after the word "husband," the words "of that person." *(Honourable Sir C. J. Parr.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 39 read and agreed to.

Clause 40 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), line 36, to insert, after the word "at," the word "he"; and to omit the words "after investigation direct, if he thinks necessary, that all steps necessary in pursuance of this Act be taken," and to insert the words "direct that such steps, if any, as in the circumstances he considers necessary be taken under this Act." *(Honourable Sir C. J. Parr.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 41, 42, and 42A read and agreed to.

Clause 43 read. Amendment proposed: To transpose the words "(whether inmates of an institution under this Act or not)" to follow the word "children" in line 43. *(Honourable Sir C. J. Parr.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 44, 45, and 46 read and agreed to.

First, Second, and Third Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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16. *Repayment of the Public Debt Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Repayment of the Public Debt 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 Repayment of the Public Debt."

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

17. *Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Electrical Wiremen's Registration 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 Registration of Electrical Wiremen and the Regulation of Electrical-wiring Work."

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

18. *Child Welfare Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Child Welfare 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 with respect to the Maintenance, Care, and Control of Children who are specially under the Protection of the State; and to provide generally for the Protection and Training of Indigent, Neglected, or Delinquent Children."

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 fourteen minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 16th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill.*—Mr. Young, from the Committee of Selection, brought up the following Report on the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill:—

The Committee of Selection has the honour to report that, in pursuance of Standing Orders Nos. 59 and 60, relating to Private Bills, the Committee has appointed a Committee on the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill, consisting of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. de la Perrelle, Mr. Munro, and Sir J. P. Luke (the Member ordered to bring in the Bill), and has referred the Bill to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

On motion of Mr. Smith (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Agnes E. J. Husband be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

On motion of Mr. Witty (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of the Papanui Progress League and others be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

On motion of Mr. Macpherson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of E. G. Hodgson be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

On motion of Mr. Harris (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. R. McGregor be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fraser (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Oliver Mewhinney be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of Sir J. P. Luke (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Martha Boyle be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hanan (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of John Simpson 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 Petition of Mere te Iwingaro and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of a bereavement in his family.

4. *Suspension of Standing Orders (Local Bills).*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill, Standing Order No. 394 be suspended as 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. 395 be suspended as far as it relates to the period for which the Bill shall be deposited in the Magistrate's Court for public inspection, and that Standing Order No. 399 be suspended 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.

5. *Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Reduction for Rating Purposes of Valuations of Farming-lands in the Borough of Mataura not suitable for Building Purposes; and that the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

222. Rangitaiki Land Drainage: Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon Matters connected with the Drainage of the District set apart for the Purposes of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910. C.–11A.

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

223. Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks: Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Registrar.

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

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

224. Charges and Convictions for Drunkenness in No-license Districts. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

225. Liquor sent into the No-license District of Ohinemuri. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

Ordered, That Paper No. 222 be printed.

7. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 32.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Pensions Act, 1913," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

"4A. In addition to all other exemptions from the definition of the term 'income,' as defined by section two of the principal Act, as from time to time amended, there is hereby excluded from that term—

"(*a.*) Any moneys raised by public subscription for the benefit of the applicant, or for the benefit of his or her wife or husband, or dependent children; or

"(*b.*) Any moneys received by way of compensation or damages in respect of the death of any person, in so far as such moneys do not exceed one hundred pounds.

"4B. (1.) Section ten of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By inserting, after the words 'his interest in' in subsection one, the words 'any property upon which he permanently resides, or in';

"(*b.*) By repealing paragraph (*a*) of subsection two;

"(*c.*) By omitting from paragraph (*b*) of subsection two the word 'other'; and

"(*d.*) By repealing the proviso to subsection two.

"(2.) Section twenty of the principal Act, as amended by section twelve of the Pensions Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby further amended—

"(*a.*) By omitting from subsection one the words 'not exceeding the sum of five hundred and twenty pounds'; and

"(*b.*) By adding to subsection one the words 'in their possession.'

"(3.) Section six of the Pensions Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby amended by repealing subsection two thereof.

"(4.) Section twelve of the Pensions Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby repealed."

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Wellington, 15th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Pensions Act, 1913.

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.

8. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Witty, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Lucy Elizabeth Morton and William Hodge, and the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–6.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Lucy Elizabeth Morton, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

9. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—Ordered*, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be set down for further consideration in Committee next sitting-day.

10. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. J. Steen, the Victoria University College Council, and D. B. Millward, and the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petition of the Victoria University College Council be withdrawn.

11. *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.

12. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Hori Raharuhi; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for inquiry. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

13. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a report on the Apprentices Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–9.)

14. *Apprentices Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Apprentices Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

16. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Arthur Allan; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for consideration. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of E. Burgoyne and others, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Mr. Bartram moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a 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, 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 Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. S. Cooper, J. G. Edmonds, and T. W. Arthur; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of W. S. Cooper, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for urgent and favourable consideration.

17. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day be postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day (Local Bills).

18. *Matakaoa Hospital District Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Matakaoa Hospital District Bill;

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

19. *Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill;

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

20. *Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill;

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

21. *Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rawhiti Domain Board Empowering Bill;

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

22. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill;

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

23. *Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill;

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

24. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Matakaoa Hospital District Bill, the Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill, the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill, the Rawhiti Domain Bill, the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill, and the Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill.

25. *Matakaoa Hospital District Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Matakaoa Hospital District 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 constitute the Matakaoa Hospital District."

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

26. *Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation 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 regulate the Rating Operations of the Napier Harbour Board."

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

27. *Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Whangarei 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 authorize the Whangarei Harbour Board to borrow a Further Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Addition to Moneys already borrowed, and to levy Rates to secure Repayment thereof and Interest thereon."

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

28. *Rawhiti Domain Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Rawhiti Domain 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 confer Additional Power of leasing Portion of Rawhiti Domain."

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

29. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and 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 vest Part of the Foreshore within the Harbour of Whangarei and situated in and about Urquhart's Bay within the said Harbour in the Whangarei Harbour Board."

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

30. *Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling 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 Wanganui City Council to pay, use, or apply certain Loan-moneys in providing Efficient Means of Transit in the City of Wanganui, and to grant certain Leases."

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

31. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Coal-mines Bill;

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

32. *Pensions Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Pensions Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

33. *Life Insurance Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Life Insurance Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

34. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Coal-mines Bill, the Pensions Amendment Bill, and the Life Insurance Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

35. *Coal-mines Bill:*

Amendments made by the Goldfields and Mines Committee were read into the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 46 read and agreed to.

Clause 47 read. Amendments proposed: In line 30, to insert the word "three" at the end of the line; in line 31, to omit the word "two"; and in line 34, to omit the word "twelve," and insert the words "twenty-four" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 48 to 67 read and agreed to.

Clause 68 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), line 3, to omit the word "three," and insert the word "two"; in line 4, to omit the word "six," and insert the word "twelve"; and in line 8, to omit the word "six," and insert the word "twelve"; and in line 12, to omit the word "six," and insert the word "twelve" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 69 to 74 read and agreed to.

Clause 75 read. Amendment proposed: In the proviso to subclause (2), to omit the words "sick and accident fund or the." *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following new subclause:—

"(2B.) The mine-owner shall be required to maintain an adequate supply of tubs." *(Mr. Holland.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 76 to 91 read and agreed to.

Clause 92 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 8, to omit the words "a locked safety-lamp," and insert the words "an electric head safety-lamp." *(Mr. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 36.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	McLennan	Rolleston, F. J.
Atmore	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hockly	Macmillan	Smith
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hudson	Nash	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Witty
Dickson, J. McC.	Isitt	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Wright.
Field	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Lye	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Glenn.
Harris			

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Holland	McKay	Poland
Bartram	Horn	Macpherson	Ransom
Buddo, Hon. D.	Howard	Masters	Veitch.
Corrigan	Lee	Munro	*Tellers.*
de la Perrelle	McCombs	Murdoch	Savage
Edie	McIlvride	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Fraser			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 93 to 126 read and agreed to.

Clause 127 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 45, to omit the words "at their own cost." *(Mr. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hockly	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hudson	Nash	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Isitt	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Witty
Field	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright.
Girling	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Harris	McLennan	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Henare			

NOES, 28.

Atmore	Holland	McKay	Savage
Bartram	Horn	Macpherson	Smith
Buddo, Hon. D.	Howard	Masters	Sullivan
Corrigan	Lee	Munro	Veitch.
de la Perrelle	Lye	Murdoch	*Tellers.*
Edie	McCombs	Poland	Armstrong
Forbes	McIlvride	Ransom	O'Brien.
Fraser			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 128 to 150 read and agreed to.

Clause 150A read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 22, to omit the word "halfpenny," and insert the word "penny" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. O'Brien.)*

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order, as being an appropriation.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress in order to take Mr. Speaker's opinion on the ruling of the Chairman. *(Mr. O'Brien.)*

Motion agreed to.

Progress reported.

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

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on a decision of the Chairman given in Committee.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 208, page 398), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

Clause agreed to.

Clause 150B read. Amendment proposed: To add the following further proviso to subclause (2), "and further provided that sick and accident payments to mine-workers in privately-owned mines shall not be less than one pound per week." *(Mr. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 27.

Armstrong	Forbes	McIlvride	Savage
Atmore	Holland	McKay	Smith
Bartram	Horn	Macpherson	Sullivan
Buddo, Hon. D.	Howard	Murdoch	Veitch.
Corrigan	Lee	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
de la Perrelle	Lye	Poland	Fraser
Edie	McCombs	Ransom	Munro.

NOES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hockly	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hudson	Nash	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Isitt	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Witty
Field	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Wright.
Girling	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Harris	McLennan	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn.
Henare			

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 150C to 202 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

36. *Pensions Amendment Bill:*

Clause 9 read and agreed to.

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

"4A. In addition to all other exemptions from the definition of the term 'income,' as defined by section two of the principal Act, as from time to time amended, there is hereby excluded from that term—

"(*a.*) Any moneys raised by public subscription for the benefit of the applicant, or for the benefit of his or her wife or husband, or dependent children; or

"(*b.*) Any moneys received by way of compensation or damages in respect of the death of any person, in so far as such moneys do not exceed one hundred pounds.

"4B. (1.) Section ten of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

"(*a.*) By inserting, after the words 'his interest in' in subsection one, the words 'any property upon which he permanently resides, or in';

"(*b.*) By repealing paragraph (*a*) of subsection two;

"(*c.*) By omitting from paragraph (*b*) of subsection two the word 'other'; and

"(*d.*) By repealing the proviso to subsection two.

"(2.) Section twenty of the principal Act, as amended by section twelve of the Pensions Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby further amended—

"(*a.*) By omitting from subsection one the words 'not exceeding the sum of five hundred and twenty pounds'; and

"(*b.*) By adding to subsection one the words 'in their possession.'

"(3.) Section six of the Pensions Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby amended by repealing subsection two thereof.

"(4.) Section twelve of the Pensions Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby repealed." *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Pensions 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 Pensions Act, 1913."

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

37. *Life Insurance Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Life Insurance 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 Life Insurance Act, 1908."

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

38. *Coal-mines Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Coal-mines 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Coal-mines."

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 six minutes after one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 17th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill;

   The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

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

   On motion of Mr. Monteith (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of C. S. Lumley be referred direct to the Public Health Committee.

3. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. Holland (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Orders relative to Local Bills be suspended so as to allow the Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill to be introduced and proceeded with.

4. *Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Brunner to be abolished and the area constituting the said Borough to be merged into the County of Grey; and that Mr. Holland do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table, with the leave of the House, and to be printed:—

   227. Agricultural Instruction in the Dominion of New Zealand, Report of the Board of Agriculture on.

6. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. D. Perry, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be referred to the Government for consideration. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

   Mr. Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a 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, 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 for further consideration.

7. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Nash, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of the Trustees of the New Zealand Sheepowners' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen Fund; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–14.)

8. *Standing Orders Committee.*—Mr. F. J. Rolleston, from the Standing Orders Committee, brought up a Report on the Local Legislation Bill, and a Report on a Draft of Proposed New Standing Orders relating to Procedure with regard to the Introduction of Local Legislation; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–15.)

Ordered, That the Report on the Proposed New Standing Orders relating to Procedure with regard to the Introduction of Local Legislation be printed, and set down for consideration next sitting-day.

9. *Local Legislation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Local Legislation Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Field, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of B. G. Sanft, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–7.)

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

11. *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.

11A. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

12. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill and the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.

(In the Committee.)

13. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the words "the next quinquennial appointments of Members pursuant to that Act," and to insert the words "thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-six," in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

Amendment, with leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Further consideration of the clause postponed.

Clauses 18 to 69 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

14. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill again under Consideration:*

Clause 142. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (2), and to insert the following new subclause in lieu thereof:—

"(2A.) The societies of railway servants called respectively 'The Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association' and 'New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association' shall also be deemed to be registered under this Act, and

the provisions of paragraphs (*b*) to (*n*) of the last preceding subsection shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to the said associations." *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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15. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 the said Committee.

16. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Settlement of Industrial Disputes by Conciliation and Arbitration."

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

17. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, without amendment.

18. *Samoa (Shipping) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Samoa (Shipping) Bill ;

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

19. *Lights on Vehicles Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lights on Vehicles Amendment Bill ;

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

20. *Forests Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Forests Amendment Bill ;

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

21. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 33.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Main Highways Act, 1922," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,

Wellington, 17th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Bill to amend the Main Highways Act, 1922.

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.

22. *Main Highways Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Main Highways Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

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

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

23. *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 forthwith.

24. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Samoa (Shipping) Bill, the Forests Amendment Bill, and the Government Railways Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

25. *Forests Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. And the Question being put that the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clauses 4 to 10 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

26. *Government Railways Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add to paragraph (*a*) the words "reduced by the amount of any charges outstanding in favour of the Consolidated Fund as on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, in respect of expenditure for railway stores or otherwise in relation to the maintenance of the railways." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5, 6, and 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendments proposed: In paragraph (*e*), to insert, after the words "determined the" in line 38, the words "amount and the"; and to add the following subclause:—

"(2.) The draft of every Order in Council under this section shall be submitted for the information of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Railways before being submitted to the Governor-General in Council, but failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection shall not invalidate any such Order." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 15 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

27. *Samoa (Shipping) Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Samoa (Shipping) 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 Application of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, to Samoa."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill back to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has passed the Bill without amendment.

28. *Forests Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Forests 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 Forests Act, 1922."

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

29. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Government Railways 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 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 fifty-eight minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 18th Day of September. 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill.*—Mr. Young, from the Committee on the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill, brought up the following Report:—

The Committee on the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill has the honour to report:—

(1.) That it finds the allegations of the Preamble proved to its satisfaction.

(2.) That it has carefully considered the clauses of the Bill, and has passed them without amendment.

The Minutes of the Committee accompany this Report.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

3. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sittings of the House.*—On motion of Mr. T. W. Rhodes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Eraihia te Rei; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for inquiry. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

5. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Maria Douds, and eleven similar Petitions, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–8.)

Mr. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a 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, 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.

6. *Committee of Supply (Public Works Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Coates 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.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

SATURDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £134,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,050,000 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £303,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Timber-supply and Sawmills for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Acquisition and Operation of Quarries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses and Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Tourist Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £689,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £995,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Motor Transport Services for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £72,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,045,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electric Supply Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £70,000 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, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £435,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £820,000 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, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £480,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

To report the Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Young 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.

7. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Pensions Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment.

8. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *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 two of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Monday, the 21st Day of September, 1925.

The House met this day at half after seven of the clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 34.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Death Duties Act, 1921," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Death Duties Act, 1921.

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.

2. *Death Duties Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Death Duties Amendment 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 Statutes Revision Committee.

3. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 35.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1923," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Stamp Duties Act, 1923.

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.

4. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Stamp Duties Amendment 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 Statutes Revision Committee.

5. *Death of the Honourable Mr. Charles Hayward Izard, M.L.C.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 Charles Hayward Izard, a Member of the Legislative Council and a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy with her in her bereavement.

6. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd day of September, 1925, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Mr. Charles Hayward Izard.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-two minutes after eight of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to incorporate the New Zealand Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and its Branches, and to vest certain Real and Personal Property in, and determine the Powers of, the said Institute and its Branches."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has passed the Bill without amendment.

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

On motion of Mr. de la Perrelle (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. E. Lea be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

On motion of Mr. Parry (for Mr. Jordan), (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. R. Cockburn be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

3. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 36.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments to 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:—

Clause 38, subclause (1): To insert, after the word "change-over" in line 50, the words "and for the reference to a Board of Appeal of disputes arising between the licensee and a consumer."

Clause 38, subclause (2): To omit this subclause.

PART I.

To insert, under the heading "*North Auckland Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"7A. The authority conferred by section forty-three of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, to apply the proceeds of the sale of portion of the Pahurehure Domain towards the purchase of the land described in subsection four of the said section forty-three shall extend to authorize the application of the said proceeds towards the purchase of any portion of the said land.

"7B. Whereas by notice published in the *Gazette* of the sixteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, Allotment 180, Parish of Takapuna, was set apart as an endowment for primary education: And whereas it is desired to set apart as recreation reserves those portions of the said land hereinafter described: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as an endowment for primary education over the lands described in subsection two hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be reserved for recreation purposes and to be subject to the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The lands to which subsection one hereof relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that land in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-five and one-tenth perches, being portion of Allotment 180, Parish of Takapuna: bounded towards the north by the mean high-water mark of the sea; towards the east by Lot 7 of Allotment 180 aforesaid, 320 links; towards the south by a proposed public road, 50 links; and towards the north by Lot 6 of Allotment 180, 325·75 links.

"Also all that land in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-five and eight-tenths perches: bounded towards the north by a proposed public road, 50 links; towards the east by Lot 23 of Allotment 180, 316·58 links; towards the south by a proposed public road, 51·56 links; and towards the west by Lot 22 of the same allotment, 329·17 links.

"Be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less; as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 25/463, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"7C. Whereas Lots 1 to 7 of Allotment 38, Parish of Titirangi, containing in all approximately five acres three roods twenty perches, is vested in His Majesty the King and used for the purpose of a Probation Home for boys: And whereas the said land and the buildings erected thereon are now no longer required for such purpose: And whereas it is expedient that the said land and buildings should be vested in the Auckland Grammar School Board for

the purposes of the Auckland Grammar Schools: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Works Act, 1908, or any other Act, the Governor-General, on payment by the said Board of such amount (if any) as may be agreed on between the Minister of Education and the said Board, may, by Warrant under his hand, empower and direct the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Auckland to issue to the said Board a certificate of title in respect of the said land."

To insert, after new clause 7C, the following heading and new clauses:—

"*Auckland Land District.*

"7D. (1.) Subsection two of section one hundred and two of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (*b*) thereof as amended by paragraph (*b*) of section fifty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, and substituting the following paragraph:—

"'(*b*.) The expenses of the Crown and of the Hamilton Domain Board in connection with the assessments or payment of compensation in connection with the taking, under the Public Works Act, 1908, of the land described in subsection three hereof, or with any proceedings in a Court of Compensation in respect thereof, may be paid, without any further appropriation than this section, out of the Land for Settlements Account, into which account are payable the moneys derived from lands disposed of pursuant to the preceding paragraph.'

"(2.) Paragraph (*b*) of section fifty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby consequently repealed.

"7DD. Whereas on the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and six, a timber-floating license was granted under the Timber-floating Act, 1884, to Frank Coulthard, of Mercer, to use the course of the Waikato River and the tributaries thereof north of the Atiamuri Bridge to the sea for the term of three years from the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and six: And whereas the said license was eventually transferred to the Roose Shipping Company (Limited), a duly incorporated company having its registered office at Mercer: And whereas the said license was renewed from year to year until the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas the aforesaid license has lapsed through the failure of the licensee to apply for a further renewal thereof within the time prescribed in that behalf by the Timber-floating Act, 1908: And whereas it is deemed expedient to authorize a further renewal of the said license: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Timber-floating Act, 1908, the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Auckland Land District is hereby empowered, subject to the approval of the Auckland Land Board, to grant a renewal of the aforesaid timber-floating license for a further period of twelve months from the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, subject to such conditions as he may think fit."

To insert, under the heading "*Taranaki Land District*," the following new clause:—

"10A. (1.) The Egmont National Park Act, 1924, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the First Schedule thereto the following words: 'Also all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-eight acres two roods, more or less, being Sections 54 and 55, Block IV, Kaupokonui Survey District: also all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement seven acres, more or less, lying between the Patea River and the Pembroke Road, and bounded as follows—towards the north by the Pembroke Road (1 chain wide), 3191·7 links; towards the east by Section 55, Block IV, Kaupokonui Survey District, 121·7 links; towards the south by the Patea River; and towards the west by Section 54, Block IV, Kaupokonui Survey District, 10 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or

less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 44137, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged green.'

"(2.) Section thirty-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1915, is hereby repealed."

To insert, under the heading "*Wellington Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"14A. Whereas the Tongariro Timber Company (Limited), (hereinafter called the said company) has under and in pursuance of the provisions of section thirty-seven of the Maori Land Laws Amendment Act, 1908, certain rights under agreements with the Aotea District Maori Land Board with respect to the lands described in such agreements and the timber thereon, and is under obligations to the said Board (*inter alia*) to construct within a certain period a railway (hereinafter called the private railway) from Kakahi Railway-station on the North Island Main Trunk Railway: And whereas by Order in Council published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-seventh day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the period within which the said company is bound to complete the construction of the private railway is extended for a total period of seven years from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas by memorandum of agreement (hereinafter referred to as the said agreement) bearing date the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the Minister of Railways did thereby grant to the said company the right of connecting the private railway with the Government railway at Kakahi Railway-station aforesaid: And whereas by deed of lease (hereinafter referred to as the said lease) bearing date the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, His Majesty the King, acting through the Minister of Railways, did thereby lease to the said company a portion of the railway land at Kakahi Railway-station aforesaid: And whereas it is desirable that the said agreement and the said lease should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Minister of Railways is hereby empowered, and shall be deemed always to have been empowered, to enter into the said agreement and, for and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to grant the said lease, and the said agreement and the said lease shall have effect according to the tenor thereof.

"14B. Whereas the lands hereinafter described form parts of a State forest: And whereas it is desired to utilize the said lands for road purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything in the Forests Act, 1921–22, the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, proclaim as a road the lands hereinafter described.

"(2.) The lands to which the last preceding subsection applies are particularly described as follows:—

"All those areas in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement four acres and twenty-seven perches, being portions of Sections 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 409, 410, and 412, Block II, Akatarawa Survey District; as shown on plan marked L. and S. 1910/325, and deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured blue."

To insert, under the heading "*Marlborough Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"15A. 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), were 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 in pursuance of section eighty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies

Empowering Act, 1922, part of the said reserve was released from the trusts and uses as a recreation reserve and vested in the Corporation in trust for the construction and erection thereon of hot salt-water baths and municipal buildings: And whereas the balance of the said reserve now comprises an area of eight acres three roods thirty-eight perches, more or less, in respect of which a certificate of title has been issued by the District Land Registrar at Blenheim and is entered in Register-book, Volume 26, folio 4, Marlborough Registry (hereinafter referred to as the said land): And whereas the said land is not required for the purpose of a recreation reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The reservation for the purpose of a recreation reserve over the said land is hereby cancelled, and the said land shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Corporation in fee-simple freed and discharged from the trusts and uses affecting the same.

"15AA. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-eighth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, the Wairau and Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sound Mining Districts were abolished, and in lieu thereof that portion of New Zealand particularly described in the Schedule to that Proclamation was constituted a mining district under the name of the Marlborough Mining Districts: And whereas further Proclamations defining the said mining district were published successively in the *Gazette* of the twenty-second day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, the twenty-seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and the ninth day of May, nineteen hundred and one: And whereas the Marlborough Land Board has granted rights, titles, and interests in, on, and over lands within the said mining districts, concerning which doubts have arisen as to whether in every case the said Land Board has disposed of the said lands without first referring the proposed disposition thereof to the Warden and receiving his report thereon in accordance with the provision in that behalf contained in section thirty-seven of the Mining Act, 1908: And whereas it is deemed expedient to validate all the said grants, titles, or interests which may have been made, granted, or created irregularly as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"All grants, rights, titles, or interests made, created, or issued by the Marlborough Land Board as aforesaid since the ninth day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, within the said Marlborough Mining Districts without receiving the report thereon of the Warden, where necessary in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-seven of the Mining Act, 1908, or the corresponding provisions of any former Mining Act, and all transactions connected therewith, are hereby declared to have been as validly made, created, issued, or transacted as if the report of the Warden had in every such case been first received."

To insert, after new clause 15AA, the following heading and new clause:—

"*Westland Land District.*

"15B. The Minister of Lands, on the recommendation of the Land Board of the Westland Land District, and on being satisfied that it would be reasonable and equitable so to do, may remit wholly or in part any amount owing by the West Coast Farmers' Lime-producing Company (Limited) as on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, in respect of royalty on lime payable in terms of the said company's lease No. 1729 granted under the Land Act, 1924, over one hundred and eight acres in Block II, Totara Survey District."

To insert, under the heading "*Otago Land District*," the following clauses:—

"20A. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Land Act, 1924, the Land Board of the Otago Land District may from time to time, with the approval of the Minister of Lands, sell to the Dunedin City Council (hereinafter called the Council) any area or areas of Crown land within the

survey districts of Waipori and Tuapeka East which the Council may from time to time desire to purchase for water storage, afforestation, or purposes incidental thereto.

"(2.) The price to be paid for any land purchased by the Council under this section shall be fixed by the Minister of Lands, and such price shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue within one month from the date the Land Board shall notify the Council in writing that the same has become payable.

"(3.) The Council shall also pay all charges for surveys and Crown-grant fees in respect of the land so purchased, in addition to the price determined pursuant to the last preceding subsection.

"(4.) Nothing in Part XIII of the Land Act, 1924, shall apply to any land so sold to the Council.

"20B. Whereas pursuant to section three of the Oamaru Town Reserves Management Ordinance, 1872, the management of the land hereinafter described is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Oamaru in trust for the purposes of health and public recreation: And whereas it is desirable that the said land should be vested in the said Corporation in trust for the aforesaid purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinafter described is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Oamaru in trust for the purposes of health and public recreation.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows: All that area in the Land District of Otago, containing by admeasurement nineteen acres and three perches, being Reserve C, Town of Oamaru."

PART II.

To insert, under the heading "*Affecting Two or more Classes of Public Bodies,*" the following new clauses:—

"23A. Whereas by the Main Highways Act, 1922, provision is made for the declaration of main highways, in respect of which the powers of construction and reconstruction are by that Act transferred from the several local authorities concerned and are vested in the Main Highways Board: And whereas by section thirty-three of the Finance Act, 1924, local authorities are empowered to raise special loans under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the purpose of providing, in whole or in part, their contributions towards the cost of construction or reconstruction of any main highway: And whereas by section nine of the Main Highways Act, 1922, the Main Highways Board may delegate its powers in respect of any main highway or portion of a main highway to the local authority in whose district it is situated: And whereas certain local authorities have taken proceedings to raise special loans in respect of the cost of the construction or reconstruction of main highways: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the effectiveness of the delegation by the Main Highways Board of its powers in respect of certain main highways, and also as to the validity of the proceedings taken in such cases for special loans in respect thereof: And whereas it is desired to validate all proceedings heretofore taken by local authorities to raise loans in respect of the cost of construction or reconstruction of main highways: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"No proceedings heretofore taken by any local authority to raise a loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, in respect of the cost of construction or reconstruction of a main highway (whether the loan proposal was expressed to be for the purpose of providing the cost of such construction, or for the purpose of providing the local authority's contribution towards such cost) shall be questioned on the ground that the local authority was not authorized to borrow moneys for or in respect of the purposes expressed in the proposal.

"23B. Whereas by deed of conveyance No. 107604, registered in the Deeds Register Office at Auckland, the Ngaruawahia Town Board was seised of an estate in fee-simple in those pieces of land situate in the Town of Ngaruawahia, being allotments numbered 583, 609, 610, 611, 653, 654, and 655, containing together one acre, more or less: And whereas the Ngaruawahia Town Board granted leases over parts of the above-described land, purporting to do so under

the powers conferred on leasing authorities by the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act): And whereas the said Board appears never to have been constituted a leasing authority within the meaning of the said Act, and doubts have arisen as to the validity of such leases, and it is desired to va idate the same: And whereas the Town District of Ngaruawahia has been constituted a borough, and the Ngaruawahia Borough Council is the successor of the Town Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) All leases granted by the Ngaruawahia Town Board over the aforesaid land since the first day of January, nineteen hundred and nine, and purporting to be granted by the said Board in pursuance of its powers as a leasing authority under the said Act are hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully granted, and the Board shall be deemed to have been a leasing authority under the said Act as from that date.

"(2.) The Ngaruawahia Borough Council is hereby declared to be a leasing authority within the meaning of the said Act, and shall for all purposes be deemed to have been such a leasing authority as from the eleventh day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty."

To insert, under the heading "*County Councils*," the following new clauses:—

"32A. Whereas by section three of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1917, the East Tamaki Road Board was authorized to pay interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on the purchase-money for the time being unpaid in respect of the purchase of part of Lot 9 of the subdivision of Allotment 51 and others of East Tamaki Farms in the Auckland Land District, such purchase-money and interest being secured on such property by mortgage registered in the Auckland Deeds Register Office as No. 237791: And whereas the East Tamaki Road District (hereinafter referred to as the said road district) was merged in the Manukau County on the sixteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and at that date the sum of four hundred and fifteen pounds eight shillings and sixpence was due and owing under the said mortgage as appearing in the balance-sheet of the said East Tamaki Road Board and now referred to as the East Tamaki Hall Loan: And whereas the said road district on being merged in the said county became part of the Papatoetoe Riding thereof, and it is inequitable that the principal and interest payable under the said mortgage should be paid out of the moneys apportioned to the said Papatoetoe Riding, and it is expedient to make provision as hereinafter appears for the payment of such moneys: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Manukau County Council may, by resolution, make amd levy a special rate over all rateable property within the area formerly comprising the said road district of such amount as will annually produce a sufficient sum to make the payments hereinafter mentioned.

"(2.) Such special rate shall be an annually recurring rate, and may be levied from year to year without further proceeding by the said Council until the moneys due and owing under the said mortgage are fully paid off.

"(3.) The Council shall pay out of the proceeds of such special rate all interest, principal, and other charges properly payable by it in respect of the said East Tamaki Hall Loan.

"(4.) The Council may out of the proceeds of such special rate repay to the Papatoetoe Riding Account all moneys properly paid out of the said account in respect of the said East Tamaki Hall Loan since the date on which the said road district was merged in the said Manukau County.

"32B. Whereas on the nineteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the Hutt County Council submitted to a poll of the ratepayers of the Hutt County a proposal to raise a special loan of forty-five thousand pounds under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the following purposes, namely: (1) To provide the Council's contribution under the Main Highways Act, 1922, towards the construction or reconstruction of the main highways in the County of Hutt; (2) to provide the Council's contribution under the

Wellington City and Suburban Highways Amendment Act, 1924, towards the widening of the Day's Bay Road, being a main road in the County of Hutt; (3) to provide the necessary plant and machinery for carrying out the said works: And whereas the proposals submitted as aforesaid were duly carried, and a special loan was raised by the Hutt County Council accordingly: And whereas, having regard to the terms of the Acts referred to in the aforesaid proposals, doubts have arisen as to the authority of the said Council to borrow moneys for the purposes as expressed in the said proposals, and it is desired accordingly to validate the raising of the loan and all proceedings incident thereto: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"All proceedings taken by the Hutt County Council in respect of the hereinbefore-recited proposals shall be deemed to have been validly taken, and the loan to which such proceedings related shall be deemed to have been duly authorized and raised, and the special rate made and levied for the purpose of securing such special loan shall be deemed to have been validly made and levied."

To insert, under the heading "*City and Borough Councils*," the following new clauses:—

"52A. Whereas the Timaru Borough Council (hereinafter called the Council) did on the twenty-second day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, take a poll of ratepayers upon a proposal to borrow by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of seven thousand pounds for the purpose of installing sewerage-works in the Borough of Timaru, and such poll was duly carried, and the special loan was duly raised, and called the Timaru Borough Drainage, Sewerage, and Works Loan No. 7, £7,000 (hereinafter referred to as the said loan): And whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the eighth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty, a certain area of land particularly described in the said Proclamation and hereinafter called the 'Watlington Area' was included in the said Borough of Timaru as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one: And whereas the Council desires that it be empowered to make or pay out of the said loan, or out of any further sum raised under section eighteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, or out of its General Fund, or partly out of one and partly out of any other of them, to the owner or owners of rateable property within the Watlington Area, on whose property a dwellinghouse had already been erected prior to the inclusion of that area within the said Borough of Timaru, allowances for the purpose of assisting such owner or owners to connect their lands, buildings, and premises within that area with the public sewer within that area: And whereas it is necessary for the benefit of the health of the inhabitants of the said borough generally that the Council be so empowered: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Timaru Borough Council may from time to time without any further authority than this section, either out of the moneys raised under the said loan or out of any further sum raised under section eighteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, or out of its General Fund, or partly out of one and partly out of any other of them, pay to any owner of a dwellinghouse within the Watlington Area erected prior to the inclusion of that area in the Borough of Timaru an allowance not exceeding the sum of ten pounds towards the cost of connecting such dwellinghouse and its appurtenant buildings with the public sewer within the Watlington Area:

"Provided that from such allowance as aforesaid the Council shall be entitled to deduct the cost of extending or installing the branch sewer from the main sewer to the building-line of the land on which such dwellinghouse is erected.

"52B. Whereas the Corporation of the Borough of Petone is registered as the proprietor of the lands described in subsection two hereof: And whereas the said lands were acquired and have been used by the Petone Borough Council for the purpose of constructing thereon certain protective and drainage works: And whereas there is no longer any necessity for such

protective and drainage works, and it is expedient that the Petone Borough Council should be given power to put the said lands to other uses: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, or any other Act, the lands described in subsection two hereof, and any moneys arising from the sale of the said lands, may be dealt with by the Petone Borough Council, without further authorization, as it thinks fit for any of the purposes of the borough.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows: All those pieces of land situate in the Borough of Petone, containing—

"Firstly, three roods and eight-tenths of a perch, be the same a little more or less, being part of Section 6, Hutt District, and being part of Lot 2 on a plan deposited in the office of the District Land Registrar at Wellington under No. 890, and bounded as follows: commencing at a point on the western boundary of Section 6, Hutt District, distant 786·1 links from the southern side of White's Line; thence in a south-easterly direction on a line bearing 161° 19′ for a distance of 318·8 links; thence towards the south-west on a line bearing 262° 19′ for a distance of 61·7 links; thence towards the north-west along a line bearing 341° 19′ for a distance of 241·2 links to a point on the eastern boundary of Section 5, Hutt District; thence towards the north-east along the eastern boundary of Section 5 for a distance of 89·5 links to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less.

"Secondly, one acre one rood twenty-three perches and three-tenths of a perch, be the same a little more or less, being part of Section 6, Hutt District, and being Lot 3 on the aforesaid plan.

"Thirdly, fourteen perches and seven-tenths of a perch, being part of Section 7, Hutt District, and being parts of Lots 32 and 33 on a plan deposited as aforesaid as No. 709, and being all the land comprised and described in certificate of title, Volume 86, folio 223, Wellington Registry.

"52C. The Wellington City Council is hereby authorized to lease to the Corporation of the Victoria University College for the purposes of a marine observatory, at such rent (including a peppercorn rent) and for such term not exceeding fifty years, and upon and subject to such conditions, limitations, and restrictions, as the Council shall in its absolute discretion think fit, any part not exceeding three roods in extent of the recreation-ground at Island Bay comprised in certificate of title, Volume 158, folios 256 and 257, Wellington Registry.

"52D. Whereas the Hamilton Borough Council desires that a maternity home shall be established in or adjacent to the Borough of Hamilton: And whereas the Waikato Hospital Board has agreed to establish and maintain a maternity home on the land hereinafter described, provided that such land is vested in the Board for an estate in fee-simple free of cost: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Hamilton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase with the moneys belonging to the District Fund of the Borough of Hamilton all that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing one acre two roods one and fifty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being Lots 52 to 57 inclusive of a subdivision of part of Allotment 24 of the Parish of Te Rapa, as the same is delineated on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland as No. 17643, or any part of such land; and such land when so purchased may be transferred by the Hamilton Borough Council, or by the vendor by its direction, to the Waikato Hospital Board to be held in trust as a site for a maternity home.

"52E. Whereas on the twenty-ninth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the Otahuhu Borough Council submitted to a poll of the ratepayers of the borough a proposal to borrow by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of twelve thousand pounds to be allocated in the manner set out in the said proposal amongst certain waterworks

improvements: And whereas the sum of nine thousand four hundred pounds was in the said proposal allocated for the purpose of the purchase of Mannesman steel or cast-iron pipes and for the work of laying and connecting the same to replace the existing defective water-mains in certain streets in the borough named in the said loan proposal: And whereas the said loan proposal was duly carried, and the sum of nine thousand pounds only was duly raised by the said Council on account of the said allocation of nine thousand four hundred pounds: And whereas the works for which the said sum of nine thousand four hundred pounds was allocated in the said loan proposal have been completed at a less cost than the amount of such allocation, leaving a balance of one thousand and eighty-three pounds of the said allocation unexpended: And whereas the said Council is desirous of expending the said balance of one thousand and eighty-three pounds in reticulating certain other streets in the said borough and in certain other waterworks improvements: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Otahuhu Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to expend the said sum of one thousand and eighty-three pounds on the purchase, construction, laying, and fitting of additional pipes, mains, fittings, and appliances for the supply of water in the Borough of Otahuhu, and on the construction and erection, on lands vested in the Corporation of the borough, of buildings for the housing of machinery, fittings, and appliances in connection with its waterworks system.

"52F. Whereas Allotment 46 of the Town of Hamilton West is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Hamilton for an estate in fee-simple for the purpose of the erection, maintenance, and improvement of municipal buildings either on the said land or on other lands in the said borough: And whereas the Hamilton Borough Council is desirous of assisting in providing accommodation in the borough for a Plunket Nurse by leasing part of the said Allotment 46 for such purpose at a nominal rental: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Hamilton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to lease the piece of land with right-of-way hereinafter mentioned, or any portion of such land, for a term of years to any person or body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, for the purpose of the lessee erecting and maintaining on such land a building for the use of a Plunket Nurse and mothers and children requiring her services.

"(2.) Any lease granted under the provisions of this section shall be for such period, at such rental, and subject to such conditions and provisions as the Hamilton Borough Council shall deem necessary and proper for the purpose aforesaid.

"(3.) The land with right-of-way referred to in subsection one hereof is all that piece of land, containing thirty-three and twenty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being Lot 5 of a subdivision of Allotment 46 of the Town of Hamilton West, as delineated on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland as No. 17380. Such land to be held with the right to use the right-of-way over other part of the said Allotment 46 delineated as a right-of-way or passage on a plan deposited as aforesaid as No. 15653.

"52G. Whereas on the seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the Taihape Borough Council, acting under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, caused to be taken a poll of ratepayers upon a proposal to raise a loan of twenty-four thousand pounds, upon the security of a special rate on the unimproved value of all the land comprised in a special-rating area within the Borough of Taihape, for the purpose of extending the said Council's water-supply and sewerage reticulation on the western and northern portions of the borough, which portions constituted the said special-rating area: And whereas the said proposal was carried and the loan raised: And whereas by a resolution passed by the Taihape Borough Council on the fourteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the said Council made and levied a special rate of sixpence and one halfpenny in the pound on the unimproved value over all rateable property in the said special-rating

area: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the validity of the proceedings in connection with the taking of the said poll, and the description of the said special-rating area contained in the public notice of the said poll published in a newspaper circulating in the district, and in the voting-paper, and in the resolution making and levying the said special rate: And whereas it is expedient that the said special-rating area should be clearly defined, and that the said loan should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said special-rating area shall for all purposes be deemed to consist and at all times to have consisted of the whole of Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 75, 76, and 77, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District, and the whole of that part of the said borough lying to the west of the North Island Main Trunk Railway, excepting thereout Sections 16, 19, 20, and 21, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District.

"(2.) The said loan shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully raised, and the said special rate shall at all times and for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully made and levied, in respect of the said special-rating area as hereinbefore defined and all parts thereof.

"52H. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subsection four of section six of the Thorndon Reclamation Act, 1921–22, there may be paid out of the separate account thereby constituted, to the extent of the moneys for the time being in that account, the whole or any portion of the moneys owing or to become owing by the Wellington City Council to the Crown in respect of the purchase of land required for widening Wakefield Street and for extending Tory and Chaffers Streets, all in the City of Wellington; and the residue only after the making of such payments shall be applied in the manner prescribed by the said subsection."

To insert, under the heading "*Electric-power Boards*," the following new clauses:—

"63A. Whereas the Waitomo Electric-power Board recently purchased and took over from the Te Kuiti Borough Council the electric-power house, plant, transmission-lines, poles, and all equipment generally used, owned, and employed by the Te Kuiti Borough Council in connection with the manufacture, supply, and distribution of electrical energy and electric light to the inhabitants of the said Te Kuiti Borough: And whereas under the provisions of section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, a license relating to the use of electric lines is to be issued to the said Waitomo Electric-power Board: And whereas the conditions of such license will necessitate a change from the Board's present direct-current system of supplying electrical energy: And whereas it is expedient that the conditions subject to such change-over shall be set forth in the said license: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) In the conditions of the license to be issued to the Waitomo Electric-power Board under section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, there may be inserted provisions governing the change-over hereinbefore referred to and the allocation between the licensee and the consumers of the cost of adjusting, altering, or replacing installations consequent on such change-over. Provision may be made—

"(*a.*) For classification of consumers' installations into the following classes:—

"(i.) Class A: Installations in which the wiring is found to be in accordance with the requirements of the license issued to the Te Kuiti Borough Council by Order in Council dated the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and published in the *Gazette* on the seventh day of the same month, and in accordance with the rules of the New Zealand Fire Underwriters' Association relating to electric wiring, and only require alterations necessitated by the change in system.

"(ii.) Class B: Installations in which the wiring is found to be defective under the requirements of the aforesaid license or the aforesaid rules of the New Zealand Fire Underwriters' Association.

"(iii.) Class C: Installations in which the wiring is worn out and under any conditions of supply would require to be rewired within a short period.

"(*b.*) For the allocation between licensee and consumers of the cost consequent on the change-over in the following manner according to the class of the installation:—

"(i.) Class A: The whole of the cost shall be paid by the licensee:

"Provided always that in the case of extensions and alterations which have not been authorized by the licensee the cost of alterations thereto shall be borne by the consumer.

"(ii.) Class B: The cost of removing all defects shall be paid by the consumer, and the cost of alterations due to change in system shall be paid by the licensee.

"(iii.) Class C: The whole cost shall be paid by the consumer.

"(2.) The following conditions may also be inserted in such license:—

"(*a.*) All work required to be done pursuant to the change-over in connection with installations of classes A and B shall, unless otherwise agreed between the licensee and the consumer, be carried out by the licensee.

"(*b.*) All money expended by the licensee for this purpose shall, in cases where the consumer may be liable, be a charge on the premises of the consumer and recoverable accordingly. Provision may be made for consumers who do not desire to pay in full at the time of the alterations to pay in instalments due with their regular accounts for the supply of electricity.

"(*c.*) In case of any dispute arising in respect of matters affected by this clause between the licensee and a consumer, a Board of Appeal (whose decision shall be final) shall be set up to decide such dispute, which Board of Appeal shall consist of the following:—

"(i.) One representative appointed by the licensee:

"(ii.) One representative appointed by the consumer on whose premises the alterations are necessary:

"(iii.) The Stipendiary Magistrate for the district, who shall be Chairman.

"(3.) All the provisions and conditions of such license when issued shall be valid and binding on the licensee and every consumer.

"63B. Whereas the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Waitemata Electric-power Board rendered certain services to the Board by visiting and inspecting Power Boards' offices situated at Te Kuiti, Te Awamutu, New Plymouth, and Te Aroha: And whereas the Board paid the sum of six pounds one shilling and tenpence to the Chairman and the sum of eleven pounds sixteen shillings and threepence to the Deputy Chairman towards the travelling-expenses incurred by them respectively during the said visits and inspections, and it is desired to validate such payments: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The payments by the Waitemata Electric-power Board of the said sum of six pounds one shilling and tenpence to the Chairman and the said sum of eleven pounds sixteen shillings and threepence to the Deputy Chairman of the Board in respect of the said visits and inspections are hereby validated."

To insert, after new clause 63B, the following heading and new clause:—

"*Hospital Boards.*

"63C. The expenditure by the Auckland Hospital Board during the current financial year of a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds in connection with the entertainment of delegates to the Hospitals Conference held at Auckland in the month of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully incurred."

To insert, under the heading "*Education Authorities,*" the following new clauses:—

"64A. Whereas three members of the Board of Managers of the Pukekohe Technical High School (hereinafter referred to as the Board) contracted with the Board and received payment for their services amounting in all to one

hundred and seventy-six pounds thirteen shillings: And whereas the payment to the said members was disallowed by the Controller and Auditor-General, and the moneys received by those members were refunded to the Board: And whereas the said members subsequently resigned from the Board, and the Board repaid to those members the moneys refunded as aforesaid: And whereas such last-mentioned payment has been disallowed by the Controller and Auditor-General, and it is expedient to validate such payment: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Contracts and Local Bodies' Contractors Act, 1908, the payment by the Board of the sum of one hundred and seventy-six pounds thirteen shillings as aforesaid is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

"64B. (1.) For the purpose of building a school and hostel in connection with the Napier Boys' High School, the Napier High School Board, constituted under the Napier High School Act, 1882, may, with the consent of the Governor-General in Council, borrow from the Public Trustee, and the Public Trustee may lend to the said Board out of the Common Fund of the Public Trust Office, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Trust Office Act, 1908, or its amendments, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds on the security of the rents and profits of all or any of the lands vested in or belonging to the said Board, at such rate of interest, for such term of years, and upon such conditions as the said Board and the Public Trustee may agree upon and the Governor-General approves.

"(2.) If the Public Trustee shall grant the said loan, the instrument or instruments of security may be in such form, and may confer upon the Public Trustee such authorities, powers, and remedies for securing the repayment of the principal, interest, and other moneys intended to be secured thereby, and may contain such covenants, agreements, conditions, and provisions, as the Public Trustee shall require; and in particular may empower the Public Trustee, in case of default in payment of any such moneys, or in the performance or observance of any of the said covenants, agreements, conditions, or provisions, to enter into possession of the said rents and profits, or to appoint a receiver thereof."

To insert, under the heading "*Miscellaneous Public Bodies*," the following new clause:—

"69A. Subsection three of section one hundred and thirty-one of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby amended by omitting the words 'to the Wanganui River Trust, who shall apply the said revenues,' and substituting the words 'into the Wanganui River Trust Domain Account, and the said revenues shall be applied.'"

Schedule: To add the following item:—

No.	Description of Land.	Purpose for which Land reserved.	Instrument of Reservation.
"16	Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block II, Town of Kurow, in the Otago Land District, containing 1 acre 1 rood, more or less	Police	Notice in *Gazette*, 13th May, 1886."

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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.

4. *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 stand referred to the Lands Committee.

5. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

231. Lands and Survey Department : Report on Discharged Soldiers Settlement for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–9.

232. Land for Settlements Act, 1908, Report on the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–5.

233. Lands and Survey Department : Rangitaiki Land Drainage Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1925, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–11.

234. Lands and Survey Department : Report on the Kauri-gum Industry for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–12.

235. Lands and Survey Department : Swamp Drainage Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1925, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–4.

238. Lands and Survey Department : Report on Drainage Operations in the Hauraki Plains for the Year ended 31st March, 1925, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–8.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency :—

228. Education : Teachers' Superannuation Fund. (In continuation of E.–8, 1924.) E.–8.

229. Education : State Care of Children, Special Schools, and Infant-life Protection. (In continuation of E.–4, 1924.) E.–4.

230. Education of Native Children. (In continuation of E.–3, 1924.) E.–3.

236. Lands and Survey Department : Annual Report of the Board on the Tongariro National Park. C.–13.

237. Sheep Returns for the Year ended 30th April, 1925. H.–23.

239. Prisons Department : Annual Report of the Prisons Board for 1924. H.–20A.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, and 239 be printed.

6. *Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee, brought up a Report on the Kauri-gum Control Bill ; and the same was read, as follows, and ordered to lie upon the Table :—

I am directed to report that the Kauri-gum 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 the amendments as shown on copy of the Bill attached hereto.

7. *Kauri-gum Control Bill.—Ordered*, That the Kauri-gum Control Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Francis C. Sloan, R. Coulter and others, and Beatrice Bray ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of R. Coulter and others, and Beatrice Bray, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

9. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of A. W. Page, W. J. Worth and another, and Maria Douds and fourteen similar Petitions; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–8.)

10. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Peta Tiekiwai and others, Te Whare Puhaki and others, Hera Hapi and others, Himona Torepe and others, Hamuera Kingi and others, Mita Wepiha and others, Te Whare Paora and others, Heni Toheriri and others, Rawiri Tautau and others, and the Trustees of the Estate of Hemi Matenga, deceased; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Himona Torepe and others, and the Trustees of the Estate of Hemi Matenga, deceased, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Heni Toheriri and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the petitions of Peta Tiekiwai and others, Te Whare Puhaki and others, Hera Hapi and others, Hamuera Kingi and others, Mita Wepiha and others, and Te Whare Paora and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

11. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Harris (for Mr. Potter), from the Defence Committee, brought up the following Report:—

I am directed to report that the Defence Committee desires to express its appreciation of the services of the late Major-General Charles William Melvill, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Belgian Order of the Crown, Croix de Guerre, General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Military Forces, to the Dominion and the Empire, and to convey to Mrs. Melvill its deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Report be entered on the Journals of the House.

12. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Field, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of C. S. Lumley; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for consideration. (*Vide* Appendix I.–7.)

13. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Booth and Co. (London), Limited, T. Leslie, and Henrietta Bella Lovelock; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Booth and Co. (London), Limited, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of T. Leslie, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

14. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

15. *District Courts Abolition Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the District Courts Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

16. *Land Transfer Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land Transfer Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

17. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Counties Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

18. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill, the District Courts Abolition Bill, the Land Transfer Amendment Bill, and the Counties Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

19. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4, read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (3), to delete the word "In" and the words "the Short Title shall be" in line 31, and to insert the words "shall be cited as." *(Honourable Sir C. J. Parr.)*

Amendment agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

20. *Counties Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendments proposed: To omit subclause (1), and substitute the following subclauses:—

"(1.) The Council may, pursuant to a resolution in that behalf, establish an Imprest Account, which shall, as the Council may determine, be kept in the Post Office Savings-bank or in any other bank within the meaning of the Banking Act, 1908.

"(1A.) The Imprest Account may be held jointly in the names of and be operated on by the Treasurer and one other person to be appointed in that behalf by the Council, or may, with the express approval in writing of the Audit Office, but not otherwise, be in the sole name of and be operated on by the Treasurer or other approved officer of the Council. Where the Imprest Account is held jointly in the names of the Treasurer and of one other person as aforesaid, such last-mentioned person shall be either a responsible officer of the Council or a member of the Council."

And in subclause (2), to add the following words: "not exceeding seventy-five pounds in any case where the interest account may be operated on by one person alone." *(Honourable Mr. Bollard.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read. And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the negative.

Clause 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In line 27, after the word "goods," to insert the words "or for commercial purposes." *(Mr. Murdoch.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

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

"7A. Section ninety-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (*d*) of subsection one thereof.

"8. The provisions of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22, in so far as they relate to separate accounts, shall have no application with respect to the separate accounts required by section one hundred and thirty-one of the principal Act to be kept for each riding of a county.

"8A. (1.) Section twenty-one of the Appropriation Act, 1923, is hereby amended by repealing subsection three.

"(2.) The repeal of the said subsection shall not affect the provisions of paragraph (*d*) of subsection one of section one hundred and thirty-one of the principal Act as thereby amended.

"8B. (1.) Section two hundred and three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'appropriated by it for the purpose' in subsection one, the words 'or may with the like consent purchase or lease any existing cattle-dip.'

"(2.) For the purpose of purchasing any such cattle-dip the Council may, by special order, raise a special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, without taking the steps prescribed by sections eight to twelve of that Act." *(Honourable Mr. Bollard.)*

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"*A*. Section one hundred and fifty-seven of the Counties Act, 1920, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word 'ferry' in the second line, the words 'and such protection works as he shall deem necessary to ensure the safety of persons using such road, bridge, or ferry'; and to insert, after the word 'ferry' in the fifth line, the words 'and such protection works.'" *(Mr. Nash.)*

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, 34.

Atmore	Howard	McKeen	Ransom
Bartram	Jordan	Macpherson	Savage
Buddo, Hon. D.	Langstone	Masters	Sidey
Corrigan	Lee	Monteith	Sullivan
de la Perrelle	Luke, Sir J. P.	Munro	Veitch.
Forbes	Lye	Murdoch	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	O'Brien	Linklater
Holland	McIlvride	Parry	Nash.
Horn	McKay	Poland	

NOES, 30.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Bell	Hockly	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Bitchener	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Wright.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.	*Tellers.*
Field	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn
Girling	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.	Harris.
Hawken	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Sykes	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress. *(Honourable Mr. Bollard.)*

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

AYES, 32.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hockly	Nash	Sykes
Bell	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Bitchener	Hunter, Sir G.	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Wright.
Field	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.	*Tellers.*
Girling	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Glenn
Hawken	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.	Harris.
Henare			

NOES, 32.

Armstrong	Howard	McKeen	Poland
Atmore	Jordan	Macpherson	Ransom
Bartram	Langstone	Monteith	Savage
Buddo, Hon. D.	Lee	Munro	Sidey
Corrigan	Lye	Murdoch	Veitch.
de la Perrelle	McCombs	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	McIlvride	O'Brien	Fraser
Holland	McKay	Parry	Masters.
Horn			

The number of Ayes and Noes being equal, the Chairman gave his casting-vote with the Ayes.

To report progress.

21. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Chattels Transfer 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 Chattels Transfer Act, 1924."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill back to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House had made amendment therein.

22. *District Courts Abolition Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the District Courts Abolition 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 abolish District Courts."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill back to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House had passed the Bill without amendment.

23. *Land Transfer Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Land 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 Land Transfer Act, 1915."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill back to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House had passed the Bill without amendment.

24. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Counties Amendment Bill.

25. *Rating 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 ordered to be committed presently.

26. *Main Highways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Main Highways Amendment Bill;

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

27. *Customs Duties with the Union of South Africa: Modifying Tariff Agreement.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates moved (with the leave of the House), That the Order in Council under the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, made on the 7th day of September, 1925, and published in the *Gazette* of the 10th day of the same month, relating to Customs duties and to exemptions from such duties in respect of certain goods imported into New Zealand and being the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa, be ratified in terms of section 10 of the said Act.

COPY OF ORDER IN COUNCIL REFERRED TO IN ABOVE RESOLUTION.

Modifying Tariff Agreement with the Union of South Africa. (C. No. 31.)

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 7th day of September, 1925.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the seventeenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and published in the *Gazette* of the eighteenth day of the same month, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting under authority conferred on him by sections eight and twelve of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, suspended the Tariff in its application to certain goods being the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa, and by the same Order imposed certain duties and created certain exemptions in respect of such goods :

And whereas it is desired to revoke the said Order in Council, and to make other provision in lieu thereof :

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections eight and twelve of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby revoke the aforesaid Order in Council as from the thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in lieu of the duties and exemptions from duty therein prescribed in respect of the goods specified in the Schedule thereto (being goods the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa), and in lieu of the duties and exemptions provided for in the British Preferential Tariff in so far as they would, in the absence of special provision, apply to such goods, doth hereby, as from the aforesaid date, impose and create the duties and exemptions from duty specified in the Schedule hereto in respect of the goods referred to therein :

Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to impose with respect to any such goods a higher duty than would be chargeable if such goods were subject to the British Preferential Tariff.

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, other than dried apples	Free.
Fruits, green	Free.
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.

28. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 18 inclusive be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 19.

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

The Honourable Mr. Coates 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.

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. Coates, *Resolved*, That the Order in Council under the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, made on the 7th day of

September, 1925, and published in the *Gazette* of the 10th day of the same month, relating to Customs duties and to exemptions fro such duties in respect of certain goods imported into New Zealand and being the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa, be ratified in terms of section 10 of the said Act.

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And whereas it is desired to revoke the said Order in Council, and to make other provision in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections eight and twelve of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby revoke the aforesaid Order in Council as from the thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in lieu of the duties and exemptions from duty therein prescribed in respect of the goods specified in the Schedule thereto (being goods the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa), and in lieu of the duties and exemptions provided for in the British Preferential Tariff in so far as they would, in the absence of special provision, apply to such goods, doth hereby, as from the aforesaid date, impose and create the duties and exemptions from duty specified in the Schedule hereto in respect of the goods referred to therein:

Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to impose with respect to any such goods a higher duty than would be chargeable if such goods were subject to the British Preferential Tariff.

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, other than dried apples ..	Free.
Fruits, green	Free.
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.

To report the Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Order in Council under the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, made on the 7th day of September, 1925, and published in the *Gazette* of the 10th day of the same month, relating to Customs duties and to exemptions from such duties in respect of certain goods imported into New Zealand and being the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa, be ratified in terms of section 10 of the said Act.

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And whereas it is desired to revoke the said Order in Council, and to make other provision in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections eight and twelve of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby revoke the aforesaid Order in Council as from the thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in lieu of the duties and exemptions from duty therein prescribed in respect of the goods specified in the Schedule thereto (being goods the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa), and in lieu of the duties and exemptions provided for in the British Preferential Tariff in so far as they would, in the absence of special provision, apply to such goods, doth hereby, as from the aforesaid date, impose and create the duties and exemptions from duty specified in the Schedule hereto in respect of the goods referred to therein:

Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to impose with respect to any such goods a higher duty than would be chargeable if such goods were subject to the British Preferential Tariff.

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, other than dried apples ..	Free.
Fruits, green	Free.
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 the Order in Council under the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, made on the 7th day of September, 1925, and published in the *Gazette* of the 10th day of the same month, relating to Customs duties and to exemptions from such duties in respect of certain goods imported into New Zealand and being the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa, be ratified in terms of section 10 of the said Act.

Mr. Young 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.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

30. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

31. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration 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.

32. *Rating Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Rating Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Rating 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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Making and Levying of Rates."

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 minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Sullivan (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Fred Sargent be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

2. *Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young, from the Committee on the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill, brought up the following Report:—

The Committee on the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill has the honour to report:—

(1.) That it finds the allegations of the Preamble proved to its satisfaction.

(2.) That it has carefully considered the clauses of the Bill, and has passed them without amendment.

The Minutes of the Committee accompany this Report.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

240. Cattle in the Dominion on the 31st January, 1925. Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 19th October, 1917.

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

241. Post-primary Education in New Zealand: Report of Mr. Frank Tate, C.M.G., I.S.O., M.A., Director of Education, Victoria.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

242. Higher Education. (In continuation of E.–7, 1924.) E.–7.

243. Fire Brigades of the Dominion, Report on the, for the Year ended 30th June, 1925, by the Inspector of Fire Brigades.

Ordered, That Paper No. 242 be printed.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Rere Nicholson; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Rere Nicholson, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 37.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments to the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Main Highways Act, 1922," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 2, subclause (3): To omit the word "shall" in line 3, and substitute the word "may"; to omit the words "section nineteen of" in line 5.

Clause 4, subclause (1): To omit the words "from any other local authority" in lines 49 and 50, and substitute the words "without contribution from any other local authority save with the concurrence of that local authority."

Clause 6, subclause (3): To insert, after the words "contrary is proved" in line 22, the words "by the Board."

Clause 7, subclause (1): To insert, after the words "provisions of" in line 27, the words "section one hundred and nine or of"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 30, the word "road"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 32, the words "main highway or of any."

Clause 7, subclause (2): To omit the words "the said section one hundred and nineteen or section one hundred and twenty," and substitute the words "any of the aforesaid sections"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 38, the words "main highway or of any."

Clause 7, subclause (3): To omit the words "section one hundred and nineteen or section one hundred and twenty of the Public Works Act, 1908," in lines 44 and 45, and substitute the words "any of the aforesaid sections"; to insert, before the words "any bridge" in line 45, the words "that highway or to any"; to omit the words "in such main highway" in line 46, and substitute the word "therein"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 49, the words "main highway or to any such"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 54, the words "main highway or of such."

Clause 7: To insert, after subclause (3), the following subclause:—

"(3A.) The Board shall, so far as may be necessary for the purpose of initiating proceedings under the aforesaid sections in their application to main highways, or otherwise for the purpose of giving effect to this section, be

deemed to be a local authority within the meaning of section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908."

Clause 8, subclause (1), paragraph (*c*): To omit the words "and not exceeding fifty pounds in any year," and substitute the words "but so that the aggregate of such allowances in any year for all members of that executive body shall not exceed fifty pounds."

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Main Highways Act, 1922.

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

6. *Main Highways Amendment Bill.*—On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Main Highways Amendment Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

7. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 38.*

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, 23rd September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 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 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. *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, ordered to be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

9. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 39.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Special Provision for the Administration and Disposal of certain Lands in the Hutt Valley acquired by the Crown for Settlement or other Purposes," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Special Provision for the Administration and Disposal of certain Lands in the Hutt Valley acquired by the Crown for Settlement or other Purposes.

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

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

10. *Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

11. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Child Welfare Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Life Insurance Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled the Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1925. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Matakaoa Hospital District Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council concurs in the Resolution of the House of Representatives relating to Customs Arrangements with the Union of South Africa, transmitted this day to the Council in Message No. 26.

12. *Main Highways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Main Highways Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *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 forthwith.

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Main Highways Amendment Bill and the Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Main Highways Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (3), to omit the word "shall" in line 3, and substitute the word "may"; to omit the words "section nineteen of" in line 5. *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), paragraph (*d*), to omit the words "but not exceeding, in respect of any main highway, one-half of the cost of its maintenance in any year." *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order as being an appropriation.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's opinion on the Chairman's ruling. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

Motion agreed to.

Progress reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on a decision of the Chairman given in Committee.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 208, page 596), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

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, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.
Bell	Henare	Macmillan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bitchener	Hudson	Nash	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Isitt	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Witty.
Dickson, J. McC.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	*Tellers.*
Field	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	Glenn
Girling	Lysnar	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Hockly.
Harris	McLennan	Rhodes, T. W.	

NOES, 31.

Atmore	Hanan, Hon. J. A.	McIlvride	Poland
Bartram	Holland	McKay	Savage
Buddo, Hon. D.	Horn	Macpherson	Sidey
Corrigan	Howard	Monteith	Smith
de la Perrelle	Jordan	Munro	Veitch.
Edie	Langstone	Murdoch	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lee	O'Brien	Armstrong
Fraser	Lye	Parry	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to omit the words "from any other local authority" in lines 49 and 50, and substitute the words "without contribution from any other local authority, save with the concurrence of that local authority." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (3), to insert, after the words "contrary is proved" in line 22, the words "by the Board." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the words "provisions of" in line 27, the words "section one hundred and nine or of"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 30, the word "road"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 32, the words "main highway or of any"; in subclause (2), to omit the words "the said section one hundred and nineteen or section one hundred and twenty," and substitute the words "any of the aforesaid sections"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 38, the words "main highway or of any." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclauses as amended agreed to.

Further amendments proposed: In subclause (3), to omit the words "section one hundred and nineteen or section one hundred and twenty of the Public Works Act, 1908," in lines 44 and 45, and substitute the words "any of the aforesaid sections"; to insert, before the words "any bridge" in line 45, the words "that highway or to"; to omit the words "in such main highway" in line 46, and substitute the word "therein"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 49, the words "main highway or to any such"; to insert, before the word "bridge" in line 54, the words "main highway or of such." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To insert the following new subclause:—

"(3A.) The Board shall, so far as may be necessary for the purpose of initiating proceedings under the aforesaid sections in their application to main highways, or otherwise for the purpose of giving effect to this section, be deemed to be a local authority within the meaning of section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), paragraph (*c*), to omit the words "and not exceeding fifty pounds in any year," and substitute the words "but so that the aggregate of such allowances in any year for all members of that executive body shall not exceed fifty pounds." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 9, 10, and 11 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Main Highways 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 Main Highways Act, 1922."

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

16. *Stone-quarries Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young 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, 1919."

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

17. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Act, 1925, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

18. *Electrical Wiremen's Registration Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Electrical Wiremen's Registration 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.

19. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day Nos. 3, 5, and 9 be considered in that order.

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

THURSDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

20. *Apprentices Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Apprentices Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

21. *Weights and Measures Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Weights and Measures Bill;

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.

22. *Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

23. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Apprentices Amendment Bill and the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.

24. *Apprentices Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Apprentices 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 Apprentices Act, 1923."

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

25. *Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College 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 Canterbury College and the 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 twenty minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, adjourned.

Thursday, the 24th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

1. *Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorize the Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property, at the Direction of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland, to pay out of the Ecclesiastical Fund of the said Church to the Otago Presbyterian Church Boys' College Board of Governors (Incorporated), yearly, for a Period not exceeding Five Years, such Sum as may be voted in each of these Five Years by the said Synod in aid of the John McGlashan College, but such Vote not to exceed Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds in any one Year."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has passed the Bill without amendment.

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

244. Railways Department: List setting out Name, Status, and Pay of each Member, Probationer, and Apprentice, and Number of Years of Service in the Department, as on 1st April, 1925. D.–3.

245. Coal-mines Act, 1908: Assignment of all Interest in Coal Lease No. 32, Christchurch, from T. Harris and C. Harris, to the Burnwell Coal Company (Limited).

246. State Coal-mines, Report on the Working of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. C.–2A.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 244 and 246 be printed.

3. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. F. J. Rolleston, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Death Duties Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I,–11.)

4. *Death Duties Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Death Duties Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

5. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Sidey, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–11.)

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill and the Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir G. Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up Reports, which were read, as follows; and ordered to lie upon the Table:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have not been wholly complied with, inasmuch as the Bill was not advertised on the same day of each week of three successive weeks; and that the certificate from the Magistrate's Court was not written on the face of the Bill.

The Committee recommends that the Bill, notwithstanding the irregularity, be allowed to proceed, with the amendment as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

I am directed to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the services of the Clerk (Mr. J. Chadwick), and strongly recommends that he be appointed to a permanent position as Clerk of the Local Bills Committee, a position for which he is ably suited and competent in every way, and that this Resolution be reported to the House.

I have the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee has during the session held nine meetings, the average attendance being seven members at each meeting.

Fourteen Local Bills and the Counties Amendment Bill were referred to the Committee, and all have been considered and reported to the House.

7. *Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill.—Ordered,* That the Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill.—Ordered,* That the Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill.*—The Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

10. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill, the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill, and the Petitions of W. G. Gordon-Jones and others, Alfred Ward, and Rangi Tutu; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petition of W. G. Gordon-Jones and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petition of Alfred Ward, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of Timothy Moriarty, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

Mr. O'Brien moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a 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, 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 Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

11. *Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

12. *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.

13. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Violet Newdick, Riri M. Kawatiri and others, Ihaka Pera, and Hariata Tauroa; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Violet Newdick, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Riri M. Kawatiri and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

14. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Witty, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of R. H. Hanson, Susan Broomfield, and the Papanui Progress League and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–6.)

Ordered, That the Petition of R. H. Hanson, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Susan Broomfield, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

15. *Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee.*—Mr. Jordan, from the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was read, as follows, and ordered to lie upon the Table:—

I have the honour to report that the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman (Mr. T. W. Rhodes) has presided over its deliberations during the session.

16. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of M. J. Cleary, J. Shortal, A. E. Burton, J. Clancey, J. D. Perry, and G. F. Johnston; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of M. J. Cleary, J. Shortal, A. E. Burton, J. Clancey, and J. D. Perry, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

17. *Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk; and the same was read, as follows, and ordered to lie upon the Table:—

I have the honour to report that the Kauri-gum Control Bill Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the courtesy, attention, and services rendered by the Clerk (Mr. J. J. Smith) during the session.

18. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. T. W. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Martha Boyle, a Special Report, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–4.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Martha Boyle, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. Parry, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, also brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–4.)

19. *Joint Library Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson (for Mr. Speaker), from the Joint Library Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that the following Resolutions were passed by this Committee at their meeting to-day:—

1. The Library shall be managed and controlled by the Joint Library Committee, consisting of the Library Committees appointed by the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives respectively sitting together.

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be *ex officio* Chairman of such Joint Library Committee, provided that in the case of his absence from a meeting the members present shall appoint one of their number to act as Chairman for that meeting.

3. The Members of the Joint Library Committee shall continue in office until the first meeting of a new Joint Library Committee in the next session of Parliament, except where a dissolution of Parliament intervenes, for which provision is made in Rule 4 (4) hereof.

4. (1.) The Joint Library Committee shall have power to appoint a subcommittee of its Members (to be known as "the Recess Committee"), consisting of an equal number of Members of both Houses, three to be a quorum; and of which the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be Chairman, provided that in case of his absence from a meeting the Members present shall appoint one of their number to be Chairman for that meeting.

(2.) The Recess Committee shall continue in office until the first meeting of the next session of Parliament, and shall have and exercise all the powers of the Joint Library Committee, except that it shall be bound by, and shall not alter or rescind any of, the resolutions, rules, and regulations of the Joint Library Committee, or make any arrangements other than those of a temporary nature.

(3.) The Joint Library Committee may meet at any time or times during a recess notwithstanding that a Recess Committee has been appointed, and such meeting shall not be deemed to affect in any way the appointment or powers of the Recess Committee unless the Joint Library Committee resolve otherwise.

(4.) Immediately upon the dissolution of any Parliament, the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, with the addition (from the date of their re-election to the House of Representatives) of any Members of the House who were Members of the last Joint Library Committee, shall be, and shall have and exercise all the powers of, a Recess Committee as hereinbefore provided (notwithstanding that the Joint Library Committee has ceased to exist), and shall continue to act until the first meeting of the New Joint Committee in the next session of Parliament.

5. Subject to any directions which may be given by both Houses of Parliament, the Joint Library Committee shall have power (*inter alia*) to make and enforce such regulations at it may deem necessary or expedient,—

(1.) For the convenience of Members of both Houses of the Legislature;
(2.) For the regulation of privileges to be granted to Members, ex-Members, and other persons;
(3.) For the recovery of the amount of damage or loss of any books or other property under the control of the Library Committee;
(4.) For any other matters incidental to or consistent with the control and management of the Library, and for the more effectual carrying-out of the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. J. McC. Dickson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House agrees with the Committee in the Resolutions contained in the said Report.

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

Ordered, That the Resolutions be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House hath agreed thereto.

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 H. A. Morrison (Limited), F. Peters, H. J. Montgomery, Emily Wilson, and E. H. Ross and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of H. A. Morrison (Limited) and F. Peters, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of H. J. Montgomery and Emily Wilson, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

21. *Poverty Bay Farmers' Meat Company (Limited) and Vestey Brothers (Limited) Commission.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy (with the leave of the House), moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Royal Commission in connection with the inquiry into the sale of the Poverty Bay Farmers' Meat Company (Limited) to Messrs. Vestey Brothers (Limited), and other matters, be referred to the Government for consideration.

A debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

22. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order No. 69 be suspended in order that the Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Royal Commission in connection with the inquiry into the sale of the Poverty Bay Farmers' Meat Company (Limited) to Messrs. Vestey Brothers (Limited), and other matters, be referred to the Government for consideration, interrupted by the half after five p.m. adjournment, may be resumed this evening.

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

Debate resumed.

And the Question being put, That the Report be referred to the Government for consideration, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

23. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bills intituled the Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Act, 1925, the Rawhiti Domain Act, 1925, and the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1925, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Coal-mines Act, 1925, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

24. *Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Whangarei Harbour Board 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 hath agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

25. *Coal-mines Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Coal-mines Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendments be disagreed with, and that Mr. Horn, Mr. Holland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the said Bill.

26. *Valuation of Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Valuation of Land Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy 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 Friday morning;

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

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

27. *Local Elections and Polls Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Local Elections and Polls Bill;

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

28. *Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

29. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Valuation of Land Bill, the Local Elections and Polls Bill, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

30. *Valuation of Land Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 17 read and agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: To insert the following new subclause:—

"(1A.) There shall be one assessor appointed by the Agricultural and Pastoral Association of the district in which the Assessment Court has jurisdiction." *(Honourable Mr. Buddo.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 51 read and agreed to.

Clause 52 read. Amendment proposed: To insert the following new subclause:—

"(*e.*) By or in trust for any society, club, or association of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, situate in any borough or town district, if not more than ten thousand inhabitants, and used for horse-racing or trotting." *(Mr. Witty.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 53 to 60 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Valuation of Land 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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Periodical Valuation of Landed Properties in New Zealand."

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

31. *Local Elections and Polls Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Local Elections and Polls 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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Local Elections and Local Polls.

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

32. *Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Mutual Fire Insurance 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 Mutual Fire Insurance 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 two minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 25th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Young (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Isabella Marie Nelson be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

On motion of Mr. Isitt (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. C. Prudhoe be referred direct to the Education Committee.

On motion of Mr. Williams (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of R. W. Dobson and others, H. Ford and others, H. B. de Lautour, and Nopera Rangiuia and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committees 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.

On motion of Mr. Harris (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Industries and Commerce Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

247. Statement by the Prime Minister (the Honourable Mr. Coates) relative to Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the Dominions on the Subject of the Geneva Protocol, and Proposals for a Pact of Security.

248. Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes: Correspondence relating to the Position of the Dominions.

249. Proposals for a Pact of Security made by the German Government on the 9th February, 1925, Papers respecting the.

269. Crown Lands, Deterioration of: Report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the Deterioration of Crown Lands in the Whangamomona, Ohura, Waitomo, Otorohanga, Kawhia, Raglan, Kaitieke, Waitotara, Waimarino, and other Counties. C.–15.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

250. League of Nations: Report of the Representative of the Dominion of New Zealand on the First Assembly of the League of Nations held at Geneva in the Year 1920. A.–5A.

251. League of Nations: Report of the Representative of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations held at Geneva in the Year 1924. A.–5.

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

252. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Heathcote, Levels, Mackenzie, Raglan, Stewart Island, Taieri, Tauranga, Vincent, Wallace, and Whakatane.]

253. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1923. [Amuri, Pohangina, and Stewart Island.]

254. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1924. [Amuri, Bay of Islands, Bruce, Cheviot, Clutha, Coromandel, Eyre, Franklin, Great Barrier Island, Kairanga, Matakaoa, Matamata, Otorohanga, Patea, Southland, Stewart Island, Taieri, Taumarunui, Tauranga, Waimarino, Waipawa, Waitemata, Wallace, and Whakatane.]

255. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1924. [Balclutha, Hokitika, Inglewood, Kaiapoi, Kaitangata, Levin, Lyttelton, Morrinsville, Motueka, Napier, Palmerston, Palmerston North, Richmond, Taihape, Takapuna, Taumarunui, Thames, Waihi, Waipukurau, Wairoa, Westport, and Woodville.]

256. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1923. [Inglewood, Masterton, Takapuna, Waihi, and Woodville.]

257. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Ashburton, Eastbourne, Rangiora, Temuka, and West Harbour].

258. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1922. [Greymouth and Inglewood.]

259. Union Assurance Society (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1924.

260. Taranaki Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1925.

261. Southern Cross Assurance Company (Limited): Returns for the Year ended 30th June, 1925.

262. Standard Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 30th June, 1925.

263. Norwich and London Accident Insurance Association: Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

264. Queensland Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

265. New York Life Insurance Company: Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

266. Commercial Union Assurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

267. Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society (Limited), (Accident and Ordinary Departments): Annual Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

268. Australian Provincial Assurance Association (Limited), (Accident Business): Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheets as at 31st December, 1924.

270. Eagle, Star, and British Dominions Insurance Company (Limited), (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st May, 1925.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 247, 248, 249, 250, and 251 be printed.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the Deterioration of certain Crown Lands (C.–15) do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Director-General of Health be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Marine Department be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Department of Immigration, 1924–25, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report on Prisons for the year 1924–25 be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of Mental Hospitals of the Dominion for 1924 be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

4. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of the Zenith Artificial Appliances (Limited); and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

6. *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.

7. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. F. J. Rolleston, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–11.)

8. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Public Health Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–7.)

10. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. A. X. Couper and E. G. Hodgson; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of W. A. X. Couper, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

11. *Death Duties Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Death Duties Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Death Duties 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 Death Duties Act, 1921."

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

12. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Coal-mines Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

Objection to clause 27 being struck out of the Coal-mines Bill.

That it is necessary in the public interest to discourage speculation in coal-bearing lands.

That the principle upon which clause 27 is drawn has been the law since 1922, and has had the effect of materially discouraging speculation and traffic in coal-bearing lands.

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.

13. *Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Bill;

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 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendments proposed: To insert, after the words "Land for Settlements Act" in line 45, the words "and of all other Acts in so far as they relate to settlement land"; and to omit the words "that Act" in line 45, and substitute the words "such Acts." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6, 7, and 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the words "Advances Account" in line 3, the words "from any fund or account having a balance available for investment." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.
Subclause as amended agreed to.
Clause as amended agreed to.
Clause 10 read and agreed to.
Clause 11 struck out by the Lands Committee.
Clauses 12 to 16 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 make Special Provision for the Administration and Disposal of certain Lands in the Hutt Valley acquired by the Crown for Settlement or other Purposes."

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

14. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Main Highways Amendment Act, 1925, the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Act, 1925, the Rating Act, 1925, the Valuation of Land Act, 1925, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendments in the Bill intituled the Coal-mines Act, 1925, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and its amendments.

15. *Coal-mines Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendments in the Coal-mines Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows:—

Section 27 largely extends the powers conferred upon the Minister by the existing law, and the Council is of opinion that such extension is undesirable.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the said Bill, and that Mr. Horn, Mr. Holland, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, 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 amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Coal-mines Bill, and has appointed a Committee of four 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 for the meeting of the Conference.

16. *Kauri-gum Control Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Kauri-gum Control Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

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: In subclause (2), paragraph (*c*), to omit the word "regulation," and substitute the word "regulations" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (3), line 14, to omit the word "licenses," and to insert the words "renewed licenses, or under licenses that have been in force for not less than three months." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: In line 23, to omit the words "the last preceding section," and to insert the words "section thirteen hereof" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 16 to 20 read and agreed to.

Clause 21 read. Amendment proposed: To insert the following new paragraph:—

"(*dd.*) In payment of interest and other charges and in repayment of the principal owing in respect of moneys borrowed by the Board." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 22, 23, and 24 read and agreed to.

Clause 25 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following new subclause:—

"(2.) Such statement of accounts shall include a profit and loss account setting out the revenue and the expenditure of the Board, and a balance-sheet showing the assets and liabilities of the Board." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 26 read. Amendment proposed: To omit paragraph (*aa*). *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 make Provision for the Control of the Trade in and the Export of Kauri-gum."

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

17. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after consideration of other Orders of the Day.

18. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 40.*

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:—

Clause 2: To insert, before the word "Schedule" in line 7, the word "First."

PART I.

To insert, under the heading "*North Auckland Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"7CC. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section thirty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Otahuhu Borough Council may from time to time expend out of the funds accrued and that may hereafter accrue to its credit in its capacity as the Otahuhu Domain Board in respect of that portion of the Otahuhu Domain hereinafter described such sum or sums as the Minister of Lands approves towards the management, administration, and improvement of Lot 16 of small lots near the Village of Otahuhu, Block VI, Otahuhu Survey District, containing an area of three acres one rood, and being land acquired by the said Council for recreation purposes.

"(2.) The portion of the Otahuhu Domain hereinafter referred to is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres, more or less, being Section 19, Suburbs of Otahuhu: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/569, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"7CD. Whereas the Crown has agreed to acquire from the Kauri Timber Company (Limited) certain lands in the North Auckland Land District, containing one thousand one hundred and seventy acres one rood twenty perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 8 of the Parish of Waitakerei, and being the whole of the land shown on a plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor for the North Auckland Land District at Auckland under No. 23501: And whereas the Auckland City Council has agreed to contribute one-half of the purchase-money for the said lands: And whereas it has further been agreed between the Crown and the Auckland City Council that that portion of the said land which is described in subsection five hereof should be reserved by the Crown for scenic purposes under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, and the control thereof vested in the Auckland City Council; and that that portion of the said land which is described in subsection six hereof should be vested by the Crown in the Auckland City Council as a recreation reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) It shall be lawful for the Auckland City Council to pay and contribute out of its General Account the sum of fourteen thousand pounds towards the purchase-money for the said land and such proportion of the costs of the acquisition and vesting thereof as has been agreed on between the Crown and the Auckland City Council.

"(2.) On such land becoming vested in His Majesty the Governor-General shall declare the land described in subsection five hereof to be a reserve for scenic purposes under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, and shall vest the control thereof in the Auckland City Council.

"(3.) The Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, authorize and direct the issue of a certificate of title in favour of the Corporation of the

City of Auckland for the land described in subsection six hereof, to be held by the said Corporation as a recreation reserve under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

"(4.) No stamp duty or gift duty shall be payable in respect of the hereinbefore-recited agreement or any instrument necessary for the purpose of giving effect thereto, or for the vesting of the land described in subsection six hereof in the Corporation of the City of Auckland.

"(5.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement six hundred and fifty-two acres two roods, more or less, being Lot 2 of Allotment 8, Parish of Waitakerei: as the same is more particularly delineated on a plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor of the North Auckland Land District, at Auckland, and numbered 23501.

"(6.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement five hundred and seventeen acres three roods twenty perches, more or less, being Lot 1 of Allotment 8, Parish of Waitakerei: as the same is more particularly delineated on a plan deposited in the office of the chief Surveyor of the North Auckland Land District, at Auckland, and numbered 23501.

"7CE. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is part of the land set apart for the purposes of a Government House at Auckland: And whereas by the Auckland University College Site Act, 1919, the land described in subsection four hereof is part of an area vested in the University College Council in trust as a site for a University college: And whereas it is desirable that the land described in subsection three hereof should be exchanged for the land described in subsection four hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The setting-apart for the purposes of a Government House of the land described in subsection three hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Auckland University College Council in trust as portion of a site for a University college and subject to the provisions of the Auckland University College Site Act, 1919.

"(2.) The vesting in the Auckland University College Council of the lands described in subsection four hereof in trust as portion of a site for a University college is hereby revoked, and the said lands are hereby set apart for the purposes of a Government House.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement ten and eleven-hundredths perches, more or less, being Allotment 4 of Section 6, City of Auckland: commencing at a point distant from Symonds Street 184·15 links on a bearing of 328° 13′ 20″: bounded towards the south-west by Allotment 2 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 328° 13′ 20″, 287·56 links; towards the north-east generally by Allotment 1 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 134° 46′ 30″, 188·98 links, and bearing 171° 10′ 30″, 112·68 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid bearings and linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 6/6/228, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged green.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two and sixteen-hundredths perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 2, Section 6, City of Auckland: commencing at a point in Symonds Street: bounded towards the north-east by Allotment 1 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 328° 13′ 20″, 184·15 links; towards the

south-west generally by the other part of Allotment 2 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 171° 10′ 30″, 37·52 links, and bearing 142° 38′ 10″, 150·33 links, to the point of commencement.

"Also all that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement eight and four-hundredths perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 2, Section 6, City of Auckland: commencing at a point distant from Symonds Street 471·71 links on a bearing of 328° 13′ 20″: bounded towards the north-east generally by Allotment 1 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 328° 13′ 20″, 150·15 links; bearing 310° 34′ 56″, 104·47 links; bearing 306° 24′ 20″, 38·13 links: towards the south-west generally by the other part of Allotment 2 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 142° 45′, 156·69 links, and bearing 134° 46′ 30″, 132·77 links, to the point of commencement.

"Be all the aforesaid bearings and linkages more or less: as the same are delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 6/6/228, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red."

To insert, under the heading "*Auckland Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"7DE. An application by the lessee of Section 8, Mangateparu Settlement, in the Auckland Land District, for a revaluation of the land comprised in his lease may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subsection six of section two hundred and sixteen of the Land Act, 1924, be received at any time not later than the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and dealt with under that section as if it had been received within the period fixed in that behalf by the said subsection six.

"7DF. Whereas the land hereinafter described forms portion of an area which by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the first day of December nineteen hundred and eleven, was permanently set apart as a State forest: And whereas it is desired to utilize the said land for road purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Forests Act, 1921–22, the Governor-General may proclaim as a road the land hereinafter described.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, portion of Kaingaroa No. 1 (State forest reserve), containing by admeasurement twenty-nine acres two roods thirty-seven perches, more or less, situated in Blocks IX and XIII, Kaingaroa Survey District, being a strip, one chain wide, commencing on the Galatea Road and running in a southerly direction generally parallel to and one chain to the east of the western boundary of Kaingaroa No. 1 to the northern boundary of Kaingaroa No. 1A: as the same is shown coloured green, marked 'XY,' on the plan numbered 29/5/6, deposited in the Head Office of the State Forest Service, at Wellington."

To insert, after new clause 7DF, the following heading and new clauses:—

"*Gisborne Land District.*

"7E. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-third day of December, nineteen hundred and eight, pursuant to section twenty-one of the Public Works Act, 1908, the land hereinafter described was set apart as a railway quarry reserve: And whereas it is desired to set apart the said land as a public domain subject to reservation to the Department of Railways of the right to quarry on the said land and to remove stone therefrom: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purposes of a railway quarry reserve over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and, subject to the next succeeding subsection, the said land is hereby declared to be a public domain subject to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The right of the Department of Railways to quarry and remove stone at any time from such portion of the said land as may be defined in that behalf by the Minister of Lands and the right of ingress, egress, and regress in the exercise of such right are hereby reserved.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-five acres two roods, more or less, being portion of Waihirere No. 1 Block, situated in Block X, Waimata Survey District.

"7EE. Whereas the land hereinafter described is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Gisborne for the purpose of a quarry: And whereas it is desired to vest the said land in His Majesty as a public domain subject to reservation to the Gisborne Borough Council of the right to quarry on the said land and to remove stone therefrom: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purpose of a quarry over the land hereinafter described and the vesting of the said land in the Corporation of the Borough of Gisborne for the purpose aforesaid are hereby cancelled, and, subject to the next succeeding subsection, the said land is hereby vested in His Majesty as a public domain subject to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The right of the Gisborne Borough Council to quarry and remove stone at any time from such portion of the said land as may be defined in that behalf by the Minister of Lands and the right of ingress, egress, and regress in the exercise of such right are hereby reserved.

"(3.) The District Land Registrar for the Gisborne Land Registration District is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements or memorials on the certificate of title in respect of the aforesaid land as may be necessary to give full effect to this section.

"(4.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing by admeasurement thirty acres one rood twenty-two perches, more or less, being portions of Waihirere, Waihirere No. 2, and Waihirere No. 3 Blocks, situated in Block X, Waimata Survey District, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 46, folio 37, in the Register-book of the District Land Registrar at Gisborne."

To insert, under the heading "*Wellington Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"14C. Whereas on the twenty-fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, a plan of a subdivision of certain land in the Rangitira Block (now known as the Hapopo Block) was deposited in the Land Registry Office at Wellington as No. 286: And whereas there was shown on the said plan a road-line of the width of fifty links as forming the southern and south-eastern boundaries of the said land: And whereas there were also shown on the said plan two road reserves on and to the north of the said road-line: And whereas it was intended that the owners of the land lying to the south and south-east of the said road-line should dedicate as a road a strip of land of equal length and width so as to make one road of a width of one hundred links, but such dedication was not made, and the said road-line shown on the said deposited plan is an impracticable route and has never been formed or used: And whereas the Rangitikei County Council has agreed with the owners of the lands lying to the north and north-west of the said road-line for the vesting in such owners respectively, other than William Barnard Rhodes and William Richard Holmes, of parts of the said road-line bounding their respective properties, and for vesting in one of such owners one of the said road reserves on condition that the said owners should vest in the Corporation of the County of Rangitikei (hereinafter called the Corporation) certain lands required by the said Council for tree-planting purposes, and that the said owners respectively should grant to the Corporation rights of way from such

lands to public roads: And whereas in the case of the said William Barnard Rhodes and William Richard Holmes the said Council desires to retain the said road-line between the points marked 'D' to 'E' on the plan hereinafter mentioned (which part of road-line is uncoloured on the said plan), and also to retain the road reserve (also uncoloured on the said plan), the said part of road-line, and the said road reserve, containing together four acres two roods twenty-two perches: And whereas the said road-line and the said road reserve and the lands to be vested in the Corporation, and the said part of the road-line and the said road reserve to be retained by the Corporation as aforesaid, and the lands over which the Corporation is to have the said rights of way, are shown on a plan deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington and numbered L. and S. 16/1122 (hereinafter referred to as the said plan): And whereas the lands to be given and received are as nearly as may be of equal value respectively: And whereas it is expedient that legislative effect be given to the aforesaid proposals: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by Proclamation, close the said road or road-line and cancel the reservation over the said two road reserves, and thereupon the area comprised therein shall not henceforth be deemed to form any part of any public highway.

"(2.) Upon the issue of such Proclamation the said lands shall vest in fee-simple in the owners named in Part I of the Second Schedule to this Act and in the Corporation to the extent mentioned in that Part; and in respect of each owner and of the Corporation such vesting in every of the said cases shall be free of all claims by the owner or owners of the said road-line and road reserves, and free also of all rights of way or other rights over the said road-line and road reserves on the part of purchasers of, or any persons interested in, any lands shown on the said deposited plan No. 286.

"(3.) Upon the issue of the Proclamation aforesaid the lands specified in Part II of the said Second Schedule to this Act and shown on the said plan shall become and be vested in the Corporation in fee-simple, together with rights of way for all purposes over the lands shown as modes of access on the said plan, such rights of way to be appurtenant to the lands to which they afford access as shown on the said plan.

"(4.) Any lands vested in the Corporation by virtue of this section shall be held by it for tree-planting purposes, and the lands so vested in each of the said owners respectively shall in each case be held by him upon, for, and subject to the same trusts, purposes, encumbrances, and tenancies (if any) as immediately before the coming into operation of this Act affected the lands to the given by him to the Corporation and the lands over which rights of way are to be given by him to the Corporation, as the case may be.

"(5.) On the vesting of such lands in the Corporation the Council shall erect sufficient fences within the meaning of the Fencing Act, 1908, on the north-east and south-east boundaries of the said land hatched yellow, and on the northerly and easterly boundaries of the land hatched blue, and on the north-west boundary measuring seven hundred and seventy-two links and three-tenths of a link of the said land hatched red, on the said plan.

"(6.) No stamp duties shall be payable in respect of any vesting made by this section.

"(7.) The said Council and all or any of the said owners may execute and do any deeds and things necessary to more fully carry into effect the provisions of this section according to the true intent thereof.

"(8.) The District Land Registrar for the Wellington Land Registration District, or the Registrar of Deeds for the Wellington Deeds Registration District, as the case may be, shall make all such entries in his Register as shall be necessary to duly record the vestings of lands and rights of way made by this section and the effect generally of this section as regards the title to or the instruments of title in respect of any hereditaments affected thereby.

"14D. Whereas part Section 144, Township of Waverley, containing an area of twenty-two and four-tenths perches, is vested in the Waverley Town Board in trust for a site for a war memorial: And whereas, in consideration of the addition to the said site of a certain portion of the said Section 144 which is at present duly set apart for a site for a telegraph-station and post-office, the Town Board has agreed that that portion of the war-memorial site hereinafter described shall become a reserve for a site for a telegraph-station and post-office: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The vesting in the Waverley Town Board as a site for a war memorial of the land described in subsection two hereof and the reservation over the said land for that purpose are hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be a reserve set apart as a site for a telegraph-station and post-office.

"(2.) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement three and ninety-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being part of Section 144, Township of Waverley, and bounded as follows: commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of Section 143, Township of Waverley, 125 links distant from the south-eastern corner of the said section; thence by right lines towards the south, east, and north by other part of Section 144, for distances of 92 links, 27 links, and 92 links respectively; and towards the west by the aforesaid Section 143, for a distance o 27 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked 247/44, deposited in the Wellington District Office, Department of Lands and Survey, and thereon coloured green."

To insert, under the heading "*Marlborough Land District*," the following new clause:—

"15AB. (1.) The land hereinafter described (together with the wharves thereon) is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Picton freed and discharged from all existing reservations over the same, but subject to the provisions of subsections two and three of this section.

"(2.) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council,—

"(*a.*) Limit and define the powers and duties of the Picton Borough Council with respect to the control and management of any such wharf; and

"(*b.*) Prescribe what dues and rates may be taken by the Council for the use of such wharf; and

"(*c.*) Prescribe the class or classes of vessels that may lawfully be permitted by the Council to use such wharf;

and may in like manner amend or revoke any such Order.

"(3.) If at any time the Council fails to comply to the satisfaction of the Minister of Railways with any of the provisions of any such Order in Council the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, revoke the vesting in the said Corporation of the said lands and wharves, and thereupon the said land and wharves shall revert to His Majesty.

(4.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres and eleven perches, more or less, being portion of Railway Reserve at Picton, and being more particularly delineated on plan marked W.R. 36415, deposited in the office of the Minister of Railways, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"(5.) This section is hereby declared to be a special Act within the meaning of section one hundred and forty-four of the Harbours Act, 1923."

To insert, under the heading "*Westland Land District*," the following new clause:—

"15BB. Whereas the mining privileges or rights (hereinafter referred to as privileges) specified in the Third Schedule to this Act are held by or on behalf of His Majesty the King: And whereas it is desirable that licenses in respect thereof should be granted to the Minister of Mines: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Mining Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the Minister of Mines may make application to the Warden of the Westland Mining District for, and the Warden shall, upon receipt of such application and without requiring the Minister to observe any of the requirements of the Mining Act, 1908, relating to applications for mining privileges, grant to the Minister, a license under that Act for each of the privileges specified in the Third Schedule to this Act.

"(2.) Every such license shall supersede the corresponding privilege specified in the Third Schedule hereto, and shall confer the same priority of rights and be subject to the same encumbrances, liens, and interests (if any) as the corresponding privilege conferred and was subject to. All such priorities, encumbrances, liens, and interests shall be specified in or endorsed on such license, and be registered, and such specification or endorsement shall be final and conclusive for all purposes:

"Provided that in addition to the purpose of the corresponding privilege the license shall, where such privilege is in respect of water, confer a right to use for electric or other power purposes the water the subject-matter of the license.

"(3.) All references to any privilege as aforesaid in any document issued prior to the grant of a license under this section shall be deemed to be references to such license and the mining privilege conferred thereby.

"(4.) On the grant of any license under this section the corresponding privilege specified in the Third Schedule hereto shall be deemed to be cancelled, and the Warden shall cause an entry to that effect to be made in the appropriate register, if any.

"(5.) A notice of the grant of a license under this section and the cancellation of the corresponding privilege specified in the Third Schedule hereto shall be published in the *Gazette* by the Minister of Mines."

To insert, under the heading "*Canterbury Land District*," the following new clause:—

"19E. (1.) The land hereinafter described, being part of Reserve 25 in the City of Christchurch (the control of which is vested in the Christchurch Domain Board), is hereby vested, subject to the provisions of this section, in the Corporation of the City of Christchurch as a site for a public art gallery freed and discharged from the existing reservation over the same.

"(2.) It shall be a condition of such vesting that no buildings shall be erected on the said land except for the purpose of an art gallery, and that no such building shall be erected unless and until the design thereof has been approved by the Christchurch Domain Board:

"Provided that if the said Board fails to approve any such design within three months after the same has been submitted to it the Christchurch City Council may appeal to the Minister of Lands, whose decision shall be final.

"(3.) If the said Council fails to erect an art gallery on the said land within a period of five years after the passing of this Act, or if, having erected a building for an art gallery within that period, it thereafter at any time ceases to use such building for the purpose of an art gallery, the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, revoke the vesting of the said land in the said Corporation, and thereupon the said land and the buildings thereon shall revert to and become vested in His Majesty as part of the said Reserve 25, and the control thereof shall revert to the Christchurch Domain Board.

"(4.) The said City Council is hereby empowered and directed to pay to the said Board an amount equal to the expenditure (if any) incurred by the said Board in restoring, replacing, or repairing any part of the gardens, fences, erections, or other improvements in the said Reserve 25 which may in any

way be disturbed or damaged by the Council in the course of carrying out the work of erecting the said public art gallery.

"(5.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods seven and six-tenths perches, more or less, situated in the City of Christchurch, and being part of Reserve 25 (Hagley Park), and bounded as follows: towards the north by the southern boundary of Christ's College site in Hagley Park, 202·55 links; towards the east by the western boundary of the Museum site (part Reserve 25), 270·5 links; towards the south and west by other part of Reserve 25, 202·55 and 270·5 links respectively: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/562, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered green."

PART II.

To insert, under the heading "*City and Borough Councils,*" the following new clauses:—

"521. Whereas the area of land hereinafter described was formerly vested in the Corporation of Otahuhu Road District and is now vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Otahuhu as a public reserve under the provisions and for the purposes of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908: And whereas the bodies interred therein have been removed to another cemetery, and no further burials can lawfully be made in the said area, which is now used for the purposes of a public pound: And whereas it is desirable to change the purposes for which the said area is vested in the said Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Cemeteries Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the vesting of the said area in the Corporation of the Borough of Otahuhu for the purposes and subject to the provisions of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908, is hereby cancelled, and the said area is hereby vested in the said Corporation as a reserve for municipal purposes.

"(2.) The Otahuhu Road Board and the Otahuhu Borough Council shall be deemed to have been lawfully empowered to erect and maintain a public pound on the said area.

"(3.) In particular, but without limiting the purposes for which the said area may be used, the Otahuhu Borough Council is hereby authorized to utilize any portions of the said area as sites for workers' dwellings and a depot for any plant and stores belonging to the said Council.

"(4.) The area of land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece of land, containing three acres, more or less, being Lots 6, 8, and 10 of Section 8 of the Village of Otahuhu, Parish of Manurewa, Otahuhu Survey District, North Auckland Land District: bounded towards the north by Lot 4, 400 links; towards the east by a road, 750 links; towards the south by a road, 400 links; and towards the west by Lots 5, 7, and 9, 750 links: as the same is delineated on the public map or plan of the said Village of Otahuhu.

"521. (1.) The Wellington City Council may, for the purpose of providing funds out of which advances may be made to owners of premises in the City of Wellington for the purposes of drainage or sanitation works under Part XXII of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, borrow moneys not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five thousand pounds by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, by special order, and without taking the steps prescribed by sections eight to twelve of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

"(2.) The special rate made as security for any such loan may be made and levied over the whole of the city.

"(3.) In lieu of borrowing by way of special loan as aforesaid the Council may borrow by way of bank overdraft moneys not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five thousand pounds for the purpose aforesaid, and such moneys so borrowed shall to the extent of the amount of contributions unpaid by such owners be excluded from the general overdraft of the Council in determining the amount of overdraft permitted under the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22.

"52K. Whereas the area of land situate in the City of Christchurch, being town sections numbered 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, and 621, is vested in the Corporation of the City of Christchurch and is used by the City Council as a site of the power-house, workshops, garages, and offices of the Christchurch Municipal Electricity Department, the city destructor, the municipal baths, and the Council yard with stables, implement-sheds, and other buildings for the housing of the Council's horses and roadmaking implements and machines: And whereas the sites of the said stables and implement-sheds and other portions of the said area of land are not now required for these purposes: And whereas it is desirable to authorize the said Council to utilize for other purposes such portions of the said area of land as are not at present, or will not at any time, be required for the purposes for which they are now vested in the said Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"It shall be lawful for the Christchurch City Council from time to time to erect buildings upon the whole or any portion of the said area of land as is not required for the purpose for which it is now vested in the said Corporation, and to let the said buildings, or such of them as shall not for the time being be required for the use of the said Council.

"52L. Whereas there has existed a dispute between the Whakatane Borough Council (hereinafter called the Council) and the Spiral and Lock-bar Steel Pipe Company of New Zealand (Limited), of Wanganui, with respect to the balance of an amount owing by the Council to the said company for pipes, fittings, and materials purchased by the Council from the said company for the Council's high-pressure water-supply in the Borough of Whakatane: And whereas the Council and the company did on the twentieth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, agree upon a settlement of the said dispute, whereby the Council agreed to pay to the said company the sum of one thousand one hundred and fifty-three pounds two shillings and tenpence in full settlement of the said amount, in instalments of fifty pounds a month, commencing on the twentieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, together with interest on the balance thereof from time to time remaining unpaid at the rate of six pounds ten shillings per centum per annum computed from the said twentieth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas it is desired to validate the said agreement and to empower the Council to pay the interest at the said rate: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said agreement between the Council and the said company is hereby validated and the Council empowered out of its General Account or its Water-supply Account to pay to the said company, on the amount from time to time outstanding as aforesaid, interest at the rate of six pounds ten shillings per centum per annum in accordance with the terms of the said agreement.

"52M. Section one hundred and twenty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (*c*) of subsection three thereof, the following new paragraph:—

"'(*cc.*) The moneys due by each owner of land comprised in the proclaimed area, and all interest payable on such moneys, shall, until payment thereof, be a charge on the land in respect of which payment is due.'

"52N. Whereas the Hastings Borough Council, being duly authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the second day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, raised a loan of forty-nine thousand pounds under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for undertaking certain works in the Borough of Hastings, a portion of such loan—namely, fifteen thousand pounds—being specifically allocated for expenditure on the construction of four hundred and

eighty-one chains of new concrete footpaths (where the kerbs and channels are already established), and eight hundred and thirty-one chains of new concrete channels, kerbs, and footpaths: And whereas those works have been completed for less than that sum, and it is desirable to authorize the said Council to expend the surplus in constructing other concrete channels, kerbs, and footpaths in the said borough: 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 Hastings Borough Council to expend any surplus of the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds not required for the purposes for which the said sum was allocated in constructing new concrete channels, kerbs, and footpaths in such portion of the said borough as the said Council thinks fit.

"520. Whereas the land firstly described in subsection two hereof is held by the Corporation of the Borough of New Plymouth (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation) in trust partly for the improvement and benefit of the said borough and partly as a site for a Town Hall and public lecture-room: And whereas the land secondly described in subsection two hereof is held by the Corporation as a site for a septic tank: And whereas it is desirable that the reservations, trusts, and uses affecting the said lands should be removed, and that the said lands should hereafter be held by the Corporation as an endowment for the improvement and benefit of the said borough: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The lands hereinafter described are hereby freed from all reservations, trusts, and uses affecting the same, and such lands shall hereafter be held by the Corporation as an endowment for the benefit and improvement of the Borough of New Plymouth.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"Firstly, all that parcel of land in the Town of New Plymouth, containing three roods sixteen and two-tenths perches, being Allotments 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 on deposited plan 578, and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 104, folio 260, Taranaki Registry.

"Secondly, all that parcel of land in the Town of New Plymouth, containing together thirty-two and four-tenths perches, being Section 13, Storehouse Reserve, part of the bed of the Huatoki Stream and part of original bed of Huatoki Stream, being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 48, folio 53, Taranaki Registry."

Schedule: To omit the heading "Schedule," and substitute the headings "Schedules," "First Schedule."

To add the following Schedules:—

"SECOND SCHEDULE.

"NGEI ROAD-LINE AND ROAD RESERVES.

"*Part I.—Particulars as to Vesting of Portions of Road-line and of Reserves.*

Persons in whom the Several Portions of Road-line and Road Reserves are vested.	Area vested.	Identification on Plan No. L. and S. 16/1122 of Areas vested.
Thomas Bartlett, Alfred Bartlett, Sarah Greene	1 acre 1 rood 8 perches: road-line	Portion coloured yellow and marked A to B.
John Richard Lloyd Hammond	3 roods 29 perches: road-line	Portion coloured red and marked C to D.
The Corporation	4 acres 2 roods 22 perches: road-line and road reserve	Portion uncoloured and marked D to E.
William Barnard Rhodes, William Richard Holmes	14 acres 3 roods 39 perches: road-line and road reserve	Portion coloured blue and marked E to F.
Beryl Hammond	5 acres 1 rood 36 perches: road-line, subject as to part as to right of way	Portion coloured red and marked G to H.

"*Part II.—Private Lands vested in Corporation of County of Rangitikei.*

Owners of Several Portions of Land vested in Corporation.	Area vested.	Identification on Plan No. L. and S. 16/1122 of Areas vested.
Thomas Bartlett, Alfred Bartlett, Sarah Greene	1 acre 1 rood 8 perches ..	Portion hatched yellow.
William Barnard Rhodes, William Richard Holmes	14 acres 3 roods 36 perches, with right of way from and to public road to and from land hatched blue	Portion hatched blue.
Beryl Hammond	6 acres 1 rood 25 perches, including right of way from the land hatched red to the closed road-line, and thence north-easterly along such closed road-line to where it joins a public road at H, and from H to the land hatched red, by the same route	Portion hatched red.

"THIRD SCHEDULE.

"MINING PRIVILEGES AND OTHER RIGHTS HELD BY HIS MAJESTY.

"1. THE water-race known as the 'Wainihinihi Water-race,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 887, granted on the 16th day of April, 1914, to His Majesty the King, for a term of forty-two years. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Turiwhate Survey District; commencing at a point marked by peg 0·00 in the gorge of the Rough Wainihinihi River, and terminating at a peg marked '1 mile 59 chains' on Kawhaka Saddle. Length and course of race: 139 chains; westerly. Point of intake: Gorge of Rough Wainihinihi River. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 6 ft., with 7 ft. of ground protected on each side of race. Number of heads to be diverted: Fifty. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"2. The water-race known as the 'Waimea Water-race Extension (Additional Supply),' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 658, granted on the 27th day of November, 1912, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Government Water-race Manager, for and on behalf of His Majesty the King, for a term of forty-two years. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Turiwhate Survey District; commencing at a point on MacPherson's Creek, and terminating on the western slope of the Kawhaka Valley. Length and course of race: 215 chains; northerly. Point of intake: MacPherson's Creek. Mean depth and breadth: 3 ft. by 5 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Thirty—ten heads from MacPherson's Creek, five heads from No. 1 Tributary, and fifteen heads from Arahura Wainihinihi Creek. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"3. The branch water-race known as 'Callaghan's Branch Water-race,' held under license numbered 7857 from the Warden at Goldsborough, certificate of registration No. 39790, granted to Alexander Aitken, on behalf of Her Majesty, on the 7th day of December, 1892, and renewed for a term of forty-two years as from the 6th day of December, 1907. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Kanieri and Waimea Survey Districts; commencing at the outlet of the pipe-line on the Waimea Water-race, and terminating at the peg near the schoolhouse at Callaghan's Creek. Length and course of race: 4 miles 62 chains; northerly. Point of intake: Outlet of pipe-line on Waimea Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 6 ft., with area of 14 ft. in width on right-hand side of race for depositing spoil. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race lifting water from the Waimea Water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"4. The water-race known as the 'Branch Water-race to Middle Branch Flat,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Stafford as No. 36, granted on the 18th day of May, 1899, to Alexander Aitken, on behalf of Her Majesty, for a term expiring on the 31st day of December, 1941. This license includes water-race certificate of registration No. 84283, granted on the 27th day of May, 1898, from dam in Middle Branch Creek to Thompson's Freehold in Middle Branch Flat, and an extension from this point to a point near Lenihan's old shaft near Hokitika–Kumara Road. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing at a point in Callaghan's Branch Water-race, No. 7875, near Greek's Gully, and terminating at a point near Lenihan's shaft near Hokitika–Kumara Road. Length and course of race: 131 chains; north-westerly. Point of intake: Callaghan's Branch Water-race near Greek's Gully. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft., with 10 ft. on each side of race for spoil, &c. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race lifting water

from Callaghan's Branch Race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining. License to be subject to the condition that the race is not to interfere with the working of the respective freehold lands through which it passes.

"5. The reservoir known as the 'Middle Branch Reservoir,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Stafford as per certificate of registration No. 93713, granted on the 12th day of December, 1898, to Alexander Aitken, on behalf of Her Majesty, situated at a point in the middle branch of the Waimea Creek on the south side of the Hokitika–Kumara Main Road. Length of embankment: 11 chains. Greatest height of embankment: 20 ft. Greatest breadth of base: 90 ft. Area of reservoir: 12 acres. Purpose for which water is to be stored: Mining.

"6. The water-race known as the 'Main Race – Waimea Water-race,' declared by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 62, of the 23rd day of October, 1873, and *Gazette* No. 69, of the 15th day of July, 1880, respectively. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Kanieri and Waimea Survey Districts; commencing at a point on the reservoir reserve on the right-hand side of the Kawhaka Creek, and thence by open ditching, flumings, and tunnels to terminal point at Ballarat Hill, near Stafford. Length and course of race: 15¾ miles; north-westerly. Point of intake: Right-hand side of Kawhaka Creek at Government Reservoir Reserve. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Fifty. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"7. The water-race known as the 'Waimea Water-race, Branch B' (with extension to Tunnel Terrace). Extension held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Hokitika as No. 955, granted on the 22nd day of December, 1906, to His Majesty, per James Rochford, of Kumara, Water-race Manager, for a term of forty-two years. Branch B declared by Proclamation in *Gazettes* Nos. 62 and 69, dated the 23rd day of October, 1873, and the 31st day of December, 1874, respectively. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Commencing in the Waimea Survey District at a point on the Main Waimea Water-race about twelve miles below its intake in the Kawhaka Creek, and terminating at Tunnel Terrace below Goldsborough and Stafford. Length and course of race: One mile and a half; north-westerly. Point of intake: At twelve-mile peg on Main Waimea Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 3 ft. by 5 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race lifting water from the Main Waimea Water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"8. The water-race known as the 'Kawhaka Supply Race,' declared by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 102, of the 24th day of October, 1878. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Kanieri Survey District; commencing at a point on the right-hand side of the Kawhaka Creek about one mile below the intake of the Waimea Water-race, and terminating in the headwaters of the Kapitea Creek. Length and course of race: About four miles and a half; north-westerly. Point of intake: Kawhaka Creek, about one mile below intake of Waimea Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 6 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Forty. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining and power-development.

"9. The reservoir commonly known as the 'No. 1 or Distributing Reservoir,' situated in the Kapitea Creek at the intake of the Kumara Water-race No. 5354, near the northern boundary of the Reservoir Reserve. Length of embankment: About 7 chains. Greatest height: About 18 ft. Greatest breadth at base: About 80 ft. Area of reservoir: 50 acres. Purpose for which water is to be stored: Mining. Land within which reservoir constructed declared and streams taken by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 18, of the 10th day of March, 1881, and *Gazette* No. 110, of the 25th day of October, 1883, respectively.

"10. The reservoir commonly known as the 'No. 2 Reservoir,' situated in the Reservoir Reserve in the Kapitea Creek about 5 chains south of the Loop-line Road and about two miles above No. 1 or Distributing Reservoir. Length of embankment: 36 chains. Greatest height: 20 ft. Greatest breadth at base: 90 ft. Area of reservoir: 300 acres. Purpose for which water is to be stored: Mining. Land within which reservoir constructed declared and streams taken by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 18, of the 10th day of March, 1881, and *Gazette* No. 110, of the 25th day of October, 1883, respectively.

"11. The water-race known as the 'Kumara Race,' held under license dated the 9th day of June, 1876, and registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 5354, together with alterations and deviations thereof, as shown in certificate of registration No. 54355, granted on 23rd day of January, 1895, and license No. 394, granted on 25th day of January, 1911, respectively. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing on the right-hand side of Kapitea Creek at Government Reservoir No. 16101, and terminating at a point in the Kumara Borough about 8 chains from the eastern borough boundary. Length and course of race (including deviation): Two miles and three-quarters; north-easterly. Point of intake: Reservoir No. 16101 in Kapitea Creek (generally known as No. 1 Kapitea Reservoir). Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 8 ft., with a reserve of 7 ft. of ground on each side of race for the entire length. Number of heads to be diverted: One hundred and forty to a point at peg 65 chains, and forty heads from thence to terminal point. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"12. The water-race known as the 'Kumara Water-race – Branch Race to Kapitea Hill,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 19970, granted on the 19th day of August, 1889, to Her Majesty, with Extension Certificate No. 28982, dated 24th day of October, 1890, Reservation Certificate No. 19799, dated 16th day of September, 1889, and Extension Certificate No. 90649, dated 29th day of November, 1898. Locality of race and its

starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing at a point in Kumara Water-race No. 5354 at the outlet of the Kumara Head-race tunnel, and terminating at a point on the northern slope of the Kapitea Hill near the head of the No. 5 Sludge-channel. Length and course of race: About two miles; westerly. Point of intake: Outlet of Kumara Head-race tunnel, Kumara Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft., with a reserve of 10 ft. on lower side and 4 ft. on upper side of race on sideling, and 7 ft. of ground on each side of race on flat ground, for the entire length of race. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race taking water from Kumara Water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"13. The water-race known as the 'Kumara Water-race – Branch Race to Westbrook,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 271, granted on the 11th day of December, 1909, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Manager of the Government water-races, for and on behalf of His Majesty, for a term of forty-two years. Commencing at a point near Hayes Gauge on the Kumara Government Water-race No. 5354, such point of commencement being distant 649·3 links and bearing 231° 03′ from Tube XLII, Block XII, Waimea Survey District, Westland; from thence the race bears 41° 56′ 30″ for 1 mile 521·2 links, and from thence bearing 46° 43′ for 352·2 links to the River Teremakau, and from thence across the river 1148·9 links bearing 71° 22′, and from thence 5868·7 links bearing 24° 09′ to the discharge-tank and valve-house, and from thence by ditching round the sideling to the termination at a point above Quinn's Terrace, a total distance of 3 miles 50 chains from the commencement. The points of intake will be at Hayes Gauge aforesaid, from Dam No. 125 and from surface drainage along the course of the race. Mean depth and breadth: For one mile 7891 links, a pipe of 30 in. bore; for 42·09 chains, a ditch 4 ft. wide and 4 ft. deep; for 89 chains, a ditch 4 ft. wide and 4 ft. deep. Number of heads to be diverted: Twenty-seven, from Kumara Water-race. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining. From the commencement-point to a peg at distance of 1 mile 7891 links water will be carried by an iron pipe 30 in. in diameter, and for this distance the race-line is applied for 2 chains in width, this width being necessary for protection of pipes; from peg 1 mile 7891 links to peg 3 miles 50 chains the water-race will be conveyed by ditching 6 ft. 6 in. wide by 4 ft. deep, and for this distance the race-line is applied for 6 ft. 6 in. wide, with a strip of ground 10 ft. wide on each side of the said race for its entire length for the purpose of construction, maintenance, and improvement of same.

"14. The drainage area known as the 'Kumara Water-race – Branch Race to Westbrook Drainage Area,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 124, granted on the 13th day of December, 1899, to Otto William Anderson for a term of forty-two years, and transferred by way of assignment No. 262 to James Rochford, on behalf of His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of November, 1909, situated at Anderson's Swamp, Payne's Gully, on the north side of the Teremakau River, having a frontage of 10 chains by a depth of 20 chains. Posts at angles marked 'A' cut into the wood. This area of 20 acres is required to supply Dam No. 296 with water.

"15. The reservoir at outlet of Trans-Teremakau pipe-line north side of Teremakau River, held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 296, granted on the 9th day of February, 1910, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Manager of Government water-races, for and on behalf of His Majesty, for a term of forty-two years. Situated on the north side of the Teremakau River to the south of Westbrook diggings 4 chains below Anderson's Dam (License No. 125) and along same watercourse. Length of embankment: 620 ft. Greatest height: 12 ft. Greatest width of base: 62 ft. Area of reservoir: 15 acres. Purpose for which water is to be stored: Mining.

"16. All that area of land reserved under section 19 of the Mining Act, 1908, date of reservation the 25th day of January, 1911, registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 403, being all that piece or parcel of unoccupied Crown lands, containing 10 acres, be the same a little more or less, situate on the south bank of the Teremakau River near the sandhills near Dillmanstown: commencing at peg marked 'X' about 4 chains up-stream from the constructed Pontoon Dock near the Government pipe-line, extending thence in a westerly direction down the river for a distance of 20 chains to a peg marked 'A'; thence in a south-westerly direction to a peg marked 'B,' a distance of 5 chains; thence in a south-easterly direction to a peg marked 'C,' a distance of 20 chains; thence in a north-easterly direction, 5 chains, to commencing-point. Purpose of reserve: For power-house and generating-station.

"17. The branch race known as the 'Old Distributing Branch Race to Kumara Goldfield,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 6129, granted on the 16th day of May, 1877, to J. Gow for the General Government. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing at a point in the Kumara Water-race No. 5354 near the intake of the Kapitea Hill Water-race, and terminating in the old workings at Larrikin's. Length and course of race: About 20 chains; westerly. Point of intake: Kumara Water-race No. 5354. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft., with a reserve of 7 ft. on each side of the race for its entire length. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"18. The special site, held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 387, granted on the 17th day of December, 1910, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Manager of the Government water-races at Kumara, for and on behalf of His Majesty, for a term of forty-two years, being that piece or parcel of land, containing 1 acre, be the same a little more or a little less, situated on the side of the Kumara–Christchurch Road above Dillmanstown near Blake's old sawmill: commencing at a peg marked 'X' about 7 chains above the Trans-Teremakau

pipe-line, extending thence in a westerly direction along the Kumara–Christchurch Road for a distance of 5 chains; thence in a south-westerly direction for 2 chains; thence in a south-easterly direction for 5 chains; thence in a north-easterly direction for 2 chains to the commencing-point. Pegs at angles marked 'X' cut into the wood."

Government House,
Wellington, 24th September, 1925.

19. *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 stand referred to the Lands Committee.

20. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 41.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision for the Improvement of the Waterway of the Ashley River, and the Protection of certain Land in Canterbury," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Improvement of the Waterway of the Ashley River, and the Protection of certain Land in Canterbury.

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. *Ashley River Improvement Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Ashley River Improvement Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

22. *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.)

Clause 38 recommitted with the unanimous consent of the Committee.

Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "change-over" in line 50, the words "and for the reference to a Board of Appeal of disputes arising between the licensee and a consumer"; and to omit subclause (2). *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

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

"7A. The authority conferred by section forty-three of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, to apply the proceeds of the sale of portion of the Pahurehure Domain towards the purchase of the land described in subsection four of the said section forty-three shall extend to authorize the application of the said proceeds towards the purchase of any portion of the said land.

"7B. Whereas by notice published in the *Gazette* of the sixteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, Allotment 180, Parish of Takapuna, was set apart as an endowment for primary education: And whereas it is desired to set apart as recreation reserves those portions of the said land hereinafter described: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as an endowment for primary education over the lands described in subsection two hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said lands are hereby declared to be reserved for recreation purposes and to be subject to the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The lands to which subsection one hereof relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that land in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-five and one-tenth perches, being portion of Allotment 180, Parish of Takapuna: bounded towards the north by the mean high-water mark of the sea; towards the east by Lot 7 of Allotment 180 aforesaid, 320 links; towards the south by a proposed public road, 50 links; and towards the north by Lot 6 of Allotment 180, 325·75 links.

"Also all that land in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-five and eight-tenths perches: bounded towards the north by a proposed public road, 50 links; towards the east by Lot 23 of Allotment 180, 316·58 links; towards the south by a proposed public road, 51·56 links; and towards the west by Lot 22 of the same allotment, 329·17 links.

"Be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less; as the same are delineated on plan marked L. and S. 25/463, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"7C. Whereas Lots 1 to 7 of Allotment 38, Parish of Titirangi, containing in all approximately five acres three roods twenty perches, is vested in His Majesty the King and used for the purpose of a Probation Home for boys: And whereas the said land and the buildings erected thereon are now no longer required for such purpose: And whereas it is expedient that the said land and buildings should be vested in the Auckland Grammar School Board for the purposes of the Auckland Grammar Schools: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Works Act, 1908, or any other Act, the Governor-General, on payment by the said Board of such amount (if any) as may be agreed on between the Minister of Education and the said Board, may, by Warrant under his hand, empower and direct the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Auckland to issue to the said Board a certificate of title in respect of the said land.

"*Auckland Land District.*

"7D. (1.) Subsection two of section one hundred and two of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (*b*) thereof as amended by paragraph (*b*) of section 58 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, and substituting the following paragraph:—

"'(*b*.) The expenses of the Crown and of the Hamilton Domain Board in connection with the assessments or payment of compensation in connection with the taking, under the Public Works Act, 1908, of the land described in subsection three hereof, or with any proceedings in a Court of Compensation

in respect thereof, may be paid, without any further appropriation than this section, out of the Land for Settlements Account, into which account are payable the moneys derived from lands disposed of pursuant to the preceding paragraph.'

"(2.) Paragraph (*b*) of section fifty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby consequentially repealed.

"7DD. Whereas on the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and six, a timber-floating license was granted under the Timber-floating Act, 1884, to Frank Coulthard, of Mercer, to use the course of the Waikato River and the tributaries thereof north of Atiamuri Bridge to the sea for the term of three years from the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and six: And whereas the said license was eventually transferred to the Roose Shipping Company (Limited), a duly incorporated company having its registered office at Mercer: And whereas the said license was renewed from year to year until the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas the aforesaid license has lapsed through the failure of the licensee to apply for a further renewal thereof within the time prescribed in that behalf by the Timber-floating Act, 1908: And whereas it is deemed expedient to authorize a further renewal of the said license: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Timber-floating Act, 1908, the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Auckland Land District is hereby empowered, subject to the approval of the Auckland Land Board, to grant a renewal of the aforesaid timber-floating license for a further period of twelve months from the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, subject to such conditions as he may think fit."

"10A. (1.) The Egmont National Park Act, 1924, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the First Schedule thereto the following words: 'Also all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-eight acres two roods, more or less, being Sections 54 and 55, Block IV, Kaupokonui Survey District: also all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement seven acres, more or less, lying between the Patea River and the Pembroke Road, and bounded as follows—towards the north by the Pembroke Road (1 chain wide), 3191·7 links; towards the east by Section 55, Block IV, Kaupokonui Survey District, 121·7 links; towards the south by the Patea River; and towards the west by Section 54, Block IV, Kaupokonui Survey District, 10 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 44137, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged green.

"(2.) Section thirty-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1915, is hereby repealed."

"14A. Whereas the Tongariro Timber Company (Limited), (hereinafter called the said company) has under and in pursuance of the provisions of section thirty-seven of the Maori Land Laws Amendment Act, 1908, certain rights under agreements with the Aotea District Maori Land Board with respect to the lands described in such agreements and the timber thereon, and is under obligations to the said Board (*inter alia*) to construct within a certain period a railway (hereinafter called the private railway) from Kakahi Railway-station on the North Island Main Trunk Railway: And whereas by Order in Council published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-seventh day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the period within which the said company is bound to complete the construction of the private railway is extended for a total period of seven years from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas by memorandum of agreement (hereinafter referred to as the said agreement) bearing date the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the Minister of Railways did thereby grant

to the said company the right of connecting the private railway with the Government railway at Kakahi Railway-station aforesaid: And whereas by deed of lease (hereinafter referred to as the said lease) bearing date the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, His Majesty the King, acting through the Minister of Railways, did thereby lease to the said company a portion of the railway land at Kakahi Railway-station aforesaid: And whereas it is desirable that the said agreement and the said lease should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Minister of Railways is hereby empowered, and shall be deemed always to have been empowered, to enter into the said agreement and, for and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to grant the said lease, and the said agreement and the said lease shall have effect according to the tenor thereof.

"14B. Whereas the lands hereinafter described form parts of a State forest: And whereas it is desired to utilize the said lands for road purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything in the Forests Act, 1921–22, the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, proclaim as a road the lands hereinafter described.

"(2.) The lands to which the last preceding subsection applies are particularly described as follows:—

"All those areas in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement four acres and twenty-seven perches, being portions of Sections 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 409, 410, and 412, Block II, Akatarawa Survey District; as shown on plan marked L. and S. 1910/325, and deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured blue."

"15A. 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), were 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 in pursuance of section eighty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, part of the said reserve was released from the trusts and uses as a recreation reserve and vested in the Corporation in trust for the construction and erection thereon of hot salt-water baths and municipal buildings: And whereas the balance of the said reserve now comprises an area of eight acres three roods thirty-eight perches, more or less, in respect of which a certificate of title has been issued by the District Land Registrar at Blenheim, and is entered in Register-book, Volume 26, folio 4, Marlborough Registry (hereinafter referred to as the said land): And whereas the said land is not required for the purpose of a recreation reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The reservation for the purpose of a recreation reserve over the said land is hereby cancelled, and the said land shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Corporation in fee-simple freed and discharged from the trusts and uses affecting the same.

"15AA. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-eighth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, the Wairau and Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sound Mining Districts were abolished, and in lieu thereof that portion of New Zealand particularly described in the Schedule to that Proclamation was constituted a mining district under the name of the Marlborough Mining Districts: And whereas further Proclamations defining the said mining district were published successively in the *Gazette* of the twenty-second day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, the twenty-seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and the ninth day of May, nineteen hundred and one: And whereas the Marlborough Land Board has granted rights, titles, and interests in, on, and over lands

within the said mining districts, concerning which doubts have arisen as to whether in every case the said Land Board has disposed of the said lands without first referring the proposed disposition thereof to the Warden and receiving his report thereon in accordance with the provision in that behalf contained in section thirty-seven of the Mining Act, 1908: And whereas it is deemed expedient to validate all the said grants, titles, or interests which may have been made, granted, or created irregularly as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"All grants, rights, titles, or interests made, created, or issued by the Marlborough Land Board as aforesaid since the ninth day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, within the said Marlborough Mining Districts without receiving the report thereon of the Warden, where necessary, in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-seven of the Mining Act, 1908, or the corresponding provisions of any former Mining Act, and all transactions connected therewith, are hereby declared to have been as validly made, created, issued, or transacted as if the report of the Warden had in every such case been first received."

"*Westland Land District.*

"15B. The Minister of Lands, on the recommendation of the Land Board of the Westland Land District, and on being satisfied that it would be reasonable and equitable so to do, may remit wholly or in part any amount owing by the West Coast Farmers' Lime-producing Company (Limited) as on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, in respect of royalty on lime payable in terms of the said company's lease No. 1729 granted under the Land Act, 1924, over one hundred and eight acres in Block II, Totara Survey District."

"20A. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Land Act, 1924, the Land Board of the Otago Land District may from time to time, with the approval of the Minister of Lands, sell to the Dunedin City Council (hereinafter called the Council) any area or areas of Crown land within the survey districts of Waipori and Tuapeka East which the Council may from time to time desire to purchase for water storage, afforestation, or purposes incidental thereto.

"(2.) The price to be paid for any land purchased by the Council under this section shall be fixed by the Minister of Lands, and such price shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue within one month from the date the Land Board shall notify the Council in writing that the same has become payable.

"(3.) The Council shall also pay all charges for surveys and Crown-grant fees in respect of the land so purchased, in addition to the price determined pursuant to the last preceding subsection.

"(4.) Nothing in Part XIII of the Land Act, 1924, shall apply to any land so sold to the Council.

"20B. Whereas pursuant to section three of the Oamaru Town Reserves Management Ordinance, 1872, the management of the land hereinafter described is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Oamaru in trust for the purposes of health and public recreation: And whereas it is desirable that the said land should be vested in the said Corporation in trust for the aforesaid purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinafter described is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Oamaru in trust for the purposes of health and public recreation.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Land District of Otago, containing by admeasurement nineteen acres and three perches, being Reserve C, Town of Oamaru."

"23A. Whereas by the Main Highways Act, 1922, provision is made for the declaration of main highways, in respect of which the powers of construction and reconstruction are by the Act transferred from the several local authorities

concerned and are vested in the Main Highways Board: And whereas by section thirty-three of the Finance Act, 1924, local authorities are empowered to raise special loans under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the purpose of providing, in whole or in part, their contributions towards the cost of construction or reconstruction of any main highway: And whereas by section nine of the Main Highways Act, 1922, the Main Highways Board may delegate its powers in respect of any main highway or portion of a main highway to the local authority in whose district it is situated: And whereas certain local authorities have taken proceedings to raise special loans in respect of the cost of the construction or reconstruction of main highways: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the effectiveness of the delegation by the Main Highways Board of its powers in respect of certain main highways, and also as to the validity of the proceedings taken in such cases for special loans in respect thereof: And whereas it is desired to validate all proceedings heretofore taken by local authorities to raise loans in respect of the cost of construction or reconstruction of main highways: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"No proceedings heretofore taken by any local authority to raise a loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, in respect of the cost of construction or reconstruction of a main highway (whether the loan proposal was expressed to be for the purpose of providing the cost of such construction or reconstruction or for the purpose of providing the local authority's contribution towards such cost) shall be questioned on the ground that the local authority was not authorized to borrow moneys for or in respect of the purposes expressed in the proposal.

"23B. Whereas by deed of conveyance No. 107604, registered in the Deeds Register Office at Auckland, the Ngaruawahia Town Board was seised of an estate in fee-simple in those pieces of land situate in the Town of Ngaruawahia, being allotments numbered 583, 609, 610, 611, 653, 654, and 655, containing together one acre, more or less: And whereas the Ngaruawahia Town Board granted leases over parts of the above-described land, purporting to do so under the powers conferred on leasing authorities by the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act): And whereas the said Board appears never to have been constituted a leasing authority within the meaning of the said Act, and doubts have arisen as to the validity of such leases, and it is desired to validate the same: And whereas the Town District of Ngaruawahia has been constituted a borough, and the Ngaruawahia Borough Council is the successor of the Town Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) All leases granted by the Ngaruawahia Town Board over the aforesaid land since the first day of January, nineteen hundred and nine, and purporting to be granted by the said Board in pursuance of its powers as a leasing authority under the said Act are hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully granted, and the Board shall be deemed to have been a leasing authority under the said Act as from that date.

"(2.) The Ngaruawahia Borough Council is hereby declared to be a leasing authority within the meaning of the said Act, and shall for all purposes be deemed to have been such a leasing authority as from the eleventh day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty."

"32A. Whereas by section three of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1917, the East Tamaki Road Board was authorized to pay interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on the purchase-money for the time being unpaid in respect of the purchase of part of Lot 9 of the subdivision of Allotment 51 and others of East Tamaki Farms in the Auckland Land District, such purchase-money and interest being secured on such property by mortgage registered in the Auckland Deeds Register Office as No. 237791: And whereas the East Tamaki Road District (hereinafter referred to as the said road district) was merged in the Manukau County on the sixteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and at that date the sum of four hundred and fifteen pounds eight shillings and sixpence was

due and owing under the said mortgage as appearing in the balance-sheet of the said East Tamaki Road Board and now referred to as the East Tamaki Hall Loan: And whereas the said road district on being merged in the said county became part of the Papatoetoe Riding thereof, and it is inequitable that the principal and interest payable under the said mortgage should be paid out of the moneys apportioned to the said Papatoetoe Riding, and it is expedient to make provision as hereinafter appears for the payment of such moneys: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Manukau County Council may, by resolution, make and levy a special rate over all rateable property within the area formerly comprising the said road district of such amount as will annually produce a sufficient sum to make the payments hereinafter mentioned.

"(2.) Such special rate shall be an annually recurring rate, and may be levied from year to year without further proceeding by the said Council until the moneys due and owing under the said mortgage are fully paid off.

"(3.) The Council shall pay out of the proceeds of such special rate all interest, principal, and other charges properly payable by it in respect of the said East Tamaki Hall Loan.

"(4.) The Council may out of the proceeds of such special rate repay to the Papatoetoe Riding Account all moneys properly paid out of the said account in respect of the said East Tamaki Hall Loan since the date on which the said road district was merged in the said Manukau County.

"32B. Whereas on the nineteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the Hutt County Council submitted to a poll of the ratepayers of the Hutt County a proposal to raise a special loan of forty-five thousand pounds, under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the following purposes, namely: (1) To provide the Council's contribution under the Main Highways Act, 1922, towards the construction or reconstruction of the main highways in the County of Hutt; (2) to provide the Council's contribution under the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1924, towards the widening of the Day's Bay Road, being a main road in the County of Hutt; (3) to provide the necessary plant and machinery for carrying out the said works: And whereas the proposals submitted as aforesaid were duly carried, and a special loan was raised by the Hutt County Council accordingly: And whereas, having regard to the terms of the Acts referred to in the aforesaid proposals, doubts have arisen as to the authority of the said Council to borrow moneys for the purposes as expressed in the said proposals, and it is desired accordingly to validate the raising of the loan and all proceedings incident thereto: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"All proceedings taken by the Hutt County Council in respect of the hereinbefore-recited proposals shall be deemed to have been validly taken, and the loan to which such proceedings related shall be deemed to have been duly authorized and raised, and the special rate made and levied for the purpose of securing such special loan shall be deemed to have been validly made and levied."

"52A. Whereas the Timaru Borough Council (hereinafter called the Council) did on the twenty-second day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, take a poll of ratepayers upon a proposal to borrow by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of seven thousand pounds for the purpose of installing sewerage-works in the Borough of Timaru, and such poll was duly carried, and the special loan was duly raised, and called the Timaru Borough Drainage, Sewerage, and Works Loan No. 7, £7,000 (hereinafter referred to as the said loan): And whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the eighth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty, a certain area of land particularly described in the said Proclamation and hereinafter called the 'Watlington Area' was included in the said Borough of Timaru as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one: And whereas the Council desires that it be empowered to make

or pay out of the said loan, or out of any further sum raised under section eighteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, or out of its General Fund, or partly out of one and partly out of any other of them, to the owner or owners of rateable property within the Watlington Area, on whose property a dwellinghouse had already been erected prior to the inclusion of that area within the said Borough of Timaru, allowances for the purpose of assisting such owner or owners to connect their lands, buildings, and premises within that area with the public sewer within that area: And whereas it is necessary for the benefit of the health of the inhabitants of the said borough generally that the Council be so empowered: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Timaru Borough Council may from time to time without any further authority than this section, either out of the moneys raised under the said loan or out of any further sum raised under section eighteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, or out of its General Fund, or partly out of one and partly out of any other of them, pay to any owner of a dwellinghouse within the Watlington Area erected prior to the inclusion of that area in the Borough of Timaru an allowance not exceeding the sum of ten pounds towards the cost of connecting such dwellinghouse and its appurtenant buildings with the public sewer within the Watlington Area:

"Provided that from such allowance as aforesaid the Council shall be entitled to deduct the cost of extending or installing the branch sewer from the main sewer to the building-line of the land on which such dwellinghouse is erected.

"52B. Whereas the Corporation of the Borough of Petone is registered as the proprietor of the lands described in subsection two hereof: And whereas the said lands were acquired and have been used by the Petone Borough Council for the purpose of constructing thereon certain protective and drainage works: And whereas there is no longer any necessity for such protective and drainage works, and it is expedient that the Petone Borough Council should be given power to put the said lands to other uses: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, or any other Act, the lands described in subsection two hereof, and any moneys arising from the sale of the said lands, may be dealt with by the Petone Borough Council, without further authorization, as it thinks fit for any of the purposes of the borough.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows: All those pieces of land situate in the Borough of Petone, containing:—

"Firstly, three roods and eight-tenths of a perch, be the same a little more or less, being part of Section 6, Hutt District, and being part of Lot 2 on a plan deposited in the office of the District Land Registrar at Wellington under No. 890, and bounded as follows: commencing at a point on the western boundary of Section 6, Hutt District, distant 786·1 links from the southern side of White's Line; thence in a south-easterly direction on a line bearing 161° 19′ for a distance of 318·8 links; thence towards the south-west on a line bearing 262° 19′ for a distance of 61·7 links; thence towards the north-west along a line bearing 341° 19′ for a distance of 241·2 links to a point on the eastern boundary of Section 5, Hutt District; thence towards the north-east along the eastern boundary of Section 5 for a distance of 89·5 links to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less.

"Secondly, one acre one rood twenty-three perches and three-tenths of a perch, be the same a little more or less, being part of Section 6, Hutt District, and being Lot 3 on the aforesaid plan.

"Thirdly, fourteen perches and seven-tenths of a perch, being part of Section 7, Hutt District, and being parts of Lots 32 and 33 on a plan deposited as aforesaid as No. 709, and being all the land comprised and described in certificate of title, Volume 86, folio 223, Wellington Registry.

"52C. The Wellington City Council is hereby authorized to lease to the Corporation of the Victoria University College for the purposes of a marine observatory, at such rent (including a peppercorn rent) and for such term not exceeding fifty years, and upon and subject to such conditions, limitations, and restrictions, as the Council shall in its absolute discretion think fit, any part not exceeding three roods in extent of the recreation-ground at Island Bay comprised in certificate of title, Volume 158, folios 256 and 257, Wellington Registry.

"52D. Whereas the Hamilton Borough Council desires that a maternity home shall be established in or adjacent to the Borough of Hamilton: And whereas the Waikato Hospital Board has agreed to establish and maintain a maternity home on the land hereinafter described, provided that such land is vested in the Board for an estate in fee-simple free of cost: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Hamilton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase with the moneys belonging to the District Fund of the Borough of Hamilton all that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing one acre two roods one and fifty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being Lots 52 to 57 inclusive of a subdivision of part of Allotment 24 of the Parish of Te Rapa, as the same is delineated on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland as No. 17643, or any part of such land; and such land when so purchased may be transferred by the Hamilton Borough Council, or by the vendor by its direction, to the Waikato Hospital Board to be held in trust as a site for a maternity home.

"52E. Whereas on the twenty-ninth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the Otahuhu Borough Council submitted to a poll of the ratepayers of the borough a proposal to borrow by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of twelve thousand pounds to be allocated in the manner set out in the said proposal amongst certain waterworks improvements: And whereas the sum of nine thousand four hundred pounds was in the said proposal allocated for the purpose of the purchase of Mannesman steel or cast-iron pipes and for the work of laying and connecting the same to replace the existing defective water-mains in certain streets in the borough named in the said loan proposal: And whereas the said loan proposal was duly carried, and the sum of nine thousand pounds only was duly raised by the said Council on account of the said allocation of nine thousand four hundred pounds: And whereas the works for which the said sum of nine thousand four hundred pounds was allocated in the said loan proposal have been completed at a less cost than the amount of such allocation, leaving a balance of one thousand and eighty-three pounds of the said allocation unexpended: And whereas the said Council is desirous of expending the said balance of one thousand and eighty-three pounds in reticulating certain other streets in the said borough and in certain other waterworks improvements: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Otahuhu Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to expend the said sum of one thousand and eighty-three pounds on the purchase, construction, laying, and fitting of additional pipes, mains, fittings, and appliances for the supply of water in the Borough of Otahuhu, and on the construction and erection, on lands vested in the Corporation of the borough, of buildings for the housing of machinery, fittings, and appliances in connection with its waterworks system.

"52F. Whereas Allotment 46 of the Town of Hamilton West is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Hamilton for an estate in fee-simple for the purpose of the erection, maintenance, and improvement of municipal buildings either on the said land or on other lands in the said borough: And whereas the Hamilton Borough Council is desirous of assisting in providing accommodation in the borough for a Plunket Nurse by leasing part of the said Allotment 46 for such purpose at a nominal rental: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Hamilton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to lease the piece of land with right-of-way hereinafter mentioned, or any portion of such land, for a term of years to any person or body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, for the purpose of the lessee erecting and maintaining on such land a building for the use of a Plunket Nurse and mothers and children requiring her services.

"(2.) Any lease granted under the provisions of this section shall be for such period, at such rental, and subject to such conditions and provisions as the Hamilton Borough Council shall deem necessary and proper for the purpose aforesaid.

"(3.) The land with right-of-way referred to in subsection one hereof is all that piece of land, containing thirty-three and twenty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being Lot 5 of a subdivision of Allotment 46 of the Town of Hamilton West, as delineated on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland as No. 17380. Such land to be held with the right to use the right-of-way over other part of the said Allotment 46 delineated as a right-of-way or passage on a plan deposited as aforesaid as No. 15653.

"52G. Whereas on the seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the Taihape Borough Council, acting under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, caused to be taken a poll of ratepayers upon a proposal to raise a loan of twenty-four thousand pounds, upon the security of a special rate on the unimproved value of all the land comprised in a special-rating area within the Borough of Taihape, for the purpose of extending the said Council's water-supply and sewerage reticulation on the western and northern portions of the borough, which portions constituted the said special-rating area: And whereas the said proposal was carried and the loan raised: And whereas by a resolution passed by the Taihape Borough Council on the fourteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the said Council made and levied a special rate of sixpence and one halfpenny in the pound on the unimproved value over all rateable property in the said special-rating area: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the validity of the proceedings in connection with the taking of the said poll, and the description of the said special-rating area contained in the public notice of the said poll published in a newspaper circulating in the district, and in the voting-paper, and in the resolution making and levying the said special rate: And whereas it is expedient that the said special-rating area should be clearly defined, and that the said loan should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said special-rating area shall for all purposes be deemed to consist and at all times to have consisted of the whole of Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 75, 76, and 77, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District, and the whole of that part of the said borough lying to the west of the North Island Main Trunk Railway, excepting thereout Sections 16, 19, 20, and 21, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District.

"(2.) The said loan shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully raised, and the said special rate shall at all times and for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully made and levied, in respect of the said special-rating area as hereinbefore defined and all parts thereof."

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"52H. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subsection four of section six of the Thorndon Reclamation Act, 1921-22, there may be paid out of the separate account thereby constituted, to the extent of the moneys for the time being in that account, the whole or any portion of the moneys owing or to become owing by the Wellington City Council to the Crown in respect of the purchase of land required for widening Wakefield Street and for extending Tory and Chaffers Streets, all in the City of Wellington; and the residue only after the making of such payments shall be applied in the manner prescribed by the said subsection." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment proposed: At the end of the second line of the clause to omit the word "may," and insert the word "shall" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 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:—

"63A. Whereas the Waitomo Electric-power Board recently purchased and took over from the Te Kuiti Borough Council the electric-power house, plant, transmission-lines, poles, and all equipment generally used, owned, and employed by the Te Kuiti Borough Council in connection with the manufacture, supply, and distribution of electrical energy and electric light to the inhabitants of the said Te Kuiti Borough: And whereas under the provisions of section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, a license relating to the use of electric lines is to be issued to the said Waitomo Electric-power Board: And whereas the conditions of such license will necessitate a change from the Board's present direct-current system of supplying electrical energy: And whereas it is expedient that the conditions subject to such change-over shall be set forth in the said license: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) In the conditions of the license to be issued to the Waitomo Electric-power Board under section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, there may be inserted provisions governing the change-over hereinbefore referred to and the allocation between the licensee and the consumers of the cost of adjusting, altering, or replacing installations consequent on such change-over. Provision may be made—

"(*a.*) For classification of consumers' installations into the following classes:—

"(i.) Class A: Installations in which the wiring is found to be in accordance with the requirements of the license issued to the Te Kuiti Borough Council by Order in Council dated the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and published in the *Gazette* on the seventh day of the same month, and in accordance with the rules of the New Zealand Fire Underwriters' Association relating to electric wiring, and only require alterations necessitated by the change in system.

"(ii.) Class B: Installations in which the wiring is found to be defective under the requirements of the aforesaid license or the aforesaid rules of the New Zealand Fire Underwriters' Association.

"(iii.) Class C: Installations in which the wiring is worn out and under any conditions of supply would require to be rewired within a short period.

"(*b.*) For the allocation between licensee and consumers of the cost consequent on the change-over in the following manner according to the class of the installation:—

"(i.) Class A: The whole of the cost shall be paid by the licensee:

"Provided always that in the case of extensions and alterations which have not been authorized by the licensee the cost of alterations thereto shall be borne by the consumer.

"(ii.) Class B: The cost of removing all defects shall be paid by the consumer, and the cost of alterations due to change in system shall be paid by the licensee.

"(iii.) Class C: The whole cost shall be paid by the consumer.

"(2.) The following conditions may also be inserted in such license:—

"(*a.*) All work required to be done pursuant to the change-over in connection with installations of classes A and B shall, unless otherwise agreed between the licensee and the consumer, be carried out by the licensee.

"(*b.*) All money expended by the licensee for this purpose shall, in cases where the consumer may be liable, be a charge on the premises of the consumer

and recoverable accordingly. Provision may be made for consumers who do not desire to pay in full at the time of the alterations to pay in instalments due with their regular accounts for the supply of electricity.

"(*c.*) In case of any dispute arising in respect of matters affected by this clause between the licensee and a consumer, a Board of Appeal (whose decision shall be final) shall be set up to decide such dispute, which Board of Appeal shall consist of the following:—

"(i.) One representative appointed by the licensee:

"(ii.) One representative appointed by the consumer on whose premises the alterations are necessary:

"(iii.) The Stipendiary Magistrate for the district, who shall be Chairman.

"(3.) All the provisions and conditions of such license when issued shall be valid and binding on the licensee and every consumer.

"63B. Whereas the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Waitemata Electric-power Board rendered certain services to the Board by visiting and inspecting Power Boards' offices situated at Te Kuiti, Te Awamutu, New Plymouth, and Te Aroha: And whereas the Board paid the sum of six pounds one shilling and tenpence to the Chairman and the sum of eleven pounds sixteen shillings and threepence to the Deputy Chairman towards the travelling-expenses incurred by them respectively during the said visits and inspections, and it is desired to validate such payments: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The payments by the Waitemata Electric-power Board of the said sum of six pounds one shilling and tenpence to the Chairman and the said sum of eleven pounds sixteen shillings and threepence to the Deputy Chairman of the Board in respect of the said visits and inspections are hereby validated.

"*Hospital Boards.*

"63C. The expenditure by the Auckland Hospital Board during the current financial year of a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds in connection with the entertainment of delegates to the Hospitals Conference held at Auckland in the month of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully incurred."

"64A. Whereas three members of the Board of Managers of the Pukekohe Technical High School (hereinafter referred to as the Board) contracted with the Board and received payment for their services amounting in all to one hundred and seventy-six pounds thirteen shillings: And whereas the payment to the said members was disallowed by the Controller and Auditor-General, and the moneys received by those members were refunded to the Board: And whereas the said members subsequently resigned from the Board, and the Board repaid to those members the moneys refunded as aforesaid: And whereas such last-mentioned payment has been disallowed by the Controller and Auditor-General, and it is expedient to validate such payment: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Contracts and Local Bodies' Contractors Act, 1908, the payment by the Board of the sum of one hundred and seventy-six pounds thirteen shillings as aforesaid is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

"64B. (1.) For the purpose of building a school and hostel in connection with the Napier Boys' High School, the Napier High School Board, constituted under the Napier High School Act, 1882, may, with the consent of the Governor-General in Council, borrow from the Public Trustee, and the Public Trustee may lend to the said Board out of the Common Fund of the Public Trust Office notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Trust Office Act, 1908, or its amendments, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds on the security of the rents and profits of all or any of the lands vested in or belonging to the said Board, at such rate of interest, for such term of years, and upon such conditions as the said Board and the Public Trustee may agree upon and the Governor-General approves.

"(2.) If the Public Trustee shall grant the said loan, the instrument or instruments of security may be in such form, and may confer upon the Public Trustee such authorities, powers, and remedies for securing the repayment of the principal, interest, and other moneys intended to be secured thereby, and may contain such covenants, agreements, conditions, and provisions, as the Public Trustee shall require; and in particular may empower the Public Trustee, in case of default in payment of any such moneys, or in the performance or observance of any of the said covenants, agreements, conditions, or provisions, to enter into possession of the said rents and profits, or to appoint a receiver thereof."

"69A. Subsection three of section one hundred and thirty-one of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby amended by omitting the words 'to the Wanganui River Trust, who shall apply the said revenues,' and substituting the words 'into the Wanganui River Trust Domain Account, and the said revenues shall be applied.'" *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 ask for leave to sit again.

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

23. *Orders of the Day (Local Bills).*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day (Local Bills) be considered forthwith.

24. *Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill;

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

25. *Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill;

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

26. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill and the Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill.

27. *Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes 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 for the Reduction for Rating Purposes of Valuations of Farming-lands in the Borough of Mataura not suitable for Building Purposes."

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

28. *Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition 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 Borough of Brunner to be abolished, and the Area constituting the said Borough to be merged into the County of Grey."

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

29. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after two of the clock on Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-three minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Monday, the 28th Day of September, 1925.

The House met this day at half after two 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 Mr. Langstone (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Inia Ranginui and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

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 Coal-mines Act, 1925.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of four Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of half after five of the clock on Monday, the 28th day of September, and the Committee-room No. 28 of the Legislative Council as the time and place of meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Report of the Joint Library Committee. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Death Duties Amendment Act, 1925, the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Act, 1925, the Kauri-gum Control Act, 1925, and the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Forests Amendment Act, 1908, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

3. *Forests Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Forests 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 hath agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

4. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 42.*

The Bills intituled—

The Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, 1925,
The Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1925,
The Land and Income Tax (Annual) Act, 1925,
The Matamata County Council Empowering Act, 1925,
The Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1925,
The Manawatu-Oroua River District Amendment Act, 1925, and
The Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Empowering Act, 1925,

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, 26th September, 1925.

5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 43.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the 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:—

"12A. Whereas by section three of the Native Land Amendment and Native Lands Claims Adjustment Act, 1924 (hereinafter called the said section), a certain sum of money, representing interest earned upon moneys belonging to Native beneficiaries, was transferred to an account called 'The Maori Purposes Fund Account': And whereas the Control Board set up to administer such fund has decided, *inter alia*, to apply certain portions of the revenue of the said fund for the purposes of the higher education and advancement of Natives who have proved their aptitude: And whereas this is considered a service worthy of national support and of monetary assistance by the State: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Without further appropriation than this Act there shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund to the Maori Purposes Fund Account referred to in the said section five annual sums of three thousand pounds each, the first of such payments to be due and payable on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and succeeding payments on the corresponding day in each of the four immediately succeeding years.

"(2.) Any moneys so paid as aforesaid shall be administered by the Maori Purposes Fund Control Board constituted by the said section in the same manner and under the same conditions and regulations as other moneys in the Maori Purposes Fund Account are being administered."

Government House,
Wellington, 26th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a 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 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.

6. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

7. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 44.*

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 National Provident Fund Act, 1910," with the following amendments:—

"10A. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the definition of the term 'child' the words 'but does not include an adopted child,' and substituting the words 'and, with the approval of the Board, but not otherwise, includes an adopted child or a stepchild.'

"17A. Section nine of the Amendment Act, 1914, is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso to subsection one the words 'which would otherwise be refunded to him under this section,' and substituting the words 'deducted by the local authority from his salary or wages.'

"22A. Section nine of the National Provident Fund Amendment Act, 1919, shall apply in cases where a local authority has, whether before or after the passing of this Act, become a contributor to the fund in respect of a former contributor to any of the superannuation funds therein referred to, and in any such case the Board and the local authority concerned may agree that the whole or any portion of the service that would have been taken into account in computing a retiring-allowance from any such superannuation fund shall be deemed to have been service with the local authority."

Government House,
Wellington, 28th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 National Provident Fund Act, 1910.

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

8. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

9. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 45.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly providing for the Construction or Purchase of Works for the Generation, Transmission, and Supply of Electric Power by Electric-power Boards," with the following amendments:—

Clause 64, subclause (3): To omit the words "one pound," and substitute the words "ten shillings."

Clause 68, subclause (1): To omit the words "within twelve months after the first election of the Board," and substitute the words "before the Board commences the supply of electrical energy, or within three years after the first election of the Board, whichever period is the less."

Clause 68, subclause (2): To omit from paragraph (*a*) the words "of twelve months."

Clause 75: To add the following subclause:—

"(3.) If the Board or any member or officer of the Board wilfully makes default in complying with the requirements of this section, or of any regulations for the time being in force thereunder, the Chairman of the Board and every member or officer of the Board whose duty it was to comply with any such requirements shall, so long as such default continues, be guilty of a continuing offence and shall, on summary conviction for any such offence, be jointly and severally liable to a fine of fifty pounds."

Government House,
Wellington, 28th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 certain Enactments of the General Assembly providing for the Construction or Purchase of Works for the Generation, Transmission, and Supply of Electric Power for Electric-power Boards.

10. *Electric-power Boards Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Electric-power Boards 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 Electric-power Boards Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

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 Violet Watson, E. C. Moon, W. R. McGregor, E. H. Peddle, O. Mewhinney, John Simpson, a Special Report *re* Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–2.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of Violet Watson, E. C. Moon, W. R. McGregor, E. H. Peddle, and O. Mewhinney, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. Jordan, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–2.)

12. *Conference with the Legislative Council on the Coal-mines Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. T. W. Rhodes be discharged from the Committee of Managers appointed to conduct the Conference with the Legislative Council upon the subject of the amendments made by the Council in the Coal-mines Bill, and that the name of Mr. Macmillan be substituted in lieu thereof.

13. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Witty, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–6.)

14. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Field, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* Dentists Amendment Bill, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–7.)

15. *Controller and Auditor-General's Report and Prime Minister's Statement thereon Committee.*—Mr. Hawken, from the Special Committee on the Controller and Auditor-General's Report and Prime Minister's Statement thereon, brought up a Report, which was read, as follows:—

Your Committee was set up to investigate certain statements made by the Controller and Auditor-General in his Annual Report presented to Parliament (B.–1, Pt. II), and more particularly under the heading of "Audit of Government Stores and Property." This Report contained various specific cases of what the Controller and Auditor-General himself described as "waste and other serious irregularities and abuses" in various Departments of State. The language used was such as in one case to impute actual fraud to a former officer of one Department, and in other cases to reflect seriously on the administration of certain Departments. A reply by the Departments concerned was laid on the Table of the House by the Prime Minister (B.–2), and your Committee has carefully investigated the matters at issue by hearing much evidence from both the Controller and Auditor-General and his officers, and from the Heads of Departments and others. Your Committee does not think it necessary to state specifically its findings in each case, but prefers to state broadly the result of its investigations, as follows:—

1. Some of the cases referred to by the Controller and Auditor-General relate to past years, and the great majority of the cases investigated by your Committee were found not to justify any imputation of maladministration or negligence against the Departments concerned. In particular your Committee wishes to say that the charge against a Government officer, responsible for the requisitioning and issuing of certain stores for his Department, that he had used his public position to benefit his private ends, was completely disproved. In justice, however, to the Controller and Auditor-General it should be mentioned that the Department concerned, in reporting to the Audit Office, stated that the officer in question "on the face of it appeared to have acted dishonestly" in one instance, but your Committee thinks it is unfortunate that the matter was not more fully investigated both by the Department and the Audit Office at the time.

2. Your Committee is assured that it was not the intention of the Controller and Auditor-General that any reflection on the Public Service as a whole was to be inferred, but the manner in which the instances of alleged irregularity are set forth in the Report is calculated to give the impression that maladministration existed throughout the Service. This was not supported by the evidence, and had fuller investigation been made your Committee is satisfied that a number of the instances would not have been cited. It is fair to the Controller and Auditor-General to state that facts were brought out in the inquiry before your Committee which were not placed before him when he wrote his Report.

3. Your Committee further points out that, whilst the Public Revenues Act requires the Controller and Auditor-General to report to the Minister of Finance the names of persons failing to comply with the Act, there is no statutory mandate on him to report such names to Parliament. In this matter the Controller and Auditor-General in publishing the names is simply adhering to the practice that has hitherto obtained.

Your Committee is of opinion that the course followed in England of reporting the facts without names is worthy of consideration.

4. In reporting thus your Committee appreciates the zeal of the Controller and Auditor-General and his officers, and wishes it to be clear that its finding in no way implies that they should abate their efforts in inquiring and investigating into irregularities or losses, and of reporting them to the Minister of Finance and Parliament in the manner prescribed by the Public Revenues

Act. The Controller and Auditor-General contended that, although the amounts might be small, it was the principle and not the amount of money involved that was the important consideration, and your Committee agrees with the Controller and Auditor-General in this contention.

5. Your Committee is satisfied that good progress has been made in the matter of stores control in the various Departments, and desires to record its opinion that the general probity and efficiency of the Public Service is of a high standard.

Mr. Hawken moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McCombs moved, That the Question be amended by inserting, after the word "Report," the following words: "and a copy of the evidence."

And the Question being proposed that the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

15A. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 46.*

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:—

PART I.

To insert, under the heading "*North Auckland Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"7CF. Whereas in or about the year nineteen hundred and thirteen it was considered expedient to reclassify the lands comprising the Town of Pakington situated in the Parish of Waiuku East: And whereas though no steps were taken at the time to close a number of roads previously laid off in the said town the land comprised in such roads has been included in sections in connection with which dealings have taken place: And whereas it is expedient that these roads should be closed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The roads as shown in green colour on the plan marked 23519, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, North Auckland Land District, Auckland, and also shown on a copy of the same deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and marked L. and S. 16/1309, are hereby closed, and shall be deemed to have been so closed as from the twenty-sixth day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

"(2.) The lands comprised within the roads so closed are hereby declared to be and to have been as from the date aforesaid Crown lands available for disposal under the Land Act, 1924, or the Land Act, 1908, as the case may be, and all dealings with such lands heretofore carried out shall have effect accordingly.

"7CG. Whereas for the purpose of subdividing certain education reserves into allotments suitable for disposal and of providing road access to such allotments it is expedient that the interests in lease of education reserve, Lot 3 of Allotment 13 of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland, containing an area of two acres two roods twelve perches, should be acquired: And whereas the owner of the said lease and the mortgagees interested in the said lease

are prepared to surrender their interests therein: And whereas section four of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1914, provides that the power contained in section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1913, to determine the lease of an education reserve for subdivision purposes shall not extend to land which does not exceed fifty acres in area: And whereas in consequence of that provision payment of compensation in respect of such surrender as aforesaid cannot be made pursuant to section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"It shall be lawful to pay out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the amount of compensation that the Minister of Education may agree to pay in respect of the surrender of the lease of Lot 3 of Allotment 13 of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland, and in respect of the surrender of mortgages affecting such lease. Subsections two to five of section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to such payment as if it were a payment made pursuant to that section.

"7CH. Whereas by a notice published in the *Gazette* of the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, the land described in subsection six hereof was permanently reserved as a site for a public hall: And whereas the said land is not required for that purpose, but is required as a site for a public school: And whereas it is desired to secure as a site for a public school the adjoining education reserve described in subsection ten hereof: And whereas, in consideration of the consent given by the Auckland City Council to the taking without compensation of land at Mount Eden as a site for a training college, it is desired to vest in the Corporation of the City of Auckland the education reserves described in subsections seven, eight, and nine hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a site for a public hall over the land described in subsection six hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby permanently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(2.) The reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection seven hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust for the purposes of public recreation.

"(3.) The reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection eight hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the City of Auckland as a public road.

"(4.) The reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection nine hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust as a catchment area for water-supply purposes.

"(5.) In consideration of the surrender to the Land Board of the lease of the land described in subsection ten hereof it shall be lawful to pay out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds as compensation in respect of such surrender. Subsections two to five of section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to such payment as if it were a payment made pursuant to subsection one of that section.

"(6.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre two roods one perch, more or less, being Allotment 20A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(7.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre, more or less, and being Allotment 30 of Section 4, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(8.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood four and eight-tenths perches, more or less, being Lot 18 of Allotment 83 of Section 16, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(9.) The land to which subsection four hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and forty-six acres, more or less, being Allotment 63, Parish of Karangahape.

"(10.) The land to which subsection five hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland District, containing by admeasurement one acre three roods two perches, more or less, being Allotment 22A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland.

"7CI. (1.) Notwithstanding the provisions and reservations of section four of the Onehunga Endowments Act, 1877, or of any other Act, the Onehunga Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to lease or grant the exclusive license to mine or quarry such portion or portions of the land mentioned in that section as the said Council may consider are not immediately required for the purposes or reservations mentioned therein, in such manner, for such purposes, and for such term not exceeding forty-two years, and upon and subject to such conditions and terms, as the said Council may deem expedient, and the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-seven of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, shall not apply to any such lease or license, anything to the contrary in section six of the said Onehunga Endowments Act, 1877, notwithstanding.

"(2.) No lease or license shall be granted as herein provided without the approval of the Minister of Lands and the prior consent of all local bodies holding rights under section four of the Onehunga Endowments Act, 1877, and any regulations made pursuant to that section.

"(3.) All revenues received from any such leases or licenses shall be used exclusively in or towards the embellishment of the land referred to in the said section four."

To insert, under the heading "*Auckland Land District*," the following new clause:—

"Whereas pursuant to the provisions of the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915, moneys have been expended out of the Swamp Drainage Land Account for the purpose of rendering fit for settlement the national-endowment lands described in subsection two hereof: And whereas the said lands have been disposed of at capital values which include the said moneys expended out of the aforesaid account, and it is desired to make provision whereby the said account may be reimbursed in respect of the said expenditure: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) No rate shall be levied on the said lands pursuant to the provisions of section five of the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915, but in lieu of levying such a rate the following provisions shall apply:—

"(*a*.) Pending the acquisition of the freehold by any person of any of the said lands there shall be paid from time to time out of the National Endowment Account into the Swamp Land Drainage Account, without further appropriation than this section, such amount as the Minister of Lands may fix, but not exceeding the amount that could have been collected in respect of the said lands by virtue of a rate made and levied pursuant to the said section five of the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915.

"(*b.*) In the event of the acquisition by any person of the fee-simple of any of the said lands, there shall be paid out of the National Endowment Trust Account into the Swamp Land Drainage Account, without further appropriation than this section, the outstanding balance, if any, of the proportion of the expenditure out of the latter account properly chargeable against the land sold.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing three hundred and fifty-seven acres, more or less, being Sections 22, 35, 36, 37, 38, 50, and 51, Block II, Waihi South Survey District."

To insert, under the heading "*Gisborne Land District*," the following new clauses:—

"7EF. Whereas in connection with the consolidation of the Crown and Native interests respectively in the Urewera Block, and with the acquisition by the Crown of lands comprising the watershed of Lake Waikaremoana, the land hereinafter described was purchased by the Crown, partly out of moneys standing to the credit of the Scenery Preservation Account and partly out of moneys standing to the credit of the Public Works Fund, for the purpose of granting it to certain Natives as part-compensation for their interests in lands taken for scenic purposes and for water-conservation in connection with a hydro-electric scheme: And whereas such Natives have declined to accept the said land, and it is desirable that it should be made available for disposal under the Land Act, 1924, and that the proceeds of such disposal should be paid into the Native Land Settlement Account: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinafter described is hereby declared to be available for disposal under the Land Act, 1924, and shall be deemed to have been so available as from the date of the acquisition thereof by His Majesty the King.

"(2.) The proceeds from the disposal of the said land, whether received before or after the passing of this Act, shall be paid into the Native Land Settlement Account.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing eight hundred and eighty acres two roods ten perches, more or less, being Section 5, Block III, Waiau Survey District.

"7EG. Whereas the land hereinafter described was by warrant published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of January, nineteen hundred and three, permanently reserved for the purpose of a landing-place: And whereas it is desirable that the said land should be vested in the Corporation of the County of Opotiki in the event of the powers of a Harbour Board in respect of the Ohiwa Harbour being conferred on the Opotiki County Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) On the issue of an Order in Council conferring on the Opotiki County Council the powers of a Harbour Board with respect to the Ohiwa Harbour, the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, vest the land hereinafter described in the Corporation of the County of Opotiki in trust, without power of sale, for the purpose of a landing-place.

"(2.) If at any time a Harbour Board is constituted to control the Ohiwa Harbour, the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, cancel the vesting of the said land in the Corporation of the County of Opotiki and vest the same in trust for the purpose of a landing-place in such Harbour Board.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing by admeasurement nineteen acres one rood, more or less, and being Allotment 191B in the

Parish of Waiotahi, situated in Block XI, Whakatane Survey District, in the Gisborne Land District."

To insert, under the heading "*Taranaki Land District*," the following new clause :—

"10B. Whereas the Land Board of the Taranaki Land District, by resolution dated the twenty-sixth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, forfeited the interest of Siegeamundt Schultz in the leases in perpetuity registered in Volume 49, folio 72, and in Volume 77, folio 113, Taranaki Land Registry, over Section 5, Block I, Pouatu Survey District, and over Section 10, Block I, Pouatu Survey District, in the said land district, for failure to comply with the conditions of the said leases: And whereas notices of such forfeitures were duly published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-third day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas it is deemed expedient to revoke the said forfeitures and to revive the said leases: Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

"(1.) The said notices of forfeiture are hereby revoked.

"(2.) The said leases in perpetuity are hereby revived, and shall be deemed to have continued to operate as if the said forfeiture had not taken place.

"(3.) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Taranaki, on being requested so to do by the Commisssioner of Crown Lands for the Taranaki Land District, is hereby empowered and directed to make such entries in the register as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section."

To insert, under the heading "*Wellington Land District*," the following new clauses :—

"14E. (1.) The reservation as a provisional State forest over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set apart as a reserve and declared to form part of the Tongariro National Park and to be subject to the provisions of the Tongariro National Park Act, 1922.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows :—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement four thousand six hundred and forty-three acres, more or less, being parts of Rangataua North Nos. 1 and 3 Blocks, and being portion of Provisional State Forest No. 72 as described in the *Gazette* of the first day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, at page 1511: bounded towards the north generally by the south-western boundary of the Tongariro National Park as described in the Schedule to the Tongariro National Park Act, 1922, from the south-eastern boundary of the Urewera 1A Block to the Mangaehuehu Stream; towards the east by the said Mangaehuehu Stream to its intersection with the northern boundary of that portion of Rangataua North Nos. 1 and 3 Blocks over which the Ruapehu Timber Company hold milling rights; towards the south by the aforesaid portions of Rangataua North Nos. 1 and 3 Blocks on a line bearing 292° for a distance of 14206·8 links to the north-eastern corner of Rangataua North 2B No. 2 Block, and by the north-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned block to Mangawhero River; towards the west and north-west by the western and north-western boundaries for the aforesaid Rangataua North No. 1 Block to the place of commencement.

"14F. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section thirty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Ashhurst Domain Board may pay to the Trustees of the Ashhurst Public Cemetery out of the funds accrued or hereafter accruing to the credit of the Ashhurst Domain a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds as a contribution towards the erection of a cottage on the Ashhurst Public Cemetery Reserve.

"14G. Notwithstanding anything in section thirty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, it shall be lawful for the Levin Borough Council in its capacity as the Levin Park Domain Board to expend on the management, administration, and improvement of the Levin Park Domain such portions of the revenue received by it in its capacity as the Levin Domain

Board in respect of the Levin Domain as the Minister of Lands may from time time approve."

To insert, under the heading "*Westland Land District*," the following new clause :—

"Whereas the Greymouth High School Board was constituted under the provisions of the Greymouth High School Act, 1883, with power to establish a secondary school in the district : And whereas no such secondary school has been established : And whereas a technical high school has been established in Greymouth to provide for the post-primary educational requirements of the district : And whereas it is expedient to abolish the High School Board and to vest its property, rights, and liabilities in the Technical School Board : And whereas owing to several separate statutory requirements being in force doubts have arisen as to whether the revenues from reserves and endowments for secondary education in the Westland Provincial District have been distributed in exactly the correct proportions, and it is desirable to validate past payments : And whereas it is desirable to make certain provision for the application of future revenues : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, dissolve the Greymouth High School Board as from a date set out in the Order, and the property, rights, and liabilities of the Board so dissolved shall thereupon vest in and become the property, rights, and liabilities of the Greymouth Technical School Board.

"(2.) The property so vested in the Greymouth Technical School Board may be utilized by the Board for such lawful purposes in connection with the school under its control and the administration thereof as the Minister of Education may approve.

"(3.) From the date of the dissolution of the Greymouth High School Board as aforesaid the Greymouth Technical High School shall, for the purposes of the application of revenues from education reserves and endowments pursuant to section four of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, be deemed to be a secondary school, and the Greymouth Technical School Board shall be deemed to be the governing body thereof. In its application of any moneys received pursuant to this subsection the Board shall be subject to the same requirements and conditions, with the necessary modifications, as the governing body of a secondary school would be.

"(4.) All payments heretofore made to the Greymouth High School Board and to the Hokitika High School Board from revenues accruing from reserves and endowments in the Westland Provincial District and purporting to be made pursuant to the provisions of the Greymouth High School Act, 1883, the Hokitika High School Act, 1883, and the Education Reserves Act, 1908, shall be deemed to have been validly made pursuant to those Acts."

To insert, under the heading "*Canterbury Land District*," the following new clause :—

"19F. Section sixty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, is hereby amended by omitting the words 'seven hundred pounds' in subsection two thereof, and substituting therefor the words 'eight hundred pounds.'"

To insert, under the heading "*Otago Land District*," the following new clause :—

"20C. Whereas the Cromwell Development Company (Limited), of Dunedin, purchased certain lands from His Majesty the King under section six of the Water-supply Amendment Act, 1913 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) : And whereas the company duly caused the said lands (and certain other lands) to be surveyed and subdivided into two subdivisions known as the Sarita Subdivision and the Elspeth Subdivision : And whereas it has been found that such surveys and subdivisions are unsuitable for the purposes for which the said lands may be used, and it is desired accordingly to release the said company from the restrictions as to the disposal of the said lands imposed by section six of the said Act : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

"(1.) The said Cromwell Development Company (Limited) may from time to time resurvey and resubdivide the lands purchased under the said Act which are comprised in the said Sarita and Elspeth Subdivisions, and shall cause such lands to be offered for sale or for lease (with a purchasing clause) by auction or tender or contract upon the terms already approved in respect thereof by the Governor-General in Council, or any modification of such terms hereafter approved by the Governor-General in Council: Provided that the area of any allotment offered for sale or lease hereunder shall not exceed such area as the Minister of Lands, on the recommendation of the Land Board of the Otago Land District, may approve.

"(2.) No person shall be entitled to acquire any land purchased by the said company under the said Act and comprised in the said Sarita Subdivision or in the said Elspeth Subdivision in excess of the area limited by and computed in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and seven of the Land Act, 1924, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

"(3.) The provisions of subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of paragraph (*a*) of the said section six of the said Act shall not hereafter apply to any lands comprised in the said Sarita and Elspeth Subdivisions.

"(4.) The said Sarita Subdivision to which this section applies is all that parcel of land situated in the Cromwell Survey District, being a subdivision of part of Blocks I and II of the said district, and being all the land comprised in and delineated on the plan of Sarita deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor of the Otago Land District at Dunedin, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Provisional Register-book, in the Land Registry Office at Dunedin, Volume 17, folio 8.

"(5.) The said Elspeth Subdivision to which this section applies is all that parcel of land situated in the Cromwell Survey District, being all the freehold allotments comprised in and delineated on the plan of Elspeth deposited in the Land Registry Office at Dunedin as No. 2970, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title, Register-book, in the Land Registry Office, Volume 58, folio 191, and part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Register-books, Volume 178, folio 263, and Volume 191, folio 237."

PART II.

To insert, under the heading "*County Councils*," the following new clauses:—

"32C. (1.) The Hokianga County Council may, with the prior consent of the Minister of Agriculture, and upon such terms as he may determine, purchase any existing cattle-dips in its district, and the land on which any such dips are constructed, and may make by-laws regulating the use thereof and prescribing such fees and charges for such use as it may think fit.

"(2.) For the purpose of purchasing any such dips the Council is hereby empowered to raise a special loan under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, by special order, and without taking the steps described in sections eight to twelve thereof.

"32D. (1.) The Bay of Islands County Council may, with the prior consent of the Minister of Agriculture, and upon such terms as he may determine, purchase any existing cattle-dips in its district, and the land on which any such dips are constructed, and may make by-laws regulating the use thereof and prescribing such fees and charges for such use as it may think fit.

"(2.) For the purpose of purchasing any such dips the Council is hereby empowered to raise a special loan under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, by special order, and without taking the steps described in sections eight to twelve thereof."

To insert, under the heading "*City and Borough Councils*," the following new clauses:—

"52F. The Wellington City Council is hereby authorized to expend out of moneys in the hands of the Council under deed dated the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and eleven, made between Charles John Johnston, of

the City of Wellington, merchant, of the one part, and the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington, of the other part, relating to certain moneys known as the Wellington Jubilee Fund, held for the purpose of carrying into effect resolutions passed at a public meeting held in the City of Wellington on the fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety, as set out in that deed, a sum of not more than one hundred pounds in purchasing certain photographs and pictures exhibited at the Winter Show held in Wellington in the month of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and in providing suitable cases and frames for the same.

"52Q. (1.) The Wellington City Council may in respect of an alleged nuisance arising from smoke from its electric-power house at Evans Bay pay in full satisfaction of all present and future claims by persons claiming to be affected by such nuisance allowances not exceeding in the whole one thousand five hundred pounds out of moneys to the credit of the tramways undertaking and the electric light and power supply undertaking on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

"(2.) No such allowance shall be paid under this section to any person unless the General Manager or other officer for the time being appointed by the City Council to manage the Wellington City Corporation Tramways certifies that the claimant is, in his opinion, entitled to the amount proposed to be paid.

"(3.) No such allowance shall be paid to any person who has received any compensation under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, in respect of any such nuisance, nor shall any such allowance be paid to any person who has made a claim for such compensation unless and until he executes a release by deed of all claims for compensation under the Public Works Act, 1908, or otherwise howsoever.

"52R. Whereas on the twenty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the Westport Borough Council was authorized by the ratepayers of the borough to raise two separate loans of twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds (for the purpose of installing electric light and power within the Borough of Westport) and three thousand pounds (for the purpose of advances of money to ratepayers for private electric connections) respectively: And whereas the former such loan, together with a further sum not greater than one-tenth of the amount originally authorized by the ratepayers which has already been raised, is insufficient for the purpose of completing the undertaking in respect of which it was raised, and an additional sum of one thousand pounds is required for such purpose: And whereas the said loan of three thousand pounds is greater than is necessary for the purpose of completing the public work for which it was raised, and it is expedient to spend one thousand pounds of such loan on the public work for which the loan of twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds was obtained: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the Westport Borough Council may utilize any sum not exceeding one thousand pounds (being portion of the unexpended balance of the said loan of three thousand pounds) for the purpose of completing the work for which the said loan of twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds was raised.

"52S. Whereas the Corporation of the Borough of New Plymouth is seised of an estate of freehold in fee-simple as a reserve and endowment for the improvement and benefit of the Town of New Plymouth in all that piece of land containing by admeasurement fifty-five hundredths of a perch, more or less, being the section numbered 2339 on the public maps of the Town of New Plymouth, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 104, folio 259, Taranaki Registry: And whereas owing to its limited area the said land is not used for the purpose for which it was reserved, and it is expedient to authorize the New Plymouth Borough Council to sell the same: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation of the said land as a reserve and endowment for the improvement and benefit of the Town of New Plymouth is hereby cancelled.

"(2.) The New Plymouth Borough Council is hereby empowered to sell the said land and to pay the proceeds of such sale into its General Account for the purposes of that account."

To insert, under the heading "*Harbour Boards*," the following new clause:—

"57A. Whereas pursuant to subsection two of section ninety-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914, the Wairau Harbour Board entered into contracts for the purchase of certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments upon terms providing for the repayment of the purchase-moneys within a period of seven years: And whereas that period has expired without the said Board having repaid the said purchase-moneys in full: And whereas it is expedient to empower the said Board to agree with the vendors of the said property for an extension of time within which to pay the balance of unpaid purchase-moneys: And whereas it is expedient to extend the leasing-powers conferred on the said Board by subsection three of the said section ninety-nine: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding that the period has expired within which the Wairau Harbour Board is bound by any contract entered into pursuant to subsection two of section ninety-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914, to pay the purchase-moneys in respect of any lands, tenements, and hereditaments purchased by it pursuant to that subsection, the said Board may agree with the vendors for an extension of time within which to pay the balance of such moneys unpaid at the expiration of such period as aforesaid, and may pay interest at such rate as may be approved by the Minister of Finance on the balance of such moneys for the time being outstanding.

"(2.) The power conferred by the said Board by subsection three of the said section ninety-nine is hereby extended to enable the said Board to lease any lands, tenements, and hereditaments pursuant to that subsection for any term not exceeding eighteen years from the date of purchase of such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and in any case where a lease has heretofore been granted for a term of less than eighteen years the Board may, notwithstanding that such period may have expired before the passing of this Act, extend such lease for a term or terms expiring not later than eighteen years after the date of the purchase by the Board of the lands, tenements, or hereditaments in respect of which it was granted."

To insert, under the heading "*Electric-power Boards*," the following new clause:—

"63C. Whereas it is provided by section thirty-seven of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, that an Electric-power Board may provide public offices within the electric-power district: And whereas owing to the scattered nature of the different parts of the Otago Electric-power District, and the difficulties of access between them, it is expedient that the public offices of the said district be established in the City of Dunedin, which is not within the district: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Otago Electric-power Board is hereby authorized to exercise within the City of Dunedin the powers conferred by section thirty-seven of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, as if the said city were situated within the Otago Electric-power District."

To insert, under the heading "*Miscellaneous Public Bodies*," the following new clause:—

"69B. Paragraph (*b*) of section six of the Hamilton Parsonage Site Act, 1904, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

"'(*b.*) Subject to the approval of the General Synod of the Church first had and obtained, any moneys remaining out of any rents received under any lease shall be applied by the Trustees in manner following, that is to say:—

'(i.) For the period of twenty-one years commencing from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six,—

'Firstly, in payment of the annual sum of six hundred pounds towards the stipend of the Bishop of Waikato, or towards the provision or maintenance of a See House for the said Bishop, or towards both of the said purposes, as from the date of the appointment of the first Bishop.

'Secondly, in payment of the annual sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds to each of the vestries of St. Peter's (Hamilton) and St. George's (Frankton) at Hamilton.

'Thirdly, for the general purposes of the Church at Hamilton in such manner as the Synod of the diocese in which Hamilton is situated shall from time to time direct.

'(ii.) After the expiration of the said period of twenty-one years any moneys remaining out of such rents shall be applied by the Trustees in such manner as the Synod of the diocese in which Hamilton is situated shall determine: Provided that the annual payment towards the stipend of the Bishop of Waikato shall be not less than six hundred pounds, and that the remainder of such moneys shall be used for the general purposes of the Church at Hamilton:

'Provided, however, that any payments authorized by this paragraph (*b*) to be made towards the stipend of the Bishop of Waikato or towards the provision or maintenance of a See House for the said Bishop shall be made only so long as the Diocese of Waikato is administered from Hamilton and the said Bishop resides at Hamilton.'"

First Schedule: To insert, under headings "*Auckland Land District*" and "*Canterbury Land District*" respectively, the following items:—

No.	Description of Land.	Purposes for which Land reserved.	Instrument of Reservation.
	Auckland Land District.		
"1A	All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 9 acres and 6 perches, more or less, being portion of Section 1, Block I, Tuhingamuta East Survey District: bounded by a line commencing at the north-western corner of said reserve, and proceeding thence along the northern boundary of said reserve by lines bearing 85° 52' (distance 700 links), bearing 103° 25' (distance 322·2 links); thence by a line running through said reserve bearing 156° 50' 30" (distance 1541·1 links) to the south-western boundary of said reserve; and thence along that boundary bearing 304° 33' (distance 1190·4 links) and bearing 320° 14' (distance 996·4 links) to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid bearings and distances a little more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. XII/15B, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red	Timber reserve for Post and Telegraph Department	Notice in *Gazette*, 21st March 1895."
	Canterbury Land District.		
"13A	Reserve 2902, Blocks VII and XI, Rakaia Survey District, Canterbury Land District, containing 550 acres, more or less	River conservation	Notice in *Gazette*, 2nd July, 1891."

Government House,
Wellington, 28th September, 1925.

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

16. *Acting Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Sir G. Hunter be Acting Chairman of Committees.

17. *Message (*continued*).*—The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Sir G. Hunter reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Sir G. Hunter 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 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 the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

18. *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 stand referred to the Lands Committee.

19. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Electric-Power Boards Act, 1925, transmitted in Message No. 38 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Apprentices Amendment Act, 1925, and the Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Act, 1925, without amendment.

20. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 69 be suspended in order that the House may continue the Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Special Committee on the Controller and Auditor-General's Report and the Prime Minister's Statement thereon do lie upon the Table, and the amendment proposed thereto, To insert, after the word "Report," the following words: "and a copy of the evidence," interrupted by the half after five p.m. adjournment.

The House resumed the said Debate.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Report and a copy of the evidence do lie upon the Table.

21. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the National Provident Fund Amendment Act, 1925, transmitted in Message No. 37 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Brunner Borough Abolition Act, 1925, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

22. *Brunner Borough Abolition Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Brunner Borough Abolition 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.

23. *Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes and Proposals for a Pact of Security.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That the White Papers on the Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes and Proposals for a Pact of Security (A.–5B, A.–5C, and A.–5D) be referred to the Government for consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1925.

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

Ordered, That the papers be referred to the Government for consideration.

24. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 47.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Relief of the Occupiers of certain Crown and other Lands in respect of Hardship due to the Deterioration of such Lands or to their Natural Lack of Productivity," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Relief of the Occupiers of certain Crown and other Lands in respect of Hardship due to the Deterioration of such Lands or to their Natural Lack of Productivity.

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

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

25. *Deteriorated Lands.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Deteriorated Lands Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

26. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

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

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

27. *Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

28. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

29. *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;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

30. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill and the Native Land Amendment and Native Lands Claims Adjustment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

31. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 5, to insert, after the words "may direct," the words "the Board to inquire into any claims made by the beneficiaries and pay over to such beneficiaries any moneys due to them by the Board, provided the said beneficiaries use such moneys for the benefit of themselves or their families." *(Mr. O'Brien.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 30 read and agreed to.

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

"12A. Whereas by section three of the Native Land Amendment and Native Lands Claims Adjustment Act, 1924 (hereinafter called the said section), a certain sum of money, representing interest earned upon moneys belonging to Native beneficiaries, was transferred to an account called 'The Maori Purposes Fund Account': And whereas the Control Board set up to administer such fund has decided, *inter alia*, to apply certain portions of the revenue of the said fund for the purposes of the higher education and advancement of Natives who have proved their aptitude: And whereas this is considered a service worthy of national support and of monetary assistance by the State: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Without further appropriation than this Act there shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund to the Maori Purposes Fund Account referred to in the said section five annual sums of three thousand pounds each, the first

of such payments to be due and payable on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and succeeding payments on the corresponding day in each of the four immediately succeeding years.

"(2.) Any moneys so paid as aforesaid shall be administered by the Maori Purposes Fund Control Board constituted by the said section in the same manner and under the same conditions and regulations as other moneys in the Maori Purposes Fund Account are being administered."

"16A. Whereas a certain lease of the Whakapoungakau No. 15B Block granted by certain Natives to Dr. H. Bertram, of Rotorua, was finally confirmed by the Waiariki District Maori Land Board on the 20th December, 1921: And whereas the lands comprised in the said lease were and are Native land which had been subject to the Thermal Springs Districts Act, 1908, and it is alleged that there was and is situated thereon a mineral spring: And whereas no precedent consent of the Governor-General in Council was granted to such alienation or to such confirmation, as required by section three of the Thermal Springs Districts Act, 1910: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) No alienation of the leasehold interest purported to be conferred by the said lease shall be valid or effectual to pass any estate or interest therein except as may be permitted by the Governor-General by Order in Council.

"(2.) The Registrar-General shall cause to be registered a caveat against the said leasehold interest notifying the provisions of this section.

"(3.) The Chief Judge of the Native Land Court is hereby authorized and empowered to inquire into the circumstances and validity of the said lease and the confirmation thereof, and to make such recommendations as he may deem fit to the Governor-General." *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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32. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.* — On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Stamp Duties 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 Stamp Duties Act, 1923."

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

33. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—Mr. Young 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-two minutes after two of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates adjourned.

Tuesday, the 29th Day of September, 1925.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 49.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision with regard to Weights and Measures," with the following amendment, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 14: To omit this clause.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendment in the Bill to make Better Provision with regard to Weights and Measures.

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

3. *Weights and Measures Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Weights and Measures 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 Weights and Measures Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

4. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 50.*

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:—

New clause proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

"7CH. Whereas by a notice published in the *Gazette* of the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, the land described in subsection three hereof was permanently reserved as a site for a public hall: And whereas the said land is not required for that purpose, and it is desired, with the consent of the Auckland City Council, to reserve it as a site for a public school: And whereas it is desired to secure as a site for a public school the

adjoining education reserve described in subsection seven hereof: And whereas, in consideration of the consent being given as aforesaid and of the consent already given by the Auckland City Council to the taking without compensation of land at Mount Eden as a site for a training college, it is desired to vest in the Corporation of the City of Auckland the education reserves described in subsections four, five, and six hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Subject to agreement being reached between the Minister of Education and the Auckland City Council with respect to the cancellation of the reservation over the area referred to in paragraph (*a*) of this subsection the Governor-General may—

"(*a.*) Cancel the reservation as a site for a public hall over the land described in subsection three hereof and declare the said land to be permanently reserved as a site for a public school:

"(*b.*) Cancel the reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection four hereof and vest the said land in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust for the purposes of public recreation:

"(*c.*) Cancel the reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection five hereof and vest the said land in the Corporation of the City of Auckland as a public road:

"(*d.*) Cancel the reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection six hereof and vest the said land in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust as a catchment area for water-supply purposes.

"(2.) In consideration of the surrender to the Land Board of the lease of the land described in subsection seven hereof it shall be lawful to pay out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds as compensation in respect of such surrender. Subsections two and five of section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to such payment as if it were a payment made pursuant to subsection one of that section.

"(3.) The land to which paragraph (*a*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre two roods one perch, more or less, being Allotment 20A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(4.) The land to which paragraph (*b*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre, more or less, and being Allotment 30 of Section 4, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(5.) The land to which paragraph (*c*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood four and eight-tenths perches, more or less, being Lot 18 of Allotment 83 of Section 16, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(6.) The land to which paragraph (*d*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and forty-six acres, more or less, being Allotment 63, Parish of Karangahape.

"(7.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre three roods two perches, more or less, being Allotment 22A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland."

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Wellington, 29th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 amendment 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.

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 stand referred to the Lands Committee.

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

271. National Provident Fund, Statement of Amounts paid into, by Way of State Subsidy, for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

272. Health Act, 1920, and Social Hygiene Act, 1917, Regulations under the, with respect to certain Venereal Diseases.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House:—

273. Pensions under the Miner's Phthisis Act, Particulars relating to. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

274. Old-age Pensioners: Number receiving Additional Pension. Return to an Order dated 30th July, 1925.

7. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Ashley River Improvement Bill, the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill, the Deteriorated Lands Bill, the Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill, the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Bill (two reports), and the Petition of Matthew Henry; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Matthew Henry, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

8. *Ashley River Improvement Bill.—Ordered*, That the Ashley River Improvement Bill be read a second time presently.

9. *Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill be read a second time presently.

10. *Deteriorated Lands Bill.—Ordered*, That the Deteriorated Lands Bill be read a second time presently.

11. *Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Waihou Domain Board Empowering Bill be read a second time presently.

12. *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.

13. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. C. Prudhoe, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–8.)

Mr. Armstrong, from the Education Committee, also brought up a Report *re* services of the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

14. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a Report on the Petitions of H. B. de Lautour, R. W. Dobson and others, Nopera Rangiuia and others, and H. Ford and others, praying that the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board be directed to stay proceeding with the present works there pending an inquiry as to the suitability of the site, and that such inquiry be held and action taken on the result of the inquiry; and the same was read, as follows:—

I am directed to report that the Committee is of the opinion that the Petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

The same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petitions, be referred to the Government for consideration.

15. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Sykes, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Special Report, which was read, as follows:—

I am directed to report that the Railways Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Committee by Mr. Witty, both as Chairman and Member, over a continuous period of twenty-three years.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and, on motion of Mr. Sykes, ordered to be entered on the Journals of the House.

16. *Leave for Select Committee to Sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Lands Committee have leave to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

17. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Wright, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of R. T. Esther, F. G. Dalziell, J. Robbie, Agnes E. J. Husband, W. R. Cockburn, W. S. Dryden, E. Burgoyne and others, Gladys M. Dowse, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

Ordered, That the Petition of R. T. Esther, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of F. G. Dalziell, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Bartram, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–1.)

18. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Harbours Amendment Bill (No. 1), the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill, and the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–9.)

19. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

20. *Harbours Amendment Bill (No. 1).—Ordered*, That the Harbours Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

21. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

22. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir J. P. Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, also brought up a Report *re* the services of the Clerk; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–9.)

23. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on Parliamentary Papers 120 G, 121 G, 122 G, and 145 G; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That Papers 120 G, 121 G, 122 G, and 145 G be referred to the Government for consideration.

24. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled the Coal-mines Act, 1925.

25. *Coal-mines Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, from the Conference with the Legislative Council upon the subject of their amendments in the Coal-mines Bill, brought up the following Report:—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the Coal-mines 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 the House withdraws its objection to the amendment in clause 154.

Clause 27 to be omitted, and the following to be substituted in lieu thereof:—

"(1.) Subsection three of the last preceding section applies only in cases where the Minister has granted his consent unconditionally to an assignment or transfer of a coal-mining right, or to an amalgamation or consolidation of a coal-mining lease.

"(2.) In all cases where the Minister has granted his consent to any such assignment, transfer, amalgamation, or consolidation subject to conditions imposed by him, the provisions of this section shall apply in lieu of the provisions of subsection three of the last preceding section.

"(3.) The Minister shall cause the instrument to which he has granted his consent, and a statement of the conditions imposed by him, to be laid before both Houses of Parliament within one month of such grant of consent, if Parliament be then sitting; or, if Parliament be not then sitting, within one month after the commencement of the then next ensuing session of Parliament.

"(4.) Either House of Parliament may by resolution refuse to permit the assignment, transfer, amalgamation, or consolidation.

"(5.) Both Houses of Parliament may by identical resolution dispense with or vary the conditions imposed by the Minister.

"(6.) If no resolution refusing such permission is passed during that session of Parliament, the assignment, transfer, amalgamation, or consolidation, as the case may be, shall immediately after that session take effect according to the terms thereof, but subject to the conditions imposed by the Minister, except so far as such conditions shall have been dispensed with or varied by identical resolutions of both Houses as aforesaid.

"(7.) Every person taking the benefit of the assignment, transfer, amalgamation, or consolidation shall be deemed to have entered into a covenant with the Minister to perform the conditions imposed by the Minister, except so far as such conditions may have been dispensed with or varied as aforesaid, and shall be liable accordingly; and every coal-mining right or coal-mining lease the subject of such assignment, transfer, amalgamation, or consolidation shall be liable to forfeiture at the suit of the Minister if the conditions imposed by the Minister shall not be duly performed and complied with."

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *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.

26. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 51.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable Sir M. Pomare do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

27. *Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Sir M. Pomare, according to Order, presented the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time presently, and to be printed.

28. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 52.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Harbours Act, 1923," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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, 1923.

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.

29. *Harbours Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Harbours Amendment Bill (No. 2), which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time presently, and to be printed.

30. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

31. *Consideration of Report of Standing Orders Committee.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on proposed new Standing Orders relating to procedure with regard to the introduction of local legislation;

Mr. F. J. Rolleston moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report be agreed to, with the following amendments:—

403B: In the seventh line, strike out the word "local" where it secondly occurs, and insert the word "public" in lieu thereof. Strike out paragraph (2).

403C: Strike out paragraphs (2) and (3).

403D: In the second line, strike out the words "shall, as soon as conveniently may be," and insert the word "may" in lieu thereof. In the third line, strike out the words "and shall have such Bill," and insert the words "to be" in lieu thereof.

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

Resolved, On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, That Standing Order No. 408 be suspended, and that the proposed new Standing Orders be adopted.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has adopted the following new Standing Orders:—

403A. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Standing Orders with regard to Local Bills, there may be submitted to the House a Bill to be intituled the Local Legislation Bill, and, if necessary, a further Bill or further Bills intituled the Local Legislation Bill (No. 2), and so on as the case may require, and all the provisions of these Standing Orders applying to the Local Legislation Bill shall apply to such further Bill or Bills.

403B. Application in writing may be made to the Minister of Internal Affairs, or such other Minister as may for the time being be in control of matters affecting local authorities or public bodies (hereinafter in this part of the Standing Orders referred to as "the Minister"), by any authority or public body for preliminary consideration and provisional approval of a clause or clauses to be included in the Local Legislation Bill. Every such application shall be accompanied by a draft of the proposed clause or clauses, and by a certificate, signed by some responsible officer of such local authority or public body, that Members of the House (stating the names), whose constituents may or are likely to be affected by such proposed legislation, have been furnished with a copy of the proposed clause or clauses, together with a notice in writing of the intention to apply for inclusion thereof in the Local Legislation Bill.

403C. Objection to such proposed legislation, on public or private grounds, may be made by any person in writing addressed to the Minister.

403D. When the Minister shall have provisionally approved of a clause or clauses as aforementioned, he may cause the same to be included in the Local Legislation Bill, to be introduced by Governor's Message or otherwise as the case may require, and such Bill shall after its first reading stand referred to the Local Bills Committee.

403E. Any further clause or clauses for inclusion in the Bill shall, after being provisionally approved by the Minister as aforementioned,—

(*a.*) Be brought down by Governor's Message, and shall stand referred to the Local Bills Committee; or

(*b.*) Be placed upon the Supplementary Order Paper by the Minister, and shall be referred by him to the Local Bills Committee.

403F. It shall be the duty of the Local Bills Committee to consider each clause in the Local Legislation Bill and each clause proposed to be added thereto, and to report thereon to the House, and the Committee shall report specifically upon each clause which in its opinion should not be allowed to be included in the Bill, giving its reasons therefor.

403G. In considering whether or not a clause should be allowed to be included in the Bill the Local Bills Committee shall have regard to—

(*a.*) The rights and interests of every person, corporation, local authority, or public body likely to be affected thereby;

(*b.*) The amount of notice or publicity, whether by advertisement or otherwise, given to the proposed legislation;

(*c.*) The provisions of Standing Order 403B with regard to furnishing copies of the proposed clause or clauses and giving notice to the Members therein mentioned;

(*d.*) Any objection lodged with the Minister or otherwise or any representations made by witnesses or otherwise;

(*e.*) Whether or not in the opinion of the Committee the clause or clauses should not more properly be the subject of a Local Bill;

(*f.*) Any other matter in the public interest or otherwise which it may deem necessary to take into its consideration.

403H. No Local Legislation Bill shall be passed by the House and no clause or clauses shall be added to any Local Legislation Bill unless the Minister shall have provisionally approved of the same and the Local Bills Committee shall have reported thereon to the House. Provided always that this Standing Order shall not apply to any new clause proposed to be inserted in substitution for, incidental to, or consequential upon any other clause with respect to which the Standing Orders have been complied with or suspended, as the case may be, unless the Chairman of Committees, or, on appeal from his decision, the Speaker, decides that the insertion of such new clause would be an evasion or in breach of the restrictions and conditions intended to be imposed by this part of the Standing Orders.

403I. No legislation which but for the provisions contained in this part of the Standing Orders would require to be brought in by means of a Local Bill shall be included in any Bill other than a Local Bill or a Local Legislation Bill.

403J. The term "Local Bills Committee" shall be deemed to include any Committee of the House to which the House may refer the Local Legislation Bill or any clause or clauses proposed to be added thereto in substitution for the Local Bills Committee, and all the provisions of these Standing Orders referring to the Local Bills Committee shall be deemed to apply to such Committee.

32. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on 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. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

33. *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.

34. *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 Committee on the said Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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

7CC. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section thirty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Otahuhu Borough Council may from time to time expend out of the funds accrued and that may hereafter accrue to its credit in its capacity as the Otahuhu Domain Board in respect of that portion of the Otahuhu Domain hereinafter described such sum or sums as the Minister of Lands approves towards the management, administration, and improvement of Lot 16 of small lots near the Village of Otahuhu, Block VI, Otahuhu Survey District, containing an area of three acres one rood, and being land acquired by the said Council for recreation purposes.

"(2.) The portion of the Otahuhu Domain hereinbefore referred to is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres, more or less, being Section 19, Suburbs of Otahuhu: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/569, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"7CD. Whereas the Crown has agreed to acquire from the Kauri Timber Company (Limited) certain lands in the North Auckland Land District, containing one thousand one hundred and seventy acres one rood twenty perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 8 of the Parish of Waitakerei, and being the whole of the land shown on a plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor for the North Auckland Land District at Auckland under No. 23501: And whereas the Auckland City Council has agreed to contribute one-half of the purchase-money for the said lands: And whereas it has further been agreed between the Crown and the Auckland City Council that that portion of the said land which is described in subsection five hereof should be reserved by the Crown for scenic purposes under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, and the control thereof vested in the Auckland City Council; and that that portion of the said land which is described in subsection six hereof should be vested by the Crown in the Auckland City Council as a recreation reserve: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) It shall be lawful for the Auckland City Council to pay and contribute out of its General Account the sum of fourteen thousand pounds

towards the purchase-money for the said land and such proportion of the cost of the acquisition and vesting thereof as has been agreed on between the Crown and the Auckland City Council.

"(2.) On such land becoming vested in His Majesty the Governor-General shall declare the land described in subsection five hereof to be a reserve for scenic purposes under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, and shall vest the control thereof in the Auckland City Council.

"(3.) The Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, authorize and direct the issue of a certificate of title in favour of the Corporation of the City of Auckland for the land described in subsection six hereof, to be held by the said Corporation as a recreation reserve under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

"(4.) No stamp duty or gift duty shall be payable in respect of the hereinbefore-recited agreement or any instrument necessary for the purpose of giving effect thereto, or for the vesting of the land described in subsection six hereof in the Corporation of the City of Auckland.

"(5.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement six hundred and fifty-two acres two roods, more or less, being Lot 2 of Allotment 8, Parish of Waitakerei: as the same is more particularly delineated on a plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor of the North Auckland Land District, at Auckland, and numbered 23501.

"(6.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement five hundred and seventeen acres three roods twenty perches, more or less, being Lot 1 of Allotment 8, Parish of Waitakerei: as the same is more particularly delineated on a plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor of the North Auckland Land District, at Auckland, and numbered 23501.

"7CE. Whereas the land described in subsection three hereof is part of the land set apart for the purposes of a Government House at Auckland: And whereas by the Auckland University College Site Act, 1919, the land described in subsection four hereof is part of an area vested in the Auckland University College Council in trust as a site for a University college: And whereas it is desirable that the land described in subsection three hereof should be exchanged for the land described in subsection four hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The setting-apart for the purposes of a Government House of the land described in subsection three hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Auckland University College Council in trust as portion of a site for a University college and subject to the provisions of the Auckland University College Site Act, 1919.

"(2.) The vesting in the Auckland University College Council of the lands described in subsection four hereof in trust as portion of a site for a University college is hereby revoked, and the said lands are hereby set apart for the purposes of a Government House.

"(3.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement ten and eleven-hundredths perches, more or less, being Allotment 4 of Section 6, City of Auckland: commencing at a point distant from Symonds Street 184·15 links on a bearing of 328° 13′ 20″: bounded towards the south-west by Allotment 2 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 328° 13′ 20″, 287·56 links; towards the north-east generally by Allotment 1 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 134° 46′ 30″, 188·98 links, and bearing 171° 10′ 30″, 112·68 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid bearings and linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the

plan marked L. and S. 6/6/228, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged green.

"(4.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two and sixteen-hundredths perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 2, Section 6, City of Auckland: commencing at a point in Symonds Street: bounded towards the north-east by Allotment 1 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 328° 13′ 20″, 184·15 links; towards the south-west generally by the other part of Allotment 2 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 171° 10′ 30″, 37·52 links, and bearing 142° 38′ 10″, 150·33 links, to the point of commencement.

"Also all that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement eight and four-hundredths perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 2, Section 6, City of Auckland: commencing at a point distant from Symonds Street 471·71 links on a bearing of 328° 13′ 20″: bounded towards the north-east generally by Allotment 1 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 328° 13′ 20″, 150·15 links; bearing 310° 34′ 56″, 104·47 links; bearing 306° 24′ 20″, 38·13 links: towards the south-west generally by the other part of Allotment 2 of Section 6, City of Auckland, bearing 142° 45′, 159·69 links, and bearing 134° 46′ 30″, 132·77 links, to the point of commencement:

"Be all the aforesaid bearings and linkages more or less: as the same are delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 6/6/228, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red."

"7DE. An application by the lessee of Section 8, Mangateparu Settlement, in the Auckland Land District, for a revaluation of the land comprised in his lease may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subsection six of section two hundred and sixteen of the Land Act, 1924, be received at any time not later than the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and dealt with under that section as if it had been received within the period fixed in that behalf by the said subsection six.

"7DF. Whereas the land hereinafter described forms portion of an area which by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the first day of December, nineteen hundred and eleven, was permanently set apart as a State forest: And whereas it is desired to utilize the said land for road purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Forests Act, 1921–22, the Governor-General may proclaim as a road the land hereinafter described.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, portion of Kaingaroa No. 1 (State forest reserve), containing by admeasurement twenty-nine acres two roods thirty-seven perches, more or less, situated in Blocks IX and XIII, Kaingaroa Survey District, being a strip, one chain wide, commencing on the Galatea Road and running in a southerly direction generally parallel to and one chain to the east of the western boundary of Kaingaroa No. 1 to the northern boundary of Kaingaroa No. 1A: as the same is shown coloured green, marked 'XY,' on the plan numbered 29/5/6, deposited in the Head Office of the State Forest Service at Wellington."

"*Gisborne Land District.*

"7E. Whereas by a Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-third day of December, nineteen hundred and eight, pursuant to section twenty-one of the Public Works Act, 1908, the land hereinafter described was set apart as a railway quarry reserve: And whereas it is desired to set apart the said land as a public domain subject to reservation to the Department of Railways of the right to quarry on the said land and to remove stone therefrom: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purposes of a railway quarry reserve over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and, subject to the next succeeding subsection, the said land is hereby declared to be a public domain subject to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The right of the Department of Railways to quarry and remove stone at any time from such portion of the said land as may be defined in that behalf by the Minister of Lands and the right of ingress, egress, and regress in the exercise of such right are hereby reserved.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing by admeasurement twenty-five acres two roods, more or less, being portion of Waihirere No. 1 Block, situated in Block X, Waimata Survey District

"7EE. Whereas the land hereinafter described is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Gisborne for the purpose of a quarry: And whereas it is desired to vest the said land in His Majesty as a public domain subject to reservation to the Gisborne Borough Council of the right to quarry on the said land and to remove stone therefrom: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation for the purpose of a quarry over the land hereinafter described and the vesting of the said land in the Corporation of the Borough of Gisborne for the purpose aforesaid are hereby cancelled, and, subject to the next succeeding subsection, the said land is hereby vested in His Majesty as a public domain subject to Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2.) The right of the Gisborne Borough Council to quarry and remove stone at any time from such portion of the said land as may be defined in that behalf by the Minister of Lands and the right of ingress, egress, and regress in the exercise of such right are hereby reserved.

"(3.) The District Land Registrar for the Gisborne Land Registration District is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements or memorials on the certificate of title in respect of the aforesaid land as may be necessary to give full effect to this section.

"(4.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing by admeasurement thirty acres one rood twenty-two perches, more or less, being portion of Waihirere, Waihirere No. 2, and Waihirere No. 3 Blocks, situated in Block X, Waimata Survey District, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 46, folio 37, in the Register-book of the District Land Registrar at Gisborne."

"14C. Whereas on the twenty-fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, a plan of a subdivision of certain land in the Rangitira Block (now known as the Hapopo Block) was deposited in the Land Registry Office at Wellington as No. 286: And whereas there was shown on the said plan a road-line of the width of fifty links as forming the southern and south-eastern boundaries of the said land: And whereas there were also shown on the said plan two road reserves on and to the north of the said road-line: And whereas it was intended that the owners of the land lying to the south and south-east of the said road-line should dedicate as a road a strip of land of equal length and width so as to make one road of a width of one hundred links, but such dedication was not made, and the said road-line shown on the said deposited plan is an impracticable route and has never been formed or used: And whereas the Rangitikei County Council has agreed with the owners of the lands lying to the north and north-west of the said road-line for the vesting in such owners respectively, other than William Barnard Rhodes and William Richard Holmes, of parts of the said road-line bounding their respective properties, and for vesting in one of such owners one of the said road reserves on condition that the said owners should vest in the Corporation of the County of Rangitikei (hereinafter called the Corporation) certain lands required by the said Council for tree-

planting purposes, and that the said owners respectively should grant to the Corporation rights of way from such lands to public roads: And whereas in the case of the said William Barnard Rhodes and William Richard Holmes the said Council desires to retain the said road-line between the points marked 'D' to 'E' on the plan hereinafter mentioned (which part of road-line is uncoloured on the said plan), and also to retain the road reserve (also uncoloured on the said plan), the said part of road-line, and the said road reserve, containing together four acres two roods twenty-two perches: And whereas the said road-line and the said road reserve and the lands to be vested in the Corporation, and the said part of the road-line and the said road reserve to be retained by the Corporation as aforesaid, and the lands over which the Corporation is to have the said rights of way, are shown on a plan deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington and numbered L. and S. 16/1122 (hereinafter referred to as the said plan): And whereas the lands to be given and received are as nearly as may be of equal value respectively: And whereas it is expedient that legislative effect be given to the aforesaid proposals: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by Proclamation, close the said road or road-line and cancel the reservation over the said two road reserves, and thereupon the area comprised therein shall not henceforth be deemed to form any part of any public highway.

"(2.) Upon the issue of such Proclamation the said lands shall vest in fee-simple in the owners named in Part I of the Second Schedule to this Act and in the Corporation to the extent mentioned in that Part; and in respect of each owner and of the Corporation such vesting in every of the said cases shall be free of all claims by the owner or owners of the said road-line and road reserves, on the part of purchasers of, or any persons interested in, any lands shown on the said deposited plan No. 286.

"(3.) Upon the issue of the Proclamation aforesaid the lands specified in Part II of the said Second Schedule to this Act and shown on the said plan shall become and be vested in the Corporation in fee-simple, together with rights of way for all purposes over the lands shown as modes of access on the said plan, such rights of way to be appurtenant to the lands to which they afford access as shown on the said plan.

"(4.) Any lands vested in the Corporation by virtue of this section shall be held by it for tree-planting purposes, and the lands so vested in each of the said owners respectively shall in each case be held by him upon, for, and subject to the same trusts, purposes, encumbrances, and tenancies (if any) as immediately before the coming into operation of this Act affected the lands to be given by him to the Corporation and the lands over which rights of way are to be given by him to the Corporation, as the case may be.

"(5.) On the vesting of such lands in the Corporation the Council shall erect sufficient fences within the meaning of the Fencing Act, 1908, on the north-east and south-east boundaries of the said land hatched yellow, and on the northerly and easterly boundaries of the land hatched blue, and on the north-west boundary measuring seven hundred and seventy-two links and three-tenths of a link of the said land hatched red, on the said plan.

"(6.) No stamp duties shall be payable in respect of any vesting made by this section.

"(7.) The said Council and all or any of the said owners may execute and do any deeds and things necessary to more fully carry into effect the provisions of this section according to the true intent thereof.

"(8.) The District Land Registrar for the Wellington Land Registration District, or the Registrar of Deeds for the Wellington Deeds Registration District, as the case may be, shall make all such entries in his register as shall be necessary to duly record the vestings of lands and rights of way made by this section and the effect generally of this section as regards the title to or the instruments of title in respect of any hereditaments affected thereby.

"14D. Whereas part Section 144, Township of Waverley, containing an area of twenty-two and four-tenths perches, is vested in the Waverley Town Board in trust for a site for a war memorial: And whereas, in consideration of the addition to the said site of a certain portion of the said Section 144 which is at present duly set apart for a site for a telegraph-station and post-office, the Town Board has agreed that that portion of the war-memorial site hereinafter described shall become a reserve for a site for a telegraph-station and post-office: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The vesting in the Waverley Town Board as a site for a war memorial of the land described in subsection two hereof and the reservation over the said land for that purpose are hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be a reserve set apart as a site for a telegraph-station and post-office.

"(2.) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement three and ninety-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being part of Section 144, Township of Waverley, and bounded as follows: commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of Section 143, Township of Waverley, 125 links distant from the south-eastern corner of the said section; thence by right lines towards the south, east, and north by other part of Section 144, for distances of 92 links, 27 links, and 92 links respectively; and towards the west by the aforesaid Section 143, for a distance of 27 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked 247/44, deposited in the Wellington District Office, Department of Lands and Survey, and thereon coloured green."

"15AB. (1.) The land hereinafter described (together with the wharves thereon) is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Picton freed and discharged from all existing reservations over the same, but subject to the provisions of subsections two and three of this section.

"(2.) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council,—

"(*a.*) Limit and define the powers and duties of the Picton Borough Council with respect to the control and management of any such wharf; and

"(*b.*) Prescribe what dues and rates may be taken by the Council for the use of such wharf; and

"(*c.*) Prescribe the class or classes of vessels that may lawfully be permitted by the Council to use such wharf:

and may in like manner amend or revoke any such Order.

"(3.) If at any time the Council fails to comply to the satisfaction of the Minister of Railways with any of the provisions of any such Order in Council the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, revoke the vesting in the said Corporation of the said land and wharves, and thereupon the said land and wharves shall revert to His Majesty.

"(4.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres and eleven perches, more or less, being portion of Railway Reserve at Picton, and being more particularly delineated on plan marked W.R. 36415, deposited in the office of the Minister of Railways at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

"(5.) This section is hereby declared to be a special Act within the meaning of section one hundred and forty-four of the Harbours Act, 1923."

"15BB. Whereas the mining privileges or rights (hereinafter referred to as privileges) specified in the Third Schedule to this Act are held by or on behalf of His Majesty the King: And whereas it is desirable that licenses in respect thereof should be granted to the Minister of Mines: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Mining Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the Minister of Mines may make application to the Warden of the Westland Mining District for, and the Warden shall, upon receipt of such application and without requiring the Minister to observe any of the requirements of the Mining Act, 1908, relating to applications for mining privileges, grant to the Minister, a license under that Act for each of the privileges specified in the Third Schedule to this Act.

"(2.) Every such license shall supersede the corresponding privilege specified in the Third Schedule hereto, and shall confer the same priority of rights and be subject to the same encumbrances, liens, and interests (if any) as the corresponding privilege conferred and was subject to. All such priorities, encumbrances, liens, and interests shall be specified in or endorsed on such license, and be registered, and such specification or endorsement shall be final and conclusive for all purposes:

"Provided that in addition to the purpose of the corresponding privilege the license shall, where such privilege is in respect of water, confer a right to use for electric or other power purposes the water the subject-matter of the license.

"(3.) All references to any privilege as aforesaid in any document issued prior to the grant of a license under this section shall be deemed to be references to such license and the mining privilege conferred thereby.

"(4.) On the grant of any license under this section the corresponding privilege specified in the Third Schedule hereto shall be deemed to be cancelled, and the Warden shall cause an entry to that effect to be made in the appropriate register, if any.

"(5.) A notice of the grant of a license under this section and the cancellation of the corresponding privilege specified in the Third Schedule hereto shall be published in the *Gazette* by the Minister of Mines."

"19E. (1.) The land hereinafter described, being part of Reserve 25 in the City of Christchurch (the control of which is vested in the Christchurch Domain Board), is hereby vested, subject to the provisions of this section, in the Corporation of the City of Christchurch as a site for a public art gallery freed and discharged from the existing reservation over the same.

"(2.) It shall be a condition of such vesting that no buildings shall be erected on the said land except for the purpose of an art gallery, and that no such building shall be erected unless and until the design thereof has been approved by the Christchurch Domain Board:

"Provided that if the said Board fails to approve any such design within three months after the same has been submitted to it the Christchurch City Council may appeal to the Minister of Lands, whose decision shall be final.

"(3.) If the said Council fails to erect an art gallery on the said land within a period of five years after the passing of this Act, or if, having erected a building for an art gallery within that period, it thereafter at any time ceases to use such building for the purpose of an art gallery, the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, revoke the vesting of the said land in the said Corporation, and thereupon the said land and the buildings thereon shall revert to and become vested in His Majesty as part of the said Reserve 25, and the control thereof shall revert to the Christchurch Domain Board.

"(4.) The said City Council is hereby empowered and directed to pay to the said Board an amount equal to the expenditure (if any) incurred by the said Board in restoring, replacing, or repairing any part of the gardens, fences, erections, or other improvements in the said Reserve 25 which may in any way be disturbed or damaged by the Council in the course of carrying out the work of erecting the said public art gallery.

"(5.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement two roods seven and six-tenths perches, more or less, situated in the City of Christchurch, and being part of Reserve 25 (Hagley Park), and

bounded as follows: towards the north by the southern boundary of Christ's College site in Hagley Park, 202·55 links; towards the east by the western boundary of the Museum site (part Reserve 25), 270·5 links; towards the south and west by other part of Reserve 25, 202·55 and 270·5 links respectively: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/562, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered green."

"52I. Whereas the area of land hereinafter described was formerly vested in the Corporation of Otahuhu Road District and is now vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Otahuhu as a public reserve under the provisions and for the purposes of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908: And whereas the bodies interred therein have been removed to another cemetery, and no further burials can lawfully be made in the said area, which is now used for the purposes of a public pound: And whereas it is desirable to change the purposes for which the said area is vested in the said Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Cemeteries Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the vesting of the said area in the Corporation of the Borough of Otahuhu for the purposes and subject to the provisions of section seventy-eight of the Cemeteries Act, 1908, is hereby cancelled, and the said area is hereby vested in the said Corporation as a reserve for municipal purposes.

"(2.) The Otahuhu Road Board and the Otahuhu Borough Council shall be deemed to have been lawfully empowered to erect and maintain a public pound on the said area.

"(3.) In particular, but without limiting the purposes for which the said area may be used, the Otahuhu Borough Council is hereby authorized to utilize any portions of the said area as sites for workers' dwellings and a depot for any plant and stores belonging to the said Council.

"(4.) The area of land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that piece of land, containing three acres, more or less, being Lots 6, 8, and 10 of Section 8 of the Village of Otahuhu, Parish of Manurewa, Otahuhu Survey District, North Auckland Land District: bounded towards the north by Lot 4, 400 links; towards the east by a road, 750 links; towards the south by a road, 400 links; and towards the west by Lots 5, 7, and 9, 750 links: as the same is delineated on the public map or plan of the said Village of Otahuhu.

"52J. (1.) The Wellington City Council may, for the purpose of providing funds out of which advances may be made to owners of premises in the City of Wellington for the purposes of drainage or sanitation works under Part XXII of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, borrow moneys not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five thousand pounds by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, by special order, and without taking the steps prescribed by sections eight to twelve of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

"(2.) The special rate made as security for any such loan may be made and levied over the whole of the city.

"(3.) In lieu of borrowing by way of special loan as aforesaid the Council may borrow by way of bank overdraft moneys not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five thousand pounds for the purpose aforesaid, and such moneys so borrowed shall to the extent of the amount of contributions unpaid by such owners be excluded from the general overdraft of the Council in determining the amount of overdraft permitted under the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22.

"52K. Whereas the area of land situate in the City of Christchurch, being town sections numbered 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, and 621, is vested in the Corporation of the City of Christchurch and is used by the City Council as the site of the power-house, workshops, garage, and offices

of the Christchurch Municipal Electricity Department, the city destructor, the municipal baths, and the Council yard with stables, implement-sheds, and other buildings for the housing of the Council's horses and roadmaking implements and machines: And whereas the sites of the said stables and implement-sheds and other portions of the said area of land are not now required for these purposes: And whereas it is desirable to authorize the said Council to utilize for other purposes such portions of the said area of land as are not at present, or will not at any time, be required for the purposes for which they are now vested in the said Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"It shall be lawful for the Christchurch City Council from time to time to erect buildings upon the whole or any portion of the said area of land as is not required for the purpose for which it is now vested in the said Corporation, and to let the said buildings, or such of them as shall not for the time being be required for the use of the said Council.

"52L. Whereas there has existed a dispute between the Whakatane Borough Council (hereinafter called the Council) and the Spiral and Lock-bar Steel Pipe Company of New Zealand (Limited), of Wanganui, with respect to the balance of an amount owing by the Council to the said company for pipes, fittings, and materials purchased by the Council from the said company for the Council's high-pressure water-supply in the Borough of Whakatane: And whereas the Council and the company did on the twentieth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, agree upon a settlement of the said dispute, whereby the Council agreed to pay to the said company the sum of one thousand one hundred and fifty-three pounds two shillings and tenpence in full settlement of the said amount, in instalments of fifty pounds a month, commencing on the twentieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, together with interest on the balance thereof from time to time remaining unpaid at the rate of six pounds ten shillings per centum per annum computed from the said twentieth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas it is desired to validate the said agreement and to empower the Council to pay the interest at the said rate: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said agreement between the Council and the said company is hereby validated and the Council empowered out of its General Account or its Water-supply Account to pay to the said company, on the amount from time to time outstanding as aforesaid, interest at the rate of six pounds ten shillings per centum per annum in accordance with the terms of the said agreement.

"52M. Section one hundred and twenty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (*c*) of subsection three thereof, the following new paragraph:—

"'(*cc*.) The moneys due by each owner of land comprised in the proclaimed area, and all interest payable on such moneys, shall, until payment thereof, be a charge on the land in respect of which payment is due.'

"52N. Whereas the Hastings Borough Council, being duly authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the second day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, raised a loan of forty-nine thousand pounds under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for undertaking certain works in the Borough of Hastings, a portion of such loan—namely, fifteen thousand pounds—being specifically allocated for expenditure on the construction of four hundred and eighty-one chains of new concrete footpaths (where the kerbs and channels are already established), and eight hundred and thirty-one chains of new concrete channels, kerbs, and footpaths: And whereas those works have been completed for less than that sum, and it is desirable to authorize the said Council to expend the surplus in constructing other concrete channels, kerbs, and footpaths in the said borough: 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 Hastings Borough Council to expend any surplus of the said sum of fifteen thousand pounds not required for the purposes for which the said sum was allocated in constructing new concrete channels, kerbs, and footpaths in such portion of the said borough as the said Council thinks fit.

"52o. Whereas the land firstly described in subsection two hereof is held by the Corporation of the Borough of New Plymouth (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation) in trust partly for the improvement and benefit of the said borough and partly as a site for a Town Hall and public lecture-room: And whereas the land secondly described in subsection two hereof is held by the Corporation as a site for a septic tank: And whereas it is desirable that the reservations, trusts, and uses affecting the said lands should be removed, and that the said lands should hereafter be held by the Corporation as an endowment for the improvement and benefit of the said borough: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The lands hereinafter described are hereby freed from all reservations, trusts, and uses affecting the same, and such lands shall hereafter be held by the Corporation as an endowment for the benefit and improvement of the Borough of New Plymouth.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"Firstly, all that parcel of land in the Town of New Plymouth, containing three roods sixteen and two-tenths perches, being Allotments 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 on deposited plan 578, and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 104, folio 260, Taranaki Registry.

"Secondly, all that parcel of land in the Town of New Plymouth, containing together thirty-two and four-tenths perches, being Section 13, Storehouse Reserve, part of the bed of the Huatoki Stream, and part of original bed of Huatoki Stream, being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 48, folio 53, Taranaki Registry."

"7CF. Whereas in or about the year nineteen hundred and thirteen it was considered expedient to reclassify the lands comprising the Town of Pakington situated in the Parish of Waiuku East: And whereas though no steps were taken at the time to close a number of roads previously laid off in the said town the land comprised in such roads has been included in sections in connection with which dealings have taken place: And whereas it is expedient that those roads should be closed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The roads as shown in green colour on the plan marked 23519, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, North Auckland Land District, Auckland, and also shown on a copy of the same deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and marked L. and S. 16/1309, are hereby closed, and shall be deemed to have been so closed as from the twenty-sixth day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

"(2.) The lands comprised within the roads so closed are hereby declared to be and to have been as from the date aforesaid Crown lands available for disposal under the Land Act, 1924, or the Land Act, 1908, as the case may be, and all dealings with such lands heretofore carried out shall have effect accordingly.

"7CG. Whereas for the purpose of subdividing certain education reserves into allotments suitable for disposal and of providing road access to such allotments it is expedient that the interests in lease of education reserve, Lot 3 of Allotment 13 of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland, containing an area of two acres two roods twelve perches, should be acquired: And whereas the owner of the said lease and the mortgagees interested in the said lease are prepared to surrender their interests therein: And whereas section four of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1914, provides that the power contained in section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1913, to determine the lease of an education reserve for subdivision purposes shall not extend to

land which does not exceed fifty acres in area: And whereas in consequence of that provision payment of compensation in respect of such surrender as aforesaid cannot be made pursuant to section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"It shall be lawful to pay out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the amount of compensation that the Minister of Education may agree to pay in respect of the surrender of the lease of Lot 3 of Allotment 13 of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland, and in respect of the surrender of mortgages affecting such lease. Subsections two to five of section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to such payment as if it were a payment made pursuant to that section." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be read a first time:—

"7CH. Whereas by a notice published in the *Gazette* of the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, the land described in subsection six hereof was permanently reserved as a site for a public hall: And whereas the said land is not required for that purpose but is required as a site for a public school: And whereas it is desired to secure as a site for a public school the adjoining education reserve described in subsection ten hereof: And whereas in consideration of the consent given by the Auckland City Council to the taking without compensation of land at Mount Eden as a site for a training college, it is desired to vest in the Corporation of the City of Auckland the education reserves described in subsections seven, eight, and nine hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation as a site for a public hall over the land described in subsection six hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby permanently reserved as a site for a public school.

"(2.) The reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection seven hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust for the purposes of public recreation.

"(3.) The reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection eight hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the City of Auckland as a public road.

"(4.) The reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection nine hereof is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust as a catchment area for water-supply purposes.

"(5.) In consideration of the surrender to the Land Board of the lease of the land described in subsection ten hereof it shall be lawful to pay out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds as compensation in respect of such surrender. Subsections two to five of section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to such payment as if it were a payment made pursuant to subsection one of that section.

"(6.) The land to which subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre two roods one perch, more or less, being Allotment 20A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(7.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement, one acre, more or less, and being Allotment 30 of Section 4, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(8.) The land to which subsection three hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood four and eight-tenths perches, more or less, being Lot 18 of Allotment 83 of Section 16, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(9.) The land to which subsection four hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and forty-six acres, more or less, being Allotment 63, Parish of Karangahape.

"(10.) The land to which subsection five hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre three roods two perches, more or less, being Allotment 22A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

And the Question being put, That the clause be added to the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

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

"7CI. (1.) Notwithstanding the provisions and reservations of section four of the Onehunga Endowments Act, 1877, or of any other Act, the Onehunga Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to lease or grant the exclusive license to mine or quarry such portion or portions of the land mentioned in that section as the said Council may consider are not immediately required for the purposes or reservations mentioned therein, in such manner, for such purposes, and for such term not exceeding forty-two years, and upon and subject to such conditions and terms, as the said Council may deem expedient, and the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-seven of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, shall not apply to any such lease or license, anything to the contrary in section six of the said Onehunga Endowments Act, 1877, notwithstanding.

"(2.) No lease or license shall be granted as herein provided without the approval of the Minister of Lands and the prior consent of all local bodies holding rights under section four of the Onehunga Endowments Act, 1877, and any regulations made pursuant to that section

"(3.) All revenues received from any such leases or licenses shall be used exclusively in or towards the embellishment of the land referred to in the said section four."

"7DG. Whereas pursuant to the provisions of the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915, moneys have been expended out of the Swamp Land Drainage Account for the purpose of rendering fit for settlement the national-endowment lands described in subsection two hereof: And whereas the said lands have been disposed of at capital values which include the said moneys expended out of the aforesaid account, and it is desired to make provision whereby the said account may be reimbursed in respect of the said expenditure: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) No rate shall be levied on the said lands pursuant to the provisions of section five of the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915, but in lieu of levying such a rate the following provisions shall apply:—

"(*a*.) Pending the acquisition of the freehold by any person of any of the said lands there shall be paid from time to time out of the National Endowment Account into the Swamp Land Drainage Account, without further appropriation than this section, such amount as the Minister of Lands may fix, but not exceeding the amount that could have been collected in respect of the said lands by virtue of a rate made and levied pursuant to the said section five of the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915.

"(*b.*) In the event of the acquisition by any person of the fee-simple of any of the said lands, there shall be paid out of the National Endowment Trust Account into the Swamp Land Drainage Account, without further appropriation than this section, the outstanding balance, if any, of the proportion of the expenditure out of the latter account properly chargeable against the land sold.

"(2.) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing three hundred and fifty-seven acres, more or less, being Sections 22, 35, 36, 37, 38, 50, and 51, Block II, Waihi South Survey District."

"7EF. Whereas in connection with the consolidation of the Crown and Native interests respectively in the Urewera Block, and with the acquisition by the Crown of lands comprising the watershed of Lake Waikaremoana, the land hereinafter described was purchased by the Crown, partly out of moneys standing to the credit of the Scenery Preservation Account and partly out of moneys standing to the credit of the Public Works Fund, for the purpose of granting it to certain Natives as part-compensation for their interests in lands taken for scenic purposes and for water-conservation in connection with a hydro-electric scheme: And whereas such Natives have declined to accept the said land, and it is desirable that it should be made available for disposal under the Land Act, 1924, and that the proceeds of such disposal should be paid into the Native Land Settlement Account: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The land hereinafter described is hereby declared to be available for disposal under the Land Act, 1924, and shall be deemed to have been so available as from the date of the acquisition thereof by His Majesty the King.

"(2.) The proceeds from the disposal of the said land, whether received before or after the passing of this Act, shall be paid into the Native Land Settlement Account.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing eight hundred and eighty acres two roods ten perches, more or less, being Section 5, Block III, Waiau Survey District.

"7EG. Whereas the land hereinafter described was by Warrant published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of January, nineteen hundred and three, permanently reserved for the purpose of a landing-place: And whereas it is desirable that the said land should be vested in the Corporation of the County of Opotiki in the event of the powers of a Harbour Board in respect of the Ohiwa Harbour being conferred on the Opotiki County Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) On the issue of an Order in Council conferring on the Opotiki County Council the powers of a Harbour Board with respect to the Ohiwa Harbour the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, vest the land hereinafter described in the Corporation of the County of Opotiki in trust, without power of sale, for the purpose of a landing-place.

"(2.) If at any time a Harbour Board is constituted to control the Ohiwa Harbour, the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, cancel the vesting of the said land in the Corporation of the County of Opotiki and vest the same in trust for the purpose of a landing-place in such Harbour Board.

"(3.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Gisborne Land District, containing by admeasurement nineteen acres one rood, more or less, and being Allotment 191B in the Parish of Waiotahi, situated in Block XI, Whakatane Survey District, in the Gisborne Land District."

"10B. Whereas the Land Board of the Taranaki Land District, by resolution dated the twenty-sixth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, forfeited the interest of Siegeamundt Schultz in the leases in

perpetuity registered in Volume 49, folio 72, and in Volume 77, folio 113, Taranaki Land Registry, over Section 5, Block I, Pouatu Survey District, and over Section 10, Block I, Pouatu Survey District, in the said land district, for failure to comply with the conditions of the said leases: And whereas notices of such forfeiture were duly published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-third day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas it is deemed expedient to revoke the said forfeitures and to revive the said leases: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said notices of forfeiture are hereby revoked.

"(2.) The said leases in perpetuity are hereby revived, and shall be deemed to have continued to operate as if the said forfeiture had not taken place.

"(3.) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Taranaki, on being requested so to do by the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Taranaki Land District, is hereby empowered and directed to make such entries in the register as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section."

"14E. (1.) The reservation as a provisional State forest over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set apart as a reserve and declared to form part of the Tongariro National Park, and to be subject to the provisions of the Tongariro National Park Act, 1922.

"(2.) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement four thousand six hundred and forty-three acres, more or less, being parts of Rangataua North Nos. 1 and 3 Blocks, and being portion of Provisional State Forest No. 72 as described in *Gazette* of the first day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, at page 1511: bounded towards the north generally by the south-western boundary of the Tongariro National Park as described in the Schedule to the Tongariro National Park Act, 1922, from the south-eastern boundary of the Urewera 1A Block to the Mangaehuehu Stream; towards the east by the said Mangaehuehu Stream to its intersection with the northern boundary of that portion of Rangataua North Nos. 1 and 3 Blocks over which the Ruapehu Timber Company hold milling rights; towards the south by the aforesaid portions of Rangataua North Nos. 1 and 3 Blocks on a line bearing 292° for a distance of 14206·8 links to the north-eastern corner of Rangataua North 2B No. 2 Block, and by the north-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned block to Mangawhero River; towards the west and north-west by the western and north-western boundaries of the aforesaid Rangataua North No. 1 Block to the place of commencement.

"14F. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section thirty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Ashhurst Domain Board may pay to the Trustees of the Ashhurst Public Cemetery out of the funds accrued or hereafter accruing to the credit of the Ashhurst Domain a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds as a contribution towards the erection of a cottage on the Ashhurst Public Cemetery Reserve.

"14G. Notwithstanding anything in section thirty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, it shall be lawful for the Levin Borough Council in its capacity as the Levin Park Domain Board to expend on the management, administration, and improvement of the Levin Park Domain such portions of the revenue received by it in its capacity as the Levin Domain Board in respect of the Levin Domain as the Minister of Lands may from time to time approve."

"15BC. Whereas the Greymouth High School Board was constituted under the provisions of the Greymouth High School Act, 1883, with power to establish a secondary school in the district: And whereas no such secondary school has been established: And whereas a technical high school has been established in Greymouth to provide for the post-primary educational require-

ments of the district: And whereas it is expedient to abolish the High School Board and to vest its property, rights, and liabilities in the Technical School Board: And whereas owing to several separate statutory requirements being in force doubts have arisen as to whether the revenues from reserves and endowments for secondary education in the Westland Provincial District have been distributed in exactly the correct proportions, and it is desirable to validate past payments: And whereas it is desirable to make certain provision for the application of future revenues: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, dissolve the Greymouth High School Board as from a date set out in the Order, and the property, rights, and liabilities of the Board so dissolved shall thereupon vest in and become the property, rights, and liabilities of the Greymouth Technical School Board.

"(2.) The property so vested in the Greymouth Technical School Board may be utilized by the Board for such lawful purposes in connection with the school under its control and the administration thereof as the Minister of Education may approve.

"(3.) From the date of the dissolution of the Greymouth High School Board as aforesaid the Greymouth Technical High School shall for the purposes of the application of revenues from education reserves and endowments pursuant to section four of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, be deemed to be a secondary school, and the Greymouth Technical School Board shall be deemed to be the governing body thereof. In its application of any moneys received pursuant to this subsection the Board shall be subject to the same requirements and conditions, with the necessary modifications, as the governing body of a secondary school would be.

"(4.) All payments heretofore made to the Greymouth High School Board and to the Hokitika High School Board from revenues accruing from reserves and endowments in the Westland Provincial District and purporting to be made pursuant to the provisions of the Greymouth High School Act, 1883, the Hokitika High School Act, 1883, and the Education Reserves Act, 1908, shall be deemed to have been validly made pursuant to those Acts."

"19F. Section sixty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, is hereby amended by omitting the words 'seven hundred pounds' in subsection two thereof, and substituting therefor the words 'eight hundred pounds.'"

"20C. Whereas the Cromwell Development Company (Limited), of Dunedin, purchased certain lands from His Majesty the King under section six of the Water-supply Amendment Act, 1913 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act): And whereas the company duly caused the said lands (and certain other lands) to be surveyed and subdivided into two subdivisions known as the Sarita Subdivision and the Elspeth Subdivision: And whereas it has been found that such surveys and subdivisions are unsuitable for the purposes for which the said lands may be used, and it is desired accordingly to release the said company from the restrictions as to the disposal of the said lands imposed by section six of the said Act: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The said Cromwell Development Company (Limited) may from time to time resurvey and resubdivide the lands purchased under the said Act which are comprised in the said Sarita and Elspeth Subdivisions, and shall cause such lands to be offered for sale or for lease (with a purchasing clause) by auction or tender or contract upon the terms already approved in respect thereof by the Governor-General in Council, or any modification of such terms hereafter approved by the Governor-General in Council: Provided that the area of any allotment offered for sale or lease hereunder shall not exceed such area as the Minister of Lands, on the recommendation of the Land Board of the Otago Land District, may approve.

"(2.) No person shall be entitled to acquire any land purchased by the said company under the said Act and comprised in the said Sarita Subdivision

or in the said Elspeth Subdivision in excess of the area limited by and computed in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and seven of the Land Act, 1924, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

"(3.) The provisions of subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of paragraph (*a*) of the said section six of the said Act shall not hereafter apply to any lands comprised in the said Sarita and Elspeth Subdivisions.

"(4.) The said Sarita Subdivision to which this section applies is all that parcel of land situated in the Cromwell Survey District, being a subdivision of part of Blocks I and II of the said district, and being all the land comprised in and delineated on the plan of Sarita deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor of the Otago Land District at Dunedin, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Provisional Register-book, in the Land Registry Office at Dunedin, Volume 17, folio 8.

"(5.) The said Elspeth Subdivision to which this section applies is all that parcel of land situated in the Cromwell Survey District, being all the freehold allotments comprised in and delineated on the plan of Elspeth deposited in the Land Registry Office at Dunedin as No. 2970, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title, Register-book, in the Land Registry Office, Volume 58, folio 191, and part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Register-books, Volume 179, folio 263, and Volume 191, folio 237."

"32C. (1.) The Hokianga County Council may, with the prior consent of the Minister of Agriculture, and upon such terms as he may determine, purchase any existing cattle-dips in its district, and the land on which any such dips are constructed, and may make by-laws regulating the use thereof and prescribing such fees and charges for such use as it may think fit.

"(2.) For the purpose of purchasing any such dips the Council is hereby empowered to raise a special loan under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, by special order, and without taking the steps described in sections eight to twelve thereof.

"32D. (1.) The Bay of Islands County Council may, with the prior consent of the Minister of Agriculture, and upon such terms as he may determine, purchase any existing cattle-dips in its district, and the land on which any such dips are constructed, and may make by-laws regulating the use thereof and prescribing such fees and charges for such use as it may think fit.

"(2.) For the purpose of purchasing any such dips the Council is hereby empowered to raise a special loan under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, by special order, and without taking the steps described in sections eight to twelve thereof."

"52P. The Wellington City Council is hereby authorized to expend out of moneys in the hands of the Council under deed dated the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and eleven, made between Charles John Johnston, of the City of Wellington, merchant, of the one part, and the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington, of the other part, relating to certain moneys known as the Wellington Jubilee Fund, held for the purpose of carrying into effect resolutions passed at a public meeting held in the City of Wellington on the fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety, as set out in that deed, a sum of not more than one hundred pounds in purchasing certain photographs and pictures exhibited at the Winter Show held in Wellington in the month of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and in providing suitable cases and frames for the same.

"52Q. (1.) The Wellington City Council may in respect of an alleged nuisance arising from smoke from its electric power-house at Evans Bay pay in full satisfaction of all present and future claims by persons claiming to be affected by such nuisance allowances not exceeding in the whole one thousand five hundred pounds out of moneys to the credit of the tramways undertaking and the electric light and power supply undertaking on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

"(2.) No such allowance shall be paid under this section to any person unless the General Manager or other officer for the time being appointed by the City Council to manage the Wellington City Corporation Tramways certifies that the claimant is, in his opinion, entitled to the amount proposed to be paid.

"(3.) No such allowance shall be paid to any person who has received any compensation under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, in respect of any such nuisance, nor shall any such allowance be paid to any person who has made a claim for such compensation unless and until he executes a release by deed of all claims for compensation under the Public Works Act, 1908, or otherwise howsoever.

"52R. Whereas on the twenty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the Westport Borough Council was authorized by the ratepayers of the borough to raise two separate loans of twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds (for the purpose of installing electric light and power within the Borough of Westport) and three thousand pounds (for the purpose of advances of money to ratepayers for private electric connections) respectively: And whereas the former such loan, together with a further sum not greater than one-tenth of the amount originally authorized by the ratepayers which has already been raised, is insufficient for the purpose of completing the undertaking in respect of which it was raised, and an additional sum of one thousand pounds is required for such purpose: And whereas the said loan of three thousand pounds is greater than is necessary for the purpose of completing the public work for which it was raised, and it is expedient to spend one thousand pounds of such loan on the public work for which the loan of twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds was obtained: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the Westport Borough Council may utilize any sum not exceeding one thousand pounds (being portion of the unexpended balance of the said loan of three thousand pounds) for the purpose of completing the work for which the said loan of twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds was raised.

"52S. Whereas the Corporation of the Borough of New Plymouth is seised of an estate of freehold in fee-simple as a reserve and endowment for the improvement and benefit of the Town of New Plymouth, in all that piece of land containing by admeasurement fifty-five hundredths of a perch, more or less, being the section numbered 2339 on the public maps of the Town of New Plymouth, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 104, folio 259, Taranaki Registry: And whereas owing to its limited area the said land is not used for the purpose for which it was reserved, and it is expedient to authorize the New Plymouth Borough Council to sell the same: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) The reservation of the said land as a reserve and endowment for the improvement and benefit of the Town of New Plymouth is hereby cancelled.

"(2.) The New Plymouth Borough Council is hereby empowered to sell the said land and to pay the proceeds of such sale into its General Account for the purposes of that account."

"57A. Whereas pursuant to subsection two of section ninety-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914, the Wairau Harbour Board entered into contracts for the purchase of certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments upon terms providing for the repayment of the purchase-moneys within a period of seven years: And whereas that period has expired without the said Board having repaid the said purchase-moneys in full: And whereas it is expedient to empower the said Board to agree with the vendors of the said property for an extension of time within which to pay the balance of unpaid purchase-moneys: And whereas it is expedient to extend the leasing-powers conferred on the said Board by subsection three of the said section ninety-nine: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Notwithstanding that the period has expired within which the Wairau Harbour Board is bound by any contract entered into pursuant to subsection two of section ninety-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914, to pay the purchase-moneys in respect of any lands, tenements, and hereditaments purchased by it pursuant to that subsection, the said Board may agree with the vendors for an extension of time within which to pay the balance of such moneys unpaid at the expiration of such period as aforesaid, and may pay interest at such rate as may be approved by the Minister of Finance on the balance of such moneys for the time being outstanding.

"(2.) The power conferred by the said Board by subsection three of the said section ninety-nine is hereby extended to enable the said Board to lease any lands, tenements, and hereditaments pursuant to that subsection for any term not exceeding eighteen years from the date of purchase of such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and in any case where a lease has heretofore been granted for a term of less than eighteen years the Board may, notwithstanding that such period may have expired before the passing of this Act, extend such lease for a term or terms expiring not later than eighteen years after the date of the purchase by the Board of the lands, tenements, or hereditaments in respect of which it was granted."

"63C. Whereas it is provided by section thirty-seven of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, that an Electric-power Board may provide public offices within the electric-power district: And whereas owing to the scattered nature of the different parts of the Otago Electric-power District, and the difficulties of access between them, it is expedient that the public offices of the said district be established in the City of Dunedin, which is not within the district: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Otago Electric-power Board is hereby authorized to exercise within the City of Dunedin the powers conferred by section thirty-seven of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, as if the said city were situated within the Otago Electric-power District."

"69B. Paragraph (*b*) of section six of the Hamilton Parsonage Site Act, 1904, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

"'(*b.*) Subject to the approval of the General Synod of the Church first had and obtained, any moneys remaining out of any rents received under any lease shall be applied by the Trustees in manner following, that is to say:—

"'(i.) For the period of twenty-one years commencing from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six,—

"'Firstly, in payment of the annual sum of six hundred pounds towards the stipend of the Bishop of Waikato, or towards the provision or maintenance of a See House for the said Bishop, or towards both of the said purposes, as from the date of the appointment of the first Bishop.

"'Secondly, in payment of the annual sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds to each of the vestries of St. Peter's (Hamilton) and St. George's (Frankton) at Hamilton.

"'Thirdly, for the general purposes of the Church at Hamilton in such manner as the Synod of the Diocese in which Hamilton is situated shall from time to time direct.

"'(ii.) After the expiration of the said period of twenty-one years any moneys remaining out of such rents shall be applied by the Trustees in such manner as the Synod of the diocese in which Hamilton is situated shall determine: Provided that the annual payment towards the stipend of the Bishop of Waikato shall be not less than six hundred pounds, and that the remainder of such moneys shall be used for the general purposes of the Church at Hamilton:

"'Provided, however, that any payments authorized by this paragraph (*b*) to be made towards the stipend of the Bishop of Waikato or towards the provision or maintenance of a See House for the said Bishop shall be made only so long as the Diocese of Waikato is administered from Hamilton and the said Bishop resides at Hamilton.'"

"7CH. Whereas by a notice published in the *Gazette* of the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, the land described in subsection three hereof was permanently reserved as a site for a public hall: And whereas the said land is not required for that purpose, and it is desired, with the consent of the Auckland City Council, to reserve it as a site for a public school: And whereas it is desired to secure as a site for a public school the adjoining education reserve described in subsection seven hereof: And whereas, in consideration of the consent being given as aforesaid and of the consent already given by the Auckland City Council to the taking without compensation of land at Mount Eden as a site for a training college, it is desired to vest in the Corporation of the City of Auckland the education reserves described in subsections four, five, and six hereof: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1.) Subject to agreement being reached between the Minister of Education and the Auckland City Council with respect to the cancellation of the reservation over the area referred to in paragraph (*a*) of this subsection the Governor-General may—

"(*a.*) Cancel the reservation as a site for a public hall over the land described in subsection three hereof and declare the said land to be permanently reserved as a site for a public school:

"(*b.*) Cancel the reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection four hereof and vest the said land in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust for the purposes of public recreation:

"(*c.*) Cancel the reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection five hereof and vest the said land in the Corporation of the City of Auckland as a public road:

"(*d.*) Cancel the reservation as an endowment for education purposes over the land described in subsection six hereof and vest the said land in the Corporation of the City of Auckland in trust as a catchment area for water-supply purposes.

"(2.) In consideration of the surrender to the Land Board of the lease of the land described in subsection seven hereof it shall be lawful to pay out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds as compensation in respect of such surrender. Subsections two to five of section three of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1924, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to such payment as if it were a payment made pursuant to subsection one of that section.

"(3.) The land to which paragraph (*a*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre two roods one perch, more or less, being Allotment 20A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(4.) The land to which paragraph (*b*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre, more or less, and being Allotment 30 of Section 4, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(5.) The land to which paragraph (*c*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood four and eight-tenths perches, more or less, being Lot 18 of Allotment 83 of Section 16, Suburbs of Auckland.

"(6.) The land to which paragraph (*d*) of subsection one hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement two hundred and forty-six acres, more or less, being Allotment 63, Parish of Karangahape.

"(7.) The land to which subsection two hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre three roods two perches, more or less, being Allotment 22A of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Clause 2 recommitted for further consideration.

Amendment proposed: To insert, before the word "Schedule" in line 7, the word "First." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 17 again under consideration.

Amendment proposed: To omit the words "the next quinquennial appointments of members pursuant to that Act" at the end of the clause, and to insert the words "the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-six" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

First Schedule read. Amendments proposed: To add the following clauses:—

No.	Description of Land.	Purposes for which Land reserved.	Instrument of Reservation.
	Auckland Land District.		
"1A	All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 9 acres and 6 perches, more or less, being portion of Section 1, Block I, Tuhinganuta East Survey District: bounded by a line commencing at the north-western corner of said reserve, and proceeding thence along the northern boundary of said reserve by lines bearing 85° 52′ (distance 700 links), bearing 103° 25′ (distance 322·2 links); thence by a line running through said reserve bearing 156° 50′ 30″ (distance 1541·1 links) to the south-western boundary of said reserve; and thence along that boundary bearing 304° 33′ (distance 1190·4 links) and bearing 320° 14′ (distance 996·4 links) to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid bearings and distances a little more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. XII/15B, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red	Timber reserve for Post and Telegraph Department	Notice in *Gazette*, 21st March, 1895."
	Canterbury Land District.		
"13A	Reserve 2902, Blocks VII and XI, Rakaia Survey District, Canterbury Land District, containing 550 acres, more or less	River conservation	Notice in *Gazette*, 2nd July, 1891."
	Otago Land District.		
"16	Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block II, Town of Kurow, in the Otago Land District, containing 1 acre 1 rood, more or less	Police ..	Notice in *Gazette*, 13th May, 1886."

(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

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

"SECOND SCHEDULE.

"NGEI ROAD-LINE AND ROAD RESERVES.

"*Part I.—Particulars as to Vesting of Portions of Road-line and of Reserves.*

Persons in whom the several Portions of Road-line and Road Reserves are vested.	Area vested.	Identification on Plan No. L. and S. 16/1122 of Areas vested.
Thomas Bartlett, Alfred Bartlett, Sarah Greene	1 acre 1 rood 8 perches: road-line	Portion coloured yellow and marked A to B.
John Richard Lloyd Hammond	3 roods 29 perches: road-line	Portion coloured red and marked C to D.
The Corporation	4 acres 2 roods 22 perches: road-line and road reserve	Portion uncoloured and marked D to E.
William Barnard Rhodes, William Richard Holmes	14 acres 3 roods 39 perches: road-line and road reserve	Portion coloured blue and marked E to F.
Beryl Hammond	5 acres 1 rood 36 perches: road-line, subject as to part as to right of way	Portion coloured red and marked G to H.

"*Part II.—Private Lands vested in Corporation of County of Rangitikei.*

Owners of Several Portions of Land vested in Corporation.	Area vested.	Identification on Plan No. L. and S. 16/1122 of Areas vested.
Thomas Bartlett, Alfred Bartlett, Sarah Greene	1 acre 1 rood 8 perches ..	Portion hatched yellow.
William Barnard Rhodes, William Richard Holmes	14 acres 3 roods 36 perches, with right of way from and to public road to and from land hatched blue	Portion hatched blue.
Beryl Hammond	6 acres 1 rood 25 perches, including right of way from the land hatched red to the closed road-line, and thence north-easterly along such closed road-line to where it joins a public road at H, and from H to the land hatched red, by the same route	Portion hatched red."

(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, To add the following Schedule to the Bill:—

"THIRD SCHEDULE.

"MINING PRIVILEGES AND OTHER RIGHTS HELD BY HIS MAJESTY.

"1. THE water-race known as the 'Wainihinihi Water-race,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 887, granted on the 16th day of April, 1914, to His Majesty the King, for a term of forty-two years. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Turiwhate Survey District; commencing at a point marked by peg 0·00 in the gorge of the Rough Wainihinihi River, and terminating at a peg marked '1 mile 59 chains' on Kawhaka Saddle. Length and course of race: 139 chains; westerly. Point of intake: Gorge of Rough Wainihinihi River. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 6 ft., with 7 ft. of ground protected on each side of race. Number of heads to be diverted: Fifty. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"2. The water-race known as the 'Waimea Water-race Extension (Additional Supply),' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 658, granted on the 27th day of November, 1912, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Government Water-race Manager, for and on behalf of His Majesty the King, for a term of forty-two years. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Turiwhate Survey District; commencing at a point on

MacPherson's Creek, and terminating on the western slope of the Kawhaka Valley. Length and course of race: 215 chains; northerly. Point of intake: MacPherson's Creek. Mean depth and breadth: 3 ft. by 5 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Thirty—ten heads from MacPherson's Creek, five heads from No. 1 Tributary, and fifteen heads from Arahura Wainihinihi Creek. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"3. The branch water-race known as 'Callaghan's Branch Water-race,' held under license numbered 7857 from the Warden at Goldsborough, certificate of registration No. 39790, granted to Alexander Aitken, on behalf of Her Majesty, on the 7th day of December, 1892, and renewed for a term of forty-two years as from the 6th day of December, 1907. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Kanieri and Waimea Survey Districts; commencing at the outlet of the pipe-line on the Waimea Water-race, and terminating at the peg near the schoolhouse at Callaghan's Creek. Length and course of race: 4 miles 62 chains; northerly. Point of intake: Outlet of pipe-line on Waimea Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 6 ft., with area of 14 ft. in width on right-hand side of race for depositing spoil. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race lifting water from the Waimea Water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"4. The water-race known as the 'Branch Water-race to Middle Branch Flat,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Stafford as No. 36, granted on the 18th day of May, 1899, to Alexander Aitken, on behalf of Her Majesty, for a term expiring on the 31st day of December, 1941. This license includes water-race certificate of registration No. 84283, granted on the 27th day of May, 1898, from dam in Middle Branch Creek to Thompson's Freehold in Middle Branch Flat, and an extension from this point to a point near Lenihan's old shaft near Hokitika–Kumara Road. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing at a point in Callaghan's Branch Water-race, No. 7875, near Greek's Gully, and terminating at a point near Lenihan's shaft near Hokitika–Kumara Road. Length and course of race: 131 chains; north-westerly. Point of intake: Callaghan's Branch Water-race near Greek's Gully. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft., with 10 ft. on each side of race for spoil, &c. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race lifting water from Callaghan's Branch Race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining. License to be subject to the condition that the race is not to interfere with the working of the respective freehold lands through which it passes.

"5. The reservoir known as the 'Middle Branch Reservoir,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Stafford as per certificate of registration No. 93713, granted on the 12th day of December, 1898, to Alexander Aitken, on behalf of Her Majesty, situated at a point in the middle branch of the Waimea Creek on the south side of the Hokitika–Kumara Main Road. Length of embankment: 11 chains. Greatest height of embankment: 20 ft. Greatest breadth of base: 90 ft. Area of reservoir: 12 acres. Purpose for which water is to be stored: Mining.

"6. The water-race known as the 'Main Race–Waimea Water-race,' declared by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 62, of the 23rd day of October, 1873, and *Gazette* No. 69, of the 15th day of July, 1880, respectively. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Kanieri and Waimea Survey Districts; commencing at a point on the reservoir reserve on the right-hand side of the Kawhaka Creek, and thence by open ditching, flumings, and tunnels to terminal point at Ballarat Hill, near Stafford. Length and course of race: 15¾ miles; north-westerly. Point of intake: Right-hand side of Kawhaka Creek at Government Reservoir Reserve. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Fifty. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"7. The water-race known as the 'Waimea Water-race, Branch B' (with extension to Tunnel Terrace). Extension held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Hokitika as No. 955, granted on the 22nd day of December, 1906, to His Majesty, per James Rochford, of Kumara, Water-race Manager, for a term of forty-two years. Branch B declared by Proclamation in *Gazettes* Nos. 62 and 69, dated the 23rd day of October, 1873, and the 31st day of December, 1874, respectively. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Commencing in the Waimea Survey District at a point on the Main Waimea Water-race about twelve miles below its intake in the Kawhaka Creek, and terminating at Tunnel Terrace below Goldsborough and Stafford. Length and course of race: One mile and a half; north-westerly. Point of intake: At twelve-mile peg on Main Waimea Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 3 ft. by 5 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race lifting water from the Main Waimea Water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"8. The water-race known as the 'Kawhaka Supply Race,' declared by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 102, of the 24th day of October, 1878. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Kanieri Survey District; commencing at a point on the right-hand side of the Kawhaka Creek about one mile below the intake of the Waimea Water-race, and terminating in the headwaters of the Kapitea Creek. Length and course of race: About four miles and a half; north-westerly. Point of intake: Kawhaka Creek, about one mile below intake of Waimea Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 6 ft. Number of heads to be diverted: Forty. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining and power-development.

"9. The reservoir commonly known as the 'No. 1 or Distributing Reservoir,' situated in the Kapitea Creek at the intake of the Kumara Water-race No. 5354, near the northern boundary of the Reservoir Reserve. Length of embankment: About 7 chains. Greatest height: About 18 ft. Greatest breadth at base: About 80 ft. Area of reservoir: 50 acres. Purpose for

which water is to be stored: Mining. Land within which reservoir constructed declared and streams taken by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 18, of the 10th day of March, 1881, and *Gazette* No. 110, of the 25th day of October, 1883, respectively.

"10. The reservoir commonly known as the 'No. 2 Reservoir,' situated in the Reservoir Reserve in the Kapitea Creek about 5 chains south of the Loop-line Road and about two miles above No. 1 or Distributing Reservoir. Length of embankment: 36 chains. Greatest height: 20 ft. Greatest breadth at base: 90 ft. Area of reservoir: 300 acres. Purpose for which water is to be stored: Mining. Land within which reservoir constructed declared and streams taken by Proclamation in *Gazette* No. 18, of the 10th day of March, 1881, and *Gazette* No. 110, of the 25th day of October, 1883, respectively.

"11. The water-race known as the 'Kumara Race,' held under license dated the 9th day of June, 1876, and registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 5354, together with alterations and deviations thereof, as shown in certificate of registration No. 54355, granted on 23rd day of January, 1895, and license No. 394, granted on 25th day of January, 1911, respectively. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing on the right-hand side of Kapitea Creek at Government Reservoir No. 16101, and terminating at a point in the Kumara Borough about 8 chains from the eastern borough boundary. Length and course of race (including deviation): Two miles and three-quarters; north-easterly. Point of intake: Reservoir No. 16101 in Kapitea Creek (generally known as No. 1 Kapitea Reservoir). Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 8 ft., with a reserve of 7 ft. of ground on each side of race for the entire length. Number of heads to be diverted: One hundred and forty to a point at peg 65 chains, and forty heads from thence to terminal point. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"12. The water-race known as the 'Kumara Water-race–Branch Race to Kapitea Hill,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 19970, granted on the 19th day of August, 1889, to Her Majesty, with Extension Certificate No. 28982, dated 24th day of October, 1890, Reservation Certificate No. 19799, dated 16th day of September, 1889, and Extension Certificate No. 90649, dated 29th day of November, 1898. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing at a point in Kumara Water-race No. 5354 at the outlet of the Kumara Head-race tunnel, and terminating at a point on the northern slope of the Kapitea Hill near the head of the No. 5 Sludge-channel. Length and course of race: About two miles; westerly. Point of intake: Outlet of Kumara Head-race tunnel, Kumara Water-race. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft., with a reserve of 10 ft. on lower side and 4 ft. on upper side of race on sideling, and 7 ft. of ground on each side of race on flat ground, for the entire length of race. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch race taking water from Kumara Water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"13. The water-race known as the 'Kumara Water-race–Branch Race to Westbrook,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 271, granted on the 11th day of December, 1909, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Manager of the Government water-races, for and on behalf of His Majesty, for a term of forty-two years. Commencing at a point near Hayes Gauge on the Kumara Government Water-race No. 5354, such point of commencement being distant 649·3 links and bearing 231° 03' from Tube XLII, Block XII, Waimea Survey District, Westland; from thence the race bears 41° 56' 30" for 1 mile 521·2 links, and from thence bearing 46° 43' for 352·2 links to the River Teremakau, and from thence across the river 1148·9 links bearing 71° 22', and from thence 5868·7 links bearing 24° 09' to the discharge-tank and valve-house, and from thence by ditching round the sideling to the termination at a point above Quinn's Terrace, a total distance of 3 miles 50 chains from the commencement. The points of intake will be at Hayes Gauge aforesaid, from Dam No. 125 and from surface drainage along the course of the race. Mean depth and breadth: For one mile 7891 links, a pipe of 30 in. bore; for 42·09 chains, a ditch 4 ft. wide and 4 ft. deep; for 89 chains, a ditch 4 ft. wide and 4 ft. deep. Number of heads to be diverted: Twenty-seven, from Kumara Water-race. Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining. From the commencement-point to a peg at distance of 1 mile 7891 links water will be carried by an iron pipe 30 in. in diameter, and for this distance the race-line is applied for 2 chains in width, this width being necessary for protection of pipes; from peg 1 mile 7891 links to peg 3 miles 50 chains the water-race will be conveyed by ditching 6 ft. 6 in. wide by 4 ft. deep, and for this distance the race-line is applied for 6 ft. 6 in. wide, with a strip of ground 10 ft. wide on each side of the said race for its entire length for the purpose of construction, maintenance, and improvement of same.

"14. The drainage area known as the 'Kumara Water-race–Branch Race to Westbrook Drainage Area,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 124, granted on the 13th day of December, 1899, to Otto William Anderson for a term of forty-two years, and transferred by way of assignment No. 262 to James Rochford, on behalf of His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of November, 1909, situated at Anderson's Swamp, Payne's Gully, on the north side of the Teremakau River, having a frontage of 10 chains by a depth of 20 chains. Posts at angles marked 'A' cut into the wood. This area of 20 acres is required to supply Dam No. 296 with water.

"15. The reservoir at outlet of Trans-Teremakau pipe-line north side of Teremakau River, held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 296, granted on the 9th day of February, 1910, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Manager of Government water-races, for and on behalf of His Majesty, for a term of forty-two years. Situated on the north side of the Teremakau River to the south of Westbrook diggings 4 chains below Anderson's Dam

(License No. 125) and along same watercourse. Length of embankment: 620 ft. Greatest height: 12 ft. Greatest width of base: 62 ft. Area of reservoir: 15 acres. Purpose for which water is to be stored: Mining.

"16. All that area of land reserved under section 19 of the Mining Act, 1908, date of reservation the 25th day of January, 1911, registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 403, being all that piece or parcel of unoccupied Crown lands, containing 10 acres, be the same a little more or less, situate on the south bank of the Teremakau River near the sandhills near Dillmanstown: commencing at peg marked 'X' about 4 chains up-stream from the constructed Pontoon Dock near the Government pipe-line, extending thence in a westerly direction down the river for a distance of 20 chains to a peg marked 'A'; thence in a south-westerly direction to a peg marked 'B,' a distance of 5 chains; thence in a south-easterly direction to a peg marked 'C,' a distance of 20 chains; thence in a north-easterly direction, 5 chains, to commencing-point. Purpose of reserve: For power-house and generating-station.

"17. The branch race known as the 'Old Distributing Branch Race to Kumara Goldfield,' held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 6129, granted on the 16th day of May, 1877, to J. Gow for the General Government. Locality of race and its starting and terminal points: Waimea Survey District; commencing at a point in the Kumara Water-race No. 5354 near the intake of the Kapitea Hill Water-race, and terminating in the old workings at Larrikin's. Length and course of race: About 20 chains; westerly. Point of intake: Kumara Water-race No. 5354. Mean depth and breadth: 4 ft. by 7 ft., with a reserve of 7 ft. on each side of the race for its entire length. Number of heads to be diverted: Nil. (Branch water-race.) Purpose for which water is to be used: Mining.

"18. The special site, held under license registered in the Warden's Court at Kumara as No. 387, granted on the 17th day of December, 1910, to James Rochford, of Kumara, Manager of the Government water-races at Kumara, for and on behalf of His Majesty, for a term of forty-two years, being that piece or parcel of land, containing 1 acre, be the same a little more or a little less, situated on the side of the Kumara–Christchurch Road above Dillmanstown near Blake's old sawmill: commencing at a peg marked 'X' about 7 chains above the Trans-Teremakau pipe-line, extending thence in a westerly direction along the Kumara–Christchurch Road for a distance of 5 chains; thence in a south-westerly direction for 2 chains; thence in a south-easterly direction for 5 chains; thence in a north-easterly direction for 2 chains to the commencing-point. Pegs at angles marked 'X' cut into the wood."

(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)

Amendment proposed: In clause 7, to insert, after the words "3 ft. by 5 ft.," the words "with 10 ft. on each side of race for spoil." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Other amendments proposed: In clause 14, after the word "Rochford," to insert the words "Manager of the Government Water-races, of Kumara, for and"; and in the same line to omit the word "third," and to substitute the word "twelfth." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 upon certain Public Bodies."

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

35. *Local Legislation Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bollard, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the Committee on the Local Legislation Bill be discharged.

36. *Deteriorated Lands Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Deteriorated Lands Bill;

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

37. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Weights and Measures Act, 1925, transmitted in Message No. 44 from the House of Representatives.

Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925, without amendment.

38. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 53.*

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, 29th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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.

39. *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 presently and to be printed.

40. *Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill;

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

41. *Harbours Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—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 presently.

42. *Ashley River Improvement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Ashley River Improvement Bill;

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

43. *Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Bill;

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

44. *Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill:

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

45. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill, the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Bill, the Harbours Amendment Bill, the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill, the Ashley River Improvement Bill, and the Deteriorated Lands Bill.

(In the Committee.)

46. *Ashley River Improvement Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to omit the word "seven" in line 3, and to insert the word "eight" in lieu thereof; in paragraph (*d*), to omit the word "one," and to insert the word "two" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 22 read and agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

47. *Deteriorated Lands Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to omit the words "but for no other purpose," and to insert the following words "or to assist the occupiers to defray any capital expenditures." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 16 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Ashley 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 Ashley 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.

48. *Deteriorated Lands Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Deteriorated Lands 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 Relief of the Occupiers of certain Crown and other Lands in respect to Hardship due to the Deterioration of such Lands or to their Natural Lack of Productivity."

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

49. *Harbours Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Harbours 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 Harbours Act, 1923."

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

50. *Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Public Reserves and 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 Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1909."

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

51. *Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Shipping and Seamen 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 Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908."

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

52. *Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment 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 amend the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909.

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

53. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after ten of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned accordingly.

Wednesday, the 30th Day of September, 1925.

The House met this day at half after ten of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave for a Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Lands Committee have leave to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

3. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency :—

275. Education : Primary Education. (In continuation of E.–2, 1924.) E.–2.

276. Education : Technical Education. (In continuation of E.–5, 1924.) E.–5.

277. Education : Secondary Education. (In continuation of E.–6, 1924.) E.–6.

278. Offenders Probation Act, 1920, Report on the Operations of the, for Year 1924–25. H.–20B.

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

279. Post and Telegraph Department : Schedule of Regulations comprising Orders in Council ; Money-orders for Payment beyond New Zealand ; Charges for Press Radio-telegrams ; Regulations and Fee for Clearance of Dutiable Postal Packets.

281. Southern Union General Insurance Company of Australasia (Limited), (Accident Business) : Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1924.

282. Municipal Corporations : Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1924. [Cambridge, Greymouth, Ohakune, Opotiki, Te Kuiti, and Wellington.]

283. Municipal Corporations : Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Dargaville, Mount Eden, New Brighton, Ngaruawahia, Opotiki, Te Kuiti, and Winton.]

284. County Councils : Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Ashburton, Hawke's Bay, Hutt, Makara, Mount Herbert, Otamatea, and Waimate.]

285. County Councils : Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1924. [Buller, Featherston, Horowhenua, Inglewood, Pohangina, Rangiora, Thames, and Waimea.]

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

280. National-endowment Lands and Crown Lands held under Pastoral Leases or Small Grazing-run Leases that have been sold and transferred into Freehold ; also Particulars of Area and Prices. Return to and Order dated 30th July, 1925.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 275, 276, 277, and 278 be printed.

4. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir G. Hunter from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Petitions of J. Purchase, R. Isaacs, J. J. Maher, and L. D. Nairn, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–10.)

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. Purchase, R. Isaacs, J. J. Maher, and L. D. Nairn, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. Field, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–10.)

5. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Howard, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–9.)

6. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Savage, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report *re* the services of the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

7. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was read as follows, and ordered to lie upon the Table:—

The Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman (Sir G. Hunter) has presided over the deliberations of the Committee, and of his courtesy and consideration to all; and that this resolution be reported to the House.

8. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Nash, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–14.)

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. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Matenga Hori and others, Te Keepa Tawhio and others, Waka Pango and others, Maata Mahupuka Asher, Te Kapinga Makarati and others, Puhi Makene and others, Toitu Hamiora and others, Tamaiwhina Rawiri, Karepa Mataira and others, Hore Turu and another, Patate Paratomeo and others, Pukepuke Tangiora and others, G. A. Hirschberg, Hira Eruera Keremeneta, A. Brown and another, and Tiki Marera and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table; and a Final Report. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Matenga Hori and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Te Keepa Tawhio and others, Waka Pango and others, Maata Mahupuka Asher, Te Kapinga Makarati and others, Puhi Makene and others, and Toitu Hamiora and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Tamaiwhina Rawiri, Karepa Mataira and others, Hore Turu and another, Patate Paratomeo and others, and Pukepuke Tangiora and others be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Mr. Corrigan, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–3.)

11. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. J. C. Rolleston, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of E. Heke and others, W. L. Panther and others, J. E. Lea, Mary Martin, R. B. Brickell, and Isabella M. Nelson, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

Ordered, That the Petition of Isabella M. Nelson, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. J. C. Rolleston, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Special Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

I am directed to report that the Defence Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the courtesy and consideration of the Minister of Defence, the Honourable Sir R. H. Rhodes, K.B.E., and regrets that, as he does not intend contesting the next election, he will not be a Member of the Committee next year.

Ordered to be entered on the Journals of the House.

Mr. Munro, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–12.)

12. *Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee, brought up a Final Report; and the same was read, as follows, and ordered to lie upon the Table:—

I am directed by the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee to report that during the session the Committee considered 181 papers, of which 24 were ordered to be printed and 157 not ordered to be printed.

13. *Joint Library Committee.*—Mr. Fraser, from the Joint Library Committee, brought up a Special Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that this Committee records its high sense and deep appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman, the Honourable Mr. Speaker, has presided during the present session over the deliberations of the Joint Library Committee, and desires that this resolution be reported to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

14. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Deteriorated Lands Act, 1925, the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1925, the Harbours Amendment Act, 1925, the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Act, 1925, and the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925, without amendment.

15. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency:—

287. Sheepowners, Return of, and of the Number of Sheep and Lambs in each County on 30th April, 1924 and 1925. H.–23B.

The following Paper was presented and laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

286. Government Departments, Balance-sheets and Statements of Accounts of various. B.–1 [Part IV, Supplementary].

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 286 and 287 be printed.

16. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 54.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for services of the year ending the 31st day of March, 1926, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th September, 1925.

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

17. *Supply (Supplementary Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Coates 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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £26,349 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £5. *(Mr. Poland.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,212 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,523 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £597 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the National Provident and Friendly Societies Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,284 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Post and Telegraph Working-expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,767 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,815 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government and other Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation, Drainage, and River Protection and Improvement Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,021 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,124 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the External Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,419 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,965 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Industries and Commerce Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £867 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Justice Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,157 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £222 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,073 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £789 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,408 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £92,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Internal Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £22,853 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,131 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,911 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Health Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,867 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £42,493 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £7,727 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £100. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

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

AYES, 13.

Armstrong	McCombs	Munro	*Tellers.*
Bartram	McIlvride	Parry	Fraser
Holland	McKeen	Sullivan,	Lee.
Howard	Monteith		

NOES, 36.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	Macpherson	Smith
Atmore	Horn	Nash	Sykes
Bell	Hudson	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Uru
Bitchener	Hunter, Sir G.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Veitch
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Linklater	Parr, Hon. Sir C. J.	Williams
Buddo, Hon. D.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Witty.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	McLennan	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Corrigan	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Glenn
Dickson, J. McC.	Macmillan	Rolleston, F. J.	Wright.
Harris			

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,472 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,567 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Labour Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,189 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands and Survey Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,697 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £13 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,527 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,817 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Tourist and Health Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,904 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,246 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Acquisition and Operation of Quarries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses and Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Tourist Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £85 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,925 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands, Miscellaneous, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £907 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Water-power for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £590 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account, Maintenance, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,457 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,846 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Service for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of War Expenses Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £943 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £84,552 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,954 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trust Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,454 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,069 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £99 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £86,915 9s. 1d. 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, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £63 6s. 9d. 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, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101,907 9s. 5d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works Fund, for Services in excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,962 12s. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account, for Services in excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £56 5s. 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, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21 0s. 6d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account, for Services in excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £153 3s. 5d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £270,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Surplus Credits-in-aid, Consolidated Fund Ordinary Revenue Account, Post and Telegraph Working-expenses, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £249,013 9s. 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, 1925.

To report the Resolutions.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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:—

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £62,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,456 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £68,668 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £93,767 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £22,751 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,200,391 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,478,938 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Working-expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £114,013 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government and other Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance of Irrigation, Drainage, and River Protection and Improvement Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,089 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,865 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £32,504 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £87,059 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £139,782 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £79,609 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,619 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £415,939 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £193,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £45,562 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £318,285 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £27,987 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,631 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £205,322 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £280,851 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £248,035 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £444,215 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £412,875 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £152,594 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £124,276 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50,213 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £174,018 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,092 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £51,083 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £97,119 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £368,297 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £68,888 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Tourist and Health Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,883,869 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £274,562 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £43,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,041 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £235,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £212,887 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Service for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of War Expenses Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £19,304 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £217,931 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £13,836 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £104,317 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,642 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,452 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £60,042 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £134,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,050,000 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £303,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Timber-supply and Sawmills for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Acquisition and Operation of Quarries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses and Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Tourist Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £689,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £995,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Motor Transport Services for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £72,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,045,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electric Supply Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £70,000 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £435,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £820,000 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £480,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,349 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,212 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,523 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £597 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,284 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Working-expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,767 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,815 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government and other Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation, Drainage, and River Protection and Improvement Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,021 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,124 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of External Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,419 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,965 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Industries and Commerce Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £867 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Justice Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,157 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £222 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,073 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £789 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,408 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £92,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £22,853 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,131 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,911 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Health Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,867 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £42,493 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,727 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,472 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,567 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Labour Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,189 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands and Survey Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,697 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery-preservation for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £13 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,527 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,817 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Tourist and Health Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,904 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,246 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Acquisition and Operation of Quarries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses and Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Tourist Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £85 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £23,925 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Roads, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands, Miscellaneous, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £907 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Water-power for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £590 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, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account, Maintenance, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,457 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,846 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Service for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of War Expenses Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £943 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £84,552 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,954 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trust Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,454 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,069 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £99 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £86,915 9s. 1d. 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, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £63 6s. 9d. 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, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101,907 9s. 5d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works Fund, for Services in excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,962 12s. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account, for Services in excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £56 5s. 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, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21 0s. 6d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account, for Services in excess of Votes, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £153 3s. 5d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account, for Services not provided for, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £270,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Surplus Credits-in-aid, Consolidated Fund Ordinary Revenue Account, Post and Telegraph Working-expenses, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £249,013 9s. 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, 1925.

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.

18. *Joint Library Committee.*—Mr. Fraser, from the Joint Library Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk; and the same was read as follows, and ordered to lie upon the Table:—

That this Committee records its complete satisfaction with the able and efficient manner in which the Clerk, Mr. J. P. Jarrett, has carried out the duties entrusted to him, and desires this resolution to be reported to the House.

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

The Honourable Mr. Coates 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 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.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *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-six, the following sums may be issued and applied: Out of the Consolidated Fund, ten million six hundred and fifty-six thousand five hundred and seven pounds; and in addition the sum of one million six hundred and fifty-one thousand one hundred and ninety-four pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid: out of the Public Works Fund, five million eight hundred and seventy-two thousand four hundred and sixty-three pounds; and in addition the sum of nine hundred and forty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-four pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid: out of the separate accounts, seven million one hundred and fifty-eight thousand eight hundred and two pounds; and in addition the sum of nine hundred and thirty-three thousand seven hundred and twenty-one pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid: out of the accounts outside the Public Account, four hundred and sixty-four thousand and eighty-three pounds; and in addition the sum of thirty-six thousand four hundred and ten pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid.

To report the Resolution.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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-six, the following sums may be issued and applied: Out of the Consolidated Fund, ten million six hundred and fifty-six thousand five hundred and seven pounds; and in addition the sum of one million six hundred and fifty-one thousand one hundred and ninety-four pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid: out of the Public Works Fund, five million eight hundred and seventy-two thousand four hundred and sixty-three pounds: and in addition the sum of nine hundred and forty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-four pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid: out of the separate accounts, seven million one hundred and fifty-eight thousand eight hundred and two pounds; and in addition the sum of nine hundred and thirty-three thousand seven hundred and twenty-one pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid: out of the accounts outside the Public Accounts, four hundred and sixty-four thousand and eighty-three pounds; and in addition the sum of thirty-six thousand four hundred and ten pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid.

And the Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

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

20. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 55.*

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, 30th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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

21. *Finance Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently and to be printed.

22. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 56.*

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, 30th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Honourable Mr. Coates do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Legislature Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently and to be printed.

23. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 57.*

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

Government House,
Wellington, 30th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Public Works 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.

24. *Public Works Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Public Works Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently and to be printed.

25. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment.

26. *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.

27. *Public Works Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Works Amendment Bill;

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

28. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Legislature Amendment Bill and the Public Works Amendment Bill.

29. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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.

30. *Public Works Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Public Works 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 Public Works Act, 1908."

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

31. *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 ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 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, 26.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken	Macmillan	Sykes
Atmore	Hunter, Sir G.	Nash	Uru
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Linklater	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Williams.
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Corrigan	McKay	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Glenn
Dickson, J. McC.	McLennan	Ransom	Hudson.
Forbes	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	

NOES, 15.

Fraser	Monteith	Sidey	Wright.
Horn	Munro	Smith	*Tellers.*
McCombs	Poland	Sullivan	Armstrong
McKeen	Rolleston, F. J.	Veitch	Howard.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 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, 23.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hudson	Macmillan	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir G.	Nash	Uru
Coates, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright.
Dickson, J. McC.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Hawken	McLennan	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	Glenn
Horn	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Williams.

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Howard	Ransom	Veitch.
Atmore	McCombs	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Corrigan	McKeen	Smith	Monteith
Forbes	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Sullivan	Munro.
Fraser	Poland		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 44 read and agreed to.

Clause 45 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clauses 46 to 52 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 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.

32. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 58.*

The Bill intituled the Samoa (Shipping) Act, 1925, 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.

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Wellington, 30th September, 1925.

33. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 59.*

The Bills intituled—

The Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925,
The Pensions Amendment Act, 1925,

The Government Railways Amendment Act, 1925,
The District Courts Abolition Act, 1925.
The Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1925,
The Electrical Wiremen's Registration Act, 1925,
The Life Insurance Amendment Act, 1925,
The Main Highways Amendment Act, 1925,
The Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Act, 1925,
The Mutual Fire Insurance Amendment Act, 1925,
The Death Duties Amendment Act, 1925,
The Apprentices Amendment Act, 1925,
The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1925,
The Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Amendment Act, 1925,
The Napier Harbour Board Rating Regulation Act, 1925,
The Rawhiti Domain Act, 1925,
The Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Act, 1925,
The Matakaoa Hospital District Act, 1925,
The Wanganui City Council Empowering and Enabling Act, 1925,
The Mataura Borough Valuation of Farm Lands for Rating Purposes Act, 1925,
The Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1925,
The Marine and Power Engineers' Institute Incorporation Act, 1925, and
The Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property Amendment Act, 1925,

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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Wellington, 30th September, 1925.

34. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925, without amendment.

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

THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1925.

35. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Public Works Amendment Act, 1925, and the Legislature Amendment Act, 1925, without amendment.

36. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 60.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Counties Act, 1920," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Counties Act, 1920.

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

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

37. *Counties Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Honourable Mr. Bollard, according to Order, presented the Counties Amendment Bill (No. 2), which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently and to be printed.

38. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 Law relating to Crown and other Lands," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th September, 1925.

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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Law relating to Crown and other Lands.

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

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

39. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Land Laws Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

40. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 339 be suspended, and that the Land Laws Amendment Bill be set down for second reading presently.

41. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 amend

the Land Transfer Act, 1915," with the following amendments, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly :—

Clause 5, subclause (1): To add to the subclause the following: "The Form A in the Second Schedule to that Act shall be deemed to be amended in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this subsection."

Clause 5, subclause (2): To insert, after the words "Every application" in line 5, the words "to bring any land."

Schedule: To omit so much thereof as relates to section 82, subsection (1), and substitute the following :—

"Section 82, subsection (1) ..	By inserting, after the word 'easement,' the words 'or any *profit a prendre*;' and by adding the following words: 'No easement or *profit a prendre* created as aforesaid in respect of any mortgaged or encumbered land shall be binding on the mortgagee except so far as he has consented thereto.'"

Schedule: To omit so much thereof as relates to Form A of the Second Schedule to the principal Act.

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Wellington, 30th September, 1925.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the 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. Young reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Young 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 Land Transfer Act, 1915.

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

42. *Land Transfer Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir C. J. Parr, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Land Transfer 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 Land Transfer Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

43. *Counties Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Counties Amendment Bill;

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

44. *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 forthwith.

45. *Committal of Bills.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Counties Amendment Bill (No. 2) and the Land Laws Amendment Bill.

46. *Counties Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Young 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 Counties Act, 1920."

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

47. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Young also reported that the Committee had gone through the Land Laws 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 Law relating to Crown and other Lands."

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

48. *Appropriation Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, 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-six, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Present Session.

The same was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and 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; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Young reported that the Committee had gone through the Appropriation 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 to the Services of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and twenty-six, 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.

49. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Appendix I.–5.)

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

Public Service Commissioner, Thirteenth Report of the. (H.–14.)

Ordered to be printed.

51. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until eleven of the clock this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-five minutes after five of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, the 1st Day of October, 1925.

The House met this day at eleven of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1925, the Counties Amendment Act, 1925, and the Finance Act, 1925, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Appropriation Act, 1925, which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

2. *Appropriation Bill.*—Mr. Speaker left the Chair to wait upon His Excellency the Governor-General with the Appropriation Bill.

And the House having resumed at forty-five minutes after twelve of the clock p.m. ;

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House that he had presented the Appropriation Bill to His Excellency the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, and His Excellency had, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill.

3. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Land Transfer Amendment Act, 1925, transmitted in Message No. 48 from the House of Representatives.

4. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 63.*

The Bill intituled the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1925, 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.

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5. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates, 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 :—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. *Message No. 64.*

The Bills intituled—

The Deteriorated Lands Act, 1925,
The Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Act, 1925,
The Harbours Amendment Act, 1925,
The Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925,
The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1925,

The Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925,
The Electric-power Boards Act, 1925,
The Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1925,
The Coal-mines Act, 1925,
The Weights and Measures Act, 1925,
The Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925,
The Forests Amendment Act, 1925,
The Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925,
The Legislature Amendment Act, 1925,
The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1925,
The Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Act, 1925,
The National Provident Fund Amendment Act, 1925,
The Land for Settlements Act, 1925,
The Child Welfare Act, 1925,
The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925,
The Rating Act, 1925,
The Valuation of Land Act, 1925,
The Kauri-gum Control Act, 1925,
The Brunner Borough Abolition Act, 1925,
The Land Transfer Amendment Act, 1925,
The Public Works Amendment Act, 1925,
The Counties Amendment Act, 1925,
The Finance Act, 1925, and
The Appropriation Act, 1925,

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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6. *Schedule of Business.*—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the Schedule of Business of the House of Representatives of the Bills passed and lapsed in both Houses during the session.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Coates, the same was ordered to be printed.

7. *Adjournment.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates 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, 19.

Atmore	Harris	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes
Bitchener	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir M.	Young.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Luke, Sir J. P.	Rhodes, Hon. Sir R. H.	*Tellers.*
Coates, Hon. J. G.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, F. J.	Lysnar
Field	Macmillan	Sullivan	McCombs.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	McLennan	Poland	Williams
Dickson, J. McC.	Monteith	Sidey	Wright.
Forbes	Munro	Smith	*Tellers.*
Hanan, Hon. J. A.	Nash	Uru	Isitt
Horn	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Veitch	Witty.
Howard			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at fifty minutes after one of the clock p.m.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, 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 twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, 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, this 2nd day of October, 1925.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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