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SPEAKER—HON. SIR CHARLES STATHAM, Kt.

Name.	Electoral District.
Anderson, Hon. George James	Mataura.
Armstrong, Hubert Thomas	Christchurch East.
Atmore, Harry	Nelson.
Bartram, Frederick Notley	Grey Lynn.
Bell, Allen	Bay of Islands.
Bellringer, Charles Emanuel	Taranaki.
Bitchener, John	Waitaki.
Bollard, Hon. Richard Francis*	Raglan.
Buddo, Hon. David	Kaiapoi.
Burnett, Thomas David	Temuka.
Campbell, Hugh McLean	Hawke's Bay.
Coates, Right Hon. Joseph Gordon	Kaipara.
Dickie, Harold Galt	Patea.
Dickson, James McColl	Chalmers.
Dickson, James Samuel	Parnell.
Eliott, John Gordon	Oroua.
Field, William Hughes	Otaki.
Forbes, George William	Hurunui.
Forsyth, Thomas	Wellington East.
Fraser, Peter	Wellington Central.
Girling, William James	Wairau.
Glenn, William Spiers	Rangitikei.
Hamilton, Adam	Wallace.
Hamilton, John Ronald	Awarua.
Harris, Alexander	Waitemata.
Hawken, Hon. Oswald James	Egmont.
Henare, Tau	Northern Maori.
Hockly, Frank Franklin	Rotorua.
Holland, Henry	Christchurch North.
Holland, Henry Edmund	Buller.
Horn, James	Wakatipu.
Howard, Edwin John	Christchurch South.
Hudson, Richard Phineas	Motueka.
Hunter, Sir George, Kt.	Waipawa.
Jones, David	Ellesmere.
Jones, William	Marsden.
Jordan, William Joseph	Manukau.
Kyle, Herbert Seton Stewart	Riccarton.

* Died 24th August, 1927.

Name.	Electoral District.
Lee, Ernest Page	Oamaru.
Lee, John Alexander	Auckland East.
Linklater, Joseph	Manawatu.
Luke, Sir John Pearce, Kt., C.M.G.	Wellington North.
Lysnar, William Douglas	Gisborne.
McCombs, James	Lyttelton.
McKeen, Robert	Wellington South.
McLennan, Ewan Donald	Franklin.
McLeod, Hon. Alexander Donald	Wairarapa.
Macmillan, Charles Edward de la Barca	Tauranga.
Martin, William Lee*	Raglan.
Mason, Henry Greathead Rex	Eden.
Mason, John	Napier.
Nash, James Alfred	Palmerston.
Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana Turupa, Kt.	Eastern Maori.
Nosworthy, Hon. William	Ashburton.
Parry, William Edward	Auckland Central.
Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui Ngatata, K.B.E., C.M.G.	Western Maori.
Potter, Vivian Harold	Roskill.
Ransom, Ethelbert Alfred	Pahiatua.
Reid, Daniel Stewart	Waikato.
Rhodes, Thomas William	Thames.
Rolleston, Hon. Francis Joseph	Timaru.
Rolleston, John Christopher	Waitomo.
Samuel, Albert Moeller	Ohinemuri.
Savage, Michael Joseph	Auckland West.
Seddon, Thomas Edward Youd	Westland.
Sidey, Thomas Kay	Dunedin South.
Smith, Robert William	Waimarino
Statham, Hon. Sir Charles Ernest, Kt.	Dunedin Central.
Stewart, Hon. William Downie	Dunedin West.
Sullivan, Daniel Giles	Avon.
Sykes, George Robert	Masterton.
Tapley, Harold Livingstone, C.M.G.	Dunedin North.
Uru, Henare Whakatau	Southern Maori.
Veitch, William Andrew	Wanganui.
Waite, Fred	Clutha.
Walter, Edward	Stratford.
Ward, Right Hon. Sir Joseph George, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Invercargill.
Wilford, Thomas Mason	Hutt.
Williams, Hon. Kenneth Stuart	Bay of Plenty.
Wright, Hon. Robert Alexander	Wellington Suburbs.
Young, Hon. James Alexander	Hamilton.

* Elected 30th September, 1927.

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184/24. Hoani Matiu and 15 others..	Aug. 13, 1924	Praying for an inquiry into the ownership of Titi Island, Tauhikepia (Long Island)	16	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs ..	Petition withdrawn, Sept. 15, 1927.
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351/24. Rito, Winiata te, and 2 others	Oct. 1, 1924	*Re* Ngamotu Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 4, 1927.

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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.
252/25. Humphreys, Iris Frances ..	Sept. 18, 1925	For remission of arrears of taxes	1	Mr. Bartram ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
115/25. Iwingaro, Mere te, and 3 others	July 21, 1925	For an inquiry into the Mangapoike Block	4	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
222/25. Iwingaro, Mere te, and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2D Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
223/25. Iwingaro, Mere te, and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2C Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
224/25. Iwingaro, Mere te, and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1925	*Re* Mangapoike 2D and 2A 3 Blocks	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
259/25. Johnson, John Thomas ..	Sept. 23, 1925	For amendment of the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Act, 1924	1	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Goldfields and Mines ..	Aug. 11, 1926; Sept. 6, 1926; Nov. 29, 1927.
206/25. 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 ..	Oct. 28, 1927.

III (*continued*).—SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SESSION 1926, AND DEALT WITH DURING SESSION 1927.

From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
280/26. Apatari Harete and 2 others	Sept. 6, 1926	*Re* Tutuotekaha 4 Block	3	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
264/26. Baillie and Co., Limited, and 101 others	Aug. 24, 1926	For right to purchase Westport Colliery leases	102	Mr. H. E. Holland	Lands (direct) ..	Aug. 24, 1927.
279/26. Birch, J. T.	Sept. 4, 1926	That a pension be given to his wife while he is in hospital ..	1	Mr. Dickie ..	Defence	Aug. 31, 1927.
285/26. Blee, G. E., and 139 others..	Sept. 6, 1926	That the allowance granted by friendly societies be not taken into consideration when the Government is granting economic pensions	140	Mr. J. S. Dickson ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Aug. 31, 1927.
288/26. Haki Tamati	Sept. 11, 1926	*Re* Lot 39A, Parish of Matata..	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
289/26. Haki Tamati	Sept. 11, 1926	*Re* confiscated lands, Bay of Plenty	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
20/26. Hapi Mere	June 22, 1926	For a reopening and rehearing by the Native Land Court of the question of the relative interests of the persons found entitled to the Patutahi Block	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare (for Hon. Mr. Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
278/26. Hati Rapihana and 4 others	Sept. 2, 1926	For relief in connection with the Tangonge Block	5	Mr. J. C. Rolleston (for Mr. Henare)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
282/26. Hene Toko	Sept. 6, 1926	*Re* stamp duty on interest in Okurupatu Block	1	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Sept. 21, 1927.
275/26. Herepete Rapihana and 10 others	Sept. 2, 1926	That the Tangonge Block be returned to the Native owners ..	11	Mr. J. C. Rolleston (for Mr. Henare)	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
281/26. Hirini Waiti and 4 others ..	Sept. 6, 1926	*Re* Mangahauini No. 9 Block	5	Hon. Mr. Ngata ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 25, 1927.
50/26. Hirschberg, G. A... ..	July 6, 1926	For inquiry into his claim to lease of Ngawakaakupe No. 3 Block	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
283/26. Hura Poihaere Hakipene ..	Sept. 6, 1926	For reinvestigation of the title to Waisri South B 2 Block ..	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
44/26. McBurney, W. J... ..	June 30, 1926	For investigation and refund of certain moneys paid to the Crown when purchasing a farm in the Taniwha Settlement	1	Mr. Rhodes ..	Lands	Report brought up Aug. 24, 1927; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
269/26. Macdonald, C. A., and another	Aug. 27, 1926	For an amendment of the Dunedin City Empowering Act, 1924, and a right to recover compensation	2	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Goldfields and Mines (direct)	Sept. 6, 1926; Nov. 29, 1927.
287/26. Naughton, P., and 1,489 others	Sept. 8, 1926	For amendment of Board of Trade Act, 1919, to provide protection to the public against monopolies and restraint of trade	1,490	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Oct. 20, 1927.
272/26. Patten, E. W., and 49 others	Aug. 31, 1926	For right to purchase freehold of Westport Colliery leases ..	50	Mr. H. E. Holland	Lands (direct) ..	Aug. 24, 1927.
76/26. Quirke, R. W., and 9 others	July 21, 1926	For reduction in rentals of certain sections in Block I, Hunua Survey District	10	Mr. R. W. Smith ..	Lands	Sept. 15, 1927.
238/26. Rikihana Wiremu ..	Aug. 12, 1926	For relief in connection with the Waihou Lower D 2 Block ..	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
284/26. Standish, W.	Sept. 6, 1926	For a compassionate allowance owing to his fishing-boat being stolen and sold in Queensland below value	1	Mr. J. S. Dickson ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Sept. 21, 1927.
270/26. Watson, E. S.	Aug. 30, 1926	For inquiry into the reason of his dismissal as farm-manager at Waikeria Reformatory	1	Mr. Reid ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 31, 1927.
286/26. Williamson, L. C., and 2,517 others	Sept. 7, 1926	That the Board of Trade Act, 1919, be amended so as to give greater protection to the public against the harmful effects of monopolies and combines acting in restraint of trade	2,518	Mr. Fraser	Public Petitions M to Z (direct) Industries and Commerce	Nov. 18, 1927. Nov. 29, 1927.

III (*continued*).—Schedule of Petitions presented to the House of Representatives, Session 1927.

From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
271. Abbott, F. G.	Sept. 22 1927	For compensation for loss owing to flooding of his farm-lands ..	1	Mr. Samuel ..	Lands	Nov. 9, 1927.
338. Aggers, J., and 178 others ..	Nov. 18, 1927	For amendment of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act	179	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 29, 1927; Held over.
184. Aitken, J.	Aug. 16, 1927	For inquiry into an alleged complaint against certain police officials..	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petition A to L ..	Sept. 21, 1927.
110. Akel, J.	July 21, 1927	For inquiry into alleged wrongful loss of his business	1	Sir John Lake ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
124. Akuhata Hira Kingi and another	July 27, 1927	For inquiry in connection with the Rangitaiki 28B 17D Block ..	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
63. Aldis, M., and 16 others ..	July 15, 1927	For an inquiry into the administration of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind	17	Mr. Harris ..	Education	Oct. 25, 1927.
250. Allaway, E. A., and 243 others	Sept. 6, 1927	That provision be made to prevent wholesale distributors or manufacturers fixing prices below which retailers may not sell household commodities	244	Mr. Fraser ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
208. Allen, Nellie, and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy-material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
257. Amo Koukou Paparatu, Te ..	Sept. 9, 1927	For relief in connection with the Aranui Block	1	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
55. Anaru Karauria Tiweka ..	July 12, 1927	*Re* adoption to Takimoana (deceased)..	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
231. Anderson, Mary A.	Aug. 24, 1927	That broken service be counted for superannuation purposes under the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	1	Hon. Mr. Anderson	Education	Oct. 17, 1927.
23. Anderson, W. E., and 140 others	June 28, 1927	For changing the incidence of motor-taxation by the imposition of a petrol-tax	141	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 27, 1927.
254. Andrew, N. C.	Sept. 8, 1927	For payment by the Post and Telegraph Department of 5 per cent. of his salary and yearly increases which were not paid on account of his being on active service	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 29, 1927.
260. Aputa Ihakara, Te	Sept. 15, 1927	For the removal of the restrictions against netting of whitebait in Lake Whakapuni	14	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
102. Arvidson, K. O., and 32 others	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	33	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Education	Brought up Oct. 25; laid on Dec. 5, 1927.
211. Atkinson, Daisy, and 50 others	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	51	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
46. Auger, P. J.	July 5, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to alleged injury received whilst employed by the Railways Department	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Railways	Sept. 15, 1927.
129. Awha Pouaka, Te	July 29, 1927	For the annulment of the confirmation of the sale of a right-of-way, being part Kaihu 2B 3 Block	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 18, 1927.
302. Barclay, S. M.	Oct. 11, 1927	For refund of stamp duty paid on an option to purchase which was not completed	1	Mr. Horn ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 1, 1927.
179. Barker, A. W., and 307 others..	Aug. 12, 1927	For the erection of a building for the secondary classes of the Kaikoura District High School	308	Mr. Forbes ..	Education	Oct. 26, 1927.
188. Barlow, Margaret	Aug. 16, 1927	That her broken service be allowed to count for superannuation purposes under the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Education	Oct. 17, 1927.
20. Barrett, H.	June 28, 1927	That the sum of £32 6s. paid by him for land-tax for the year 1926–27 be refunded	1	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	Public Petitions A to L	Brought up Sept. 15; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.

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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.
48. Barrett, W. D., and 37 others ..	July 8, 1927	That the use of nets for catching whitebait in the Ashley River be made illegal	38	Mr. Henare (for Mr. Uru)	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 15, 1927.
168. Bayly, F. W., and 19 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	20	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
190. Beattie, R. M.	Aug. 18, 1927	For inquiry into the administration of mental hospitals	1	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Public Health.. ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
1. Bell-Booth, Stanley	June 24, 1927	For right to be examined under the Dentists Registration Act ..	1	Mr. Savage ..	Public Health ..	Oct. 17, 1927.
69. Bennett, E. P.	July 19, 1927	For the confirmation of a transfer of a small block of Native land ..	1	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
181. Berry, O. V., and 3 others ..	Aug. 12, 1927	That early service should be allowed and calculated for their claim on the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	4	Hon. Mr. Buddo ..	Education	Sept. 16, 1927.
241. Bicknell, J. T.	Aug. 30, 1927	For compensation for alleged loss suffered through lack of water for stock	1	Hon. Mr. McLeod ..	Lands	Sept. 21, 1927.
209. Blair, K. A., and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
166. Blake, H. F., and 16 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	17	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
203. Bond, E. H., and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
197. Boocock, Margaret A., and 58 others	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
273. Bowers, E., and 145 others ..	Sept. 22, 1927	For legislation to control fixation of prices	146	Mr. McKeen ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
263. Box, A. R. D.	Sept. 20, 1927	For redress and compensation on account of alleged wrongful detention in a mental hospital	1	Dickson, J. McC. ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1927.
277. Boyd, H. B., and 81 others ..	Sept. 22, 1927	For legislation to control fixation of prices	82	Mr. McKeen ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
201. Boyes, F. S., and 50 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	51	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
33. Bradley, P.	July 1, 1927	For a compassionate allowance in order that he may undergo further surgical treatment	1	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
288. Brickell, R. B.	Oct. 3, 1927	For a compassionate allowance on account of service in the Maori war	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1927.
218. Briggs, F. E., and 44 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	45	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
9. Brims, W., and 1,175 others ..	June 24, 1927	For legislation for fixing the closing-hours of business premises ..	1,176	Hon. Mr. Anderson	Labour Bills	Sept. 23, 1927.
40. Brown, L. N.	July 5, 1927	For refund of certain moneys not credited to him in connection with a Crown leasehold	1	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Lands	Sept. 15, 1927.
198. Brown, M., and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
346. Brown, Ruby	Dec. 1, 1927	For reinstatement to her former position of Postmistress or, as an alternative, that she be granted a compassionate allowance	1	Mr. Rhodes ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
41. Buckler, H. L.	July 5, 1927	For a compassionate allowance in lieu of pension	1	Mr. Savage ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1927.
214. Buckly, Florence, and 58 others	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
308. Burgess, W.	Oct. 18, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to inability to earn a livelihood	1	Mr. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 14, 1927.

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171. Burrowes, H. J. F., and 27 others	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	28	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
19. Callaghan, Maria	June 28, 1927	For compassionate allowance for loss incurred through sale of property at Green Island	1	Mr. Sidey ..	Lands	Sept. 15, 1927.
106. Campbell, R. A., and 108 others	July 21, 1927	For more rigid enforcement of the Police Offences Act in regard to Sunday trading	109	Mr. H. Holland ..	Labour Bills	Aug. 31, 1927.
151. Campbell, W. H., and 2 others..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	3	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
318. Carruth, W. A., and 7 others ..	Oct. 26, 1927	That the prayer of the petition of Marguerite A. Thompson be granted	8	Mr. W. Jones ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Nov. 15, 1927.
279. Cartwright, Mabel J. ..	Sept. 27, 1927	For reinstatement to her former position in the Health Department	1	Mr. Armstrong ..	Public Health ..	Nov. 16, 1927.
174. Caughley, J.	Aug. 11, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	1	Sir John Luke ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
29. Chamberlain, L. S.	June 30, 1927	For remission of land-tax	1	Mr. Reid.. ..	Lands	Aug. 24, 1927.
156. Charters, R. G., and 7 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	8	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
233. Chulav, J.	Sept. 7, 1927	For an annual grant owing to inability to work, due to an alleged accident whilst employed by the Public Works Department	1	Mr. Bell	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 29, 1927.
95. Clareburt, A. J., and 58 others..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration of the secular status of State-owned schools	59	Mr. Jordan ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
28. Clark, Jane Sarah	June 30, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to the loss of her husband by drowning in the Hutt River	1	Mr. Wilford ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 21, 1927.
15. Clark, Mary Elizabeth ..	June 24, 1927	For an inquiry into the cause of her sister's death	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
93. Clark, M. B., and 9 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	10	Mr. Parry ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
76. Clarke, E. G., and 7 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	8	Mr. Savage ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
42. Clarke, R. J.	July 5, 1927	For a compassionate grant from the funds of the State Accident Insurance Office	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 21, 1927.
266. Cleary, Right Rev. H. W. ..	Sept. 20, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	1	Mr. Atmore ..	Education (direct) ..	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
294. Clerke, G.	Oct. 5, 1927	For inquiry and compensation in connection with occupancy of a soldier-settlement farm	1	Mr. Elliott ..	Lands (direct) ..	Oct. 26, 1927.

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170. Cochran, T., and 26 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	27	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
64. Coles, A.	July 15, 1927	For relief in respect of Railway Superannuation..	1	Mr. Field ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 27, 1927.
278. Collingwood County Council ..	Sept. 27, 1927	For the extension of the Nelson River limits to Golden Bay ..	1	Mr. Hudson ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 25, 1927.
135. Combs, F. L., and another ..	Aug. 4, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	2	Mr. Atmore ..	Education (direct) ..	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
319. Commins, Flora M.	Oct. 26, 1927	For compensation for land taken by the Public Works Department	1	Mr. W. Jones ..	Lands (direct) ..	Nov. 16, 1927.
131. Connolly, G., and 193 others ..	July 29, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	194	Mr. Atmore ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
269. Cooper, H., and 329 others ..	Sept. 22, 1927	Protesting against any legislation which will permit shops remaining open longer than the present hours observed	330	Mr. Linklater (for Mr. Nash)	Labour Bills	Oct. 17, 1927.
162. Cooper, J. W., and 11 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	12	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
118. Cottrell, A. G., and 26 others ..	July 26, 1927	For the reinstatement of a war pension to Albert Fortunato Amadio	27	Mr. Hockly ..	Defence	Nov. 11, 1927.
72. Cowan, A. M.	July 20, 1927	For an allowance by way of a pension or otherwise on account of services rendered as a school-teacher at Niue	1	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Education	Oct. 17, 1927.
341. Coyle, M. J., and 2 others ..	Nov. 23, 1927	For remission of stamp and gift duty	3	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 29, 1927.
144. Crook, Catherine J.	Aug. 10, 1927	For a compassionate allowance in respect of the death of her husband	1	Mr. J. Mason ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 27, 1927.
298. Croucher, L. C., and 106 others	Oct. 6, 1927	Objection to any alteration in shopping hours	107	Mr. Nash ..	Labour Bills	Oct. 20, 1927.
4. Cullen, F. A.	June 24, 1927	For increased superannuation allowance	1	Mr. Armstrong ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1927.
158. Cuthbert, H., and 7 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	8	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
270. Dalziell, F. G.	Sept. 22, 1927	That Parliament, by a Committee of its own members or some other body having parliamentary authority, be constituted to investigate means to prevent physical and mental disease and economic disorder	1	Sir John Luke ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
140. Davis, C. E., and 530 others ..	Aug. 9, 1927	That a survey be undertaken of the proposed Morningside to Kumeu Railway deviation	531	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Railways	Sept. 27, 1927.
146. de la Mare, F. A., and 45 others	Aug. 10, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	46	Hon. Mr. Young ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
220. Dennis, G., and 53 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs Tariff	54	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
161. Derrett, C. C., and 9 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	10	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
78. Dibble, M., and 95 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	96	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.

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2. Dickson, Mary S.	June 24, 1927	That she be granted a compassionate allowance equal to the miners widows' pension	1	Mr. Rhodes ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Aug. 19, 1927.
6. Douds, Maria	June 24, 1927	For recognition of previous service to count as a contributor to the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	1	Mr. Armstrong ..	Education	Sept. 16, 1927.
58. Dowd, J.	July 13, 1927	That he may be granted a Maori-war medal	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Defence	Aug. 31, 1927.
235. Dowse, Gladys M.	Aug. 24, 1927	For legislation to enable her to have her child restored to her ..	1	Mr. Forsyth ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 1, 1927.
167. Drummond Bros., and 18 others	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	19	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
189. Duncan, T. C.	Aug. 18, 1927	That he be found suitable employment on account of hardship ..	1	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 17, 1927.
47. Easton, W. T.	July 7, 1927	That the Police Department make restitution of £9 10s. 4d., which was stolen from his house	1	Mr. Sidey ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1927.
44. Edmonds, J. G.	July 5, 1927	For a revaluation of his property or the removal of a stable from his boundary	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1927.
321. Egan, J.	Oct. 27, 1927	For a compassionate allowance, as owing to blindness he is unable to support his children	1	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 29, 1927.
252. Ehau Kepa Anaha	Sept. 7, 1927	*Re* Township of Rotorua sections	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1927.
229. Elder, J.	Aug. 24, 1927	That his name be removed from the criminal record	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 29, 1927.
205. Elwarth, M., and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy-material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
291. Emere Poraumati and 2 others	Oct. 4, 1927	*Re* Utuhina Block	3	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 10, 1927.
307. English, C.	Oct. 17, 1927	For amendment of regulations regarding importation of seed-potatoes from Great Britain, or compensation	1	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock (direct)	Nov. 10, 1927.
306. Esmos Timber and Machinery Company and 17 others	Oct. 17, 1927	For exemption from registration of wood-working machinery under Chattels Transfer Act	18	Mr. Girling	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock (direct)	Oct. 21, 1927.
					Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
137. Feisst, R. H., and 30 others	Aug. 9, 1927	That, in the best interests of the primary industries, the Summer Time Bill be not passed into law	31	Mr. Glenn ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 17, 1927.
130. Fisher, P.	July 29, 1927	For a reassessment of rent paid on leased Crown land, and allowance for certain improvements	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Lands	Aug. 31, 1927.
14. Fitzpatrick, W. H.	June 24, 1927	Fo payment of interest on a sum awarded on a claim	1	Mr. Bellringer ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
119. Forrest, W.	July 27, 1927	For compensation for loss incurred on the Okahukura Tunnel contract	1	Mr. Samuel ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 18, 1927.
86. Foster, N. M., and 54 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	55	Mr. Bartram ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
99. Fowlds, G., and 6 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	7	Mr. Jordan ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
38. Fowler, J.	July 1, 1927	For redress owing to alleged wrongful imprisonment of his wife ..	1	Mr. Parry ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1927.
37. Fowler, Mary Ann	July 1, 1927	For redress for alleged wrongful imprisonment ..	1	Mr. Parry ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1927.

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191. Foy, May, and 19 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy-material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	20	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
296. Fryday, N. B.	Oct. 6, 1927	That certain words be inscribed on the tombstone of his son, E. J. Fryday, a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force	1	Mr. Walter ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1927.
310. Fryday, N. B., and 46 others	Oct. 19, 1927	That the administration of the Taranaki Power Board be inquired into, and that the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925, be amended	47	Mr. Walter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 14, 1927.
315. Fryday, N. B.	Oct. 25, 1927	That a Royal Commission award of 1902 be paid	1	Mr. Walter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 14, 1927.
289. Gallagher, S. H., and another	Oct. 4, 1927	For compensation for loss incurred owing to the purchase of their omnibus service by the Auckland City Council	2	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 4, 1927.
180. Gamble, V. J., and 10 others	Aug. 12, 1927	That early service should be allowed and calculated for their claim on the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	11	Hon. Mr. Buddo ..	Education	Sept. 16, 1927.
202. Garrett, Edith, and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy-material and clothing and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
68. Gee, C. W. S.	July 19, 1927	For certain legislation affecting a block of Native land ..	1	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Aug. 31, 1927.
57. Genet, W., and 36 others ..	July 13, 1927	That the use of nets for catching whitebait in the Ashley River in North Canterbury be made illegal	37	Mr. Hemare (for Mr. Uru)	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 15, 1927.
313. Giles, Susan	Oct. 25, 1927	For a compassionate allowance for services rendered by her late husband as a Conciliation Commissioner	1	Mr. J. S. Dickson	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 14, 1927.
35. Gillespie, W. H.	July 1, 1927	For refund of stamp duty paid on an option to purchase and not exercised	1	Mr. Forbes ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
324. Glamuzina, Mate, and 635 others	Oct. 28, 1927	For the repeal of the Kauri-gum Control Act	636	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Lands (direct) ..	Nov. 16, 1927.
329. Glyde, Muriel L.	Nov. 3, 1927	For inquiry into and amendment of the Law Practitioners Act ..	1	Sir John Luke ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 24, 1927.
101. Gravenor, P. A., and another	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	2	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
311. Greenhead, C. H.	Oct. 19, 1927	That a recommendation of the Public Petitions A to L Committee of the year 1923 be given effect to	1	Mr. Martin ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 24, 1927.
7. Guy, A. J., and another ..	June 24, 1927	That the allowance granted by friendly societies be not taken into consideration when granting economic pensions to incapacitated soldier members	2	Mr. Savage ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
301. Haapu Marangai	Oct. 10, 1927	*Re* Waihirere Block	10	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
67. Hamerton, C. E.	July 19, 1927	For compensation on account of loss sustained on farm purchased from the Government	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Lands	Sept. 15, 1927.
88. Hamilton, T. D., and 7 others	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	8	Mr. Parry ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
340. Hannan, D. K.	Nov. 22, 1927	For refund of stamp duty paid on agreement for sale and purchase	1	Mr. Linklater ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 29, 1927.
125. Haora Tareranui and another ..	July 27, 1927	For compensation for loss sustained by flood-damage alleged to have been caused by the Public Works Department's stop-bank construction works	2	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
242. Hart, L. B.	Aug. 31, 1927	For a refund of £42 stamp duty paid by him	1	Mr. Bellringer ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 19, 1927.

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147. Harvey, L. R., and 64 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	65	Mr. Wilford ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
227. Hautawaho Perawiti and 2 others	Aug. 24, 1927	For investigation into Horowhenua 11B and other Blocks ..	3	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
45. Hawk, G. H.	July 5, 1927	For a compassionate allowance for services rendered as a Civil servant	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 21, 1927.
172. Hawkes, W., and 31 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	32	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927
236. Hay, J.	Aug. 26, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to inability to work through an accident sustained while an employee of the Railways Department	1	Mr. McCombs ..	Railways	Oct. 19, 1927.
169. Hedley, H. A., and 23 others	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	24	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
224. Henare Paati Wiremu ..	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Kiarenui and Motumaho Reserves, Kaingaroa Block ..	4	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
320. Henry, M.	Oct. 26, 1927	That the purchase of the Balachraggan Settlement land be inquired into, and that he be granted compensation	1	Hon. Mr. Young ..	Lands	Nov. 14, 1927.
243. Heta Tamihana	Aug. 31, 1927	For an independent inquiry into the claim of petitioner to the land and personal property of his grandfather, Herewini Paka	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
194. Hill, J., and 19 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy-material and clothing, and revision of the Customs tariff	20	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
160. Hill, L., and 8 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	9	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
70. Hill, S. E., and 1,169 others ..	July 19, 1927	That the hours for closing shops be fixed by Parliament ..	1,170	Mr. Harris ..	Labour Bills	Sept. 27, 1927.
53. Hina te Tua, Te, and 8 others ..	July 8, 1927	For investigation of the title of Kaungaroa 3C, 3F, and 3E ..	9	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
90. Hinder, A., and 22 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	23	Mr. Parry ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
344. Hinurewa te Kakahi and 2 others	Nov. 29, 1927	For relief in regard to part of their land which was leased to Europeans	3	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
124. Hira Akuhata Kingi and another	July 27, 1927	For an inquiry in connection with the Rangitaiki 28B 17D Block ..	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
281. Hiria Waoku, and 2 others ..	Sept. 29, 1927	*Re* Waipahirere subsection and Te Koutu B Block	3	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 18, 1927.
293. Hoani Inia Kiharoa	Oct. 4, 1927	For the return of the Mataihuka Block	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 19, 1927.
233. Hodge, W.	Aug. 24, 1927	For compensation for loss while an employee in the Railways Department, and that the Police Department be instructed to facilitate the granting of a second-hand license to him	1	Mr. H. Holland ..	Railways	Sept. 27, 1927.
120. Hoera Marsea and another ..	July 27, 1927	For the return of the Omahuta Block 16 to the Urioteaho Tribe ..	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.

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295. Hogg, C. H.	Oct. 5, 1927	For compensation and reinstatement in the service of the Post and Telegraph Department	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 1, 1927.
66. Holmes, D. F.	July 19, 1927	For refund of stamp duty paid in 1920 on transfer and mortgage and not completed	1	Mr. Macmillan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 21, 1927.
225. Holmes, R.	Aug. 23, 1927	For refund of stamp duty on an uncompleted land transaction ..	1	Mr. Macmillan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 21, 1927.
176. Hone Teanga and 59 others ..	Aug. 11, 1927	That a sitting of the Confiscated Lands Commission be held in the Ngati Maniapoto District to inquire into the claims of the Ngati Maniapoto Tribe	60	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
267. Hope, Agnes	Sept. 20, 1927	For validation of transfer of interest in Taumataoteo 12A 1 Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
175. Hotu Taua Pakuhatu and 33 others	Aug. 11, 1927	That a sitting of the Confiscated Lands Commission be held in the Ngati Maniapoto District to inquire into the claims of the Ngati Maniapoto Tribe	34	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
183. Hounsell, Mary B., and another	Aug. 12, 1927	That early service should be allowed and calculated for their claim on the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	2	Hon. Mr. Buddo ..	Education	Sept. 16, 1927.
89. Huckisson, W., and 65 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	66	Mr. Parry ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
71. Hufton, W. R.	July 20, 1927	For assistance in connection with an improved branding process for carcasses for export	1	Mr. Wilford ..	Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock	Oct. 17, 1927.
112. Hughes, G. D. J., and 1,086 others	July 22, 1927	For legislation prohibiting price-fixation by wholesale distributors or manufacturers	1,087	Hon. Mr. Rolleston	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
126. Huirua Tito	July 27, 1927	For legislation enabling the rightful owners to succeed to the interest of Te Tirarau in the Hatoi Block to be properly determined	1	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
326. Hulston, J. H.	Oct. 28, 1927	For remission of land-tax	1	Mr. D. Jones ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Nov. 14, 1927.
62. Huna Paewai, Te, and 15 others	July 15, 1927	For inquiry into the ownership of Kaungaroa No. 3 Block ..	16	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
232. Hunter, Elizabeth	Aug. 24, 1927	For a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's service in the Defence Force	1	Hon. Mr. Wright ..	Defence	Oct. 5, 1927.
299. Hunter-Brown, E. J., and 1,611 others	Oct. 6, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be passed into law ..	1,612	Mr. Atmore ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
87. Hutchinson, F. J., and 9 others	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	10	Mr. Bartram ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
98. Hutchinson, F. J., and 21 others	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	22	Mr. Jordan ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
141. Hyland, A.	Aug. 9, 1927	For remission of fine for failing to attend military drill, and restoration of civil rights	1	Mr. Savage ..	Defence	Oct. 5, 1927.
258. Ihaka Paki and 74 others ..	Sept. 14, 1927	For legislation enabling the proper ownership of the Oturei and Okapakapa and other blocks to be investigated	75	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
260. Ihakara te Aputa	Sept. 15, 1927	For removal of the restrictions against netting of whitebait in Lake Whakapuni	14	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.

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259.	Ihapera Taikato and 5 others ..	Sept. 14, 1927	For the return of Tenaori No. 56, Block VII, Kaeo Survey District	6	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 19, 1927.
65.	Ingley, Mary	July 19, 1927	That her back service be counted for teachers' superannuation purposes	1	Mr. Howard ..	Education	Oct. 17, 1927.
293.	Inia Hoani Kiharoa	Oct. 4, 1927	For the return of the Mataihuka Block	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 19, 1927.
222.	Iwingaro, Mere te	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Mangapoike 2B Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
154.	Jeff, E. S., and 4 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	5	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
332.	Jecentho, F., and 160 others ..	Nov. 7, 1927	That a war pension be granted to N. S. Hathaway	161	Mr. Bell	Defence (direct) ..	Nov. 11, 1927.
115.	Johnson, J. T.	July 26, 1927	For protection of his mining privileges on the Waipori River ..	1	Mr. Sidey ..	Goldfield and Mines ..	Sept. 21, 1927.
133.	Johnson, J. T.	Aug. 3, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into his mining rights on the Waipori Goldfield	1	Mr. Sidey ..	Goldfield's and Mines (direct)	Sept. 21, 1927.
286.	Johnson, J. T.	Sept. 30, 1927	That his claim for relief be referred to an independent tribunal ..	1	Mr. Forbes (for Mr. Sidey)	Goldfield's and Mines (direct)	Nov. 1, 1927.
84.	Jones, G. T., and 7 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	8	Mr. Bartram ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
244.	Kahupake Potatau	Aug. 31, 1927	That legislation be enacted to enable petitioner and her people to purchase certain land containing the graves of their ancestors	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
128.	Kaimoana Paetai and 7 others	July 27, 1927	For a rehearing of the rights to the Kopua C Block	8	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 2, 1927.
50.	Kaka Porowini	July 7, 1927	For relief in connection with the timber on the Mangakowhara Block	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
344.	Kakahi Hinurewa, Te, and 2 others	Nov. 29, 1927	For relief in regard to part of their land which was leased to Europeans	3	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
177.	Kapu Kira and 47 others ..	Aug. 12, 1927	For legislation to enable petitioners to exercise their legal rights against the Tongariro Timber Co., Ltd., and to incorporate all blocks affected by the agreement with the company in a Board of Trustees	48	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
55.	Karauria Tiweka Anaru ..	July 12, 1927	*Re* adoption to Takimoana (deceased)	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
333.	Karora te Pakaru and 6 others	Nov. 8, 1927	That a portion of Whaiti Kuranui No. 5D Block be set aside as a burial reserve	7	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
237.	Katerina Tokawhaki Kerekere and 91 others	Aug. 26, 1927	*Re* Patutahi Block	92	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
103.	Kay, T., and 2 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	3	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
96.	Keating, M. M., and 14 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration of the secular status of State-owned schools	15	Mr. Jordan ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
17.	Keeble, Mary Haig	June 28, 1927	For a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services in the Railway Department	1	Mr. Forsyth ..	Railways	Sept. 15, 1927.

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252. Kepa Anaha Ehau	Sept. 7, 1927	*Re* Township of Rotorua sections	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1927.
237. Kerekere Tokawhaki Katerina	Aug. 26, 1927	*Re* Patutahi Block	92	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
293. Kiharoa Inia Hoani	Oct. 4, 1927	For the return of the Mataihuka Block	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 19, 1927.
187. Kilburn, H., and 2,000 others	Aug. 16, 1927	That his son be placed on probation instead of imprisonment ..	2001	Mr. Jordan ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 17, 1927.
3. King, Alice Beatrice	June 24, 1927	For remission of remainder of sentence inflicted upon F. E. P. Shortland	1	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 31, 1927.
124. Kingi Akuhata Hira and another	July 27, 1927	For an inquiry in connection with the Rangataiki 28B 17D Block ..	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
61. Kingi Ngarori	July 15, 1927	That legislation be enacted to enable petitioner to claim succession to certain interests in Native land	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
285. Kingsbeer, J., and another ..	Sept. 30, 1927	For refund of land-tax paid in error	2	Mr. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 18, 1927.
177. Kira Kapu and 47 others ..	Aug. 12, 1927	For legislation to enable petitioners to exercise their legal rights against the Tongariro Timber Co., Ltd., and to incorporate all blocks affected by the agreement with the company in a Board of Trustees	48	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
287. Knight, F. T., and 668 others ..	Sept. 30, 1927	That a Commission be appointed to thoroughly investigate past and present expenditure on Gisborne Harbour works	669	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 14, 1927.
297. Kopa te Paea	Oct. 6, 1927	That compensation be paid for the portion of Motatau 4I Block taken for railway purposes	1	Mr. Bell (for Mr. Henare)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 10, 1927.
312. Koruarua Peniamene ..	Oct. 21, 1927	*Re* Ngaumutawa Reserve	11	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
200. Kosovich, J. B., and 48 others	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs tariff	49	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
251. Kotuku Piki and 125 others ..	Sept. 6, 1927	For compensation in respect of their claim to certain rights in the Wanganui River	126	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
257. Koukou Paparatu te Amo ..	Sept. 9, 1927	For relief in connection with the Aranui Block	1	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
223. Kurupae Tamati, Te	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Nukuhau-Tapuaeharuru Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
24. Lagaaia and 144 others ..	June 28, 1927	For amendment of certain features of the administration of Western Samoa	145	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry (direct)	Dec. 3, 1927.
343. Logan, J. G.	Nov. 29, 1927	For incapacity allowance from the National Provident Fund for relief of family of three, which is too young to earn	1	Mr. Kyle	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
59. Lake, F. J.	July 14, 1927	For compensation for loss of business through the passing of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 1, 1927.
73. Lancaster, L. T., and 14 others	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	15	Mr. Savage ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
192. Lapham, M., and 19 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs tariff	20	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
111. Leather, W. R.	July 21, 1927	For an investigation into the administration for coal-mining purposes of an area known as Lake Waahi, Huntly	1	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Aug. 19, 1927.
105. Lediard, E., and 34 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	35	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.

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74. Lewins, W., and 10 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	11	Mr. Savage ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
30. Lippitt, H. H., and 29 others ..	June 30, 1927	For a subsidy for miniature-rifle ranges	30	Mr. Ransom ..	Defence	Oct. 5, 1927.
8. Litt, J.	June 24, 1927	For an allowance owing to illness contracted whilst a member of the Police Force	1	Mr. H. Holland ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 16, 1927.
328. Litt, J.	Oct. 28, 1927	For compensation for alleged injuries received whilst a member of the Police Force	1	Mr. H. Holland ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 25, 1927.
207. Lloyd, J. E., and 55 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs tariff	56	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
238. Levy, Janne	Aug. 30, 1927	For a retrospective war pension not claimed at time of son's death	1	Mr. Harris ..	Defence	Oct. 6, 1927.
5. Mangin, W. H. J.	June 24, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to an alleged injury received when a trainee on the training-ship "Amakura"	1	Hon. Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 31, 1927.
300. Maora Mawhata	Oct. 10, 1927	*Re* Tokomaru B No. 7 Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
120. Maraea Hoera and another ..	July 27, 1927	For the return of the Omahuta Block 16 to the Urioteaho Tribe ..	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
301. Marangai Haapu	Oct. 10, 1927	*Re* Waihirere Block	10	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
36. Martin, C. A. B.	July 1, 1927	For renewal of soldier's pension and provision of an artificial limb	1	Mr. Potter ..	Defence	Aug. 31, 1927.
77. Martin, R. J., and 36 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	37	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
79. Mason, T., and 32 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	33	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
282. Matene Rinaha and another ..	Sept. 29, 1927	*Re* Te Koutu B Block	2	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 18, 1927.
300. Mawhata Maora	Oct. 10, 1927	*Re* Tokomaru B No. 7 Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
134. Mehaffy, H...	Aug. 3, 1927	That the report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on his previous petition be given effect to	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
27. Meikle, J. J.	June 30, 1927	For compensation for alleged wrongful imprisonment	1	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 31, 1927.
222. Mere te Iwingaro	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Mangapoike 2a Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
31. Miller, Annie, and another ..	July 1, 1927	For relief owing to nuisance caused by railway-yards being adjacent to their property	2	Mr. Samuel ..	Railways	Oct. 19, 1927.
116. Mills, Cashel	July 26, 1927	For a soldiers' widow's pension or other compensation on account of the death of her husband	1	Mr. Armstrong ..	Defence	Aug. 31, 1927.
339. Mita Taupopoki and 30 others	Nov. 21, 1927	*Re* rates on Whakarewarewa Village lands	31	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
212. Mitchell, A., and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
330. Mitchell, C. T.	Nov. 7, 1927	That correspondence with a former Commissioner of Crown Lands be inquired into	1	Mr. Bell	Lands (direct) ..	Nov. 16, 1927.
136. Morgan, H. J.	Aug. 4, 1927	That his marriage be dissolved owing to his wife being detained in a mental hospital	1	Mr. Dickie ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
322. Morrison, A. D.	Oct. 27, 1927	For remission of land-tax	1	Hon. Mr. Nosworthy	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 14, 1927.
261. Morrison, Rahera M. M., and 2 others	Sept. 16, 1927	For the inclusion of Te Hore and Ngaki in the titles to the reserves set apart in the Town of Cobden, Greymouth District	3	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.

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262. Motueka Borough Council ..	Sept. 16, 1927	For extension of river-limits in the Nelson-Motueka waters ..	2	Mr. Hudson ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 25, 1927.
323. Motueka Harbour Board ..	Oct. 28, 1927	For extension of river-limits in Tasman Bay	1	Mr. Hudson ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
32. Moulin, Milicent T.	July 1, 1927	That her farm be taken over by the Government owing to the loss incurred by alleged excessive valuation	1	Mr. Hockly ..	Lands	Sept. 15, 1927.
342. Mount Eden Motor Bus Co., Ltd.	Nov. 26, 1927	For relief on account of loss incurred through the passing of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926	2	Mr. Potter ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
335. Muncaster, M.	Nov. 10, 1927	For a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as an officer of the State Mines Department	1	Mr. H. E. Holland..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Nov. 29, 1927.
117. Murdock, F. C.	July 26, 1927	For a loan of £250 to enable him to set up a shop for mechanical repairs	1	Hon. Mr. Williams	Defence	Oct. 5, 1927.
149. Murrell, R., and 6 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board, and a grant for relief	7	Mr. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
268. McAllum, A. L.	Sept. 21, 1927	That provision be made for him to receive a pension or allowance owing to ill health occasioned by war service	1	Mr. Bellringer ..	Defence	Oct. 17, 1927.
145. McBeth, J., and 6 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the reduction of capital values of workers dwellings occupied by them	7	Mr. Veitch ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
248. McBride, W., and 10 others ..	Sept. 2, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board, and a grant for relief	11	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
82. McBrine, O., and 22 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	23	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
314. McCabe, H.	Oct. 25, 1927	For compensation for injuries received in a railway accident ..	1	Mr. Walter ..	Railways	Nov. 29, 1927.
304. McCarthy, D. C.	Oct. 14, 1927	For inquiry into his qualification to undertake valuation revision duties	1	Mr. Nash ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Nov. 14, 1927.
210. McCracken, S., and 65 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs Tariff	66	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
153. MacDonald, A., and 4 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board, and a grant for relief	5	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
39. MacDonald, G. A., and 14 others	July 1, 1927	That provision be made whereby the petitioners under-leases and sub-leases be classed as securities upon which loans may be granted by any State Loan Department	15	Mr. J. Mason ..	Lands	Aug. 24, 1927.
85. McDonnell, A. F., and 13 others	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	14	Mr. Bartram ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
150. MacKay, J., and another ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board, and a grant for relief	2	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
255. McLean, A., and 33 others ..	Sept. 8, 1927	For the stop-banking, deepening, and straightening of the Rangitaiki River	34	Mr. Hockly ..	Lands	Oct. 20, 1927.
83. McLean, C. D.	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	1	Mr. Bartram ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.

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159. McLean, R., and 7 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	8	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
230. McNeilage, A. T.	Aug. 24, 1927	For the same treatment as a returned soldier in regard to the supplying of artificial limbs	1	Mr. Ransom ..	Defence	Oct. 28, 1927.
21. Nathan, Jennie F.	June 28, 1927	For refund of stamp duty paid on an agreement for sale and purchase	1	Sir John Luke ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
43. Neal, S.	July 5, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to inability to earn a livelihood	1	Mr. Glenn ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 31, 1927.
49. Newton, W.	July 7, 1927	For compensation or pension on account of disability owing to war service	1	Mr. Ransom ..	Defence	Aug. 31, 1927.
186. New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute Incorporated	Aug. 16, 1927	That Charles Lewis Blackburn be raised on the Classification List of the Railways Department	1	Sir John Luke ..	Railways	Sept. 15, 1927.
284. Ngapine Ruri	Sept. 29, 1927	*Re* estate of Timotuha Ruri Hareti	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1927.
61. Ngarori Kingi	July 15, 1927	That legislation be enacted to enable petitioner to claim succession to certain interests in Native land	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
303. Overton, J. R.	Oct. 14, 1927	For compensation for alleged losses incurred in the sale of his farm at Okete to the Crown as a soldier settlement	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Lands	Nov. 16, 1927.
224. Paati Wiremu Henare and 3 others	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Kiarenui and Motumaho Reserves, Kaingaroa Block.. ..	4	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
297. Paea, Kopa te	Oct. 6, 1927	That compensation be paid for the portion of Motatau 4I Block, taken for railway purposes	1	Mr. Bell (for Mr. Henare)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 10, 1927.
13. Paea, Paro te	June 24, 1927	For inquiry into title of Mangere lands..	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
52. Paea, Paro te	July 8, 1927	For inquiry into the title of Allotments 3, 7, 13, and 15, Mangere Block	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
265. Paerata Tiopira and another ..	Sept. 20, 1927	For an investigation into the ownership of the Maimaru Education Reserve, Mangonui County	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
128. Paetai Kaimoana and 7 others	July 27, 1927	For a rehearing of the rights to the Kopua C Block	8	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 2, 1927.
62. Paewai te Huna and 15 others	July 15, 1927	For inquiry into the ownership of Kaungaroa No. 3 Block ..	16	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
333. Pakaru Karora te and 6 others	Nov. 8, 1927	That a portion of Whaiti Kuranui No. 5D Block be set aside as a burial reserve	7	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
258. Paki Ihaka and 74 others ..	Sept. 14, 1927	For legislation enabling the proper ownership of the Oturei and Okapakapa and other blocks to be investigated	75	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
175. Pakuhatu Hotu Taua and 33 others	Aug. 11, 1927	That a sitting of the Confiscated Lands Commission be held in the Ngati Maniapoto District to inquire into the claims of the Ngati Maniapoto Tribe	34	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
123. Paora Rokino and another ..	July 27, 1927	For relief in connection with the Tarawera Block	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
257. Paparatu te Amo Koukou ..	Sept. 9, 1927	For relief in connection with the Aranui Block	1	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
199. Parish, Alice, and 50 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	51	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
13. Paro te Paea	June 24, 1927	For inquiry into title of Mangere lands..	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.

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52. Paro to Paea	July 8, 1927	For inquiry into the title of Allotments 3, 7, 13, and 15, Mangere Block	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
280. Paterson, W. R.	Sept. 28, 1927	For compensation for improvements on land leased from the Crown and Natives, or, in the alternative, that such land be made subject to certain special legislation	1	Mr. J. Mason ..	Lands	Oct. 26, 1927.
246. Patillo, G., and 76 others ..	Aug. 31, 1927	That the prayer of the petition of Henry Zimmerman be given effect to	77	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Lands	Oct. 26, 1927.
275. Peacock, J., and 140 others ..	Sept. 22, 1927	For legislation to control fixation of prices	141	Mr. McKeen ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
94. Pearce, F. J., and 61 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing the alteration of the secular status of State-owned schools	62	Mr. Jordan ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
157. Pearce, R. T., and 7 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	8	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
155. Pears, J. A., and 5 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	6	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
312. Peniamene Koruarua ..	Oct. 21, 1927	*Re* Ngaumutawa Reserve	11	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
227. Perawiti Hautawaho and 2 others	Aug. 24, 1927	For investigation into Horowhenua 11B and other Blocks ..	3	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
11. Perrett, J. W., and 136 others ..	June 24, 1927	That school-children be exempted from compulsory medical examination	137	Mr. Bell	Education .. / Public Health ..	Oct. 17, 1927. / Referred to Public Health Committee, Oct. 17; Report, Nov. 16, 1927.
221. Petera Popo and 3 others ..	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Mangapoike 2D Block	4	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 19, 1927.
26. Peters, F.	June 29, 1927	That he be granted a free passage to Dunedin to sit for the Dentists' examination, or other relief	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
91. Petty, W. L., and 16 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	17	Mr. Parry ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
206. Phillips, E., and 9 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	10	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
251. Piki Kotuku and 125 others ..	Sept. 6, 1927	For compensation in respect of their claim to certain rights in the Wanganui River	126	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
81. Pocock, G. I., and 6 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	7	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
139. Polson, Florence, and 37 others	Aug. 9, 1927	Protesting against the hardship that country women and children will suffer through the passing of the Summer Time Bill, and that it be not passed into law	38	Mr. Glenn ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 17, 1927.
221. Popo Petera and 3 others ..	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Mangapoike 2D Block	4	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 19, 1927.
291. Poraumati Emere and 2 others	Oct. 4, 1927	*Re* Utuhina Block	3	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 10, 1927.
50. Porowini Kaka	July 7, 1927	For relief in connection with the timber on Mangakowhara Block ..	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.

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244. Potatau Kahupake	Aug. 31, 1927	That legislation be enacted to enable petitioner and her people to purchase certain land containing the graves of their ancestors	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
129. Pouaka te Awha	July 29, 1927	For the annulment of the confirmation of the sale of a right-of-way being Part Kaihu 2B 3 Block	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 18, 1927.
193. Proudfoot, T., and 19 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	20	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
261. Rahera M. M. Morrison and 2 others	Sept. 16, 1927	For the inclusion of Te Hore and Ngake in the titles to the reserves set apart in the Town of Cobden, Greymouth district	3	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
121. Rahera Tumatahi and another	July 27, 1927	That Ngati-Taoi be awarded land in the same manner as the Tuhourangi Tribe	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
92. Rait, M. A., and 38 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	39	Mr. Parry ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
100. Ramsey, L., and 54 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	55	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
256. Rangi Tuanui Tamihana and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1927	That the Native Land Court be empowered to investigate the ownership of a piece of land known as "Part Section No. 65, Turanganui Block"	5	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
113. Rangi Tutu and another ..	July 22, 1927	*Re* will of Hami Tutu, deceased	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
51. Rawiri Tamaiwhuia and 6 others	July 8, 1927	For recognition of rights to fishing and pipi and oyster beds in the Hauraki Gulf	7	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Brought up, Sept. 14; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
282. Rinaha Matene and another ..	Sept. 29, 1927	*Re* Te Kouta B Block	2	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 18, 1927.
213. Ritchie, Margaret, and 58 others	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
195. Robinson, N., and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
182. Rochfort, H., and 3 others ..	Aug. 12, 1927	That early service should be allowed and calculated for their claim on the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	4	Hon. Mr. Buddo ..	Education	Sept. 16, 1927.
122. Roera, Tareha te, and 17 others	July 27, 1927	That the Tangoio South Block be revested in the Native owners ..	18	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
123. Rokino Paora and another ..	July 27, 1927	For relief in connection with the Tarawera Block	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
143. Roselli, P., and 2 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For compensation for flood-damage resulting from alteration of the course of the Buller River by the Public Works Department and the Westport Harbour Board	3	Mr. H. E. Holland	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
80. Rosser, A., and 7 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	8	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
345. Rough, Mary E.	Nov. 29, 1927	For a compassionate allowance for her late husband's service to the Dominion	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Defence	Held over.
284. Ruri Ngapine	Sept. 29, 1927	*Re* estate of Timotuha Ruri Hareti	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1927.

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240. Russell, A. E.	Aug. 30, 1927	For inquiry as to title of land..	1	Hon. Mr. Williams	Lands	Sept. 15, 1927.
215. Ryan, N., and 25 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	26	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
325. Salaman, A. W. M.	Oct. 28, 1927	For compensation and inquiry into various prosecutions instituted against him	1	Mr. H. G. R. Mason	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 25, 1927.
173. Salt, J. R., and 18 others ..	Aug. 11, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	19	Sir John Luke ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
316. Saunders, W. G., and another ..	Oct. 25, 1927	For a refund of purchase-money paid for land, and to be given an opportunity to be established on healthy properties	2	Mr. Reid ..	Lands (direct) ..	Nov. 9, 1927.
216. Scott, S. S., and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
178. Seccombe, T.	Aug. 12, 1927	For remission of land-tax owing to alleged damage to his land by drainage operations	1	Mr. Hockly ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
138. Sharp, F. L.	Aug. 9, 1927	That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed into law	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
132. Shortal, J.	Aug. 2, 1927	For inquiry into alleged wrongful discharge from duty with the New Zealand Military Forces	1	Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward	Defence	Oct. 17, 1927.
204. Simpson, W., and 54 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	55	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
219. Skelsey, E., and 34 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing and revision of the Customs Tariff	35	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
108. Sloan, Caroline	July 21, 1927	That her back service be counted for teachers' superannuation purposes	1	Mr. H. Holland ..	Education	Sept. 21, 1927.
148. Sly, H. W.	Aug. 10, 1927	For compensation for loss he has suffered in connection with a land transaction	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 6, 1927.
234. Smith, E. R.	Aug. 24, 1927	For remission of a sum of money advanced by the Crown on a returned soldiers' farm	1	Mr. Potter ..	Lands	Oct. 17, 1927.
290. Smith, H. M.	Oct. 4, 1927	For compensation for loss suffered through an assault committed by a detective	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1927.
327. Smith, J., and another ..	Oct. 28, 1927	For remission of land-tax	2	Mr. D. Jones ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Nov. 14, 1927.
152. Smith, J. R., and 3 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	4	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
239. Smith, W. C.	Aug. 30, 1927	For an increased pension or other relief for services rendered as a public servant	1	Mr. Girling ..	Education	Nov. 9, 1927.
104. Stead, J. B. R., and 6 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration of the secular status of State-owned schools	7	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
127. Stebbing, H. G.	July 27, 1927	For reinstatement of military pension	1	Mr. Dickie ..	Defence	Aug. 31, 1927.

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107. Stevens, C.	July 21, 1927	Claiming Poho-o-tai Island	1	Mr. W. Jones ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 2, 1927.
97. Stevenson, G., and 4 others ..	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	5	Mr. Jordan ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
34. Stirling, W.	July 1, 1927	That broken service be counted for superannuation purposes under the Teachers' Superannuation Fund	1	Mr. H. E. Holland	Education	Sept. 16, 1927.
226. Stowell, H. R.	Aug. 23, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to injuries received in a shunting accident	1	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	Railways	Sept. 27, 1927.
272. Sutherland, B., and 803 others	Sept. 22, 1927	For legislation to control fixation of prices	804	Mr. McKeen ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
163. Sutton, W., and 12 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board and a grant for relief	13	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
75. Tackaberry, F. J., and 16 others	July 21, 1927	Opposing any alteration in the secular status of State-owned schools	17	Mr. Savage ..	Education	Brought up, Oct. 25; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
12. Tai Toi, P., and 81 others ..	June 24, 1927	That school children be exempted from compulsory medical examination	82	Mr. Bell	Education	Oct. 17, 1927.
					Public Health ..	Referred to Public Health Committee, Oct. 17; report, Nov. 16, 1927.
259. Taikato Ihapera and 5 others ..	Sept. 14, 1927	For the return of Te Moari No. 56, Block VII, Kaeo Survey District	6	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 19, 1927.
283. Takaka County Council ..	Sept. 29, 1927	For extension of river-limits in Tasman Bay	1	Mr. Hudson ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 25, 1927.
264. Takaka Town Board	Sept. 20, 1927	That river-limits in the Tasman Bay be extended	1	Mr. Hudson ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 25, 1927.
51. Tamaiwhina Rawiri and 6 others	July 8, 1927	For recognition of rights to fishing and pipi and oyster-beds in the Hauraki Gulf	7	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Brought up, Sept. 14; laid on, Dec. 5, 1927.
223. Tamati te Kurupae	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Nukuhau-Tapuaeharuru Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
243. Tamihana Heta	Aug. 31, 1927	For an independent inquiry into the claim of petitioner to the land and personal property of his grandfather, Herewini Pates	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
256. Tamihana Rangi Tuanui and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1927	That the Native Land Court be empowered to investigate the ownership of a piece of land known as "Part Section No. 65, Turanganui Block"	5	Mr. Henare (for the Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
292. Taotao, H.	Oct. 4, 1927	For inquiry in regard to the sale of the Whakamaru-Mangaiti No. G 8 Block	1	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 28, 1927.
122. Tareha te Roera and 17 others	July 27, 1927	That the Tangoio South Block be revested in the Native owners ..	18	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
125. Tareranui Haora and another ..	July 27, 1927	For compensation for loss sustained by flood-damage alleged to have been caused by the Public Works Department's stopbank construction-works	2	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
175. Taua Hotu Pakuhatu and 33 others	Aug. 11, 1927	That a sitting of the Confiscated Lands Commission be held in the Ngati Maniapoto District to inquire into the claims of the Ngati Maniapoto Tribe	34	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.

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339. Taupopoki Mita and 30 others..	Nov. 21, 1927	*Re* rates on Whakarewarewa Village lands	31	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Held over.
176. Teanga Hone and 59 others ..	Aug. 11, 1927	That a sitting of the Confiscated Lands Commission be held in the Ngati Maniapoto District to inquire into the claims of the Ngati Maniapoto Tribe	60	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
60. Temuera Tokoaitua and 33 others	July 15, 1927	That Native custom shall apply in all cases where interests in Native land have been acquired by will	34	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
317. Thompson, Marguerite A. ..	Oct. 26, 1927	For a compassionate allowance on account of the services of her late husband as District Land Valuer	1	Mr. W. Jones ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Nov. 15, 1927.
274. Thornalley, H. F., and 137 others	Sept. 22, 1927	For legislation to control fixation of prices	138	Mr. McKeen ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
16. Tillett, P.	June 24, 1927	For a compassionate allowance for military services	1	Mr. Elliott ..	Defence	Aug. 31, 1927.
56. Timmings, W. E.	July 12, 1927	For compensation for loss sustained in a land transaction.. ..	1	Hon. Mr. Wright ..	Lands	Aug. 31, 1927.
265. Tiopira Paerata and another ..	Sept. 20, 1927	For an investigation into the ownership of the Maimaru Education Reserve, Mangonui County	2	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
142. Tisdall, S. J., and 238 others ..	Aug. 9, 1927	That the regulations prohibiting night fishing in the Rotorua and Taupo areas be abolished	239	Mr. Hockly ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
126. Tito Huirua	July 27, 1927	For legislation enabling the rightful owners to succeed to the interest of Te Tirarau in the Hatoi Block to be properly determined	1	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
55. Tiweka Anaru Karauria ..	July 12, 1927	*Re* adoption to Takimoana, deceased	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
228. Tohikuri-o-Waikato and 10 others	Aug. 24, 1927	For inquiry regarding certain land in the Parish of Koheroa ..	11	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
12. Toi Tai, P., and 81 others ..	June 24, 1927	That school-children be exempted from compulsory medical examination	82	Mr. Bell	Education	Oct. 17, 1927.
					Public Health ..	Referred to Public Health Committee, Oct. 17; report, Nov. 16, 1927.
60. Tokoaitua Temuera and 33 others	July 15, 1927	That Native custom shall apply in all cases where interests in Native land have been acquired by will	34	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 31, 1927.
185. Tovey, S.	Aug. 16, 1927	For compensation for alleged neglect of treatment for injuries received on a troopship	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Sept. 21, 1927.
53. Tua te Hina Ti and 8 others ..	July 8, 1927	For investigation of the title of Kaingaroa 3c, 3r, and 3s ..	9	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
256. Tuanui Tamihana Rangi and 4 others	Sept. 9, 1927	That the Native Land Court be empowered to investigate the ownership of a piece of land known as "Part Section No. 65, Turanganui Block"	5	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
121. Tumatahi Rahera and another	July 27, 1927	That Ngati-Taoi be awarded land in the same manner as the Tuhourangi Tribe	2	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 3, 1927.
113. Tutu Rangi and another ..	July 22, 1927	*Re* will of Hami Tutu, deceased	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Sept. 14, 1927.
196. Vaughan, Ada, and 58 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs tariff	59	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
54. Veterinary Practitioners' Association of New Zealand	July 8, 1927	That amendment be made into the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1926..	2	Hon. Mr. Young ..	Agricultural and Pastoral and Stock	Aug. 26, 1927.

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334. Veysey, E. W.	Nov. 8, 1927	For restoration of a soldier's pension	1	Mr. Campbell ..	Defence (direct) ..	Nov. 11, 1927.
309. Vicary, E., and 6 others ..	Oct. 19, 1927	That part of Maungatereteree East Block be declared to be European land prior to passing of the Native Land Act, 1909	7	Sir George Hunter..	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 17, 1927.
18. Voyce, A. V.	June 28, 1927	For compensation for alleged wrongful arrest and detention ..	1	Mr. Nash ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 21, 1927.
228. Waikato, Tohikuri-o-, and 10 others	Aug. 24, 1927	For inquiry regarding certain land in the Parish of Koheroa ..	11	Hon. Sir Maui Pomare	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 14, 1927.
22. Walters, J. G. C.	June 28, 1927	For light employment or relief on account of injury whilst in the employment of the Railways Department	1	Mr. Parry ..	Railways	Sept. 15, 1927.
281. Waoku Hiria and 2 others ..	Sept. 29, 1927	*Re* Waipahirere Subsection of Te Koutu B Block	3	Mr. Hockly ..	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 18, 1927.
10. Ward, A.	June 24, 1927	For compensation for loss sustained on the purchase of a returned soldier's farm	1	Mr. Armstrong ..	Lands	Aug. 24, 1927.
217. Ward, Ethel, and 28 others ..	Aug. 19, 1927	For the prohibition of importation of low-priced shoddy material and clothing, and revision of the Customs tariff	29	Mr. Potter ..	Industries and Commerce	Nov. 9, 1927.
247. Watson, J.	Aug. 31, 1927	For a refund of income-tax	1	Mr. J. McC. Dickson	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1927.
336. Weepu Henrietta Tewhe and 11 others	Nov. 14, 1927	For inclusion in the Southern Maori Electoral District	12	Mr. Uru	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
249. Wellington Suburban Motor-bus Co., Limited	Sept. 2, 1927	For compensation owing to loss caused by the business being taken over as a resul of the passing of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926	2	Mr. Forsyth ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 28, 1927.
164. Welsh, J., and 13 others ..	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board, and a grant for relief	14	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
331. Wihapi, W. K.	Nov. 7, 1927	*Re* confiscated Native Lands in the Parish of Matata	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
165. Wilding, E. W. F., and 15 others	Aug. 10, 1927	For the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the rating system of the Southland Electric-power Board, and a grant for relief	16	Mr. A. Hamilton ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 18, 1927.
25. Williams, S. F. G.	June 29, 1927	For compensation for loss on a soldier's farm or, alternately, that the Crown Lands Department lodge a bankruptcy petition against petitioner	1	Mr. McLennan ..	Lands	Sept. 15, 1927.
276. Williamson, L. C., and 109 others	Sept. 22, 1927	For legislation to control fixation of prices	110	Mr. McKeen ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 20, 1927.
114. Wilson, Hannah, and 21 others	July 22, 1927	That the Kaitangata relief funds be made available for their benefit	22	Mr. Waite ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 21, 1927.
109. Wilson, J.	July 21, 1927	For inquiry into control of Whangarei Railway bookstall, and right to sell certain articles	1	Mr. W. Jones ..	Railways	Sept. 15, 1927.
337. Wilson, J. R.	Nov. 17, 1927	For a refund by the Education Department of full legal expenses incurred owing to a scholar at his school meeting with an accident	1	Mr. McCombs ..	Education (direct) ..	Nov. 29, 1927.
224. Wiremu Henare Paati and 3 others	Aug. 23, 1927	*Re* Kiaremui and Motumaho Reserves, Kaingaroa Block	4	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 24, 1927.
305. Woodhead, Alexandra C. A. ..	Oct. 17, 1927	*Re* Taranaki confiscated lands	1	Mr. Bell	Native Affairs (direct) ..	Nov. 15, 1927.
245. Zimmerman, H.	Aug. 31, 1927	For a compassionate allowance owing to loss incurred by alleged misrepresentation when purchasing a pedigree bull from a State Farm	1	Mr. J. C. Rolleston	Lands	Oct. 26, 1927.

IV.—Schedule of Select Committees appointed by the House of Representatives, 1927.

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. Dickie, Sir George Hunter, Mr. D. Jones, Mr. Kyle, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sullivan, Hon. Mr. Hawken.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Hawken.	Fertilizers Bill referred, Sept. 20; Report, Sept. 27; referred back, Sept. 28; 2nd Report, Oct. 20. Orchard-tax Bill referred, Sept. 20; Report, Oct. 17. Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 22; Report, Oct. 21. Apiaries Bill referred, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 17. Stock Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 6; Report, Oct. 21. Introduction of Plants Bill referred, Oct. 19; Report, Oct. 28. Seeds Importation Bill referred, Nov. 2; Report, Nov. 10. Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 3; Report, Nov. 15. (For Reports, *vide* I.–10.)
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. Dickie, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Jordan, Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. Potter, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Seddon, Hon. Mr. Rolleston.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Rolleston.	(For Reports, *vide* I.–12.)
Education.—Consisting of eleven 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. Bellringer, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Hudson, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Wright.	August 17, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates, for Hon. Mr. Wright.	Proceedings of Committee on Petitions relating to the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be open to press, Sept. 21. Child Welfare Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 8; Report, Nov. 10. Education Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 11; Report brought up Nov. 23-24; Laid on table, Nov. 25. (For Reports, *vide* I.–8.)
Goldfields and Mines.—Consisting of ten 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. Bitchener, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Parry, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Waite, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Paper No. 2 referred, July 8; Report, Sept. 21. Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 21. Mining Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 17; Report, Nov. 1. Coalmines Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 2; Report, Nov. 15. (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. Elliott, Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	No Report.
Industries and Commerce.—Consisting of eleven 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. Bartram, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Girling, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, *Mr. McCombs*, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Sidey, *Mr. Sullivan*, Mr. Waite, Hon. Mr. McLeod.	August 10, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates, for Hon. Mr. McLeod.	The name of Mr. Sullivan discharged and the name of Mr. McCombs substituted, Aug. 12. Paper No. 69 referred, Sept. 27. Special Report re services of Mr. Harris, a former Chairman, Oct. 4. (For Reports, *vide* I.–13.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
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. E. P. Lee, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Hockly.	July 14, on motion of Mr. Hockly.	No Report.
Joint on Standing Orders on Private Bills	Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Hockly.	July 14, on motion of Mr. Hockly.	St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill: Report brought up, Aug. 3; agreed to, Aug. 4. (For Report, *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. Horn, Mr. Howard, Mr. Linklater, Sir John Luke, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McKeen, Mr. McLennan, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Waite, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill referred, July 19; Report, Sept. 23. Shops and Offices Amendment Bill referred, July 19; Report, Sept. 16. Daylight Baking Bill referred, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 29. Apprentices Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 17. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 28; Report, Nov. 22. (For Reports, *vide* I.–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 it thinks 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, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Forbes, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Jordan, Mr. McLennan, Mr. Savage, Mr. Walter, Hon. Mr. Mr. McLeod.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. McLeod.	Egmont National Park Amendment Bill referred, July 12; Report, July 22. Paper No. 33 referred, July 14; Report, July 22. Land for Settlements Amendment Bill referred, July 19; Report, July 22. Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24. Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24. Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24. Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24. Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 31; Report, Sept. 15. Peel Forest Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 9; Report, Sept. 15. Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill referred, Sept. 27; Report, Oct. 5. Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 29; Report, Oct. 17. Land Laws Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 3; Report, Oct. 5. Mining Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 7; Report, Oct. 17. Petroleum Bill referred, Oct. 17; Report, Oct. 20. Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 18; Report, Oct. 26. Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 26. Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill referred, Oct. 21; Report, Oct. 26. Coal-mines Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 31; Report, Nov. 2. Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill referred, Nov. 2; Report, Nov. 9. Education Reserves Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 22. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill referred, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 22. Governor-General's amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill referred, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 22. (For Reports, *vide* I.–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. Bellringer, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Girling, Mr. Linklater, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Potter, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	Report of Chief Librarian for 1926–27, Nov. 7. (*Vide* H.–32.)

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 as it may think proper, and to report when necessary on the merits of the Bills; the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Forbes, Sir George Hunter, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Bollard.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Bollard.	Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill referred, June 28; Report, July 29. Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill referred, July 14; Report, Sept. 27. Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill referred, July 14; Report, July 29. Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill referred, July 19; Report, Aug. 4. Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill referred, July 20; Report, Aug. 19. Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill referred, July 20; Report, Aug. 19. Matai Road Water-race District Bill referred, July 20; Report, Aug. 19. Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill referred, July 20; Report, Aug. 19. Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill referred, July 21; Report, Aug. 19; Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill referred, July 21; Report, Aug. 31. Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill referred, July 22; Report, Aug. 31. Christchurch Hospital Amendment Bill referred, July 22; Report, Sept. 29. Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill referred, July 26; Report, Sept. 16. Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill referred, July 26; Report, Aug. 19. Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill referred, July 27; Report, Sept. 27. Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill referred, July 27; Report, Sept. 29. Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill referred, July 27; Report, Oct. 21. Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill referred, July 29; Report, Sept. 29. Timaru Harbour Board Loan Bill referred, July 29; Report, Sept. 29. Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 4; Report, Oct. 17; Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill referred, Aug. 4; Report, Nov. 18. Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Oct. 6. Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 26; Report, Oct. 20. Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill referred, Aug. 30; Report, Oct. 20. Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 13; Report, Oct. 28. Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill referred, Oct. 25; Report, Oct. 28. Local Legislation Bill referred, Oct. 31; Report, Nov. 4. Napier Foreshore Bill referred, Nov. 1; Report, Nov. 10. Napier Harbour Board Empowering Loan and Constitution Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 25. Governor-General's amendments to Local Legislation Bill referred, Nov. 24; Report, Nov. 25. Special Report *re* Chairman, Nov. 25. Special Report *re* Clerk, Nov. 25. Final Report, Nov. 25. (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 to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bell, Mr. Girling, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Henare, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Howard, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Hon. Sir Maui Pomare, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Uru, Mr. Waite, Hon. Mr. Williams, Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	July 14, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	Papers Nos. 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 referred, July 15; Report, Sept. 15. Paper No. 124 referred, Aug. 23; Report, Aug. 31. Paper No. 132 referred, Aug. 24; Report, Sept. 15. Petroleum Bill referred, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 26. Paper No. 230 referred, Nov. 1; Report, Nov. 7. Paper No. 231 referred, Nov. 1; Report, Nov. 7. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill referred, Nov. 22; Report, Nov. 24. (For Reports, *vide* I.–3.)
Petitions Classification.—Consisting of ten Members, to whom shall be referred in the first instance all the petitions presented to this House, in order to ascertain whether such petitions are in compliance with the Standing Orders, and to classify the same for distribution among the several Committees of the House according to the nature of the contents of such petitions; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Atmore, Mr. Elliott, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sykes, Hon. Mr. Bollard.	July 18, on motion of Hon. Mr. Bollard.	Reports not printed.

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Privilege.—To inquire into the circumstances of the publication of words by the *Evening Post* and by any person or persons, and to report its opinions thereon to the House; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on Saturday next if found necessary or expedient; three to be a quorum; the Committee to report within five days.	Mr. Fraser, Sir John Luke, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. Seddon.	July 10, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	Three days' extension in which to report granted, Nov. 14; Report, Nov. 18. (For Report, *vide* Journals.)
Public Accounts.—Consisting of ten Members, to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the public accounts as it may think desirable or that may be referred to it by the House or the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the Dominion which the Government may refer to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Howard, Mr. D. Jones, Sir John Luke, Mr. Nash, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tapley, Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 26; Report, Nov. 4. (For Reports, *vide* I.-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. Girling, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. Parry, Mr. Reid, Hon. Mr. Young.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Young.	(For Reports, *vide* I.-7.)
Public Petitions A to L.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider all petitions from A to L that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Harris, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, Hon. Mr. Wright.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Wright.	(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. Bellringer, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Savage, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Tapley, Hon. Mr. Bollard.	July 28, on motion of Hon. Mr. Bollard.	(For Reports, *vide* I.-2.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
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. Howard, Mr. Kyle, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, Mr. Nash, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Veitch, Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	July 14, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	Government Railways Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 17; Report Nov. 23. (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 the 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. Bartram, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Girling, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Jordan, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Anderson.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson.	Special Reports *re* Chairman, *re* Clerk, and final Report, Nov 29. (*Vide* Journals.)
Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.—Consisting of ten Members, to which shall be referred the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Elliott, Mr. Forbes, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. D. Jones, Mr. Reid, Mr. Savage, Mr. Walter, Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	September 20, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	Rural Intermediate Credit Bill referred, Sept. 20; Report, Oct. 24. (*Vide* I.–16.)
Samoan Petition Inquiry.—(1) Consisting of nine Members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to consider the Petition lodged by certain Native inhabitants of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa; (2) That the Petition of Lagaaia and 144 others, for amendment of certain features of the administration of Western Samoa, be referred direct to such Select Committee; and (3) That if, after receiving and considering the usual departmental report, the Committee deem any further action to be necessary, it be an instruction to the Committee to refer the Petition to His Excellency the Administrator of Samoa for his report and comment thereon to the Committee and to defer their report until receipt and consideration of such report and comment; (4) That the Committee have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Forbes, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hockly, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Howard, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Linklater, Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	July 26, on motion of Hon. Mr. Nosworthy.	Message from Legislative Council intimating that it had agreed to a resolution suspending Standing Order to permit the supply, confidentially, to the members of the Royal Commission, of printed copies of the evidence, &c., Sept. 15. Similar resolution passed by House, Sept. 20. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 20. Resolution amended, Sept. 21. Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 21. Message from Legislative Council withdrawing limitation imposed by the word "confidentially" in former resolution, Sept. 21; Report, Dec. 3. Special Report *re* Chairman and *re* Clerk, Dec. 3. (For Reports, *vide* Journals.)
Selection.—Private Bills	Mr. Field, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Hockly.	July 14, on motion of Mr. Hockly.	No Report.

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
South Island – Australia Shipping Facilities.—Consisting of eight Members, with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to inquire into the shipping facilities at present existing between South Island ports and Australia, and to report as to the means of improving the same; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers and agree to a joint or separate report; three to be a quorum.	Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Howard, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Nash, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sidey, Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, Hon. Mr. McLeod.	August 10, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates, for Hon. Mr. McLeod.	Order of Reference amended by inserting after the words "improving the same" the words "and also as to what ports in the South Island it is practicable to be included in the itinerary of the N.Z.M.S. 'Maui Pomare' in connection with the Pacific Islands trade," Oct. 17; Reports of Joint Committee (2), Nov. 22. (*Vide* I.–17.)
Standing Orders.—Consisting of eleven Members three to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hockly, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. Nash, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	July 14, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Coates.	No Report.
Statutes Revision.—Consisting of ten 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, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilford, Hon. Mr. Rolleston.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Rolleston.	Property Law Amendment Bill referred, July 15; Report, Sept. 1. Juries Amendment Bill (No. 2) referred, July 29; Report, Oct. 6. Bankruptcy Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 23; Report, Oct. 4. Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 4.; Report, Oct. 17. (For Reports, *vide* I.–11.)

V.—Schedule of Public Bills, Session 1927.

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.
Advertisements Regulation	Mr. E. P. Lee	June 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Order of the Day for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn*, July 29. *Lapsed.*
Agricultural Bank	Mr. Veitch	July 21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation*, Aug. 4. *Lapsed.*
Animals Protection and Game Amendment ..	Legislative Council ..	Aug. 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Apiaries	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Sept. 29	Oct. 4	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 17.
Apprentices Amendment	Right Hon. Mr. Coates for Hon. Mr. Anderson	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	..	Oct. 19	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 17.
Appropriation	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Dec. 5	Dec. 5	Dec. 5	Dec. 5	..	Dec. 5	..	..	Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Dec. 5.
Ashley River Improvement Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Williams ..	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	..	Nov. 18	..	..	..
Auckland Harbour Board Empowering ..	Mr. Parry	July 22	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	..	Oct. 24	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 22; Report, Aug. 31. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 31; Report, Sept. 15.
Bankruptcy Amendment	Hon. Mr. Rolleston ..	July 13	Aug. 23	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Aug 23; Report, Oct. 4.
British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Amendment	Mr. Fraser	Nov. 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Building Trades Employees' Tools of Trade Insurance	Mr. Fraser	July 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	July 26	July 28	July 28	July 28	July 28	July 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee..
Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition ..	Legislative Council ..	July 21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Child Welfare Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Wright)	July 19	Nov. 8 *pro forma*	Nov. 17 Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Education Committee, Nov. 8; Report, Nov. 10.
Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment	Mr. Sullivan	July 14	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	..	Aug. 4	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 14; Report, July, 28.
Christchurch District Drainage Amendment	Mr. Howard	July 26	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	Sept. 28	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 26; Report, Sept. 16.
Christchurch Hospital Amendment ..	Mr. Howard	July 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 22; Report, Sept. 29. *Bill withdrawn*, Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Christchurch Tramway District Amendment	Mr. Sullivan	July 27	Nov. 14	Nov. 14 Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 28; Report, Sept. 27.
Cinematograph Films	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	Nov. 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. *Lapsed.*
Coal-mines Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 31	Nov. 2 *pro forma*	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	..	Nov. 17	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 31; Report, Nov. 2. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Nov. 2; Report, Nov. 15. Motion to agree to amendments of Legislative Council, Nov. 28. Motion withdrawn, Nov. 29. Amendments of Legislative Council read and disagreed with; Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Horn, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Nov. 29. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 30. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons; same read and disagreed with. Message to Legislative Council requesting a Conference; Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Horn, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed Managers, Nov. 30. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to a Conference and naming hour and place, Dec. 1. Report of Conference brought up, read, and agreed to. Message to Legislative Council, Dec. 1. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Dec. 1.

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.
Compulsory Military Service Repeal ..	Mr. J. A. Lee ..	July 14	Aug. 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Second reading negatived on division*, Aug. 3. *Lapsed.*
Contributory Negligence	Legislative Council ..	Dec. 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Counties Amendment	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	Aug. 19	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Oct. 13	Oct. 17	..
Crimes Amendment	Mr. H. E. Holland ..	July 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Customs Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Oct. 6 Oct. 10 Oct. 11 Oct. 12 Oct. 13 Oct. 14	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Proceedings in Committee to be fully reported, Oct. 6. Amended resolutions introduced in Committee of Ways and Means, read a second time and agreed to, and referred to Committee on the Bill, Oct. 13. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment; same read and agreed to and referred to Committee on the Bill, Oct. 13.
Dairy-produce Export Control Amendment ..	Mr. Veitch	July 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Dangerous Drugs	By Message (Hon. Mr. Young)	July 12	July 15	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Daylight Baking	Mr. McCombs	Sept. 2	Sept. 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Sept. 7; Report, Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment	Mr. Wilford	June 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment	Mr. Tapley	July 21	Sept. 1	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	..	Oct. 24	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 21; Report, Aug. 19. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Sept. 1; Report, Sept. 21.
Education Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Wright)	Nov. 9	Nov. 11 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Education Committee, Nov. 11; Report brought up, Nov. 23, Nov. 24. Laid on Table, Nov. 25. *Lapsed.*
Education Reserves Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Nov. 21	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	..	Nov. 25	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 22.
Egmont National Park Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. McLeod ..	July 12	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Aug. 30	..	Aug. 30	..	..	Referred to Lands Committee, July 12; Report, July 22.
Electoral	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Oct. 31	Nov. 3	Nov. 3	Nov. 3	..	Nov. 3	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Electric-power Boards Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Williams)	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	..	Nov. 24	Dec. 3	Dec. 3	Introduced in Committee.
Expiring Laws Continuance	Right Hon. Mr. Coates ..	June 24 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Fair Rents	Mr. Savage	Aug. 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Order of the Day for second reading postponed, Aug. 24. *Lapsed.*
Family Allowances Amendment	Mr. Savage	July 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Fertilizers	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Sept. 29	Sept. 30 *pro forma*	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	..	Oct. 25	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Sept. 29; Report, Sept. 27. Order of the Day for committal discharged and Bill referred back to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Sept. 28; Report, Oct. 20.

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SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Finance	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Aug. 23	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Aug. 30	..	Aug. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Aug. 23.
Finance (No. 2)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Nov. 30	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and forwarded to the Committee on the Bill, Dec. 1.
Fungicides and Insecticides	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Aug. 23	Sept. 20	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Gaming Amendment	Sir George Hunter ..	June 24	Nov. 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Government Railways Amendment ..	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	..	..	Referred to Railways Committee, Nov. 17; Report, Nov. 23.
Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering	Hon. Mr. McLeod ..	July 27	*pro forma* Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	..	Oct. 24	Nov. 16	Nov. 18	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July, 27; Report, Sept. 29. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 29; Report, Oct. 17.
Guardianship of Infants Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Rolleston ..	Oct. 7	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	..	..	..
Howard Estate Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Nov. 9	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	..	Nov. 11	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Introduced in Committee.
Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment	Mr. J. Mason	Aug. 19	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	..	Oct. 24	..	..	Standing Order 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Oct. 6.
Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering	Mr. Wilford	July 29	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July, 29; Report, Sept. 29.
Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Rolleston)	Oct. 18	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	..	Nov. 1	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 18; Report, Oct. 26.
Imprest Supply	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	June 28	June 28	June 28	June 28	..	June 28	..	..	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 28.
Imprest Supply (No. 2)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	July 28	July 28	July 28	July 28	..	July 28	..	..	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 28.
Imprest Supply (No. 3)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Aug. 30	Aug. 30	Aug. 30	Aug. 30	..	Aug. 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, Aug. 30.
Imprest Supply (No. 4)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	Sept. 28	..	..	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, Sept. 28.
Imprest Supply (No. 5)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	..	Oct. 28	..	..	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, Oct. 28.

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SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Imprest Supply (No. 6)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	..	Dec. 2	..	..	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, Dec. 2.
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 20	Oct. 28 *pro forma*	Nov. 23 Dec. 1 Dec. 3	Dec. 3	Dec. 3	Dec. 3	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Oct. 28. Proceedings of Committee to be open to press, Nov. 1. Report, Nov. 22.
Inspection of Machinery Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 19	July 19 *pro forma*	Sept. 28 Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	Oct. 19	Oct. 28	Nov. 1	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 19; Report, Sept. 23.
Insurance Companies Deposits Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Rolleston)	Nov. 22	Nov. 26 Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Introduced in Committee.
Introduction of Plants	Hon. Mr. Hawken ..	Oct. 7	Oct. 19	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	..	Nov. 1	..	..	Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Oct. 19; Report, Oct. 28.
Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports)	Mr. Fraser	June 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Juries Amendment	Mr. J. Mason	June 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Juries Amendment (No. 2)	Mr. H. G. R. Mason ..	July 27	July 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 29; Report, Oct. 6. *Lapsed.*
Justices of the Peace	By Message (Hon. Mr. Rolleston)	July 12	July 15	July 15	July 15	..	July 15	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Kauri-gum Industry Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Hawken for Hon. Mr. McLeod	Aug. 19	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	..	Oct. 25	..	..	..
Land and Income Tax Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	..	Sept. 9	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Land and Income Tax (Annual)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Aug. 30	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	..	Sept. 9	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Land for Settlements Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	July 19	Sept. 27	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	Sept. 29	Oct. 7	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, July 19; Report, July 22. Mr. Speaker directed attention of House that Legislative Council amendment infringes the privileges of this House; amendment read and disagreed with; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 7. Message from Legislative Council not insisting on amendment, Oct. 18. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 1. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Nov. 3.
Land Laws Amendment	By message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates for Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Oct. 3	Oct. 18	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 3; Report, Oct. 5.
Legislature Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	July 15	July 19	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	Oct. 13	Oct. 17	Introduced in Committee.
Legislature Amendment (No. 2)	Mr. H. E. Holland ..	July 22	Aug. 4	Sept. 7	..	..	..	..	..	Order of the Day for committal postponed, Aug. 24. *Short Title negatived on division*, Sept. 7. *Lapsed.*

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SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Licensing Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	Nov. 8	Nov. 15 Nov. 16	Nov. 16 Nov. 30	Nov. 30	Nov. 30	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	..	Introduced in Committee. Amendments of Legislative Council read. On motion of Mr. E. P. Lee amendments agreed to with exception of new clause 1A, the amendments made in clauses 3, 4, and 5, and the new clauses 16A and 16B. Mr. Bellringer, Mr. Ransom, and Mr. McCombs appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Dec. 3. Mr. Bellringer brought up reasons, same read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Dec. 3. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons, Dec. 3. Reasons read and disagreed with. Message to Legislative Council requesting a Conference; Mr. Ransom, Mr. McCombs, and Mr. Bellringer appointed Managers, Dec. 3. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to a Conference and naming hour and place, Dec. 3. Mr. Bellringer reported Conference had failed to agree, Dec. 3. Message to Legislative Council requesting a second Conference; Mr. Harris, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. E. P. Lee appointed Managers, Dec. 3. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to a second Conference and naming hour and place, Dec. 3. Mr. E. P. Lee reported Conference had failed to agree, Dec. 5. *Lapsed.*
Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	June 28	June 28	June 28	June 28	..	June 28	..	..	Standing Order 100 suspended.
Local Elections and Polls Amendment ..	Mr. Fraser	July 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Local Legislation	By Message (Hon. Sir Maui Pomare)	Oct. 31	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 17	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Oct. 31; Report, Nov. 4. Amendment of Legislative Council read and disagreed with; Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. A. Hamilton appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Nov. 18. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 23. Message from Legislative Council not insisting on amendment, Nov. 24. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to, Nov. 24. Amendments referred to Local Bills Committee, Nov. 24; Report, Nov. 25. Amendment of Local Bills Committee to Governor-General's amendments not agreed to; amendments as originally proposed agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 26. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Nov. 29.
Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering..	Mr. Wilford	Oct. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	..	Nov. 14	..	..	Standing Orders 394 and 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Oct. 13; Report, Oct. 28.
Magistrates' Courts Amendment	Hon. Mr. Rolleston ..	Sept. 28	Oct. 4	Oct. 18 Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Oct. 4; Report, Oct. 17.
Main Highways Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Williams)	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	..	Nov. 10	..	..	..
Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering	Mr. Nash	July 19	Sept. 1	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	..	Oct. 24	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 19; Report, Aug. 4.
Marriage Amendment	Hon. Mr. Bollard ..	July 12	July 15	Sept. 14	Sept. 14	..	Sept. 14	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	..
Massey Agricultural College	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	July 26	July 28	July 28	July 28	July 28	July 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Minimum Wage	Mr. McCombs.. ..	Aug. 19	Aug. 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Second reading negatived on division*, Aug. 31. *Lapsed.*
Mining Amendment	Hon. Mr. Anderson ..	Oct. 7	Oct. 17 *pro forma*	Nov. 2	Nov. 2	..	Nov. 2	..	..	Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 7; Report, Oct. 17. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Oct. 17; Report, Nov. 1.
Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Rolleston)	Nov. 3	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	..	Nov. 8	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Introduced in Committee.
Motor-omnibus Traffic Amendment ..	Mr. Wilford	June 24	July 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Second reading negatived on division*, July 20. *Lapsed.*
Motor-spirits Taxation	By Message (Hon. Mr. Williams)	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 9 Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	..	..	Introduced in Committee.

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SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Motor-vehicles Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Williams)	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Nov. 10 Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 25	Nov. 30	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Nov. 8. Amendments of Legislative Council read and disagreed with; Mr. Armstrong, Mr. A. Hamilton, and Hon. Mr. Williams appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Nov. 28. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 30. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons, same read and agreed with. Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 30.
Music-teachers Registration	Sir John Luke ..	Nov. 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Napier Foreshore	Mr. J. Mason	Nov. 1	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	..	Nov. 14	..	..	Standing Orders 394 and 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Nov. 1; Report, Nov. 10.
Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan	Mr. J. Mason	Aug. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 4; Report, Nov. 18. *Order of the Day for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn*, Nov. 28. *Lapsed.*
Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment	Mr. J. Mason	Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	..	..	Standing Orders 394, 395, and 399 suspended, Nov. 21. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 25.
Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act, 1918, Extension	Mr. J. Mason ..	July 21	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July, 21; Report, Aug. 31.
Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	Nov. 21	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 22. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Nov. 22; Report, Nov. 24.
Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering	Mr. J. S. Dickson ..	Aug. 26	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	..	Nov. 14	..	..	Standing Order 399 suspended, Aug. 26. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 26; Report, Oct. 20. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 26.
New Zealand Institute of Horticulture ..	My Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	July 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Noxious Weeks Amendment	My message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	July 19	Sept. 22	Oct. 25 Nov. 17	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Sept. 22; Report, Oct. 21.
Opticians	By Message (Hon. Mr. Young)	Aug. 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. *Lapsed.*
Orchard-tax	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Sept. 20	Sept. 20 *pro forma*	Oct. 18	Oct. 18	..	Oct. 18	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Sept. 20; Report, Oct. 17.
Palmerston North Library Empowering ..	Mr. Nash	Oct. 25	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	..	Nov. 28	..	..	Standing Orders 394, 395, and 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Oct. 25; Report, Oct. 28.
Peel Forest Amendment	Hon. Mr. McLeod ..	Sept. 9	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	Sept. 29	..	..	Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 9; Report, Sept. 15.

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SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment	Mr. Wilford	Aug. 4	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	..	Oct. 24	Oct. 28	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 4; Report, Oct. 17. Amendment of Legislative Council read and disagreed with; Mr. Savage, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Wilford appointed a Committee to prepare reasons; reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 3. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendment and forwarding reasons, Nov. 4. Reasons read and disagreed with; Message to Legislative Council requesting a Conference; Mr. Savage, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Wilford appointed Managers, Nov. 10. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to a Conference and naming hour and place, Nov. 10. Report of Conference brought up, read, and agreed to, Nov. 11; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 11. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Nov. 11.
Petroleum	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	Oct. 17	Oct. 20 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 17; Report, Oct. 20. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 26. *Lapsed.*
Police Offences	Legislative Council ..	Oct. 27	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	..	Nov. 1	..	..	..
Post and Telegraph Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	..	Nov. 8	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Public Accounts Committee, Oct. 26; Report, Nov. 4.
Preferential Voting	Mr. McCombs.. ..	June 28	July 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Second reading negatived on division*, July 27. *Lapsed.*
Property Law Amendment	Hon. Mr. Rolleston ..	July 12	July 15	Sept. 8 Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 15; Report, Sept. 1.
Public Service Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Public Service Superannuation	By Message (Hon. Mr. Nosworthy)	July 12	Oct. 4	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	..	Oct. 19	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Public Works Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Williams)	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Dec. 2. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Dec. 2.
Religious Exercises in Schools	Mr. H. Holland ..	July 14	Nov. 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Ordered to be read a second time this day six months*, Nov. 2. *Lapsed.*
Rent Restriction Continuance	Hon. Mr. Anderson ..	July 15	July 28	July 28	July 28	..	July 28	Nov. 26	..	*Second reading negatived in Legislative Council*, July 29. Bill revived in Legislative Council, Nov. 18. Amendments of Legislative Council read and disagreed with; Mr. Fraser, Mr. J. Mason, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Nov. 28. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 29. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons; same read and disagreed with; Message to Legislative Council requesting a Conference; Mr. Fraser, Mr. J. Mason, and Hon. Mr. Anderson appointed Managers, Nov. 30. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to a Conference and naming hour and place, Dec. 1. Report of Conference brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Dec. 1. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Dec. 1.
Reserves and other Lands Disposal ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Nov. 2	Nov. 10	Nov. 10 Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	..	..	Referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 2; Report, Nov. 9. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to; amendments referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 21; Report, Nov. 22. Amendments referred to Committee on the Bill, Nov. 22.
Right to Work	Mr. Fraser	July 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*

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Rural Intermediate Credit	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	Sept. 16	Sept. 20 *pro forma*	Oct. 26 Oct. 27 Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Special Committee, Sept. 20; Report, Oct. 24. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments read and agreed to and referred to Committee on the Bill, Oct. 26. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments read and agreed to and referred to Committee on the Bill, Nov. 1. Governor-General's Message forwarding further amendments, Nov. 11. Amendments agreed to, Nov. 14. Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 14. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Nov. 16.
Samoa Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	July 19	July 22	July 26	July 26	..	July 26	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency claimed for passing, July, 26.
Savings-banks Amendment	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	July 12	July 15	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	..
Seeds-importation	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Oct. 31	Nov. 2 *pro forma*	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	..	Nov. 15	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Nov. 2; Report, Nov. 10.
Shops and Offices Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Anderson)	July 19	July 19 *pro forma*	Sept. 20 Sept. 29 Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Nov. 9	Nov. 17	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Labour Bills Committee, July 19; Report, Sept. 16.
Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Oct. 31	Nov. 3	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	..	Nov. 17	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Nov. 3; Report, Nov. 15.
Stamp Duties Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Stock Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hawken)	Oct. 6	Oct. 6 *pro forma*	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	..	Oct. 25	..	..	Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Oct. 6; Report, Oct. 21.
Summer Time	Mr. Sidey	June 24	July 14	Aug. 24 Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	..	..	Order of the Day for further consideration in Committee postponed, Sept. 7
Te Matai Road Water-race District ..	Mr. Macmillan ..	July 20	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July, 20; Report, Aug. 19. Short Title amended, Sept. 1.
Timaru Harbour Board Loan	Hon. Mr. Rolleston ..	July 29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 29; Report, Sept. 29. *Lapsed.*
Tongariro National Park Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Sept. 27	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	..	Oct. 25	Nov. 3	Nov. 8	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 27; Report, Oct. 5. Mr. Speaker pointed out that amendment of Legislative Council was an infringement of Privileges of House; that Privileges be waived if such waiver not taken as a precedent, Nov. 8.
Unemployed Workers'	Mr. Fraser	Nov. 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Valuation of Land Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. McLeod)	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 10 Nov. 11	Nov. 11	..	Nov. 11	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition	Hon. Mr. Buddo ..	Aug. 30	Oct. 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	Standing Orders 394 and 399 suspended. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 30; Report, Oct. 20. *Lapsed.*
Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment	Hon. Mr. Williams ..	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	..	Nov. 24	..	..	..

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SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
War Disabilities Removal	Hon. Mr. Rolleston ..	July 12	July 15	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 9	Oct. 17	Title amended, Sept. 1. Amendments of Legislative Council read and disagreed with; Mr. J. Mason, Mr. J. A. Lee, and Hon. Mr. Rolleston appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Sept. 13. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Sept. 20. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons; same read and disagreed with; Message to Legislative Council requesting a Conference; Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. J. Mason, and Hon. Mr. Rolleston appointed Managers, Sept. 22. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to a Conference and naming hour and place, Sept. 23. Hon. Mr. Rolleston reported that Managers had been unable to agree with Managers of Legislative Council, Oct. 4. Amendments of Legislative Council agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Oct. 17. Message from Legislative Council proposing consequential amendment in the Title, Oct. 18. Message to Legislative Council acquainting them that their proposal will receive due consideration, Oct. 18.
War Funds Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	July 12	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Aug. 30	..	Aug. 30	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service	Sir John Luke ..	July 20	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	Sept. 1	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 20; Report, Aug. 19.
Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment	Mr. Forsyth	July 14	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Nov. 9	Nov. 14	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 14; Report, Sept. 27.
Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply	Mr. Fraser	July 27	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Nov. 30	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 27; Report, Oct. 21. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 21; Report, Oct. 26. Amendments of Legislative Council read and disagreed with; Mr. Elliott, Mr. Wilford, and Mr. Fraser appointed a Committee to prepare reasons, Nov. 30. Reasons brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Dec. 1. Message from Legislative Council insisting on amendments and forwarding reasons; same read and disagreed with, Dec. 2. Message to Legislative Council requesting a Conference; Mr. Elliott, Mr. Wilford, and Mr. Fraser appointed Managers, Dec. 2. Message from Legislative Council agreeing to a Conference and naming hour and place, Dec. 3. Report of Conference brought up, read, and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Dec. 3. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Dec. 3.
Wellington City Empowering and Amendment	Hon. Mr. Wright ..	July 20	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	Sept. 1	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 20; Report, Aug. 19. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24.
Wellington City Exhibition Grounds ..	Mr. McKeen	July 26	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 26; Report, Aug. 19. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24. Short Title amended, Sept. 1.
Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion	Mr. Hockly	June 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 4	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 28; Report, July 28.
Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering	Mr. W. Jones ..	July 20	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	Sept. 1	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 20; Report, Aug. 19. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Aug. 24.
Workers Compensation Amendment ..	Mr. Howard	July 14	July 21	Aug. 24 Sept. 7	..	..	..	..	..	*Chairman of Committees ruled that Bill could not proceed as it contained an appropriation*, Sept. 7. *Lapsed.*

VI.—Schedule of Private Bills, Session 1927.

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.
Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment	Legislative Council ..	July 28	Aug. 3	Aug. 3	Sept. 13	..	Sept. 16	..	..	
St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund ..	Legislative Council ..	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Sept. 29	..	Oct. 5	..	..	Report of Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills brought up, Aug. 3; agreed to, Aug. 4. Message to Legislative Council, Aug. 4; Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Aug. 3.

VII.—Schedule of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table, Session 1927.

[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.	
Sept. 8	150	Agriculture, Department of: Report for Year 1926–27. (By command) ..	H.–29.
July 14	27	Apiaries Amendment Act, 1913: Regulations under the, relating to the Export of Honey from New Zealand. (By Act.)	
July 27	96	Articles in Common Use, Consumption of, for Years 1906 to 1926. (By command)	H.–9.
		B.	
July 14	44	Bank of New Zealand: Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. (By Act)	B.–15.
July 14	34	Board of Trade Act, 1919: Bread-price Regulations, 1926. (By Act.)	
..	..	Bread-price Regulations. (*Vide* Board of Trade Act, 1919.)	
		C.	
Nov. 26	270	Cattle in the Dominion on 31st January, 1927. (Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 19th October, 1917)	H.–23c.
..	..	Child Welfare. (*Vide* Education.)	
..	..	Cinematograph-film Regulations. (*Vide* Explosives and Dangerous Goods.)	
		Coal-mines Act, 1925, Assignments of Leases and Licenses under. (By Act):—	
July 8	4	F. Price to J. Walker and J. Mercer.	
July 8	5	W. McCormack to the Westport Coal Company (Limited).	
July 8	6	D. Blackadder to Reddale Collieries (Limited).	
July 8	7	D. Moynihan to T. Moynihan.	
July 8	8	P. Bird, G. Wynn, and R. McAlister to C. and E. Martin.	
July 8	9	A. Mackenzie and others to Reddale Collieries (Limited).	
July 8	10	J. Bolitho to L. Eklund.	
July 8	11	J. T. Hutton and B. W. Hutton to T. Woodward.	
July 8	12	W. J. Morris to T. Learmont.	
July 8	13	National Bank of New Zealand (Limited) to W. J. Morris and T. Learmont.	
July 8	14	W. J. Morris to I. Patterson.	
July 8	15	G. Taylor and another to S. Reid.	
July 8	16	J. A. Gordon and others to J. Hodgson and others.	
July 8	17	T. Learmont to W. J. Morris.	
Aug. 5	119	Archibald Gilmour to Wilfred John Alcock.	
Aug. 31	139	J. Blair to T. L. Bennett.	
Sept. 14	162	Grey Valley Collieries (Limited) to G. Harper and others.	
Sept. 14	163	From Maud Chester and another to J. Pemberth and another.	
Dec. 5	280	Thomas Macneill to Briandale Collieries (Limited).	
		Cook and Other Islands:—	
Sept. 15	174	Annual Report by Minister on Administration of. (By command)	A.–3.
July 14	56	Order in Council under Customs Amendment Act, 1926. (By Act.)	
		County Councils' Accounts. (By Act):—	
July 15	65	For Year 1926–27.	
July 15	66	For Year 1923–24.	
July 15	67	For Year 1924–25.	
July 15	68	For Year 1925–26.	
Sept. 15	183	For Year 1924–25.	
Sept. 15	184	For Year 1925–26.	
Sept. 15	185	For Year 1926–27.	
Nov. 24	261	For Year 1924–25.	
Nov. 24	262	For Year 1925–26.	
Nov. 24	264	For Year 1926–27.	
July 27	99	Customs Act, 1913, and Customs Amendment Act, 1921, Additional Regulations under. (By Act.)	
July 14	53	Customs Amendment Act, 1913: Order in Council relating to the Prohibition of the Importation of certain specified Articles. (By Act.)	
July 14	52	Customs Amendment Act, 1921: Orders in Council revoking Suspension of Duty on certain Wheat. (By Act.)	
July 14	56	Customs Amendment Act, 1926, Order in Council determining the Date on which the Duties and Exemptions from Duty provided for in, shall be in force in the Cook Islands. (By Act.)	
July 14	57	Customs and Other Revenue, Cost of Collecting, at each Port of Entry. (By command)	B.–12.
Sept. 22	191	Customs Tariff Commission, 1926–27, Report of. (By command)	H.–28.
		D.	
Nov. 9	246	Dairy-produce Export Control Act, 1913, Regulations under the, Prohibiting the Exportation of Dairy-produce save in accordance with a License to be issued by the Minister of Agriculture. (By Act.)	
		Defence Act, 1909, and Amendments:—	
July 14	43	Regulations under the. (By Act.)	
Oct. 20	214	Regulations under the. (By Act.)	
Nov. 1	232	Regulations under the. (By Act.)	
Aug. 2	104	Defence Forces, Report of General Officer Commanding, for Period 1st June, 1926, to 31st May, 1927. (By command)	H.–19.

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Date of Presentation.	Number of Paper.		Letter and Number of Printed Paper in Appendices.
		DESPATCHES :—	
July 14	28	From the Governor-General of New Zealand to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs. (By command)	A.–1.
July 14	29	From the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs to the Governor-General of New Zealand. (By command)	A.–2.
Aug. 5	117	DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACT, 1915 : Report for Year ending 31st March, 1927. (By Act)	C.–9.
Sept. 15	173	DOBSON COLLIERY DISASTER, Report of Royal Commission on. (By leave) ..	C.–15.
		DOMAINS :—	
Oct. 25	229	Change of Purpose of Portion of Reserve in Nelson Land District. (By Act.)	
Oct. 4	205	Public Domains of New Zealand, Annual Report on. (By command) ..	C.–10.
July 15	73	EAST COAST MAIN TRUNK RAILWAY. (*Vide* RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT.)	
		E.	
		EDUCATION :—	
Dec. 5	281	Administrative Costs of Education Boards, Native Schools, Technical Schools, and Secondary Schools. Return to an Order dated 17th October, 1927.) (Replacing Paper No. 245, 8th November.)	
Oct. 4	204	Child Welfare, State Care of Children, Special Schools, and Infant-life Protection, Report on. (By command)	E.–4.
Dec. 5	281	Education Boards of New Zealand, Native Schools, Secondary Schools, and Technical Schools, Administrative Costs of. (Return to an Order dated 17th October, 1927, replacing Paper No. 245, laid on the Table 8th November.)	
Sept. 14	165	Higher Education, Annual Report on. (By command)	E.–7.
Sept. 14	164	Native Children, Education of, Annual Report on. (By command)	E.–3.
Sept. 14	172	Teachers' Superannuation Fund, Report on. (By command)	E.–8.
Oct. 25	228	Leased Educational Reserves in Otago and Southland, Number of holdings of, Areas of and Rents received for Year ended 31st March, 1927. (Return to an Order dated 17th October, 1927.)	
Oct. 4	203	Primary Education, Annual Report on. (By command)	E.–2.
Oct. 13	211	Proposed Reservation of Lands in North Auckland and Otago Land Districts for Primary Education. (By Act.)	
Sept. 13	161	Report of the Minister of Education for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. (By command)	E.–1.
Sept. 29	196	Secondary Education, Annual Report on. (By command)	E.–6.
Dec. 5	279	Teachers' Superannuation Fund : Actuarial Examination. (By Act)	E.–8A.
Sept. 29	197	Technical Education, Annual Report on. (By command)	E.–5.
July 27	98	ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND ELECTRICAL WIRING : Regulations, 1927. (By Act.)	
Aug. 2	109	ENEMY PROPERTY IN NEW ZEALAND, Report on, by Public Trustee. (By leave) ..	H.–25.
..	..	ESTIMATES. (*Vide* FINANCE.)	
Sept. 15	177	EXPLOSIVES AND DANGEROUS GOODS : Regulations amending Cinematograph Film Regulations, 1925. (By Act.)	
		F.	
		FINANCE :—	
July 14	44	BANK OF NEW ZEALAND : Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. (By Act.)	B.–15.
Nov. 24	253	Emergency Expenditure Account, Statement of Accounts issued out of the, for the Period 12th September, 1926, to 22nd June, 1927. (By Act)	B.–4.
Aug. 2	115	Financial Statement, with Estimates of Expenditure for Year 1927–28. (By leave)	B.–6.
Aug. 2	112	Public Accounts for Year 1925–26 : Departmental Balance-sheets (By Act) ..	B.–1 (Pt. IV Sup.).
Nov. 8	247	Public Accounts for Year 1926–27 : Departmental Balance-sheets (By Act) ..	B.–1 (Pt. IV, Sup.).
Sept. 6	147	Public Accounts for Year 1926–27 : Comptroller and Auditor-General's Report	B.–1 (Pt. II).
Aug. 2	113	Public Accounts for Year 1926–27. (By Act)	B.–1 (Pt. I).
Aug. 2	114	Public Accounts for Year 1926–27. (By Act)	B.–1 (Pt. III).
Aug. 24	136	Public Debts Sinking Fund : Report of Commissioners for Year ended 31st March, 1927. (By Act)	B.–8.
Aug. 5	118	Public Securities held in the Dominion and Elsewhere as on 31st March, 1927. (By Act)	B.–10.
July 27	94	State Advances Office : Statement of Moneys advanced from One Branch to Another, and Dates of Repayment. (By Act)	B.–13A.
		FIRE BOARDS' ACCOUNTS :—	
July 8	19	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	
July 8	22	For Year 1924–25. (By Act.)	
Aug. 4	107	For Years 1924–25 and 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Aug. 4	108	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Aug. 4	116	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Aug. 19	122	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Sept. 15	175	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Sept. 15	176	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Oct. 3	201	For Years 1925–26 and 1926–27. (By Act.)	
Oct. 3	202	For Years 1924–25 and 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Oct. 20	216	For Year 1926–27. (By Act.)	
Nov. 4	233	For Year 1927. (By Act.)	
Nov. 4	234	For Years 1926 and 1927. (By Act.)	
Nov. 4	235	For Year 1927. (By Act.)	
Nov. 15	250	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Nov. 24	251	For Year 1926–27. (By Act.)	
Nov. 24	252	For Year 1926–27. (By Act.)	
Nov. 26	268	For Year 1926–27. (By Act.)	
Nov. 26	269	For Years 1924–25 and 1925–26. (By Act.)	
Nov. 30	273	For Year 1925–26. (By Act.)	

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Oct. 20	215	FIRE BRIGADES OF THE DOMINION, Report on, for the Year ended 30th June, 1927. (By command)	H.–12.
July 27	93	FISHING INDUSTRY PROMOTION: Annual Report on, by State Advances Office. (By Act)	H.–21.
		FORESTS ACT, 1921–22:—	
Nov. 8	237	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Nov. 8	238	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Nov. 8	239	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Nov. 8	240	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Nov. 8	241	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Nov. 8	242	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Nov. 8	243	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Nov. 8	244	Proposal to withdraw certain Lands from State Forest Reservation. (By Act.)	
Aug. 23	128	FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS: Report for the Year 1926. (By Act) ..	H.–1.
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..	..	SUPERANNUATION. (*Vide* TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION; RAILWAYS SUPERANNUATION; PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION; LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION.)	
..	..	SUPREME COURT, REGISTRAR OF. (*Vide* MORTGAGES.)	
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Sept. 15	187	SWAMP DRAINAGE, Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1927. (By Act) ..	C.-4.
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..	..	TARIFF COMMISSION, 1926-27. (*Vide* CUSTOMS TARIFF COMMISSION.)	
		TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND:—	
Dec. 5	279	Actuarial Examination. (By Act)	E.-8A.
Sept. 14	172	Particulars relating to. (By command)	E.-8.
Dec. 5	281	TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, Administration Costs of. (Return to an Order dated 17th October, 1927, replacing Paper No. 245 laid on the Table 8th November, 1927.)	
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Dec. 2	274	TOKELAU (UNION) ISLANDS, Report of the Administrator on the. (By command) ..	A.-4D.
Sept. 8	158	TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK, Report of the Board of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. (By command)	C.-13.
Aug. 5	120	TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS: Annual Report. (By command)	H.-2.
July 8	18	TOWN-PLANNING ACT, 1926, Regulations under the. (By Act.)	
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Nov. 24	253	UNEMPLOYMENT: Emergency Expenditure Account, Statement of Accounts issued out of the, for the Period 12th September, 1926, to 22nd June, 1927. (By Act)	B.-4.
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July 27	100	VALUATION OF LANDS DEPARTMENT: Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. (By Act)	B.-17.
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July 15	74	WAIKOKOPU WHARF, Regulations relating to. (By Act.)	
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VIII.—SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND OF BILLS PASSED AND LAPSED DURING THE SESSION.

1. SELECT COMMITTEES—			
On public matters	27		
On private Bills	2		
			29
2. PUBLIC BILLS—			
Received the Royal Assent	101		
Reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure	...		
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	38		
			139
3. PRIVATE BILLS—			
Received the Royal Assent			2
4. PETITIONS PRESENTED—			
From Europeans	283		
From Maoris	63		
			346
5. DIVISIONS—			
In the whole House	30		
In Committee	54		
			84
6. SITTINGS—			
Days of meeting			105
	h. m.		
Hours of sitting before midnight	685 33		
Hours of sitting after midnight	91 20		
			h. m.
			776 53
Daily average			7 24
7. VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS—			
Questions asked of Ministers	260		
Entries in Journals	1,304		
			1,564
Daily average			15
8. ORDERS FOR RETURNS			22
9. PAPERS LAID UPON THE TABLE—			
By command	49		
By leave	16		
By Act	203		
In return to Orders	12		
By Mr. Speaker	3		
			283
Papers ordered to be printed	120		
Papers not ordered to be printed	163		
			283
10. REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES—			
From the Public Petitions A to L Committee	54		
From the Public Petitions M to Z Committee	34		
From the Native Affairs Committee	73		
From the Defence Committee	21		
From the Lands Committee	51		
From the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee	17		
From the Goldfields and Mines Committee	15		
From the Labour Bills Committee	14		
From the Local Bills Committee	33		
From the Railways Committee	15		
From the Education Committee	21		
From other Committees	52		
			400

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE, ETC.—*continued*.

LIST OF ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND, SESSION 1927.

PUBLIC ACTS.

Apiaries.
Apprentices Amendment.
Appropriation.
Ashley River Improvement Amendment.

Bankruptcy Amendment.

Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment.
Child Welfare Amendment.
Coal-mines Amendment.
Counties Amendment.
Customs Amendment.

Dangerous Drugs.

Education Reserves Amendment.
Egmont National Park Amendment.
Electoral.
Electric-power Boards Amendment.

Fertilizers.
Finance.
Finance (No. 2).
Fungicides and Insecticides.

Government Railways Amendment.
Guardianship of Infants Amendment.

Howard Estate Amendment.
Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment.

Imprest Supply.
Imprest Supply (No. 2).
Imprest Supply (No. 3).
Imprest Supply (No. 4).
Imprest Supply (No. 5).
Imprest Supply (No. 6).
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment.
Inspection of Machinery Amendment.
Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment.
Introduction of Plants.

Justices of the Peace.

Kauri-gum Industry Amendment.

Land and Income Tax Amendment.
Land and Income Tax (Annual).
Land for Settlements Amendment.
Land Laws Amendment.
Legislature Amendment.
Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment Extension.
Local Legislation.

Magistrates' Courts Amendment.
Main Highways Amendment.
Marriage Amendment.
Massey Agricultural College.
Mining Amendment.
Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges).
Motor-spirits Taxation.
Motor-vehicles Amendment.

Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment.
New Zealand Institute of Horticulture.
Noxious Weeds Amendment.

Orchard-tax.

Peel Forest Amendment.
Police Offences.
Post and Telegraph Amendment.
Property Law Amendment.
Public Service Amendment.
Public Service Superannuation.
Public Works Amendment.

Rent Restriction Continuance.
Reserves and other Lands Disposal.
Rural Intermediate Credit.

Samoa Amendment.
Savings-banks Amendment.
Seeds-importation.
Shops and Offices Amendment.
Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment.
Stamp Duties Amendment.
Stock Amendment.
Summer Time.

Tongariro National Park Amendment.

Valuation of Land Amendment.

Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment.
War Disabilities Removal.
War Funds Amendment.

LOCAL ACTS.

Auckland Harbour Board Empowering.

Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment.
Christchurch District Drainage Amendment.
Christchurch Tramway District Amendment.

Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment.

Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering.

Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment.
Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering.

Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering.

Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering.

Napier Foreshore.
Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment.
Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension.
Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering.

Palmerston North Library Empowering.
Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment.

Te Matai Road Water-race District.

Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service.
Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment.
Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply.
Wellington City Empowering and Amendment.
Wellington City Exhibition Grounds.
Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion.
Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering.

PRIVATE ACTS.

Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment.
St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund.

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LIST OF BILLS DROPPED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF.

PUBLIC BILLS DROPPED.

Advertisements Regulation.
Agricultural Bank.
Animals Protection and Game Amendment.

British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Amendment.
Building Trades Employees' Tools of Trade Insurance.

Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition.
Cinematograph Films.
Compulsory Military Service Repeal.
Contributory Negligence.
Crimes Amendment.

Dairy-produce Export Control Amendment.
Daylight Baking.
Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment.

Education Amendment.
Expiring Laws Continuance.

Fair Rents.
Family Allowances Amendment.

Gaming Amendment.

Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports).
Juries Amendment.
Juries Amendment (No. 2).

Legislature Amendment (No. 2).
Licensing Amendment.
Local Elections and Polls Amendment.

Minimum Wage.
Motor-omnibus Traffic Amendment.
Music-teachers Registration.

Opticians.

Petroleum.
Preferential Voting.

Religious Exercises in Schools.
Right to Work.

Unemployed Workers.

Workers' Compensation Amendment.

LOCAL BILLS DROPPED.

Christchurch Hospital Amendment.

Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan.

Timaru Harbour Board Loan.

Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of SITTING-DAYS and LENGTH of each SESSION from 1875 to 1927.

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	..	..	180 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 52	94 45	462 37	8 7
1903	29 June ..	24 November ..	149	95	663 40	191 20	855 0	9 0
1904	28 " ..	7 " ..	133	82	563 21	121 34	684 55	8 21
1905	27 " ..	30 October ..	126	78	530 14	135 37	665 51	8 33
*1906	21 August ..	29 " ..	70	43	299 26	8 5	307 31	7 9
1907	27 June ..	25 November ..	152	92	662 25	108 10	770 35	8 26
1908	28 " ..	10 October ..	105	59	420 34	59 57	480 31	8 7
*1909	7 October ..	29 December ..	83	52	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 " ..	29 August ..	77	55	374 7	59 26	433 33	7 53
1924	26 " ..	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
1926	16 " ..	11 September ..	88	57	372 5	50 25	422 30	7 20
1927	23 " ..	5 December ..	166	105	685 33	91 20	776 53	7 24

* 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; 1897, 26th April to 10th June, 46 days; 1897, 6th April to 10th April, 4 days; 1906, 27th June to 29th June, 3 days; 1909, 10th June to 16th June, 6 days; 1912, 15th to 29th February, 15 days; 1918, 9th April to 15th April, 7 days; 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.] 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, 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 tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, 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 14th day of September, 1926.

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 tenth day of the month of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

WHEREAS on the fourteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the tenth day of the month of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, 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 ninth 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 5th day of March, 1927.

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

WHEREAS the Meeting of the General Assembly stands prorogued to the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven: Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations I have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the twenty-third day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, so that neither you nor any of you, on the said ninth 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-third day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, 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 30th day of May, 1927.

J. A. YOUNG,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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OF

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

SECOND SESSION.—TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

Thursday, the 23rd Day of June, 1927.

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 30th day of May, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Summons to attend His Excellency.*—A summons to attend His Excellency the Governor-General, by Arthur Thomas Bothamley, Esquire, I.S.O., 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. *Members sworn.*—Thomas Mason Wilford, Esquire, Member for Hutt, and Thomas David Burnett, Esquire, Member for Temuka, having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took their seats in the House.

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

4. *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. Macmillan, on account of illness.

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

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

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

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

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

Since your last session I have had further opportunities of visiting various parts of the Dominion, and have been deeply impressed by the spirit of loyalty which is everywhere in evidence, as well as by the warmth of the welcome extended to me as His Majesty's representative.

The visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York aroused great enthusiasm throughout the Dominion, and provided an occasion for a demonstration of loyalty to the Crown and personal regard for the Sovereign and the Royal Family. The welcome to our Royal visitors was in every way as whole-hearted as that which was accorded in previous years to Their Majesties the King and Queen and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

At the Maori gathering at Rotorua our fellow-subjects of the Native race again strikingly demonstrated their loyalty to the Sovereign in accordance with their customs and usages.

The visit of Their Royal Highnesses, I am confident, will still further strengthen the ties which bind the citizens of this Dominion to the Mother-land.

The Imperial Conference, at which this Dominion was represented by my Prime Minister and the Right Honourable Sir Francis Bell, last year was notable for many important resolutions, some of which affect the Colonial Laws Validity Act, reserving of Bills, and extra-territorial operation of Dominion legislation. These subjects have been referred by the Imperial Conference to a committee which, after consultation with the Dominions, will advise whether special legislation is necessary to give effect to the resolutions.

Other matters dealt with at the Imperial Conference are defined in a report of the proceedings which will be laid before you at an early date.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Imperial Conference my Prime Minister visited the graves of our soldiers in France and Belgium. He was deeply impressed by the care and attention which have been exercised by the Imperial War Graves Commission in carrying out the work entrusted to their charge.

The opening of the Federal House of Parliament at Canberra in May last was an event of outstanding importance in the history of the sister Dominion of Australia. New Zealand was represented at the ceremony by the Honourable the Minister of Lands, through whom New Zealand's congratulations to the Commonwealth were transmitted.

At the Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva last year the Dominion was represented by the Right Honourable Sir Francis Bell and by the High Commissioner. The most important event at this meeting was the admission of Germany as a member of the League, with a permanent seat on the Council. A report of the proceedings has been prepared, and will be laid before you in due course.

During the recess the Minister of External Affairs has visited the Mandated Territory of Samoa and personally discussed with the Administrator and the inhabitants of the Territory matters pertaining to the welfare of both races. The continued progress of the Native population in their conditions of livelihood, their general prosperity, and their confidence in the administration of their affairs are matters for satisfaction. It is gratifying also to know that the reports furnished to the League of Nations in accordance with the terms of the mandate held by New Zealand have earned the commendation of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League.

At the in[redacted]sident Coolidge a Disarmament Conference has commenced its [redacted]neva. My Ministers have arranged for the Dominion to be represented by the High Commissioner, Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe, and Rear-Admiral Beal.

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

The results of the financial year ended on the 31st March last are very satisfactory, especially so in view of the uncertainty of the financial position during the period. The surplus of revenue over expenditure amounted to £587,000. Part of this surplus has been utilized to reduce the public debt, and the balance carried forward to meet any extraordinary demands that may arise during the present year. My Ministers are of opinion that, in view of the general and financial outlook for the current year, rigid economy must be maintained. To this end my Ministers have again arranged for a special Committee to scrutinize carefully the estimates and report as to the measures to be taken to ensure economy and strict control of expenditure.

A further loan of £6,000,000, issued at £99 10s. per cent., bearing interest at 5 per cent., has been successfully floated in London, and the proceeds will be devoted to the construction and improvement of railways, hydro-electric-power stations, and other public works designed to assist in the development of the productive power of the Dominion.

I mentioned in my speech at the opening of the last session of Parliament that in connection with naval defence my Advisers were of the opinion that more should be done before New Zealand could claim to have taken her fair share of the burden of the defence of the Empire. In the discussion at the Imperial Conference the Prime Minister of Great Britain stated emphatically that the best form of assistance that the Dominions could give would be by way of a contribution to the cost of the naval base at Singapore, and my Advisers intend to submit proposals in that respect for your consideration.

For the purpose of co-ordinating and regulating the borrowing of local authorities, and of giving local governing bodies the benefit of expert advice, a Local Government Loans Board Act was passed last year. In pursuance of the Act a representative Board has been appointed, and has taken up the duty of investigating the loan proposals brought forward by the local authorities. It is anticipated that the operations of the Board will be of great benefit to the local authorities concerned and to the Dominion generally.

Following the report of the Commission which investigated the question of rural credits in other countries, a Rural Advances Act was passed last session, and came into operation on the 1st April. Loans are now being granted, and as soon as sufficient mortgages have been created for the purpose it is proposed to issue bonds secured on the mortgages, and it is hoped that investors will take up the bonds and thereby assist in financing the farmer.

During the recess a Royal Commission of departmental experts was appointed to consider and report upon the revision of the Customs tariff. This Commission has been taking evidence in various parts of the Dominion, and its report should shortly be received. A new tariff will then be prepared and submitted for your scrutiny and revision. You will appreciate that the intended introduction of a tariff prohibits any intimation being given at this stage of the session of the proposals of my Ministers with regard to alterations in the methods or subjects of taxation.

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

It has been the aim of my Advisers to improve the trade relations of this Dominion with other countries, and especially to foster trade within the Empire. With this end in view various conferences with representative people were held by my Prime Minister during his visit to England and to Canada, and also by the Minister of Industries and Commerce during his recent visit to Australia.

The question of land-settlement has been re[redacted]rnest consideration of my Advisers, whose difficulties in thi[redacted]greatly accentuated by the prevailing unfavourable economic co[redacted].

The pr[redacted]te[redacted]tability in the prices of our primary products in the world's markets, together with the increased cost of development, has been reflected in a corresponding uncertainty in land-values, and has so seriously affected the position of many of the country's settlers that available resources have been severely taxed in an endeavour to place them on a sound footing.

The Maori Arts and Crafts Act, which was included in the legislation passed last session, was brought into operation during the recess. As honourable members are aware, the main principles of the Act are to foster and encourage the study and practice of Maori arts and crafts. The Board set up to administer the Act has entered upon its duties with enthusiasm. I am pleased to give due acknowledgment to the Maoris themselves for their interest in the legislation passed and in its administration.

One of the principal Acts passed last session was that providing for town and regional planning schemes. It is encouraging to note the interest and spirit which local governing bodies have shown in the legislation. It has been recognized that in this young and fast-growing country regard must be had for the future in making provision for the laying-out of closely-populated areas.

My Ministers think that, in accordance with the new spirit existing in international relations, the time is now opportune to review some of the legislation passed during the war period. An Act was passed in 1922 removing certain disabilities arising from nationality, and it is now proposed to introduce a Bill removing disabilities imposed on subjects of enemy races, relating to employment in educational work, the acquisition of land, and immigration. It is also proposed to repeal the special provisions of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1919, whereby a British woman being the wife of a person of enemy origin may petition for divorce in certain cases.

Bills will also be submitted to you for the purpose of compiling and amending the existing law relating to Public Service superannuation, public works, Justices of the Peace, Magistrates' Courts, divorce and matrimonial causes, and education reserves.

The establishment of Children's Courts under the Child Welfare Act has proved of great benefit in dealing with juvenile delinquents. Certain amendments, however, have been found necessary to improve the working of the Act, and an amending Bill will be laid before you.

A Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act will also be introduced. It is proposed to include in this Bill provisions which will further secure the position of those making advances to dairy-farmers on the security of their milk cheques, and thus make easier the finance of those engaged in this important national industry.

Bills will be submitted dealing with amendments to the law relating to industrial disputes, shops and offices, Legislature, motor-vehicles, stock, property law, land, mining, licensing, and other matters.

I commend these various matters to your careful attention, and I earnestly hope that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations to the furtherance of the happiness and welfare of the people of this Dominion.

7. *Adjournment.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now 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 twelve minutes after three of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Friday, the 24th Day of June, 1927.

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. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of illness.

3. *Gaming Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Gaming Act, 1908; and that Sir George Hunter do prepare and bring it in.

   Sir George Hunter accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 6th day of July, and to be printed.

4. *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's 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 13th day of July, and to be printed.

5. *Motor-omnibus Traffic Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926; and that Mr. Wilford do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1908; and that Mr. Wilford do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Wilford accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 13th day of July, and to be printed.

7. *Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Publication of Judicial Proceedings in such Manner as to prevent Injury to Public Morals; and that Mr. Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Fraser accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 13th day of July, and to be printed.

8. *Death of the Honourable David Henry Guthrie.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the distinguished services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable David Henry Guthrie, a Member of the Executive Council and of the Legislative Council, and formerly a Member of the House of Representatives and a Minister of the Crown, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

9. *Death of the Honourable Sir James Carroll, K.C.M.G.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the distinguished services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable Sir James Carroll, K.C.M.G., a Member of the Legislative Council and formerly a Member of the House of Representatives and a Minister of the Crown, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

10. *Death of the Honourable Sir Arthur Myers.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the distinguished services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable Sir Arthur Mielziner Myers, formerly a Member of the House of Representatives and a Minister of the Crown, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

11. *Death of Mr. Frederick Pirani.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Mr. Frederick Pirani, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

12. *Death of Mr. Hugh Hart Lusk.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Mr. Hugh Hart Lusk, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

13. *Death of Mr. Edward Withy.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Mr. Edward Withy, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

14. *Death of Mr. Cuthbert Cowan.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Mr. Cuthbert Cowan, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

15. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until half after two of the clock on Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 1927, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable David Henry Guthrie, the late Honourable Sir James Carroll, the late Honourable Sir Arthur Mielziner Myers, the late Mr. Frederick Pirani, the late Mr. Hugh Hart Lusk, the late Mr. Edward Withy, and the late Mr. Cuthbert Cowan.

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

Tuesday, the 28th Day of June, 1927.

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. H. G. R. Mason (with leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Jordan, on account of illness.

3. *Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill authorizing the Whakatane County Council to apply certain Loan-moneys borrowed for specific Road and Bridge Works in the Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, Omataroa, and Galatea Ridings to certain other Road and Bridge Works within those Ridings; and to apply certain Loan-moneys borrowed for specific Road and Bridge Works in the Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou Ridings to certain other Road and Bridge Works over the Whole County; and authorizing the Levying of a Special Rate over the Whole County; and authorizing the Refund to the Taneatua and Opouriao Riding Accounts of certain Sinking-fund Payments; and empowering the Council to limit the Contribution of the Galatea Riding towards the General Expenses of the County; and validating the Expenditure incurred in taking certain Polls of Ratepayers; 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.

4. *Preferential Voting Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill prescribing the Method of Voting at National Referendum Polls; 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 Wednesday, the 27th day of July, and to be printed.

5. *Juries Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Juries Act, 1908; and that Mr. J. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. J. Mason accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 13th day of July, and to be printed.

6. *Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Operation of the Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Act, 1926; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

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

   (Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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

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

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

   The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. 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 extend the Operation of the Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Act, 1926."

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

7. *Message.*—The Right 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. 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, 1928.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th June, 1927.

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

8. *Suspension of Standing Order 422.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That Standing Order 422 be suspended, in order that the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means may be set up forthwith.

9. *Supply.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. H. E. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "this House expresses its strongest disapproval of the Government's incompetency and neglect to deal adequately with the increasingly acute national unemployment problem, for which the Government's policy is mainly responsible, and which has resulted in the most distressing lack of food and other necessaries of life to many thousands of people. This House further condemns the Government for having used the defenceless position of the unemployed as a means to reduce wages, and consequently to lower the workers' standard of living, by paying only 12s. a day to married men and 9s. a day to single men, in violation of the agreement made between the Government and the New Zealand Workers' Union and the awards of the Arbitration Court."

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:—

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Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Linklater	Seddon
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Luke, Sir John	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Henare	Lysnar	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hockly	McLennan	Waite
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Walter
Burnett	Horn	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Elliott	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Rhodes	
Forsyth	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, A.	Kyle	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, J. R.	Lee, E. P.	Samuel	Glenn.

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Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Atmore	Lee, J. A.	Parry	Howard
Bartram	McCombs	Savage.	Sullivan.
Fraser	McKeen		

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. Hockly reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE, 1927.

Mr. Hockly accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two million nine hundred and sixty thousand five 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-eight.

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

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

10. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart,—

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. 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, 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-eight,—

(*a*) Out of the respective funds and accounts (being part of the Public Account) specified in the First Schedule hereto, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two million nine hundred and eleven thousand three 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-nine 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-eight.

Where any local authority within the meaning of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, has, whether before or after the passing of this Act, provided work in relief of unemployment, the Minister of Finance may, without further appropriation than this section, pay to such local authority, out of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund, such amount as he thinks fit, by way of subsidy on the amount expended by the local authority as wages in respect of such work at any time since the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

The aggregate amount paid under this section shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

All moneys received by a local authority under this section shall be applied in relief of unemployment on such public works as may be approved for the purpose by the Minister of Public Works, and shall be so applied in accordance with such conditions (if any) as that Minister may impose.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,250,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	450,000
Electric Supply Account	175,000
Separate Accounts—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	10,000
Land for Settlements Account	250
Land for Settlements Account—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	1,750
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account ..	2,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	100,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	100,000
Native Land Settlement Account	350
State Coal-mines Account	37,500
State Forests Account	30,000
Westport Harbour Account	4,500
Working Railways Account	750,000
	£2,911,350

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	1,000
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,750
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	800
The Public Trustee's Account	23,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,300
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	4,750
Advances to Workers Branch	1,100
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	150
Rural Advances Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	1,250
	£49,200

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

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

11. *Imprest Supply Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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-eight; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, the 29th Day of June, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Advertisement Regulation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate and control the Erection of Hoardings; and that Mr. E. P. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. E. P. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Thursday, the 28th day of July.

3. *Adjournment.*—The House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after two of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned until half after seven of the clock p.m., in order to take the Address in Reply.

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

4. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. J. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. A. Hamilton, 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. H. E. Holland, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1927, which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

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

Thursday, the 30th Day of June, 1927

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. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of illness.

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

And the Question being again proposed, Mr. H. E. Holland moved, seconded by Mr. Savage, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:—

"But we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of the people of the country, for the following reasons: (1) The action of Your Excellency's Advisers in wrongfully interfering with the administration of the Dairy-produce Export Control Act; (2) their failure to make provision for adequate financial accommodation for the producers and home-builders of the Dominion; (3) their failure to take any effective steps to check the raising of the bank rate, which is having such a depressing effect on industrial development and is causing widespread hardship among all sections of the community."

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

On motion of the Right 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-four minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 1st Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *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. Macmillan, on account of illness.

3. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech (*Mr. J. Mason*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add 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 the people of the country, for the following reasons: (1) The action of Your Excellency's Advisers in wrongfully interfering with the administration of the Dairy-produce Export Control Act; (2) their failure to make provision for adequate financial accommodation for the producers and home-builders of the Dominion; (3) their failure to take any effective steps to check the raising of the bank rate, which is having such a depressing effect on industrial development and is causing widespread hardship among all sections of the community" (*Mr. H. E. Holland*).

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, the 5th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for 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. J. Mason*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add 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 the people of the country, for the following reasons: (1) The action of Your Excellency's Advisers in wrongfully interfering with the administration of the Dairy-produce Export Control Act; (2) their failure to make provision for adequate financial accommodation for the producers and home-builders of the Dominion; (3) their failure to take any effective steps to check the raising of the bank rate, which is having such a depressing effect on industrial development and is causing widespread hardship among all sections of the community" (*Mr. H. E. Holland*).

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

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *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 eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 6th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for 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. J. Mason*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add 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 the people of the country, for the following reasons: (1) The action of Your Excellency's Advisers in wrongfully interfering with the administration of the Dairy-produce Export Control Act; (2) their failure to make provision for adequate financial accommodation for the producers and home-builders of the Dominion; (3) their failure to take any effective steps to check the raising of the bank rate, which is having such a depressing effect on industrial development and is causing widespread hardship among all sections of the community" (*Mr. H. E. Holland*).

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

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

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

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

Thursday, the 7th Day of July, 1927.

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. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Kyle, on account of illness.

   On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That six days' leave of absence be granted Mr. Macmillan, on account of illness.

3. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech (*Mr. J. Mason*); and the amendment proposed thereto, To add 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 the people of the country, for the following reasons: (1) The action of Your Excellency's Advisers in wrongfully interfering with the administration of the Dairy-produce Export Control Act; (2) their failure to make provision for adequate financial accommodation for the producers and home-builders of the Dominion; (3) their failure to take any effective steps to check the raising of the bank rate, which is having

such a depressing effect on industrial development and is causing widespread hardship among all sections of the community" (*Mr. H. E. 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, 13.

Armstrong	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Parry	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McKeen		

NOES, 56.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Girling	Luke, Sir John	Sidey
Atmore	Glenn	McLennan	Smith
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Harris	Mason, J.	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Nash	Tapley
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Veitch
Burnett	Holland, H.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Waite
Campbell	Horn	Ransom	Wilford
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Reid	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Rhodes	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Elliott	Jones, W.	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Field	Lee, E. P.	Samuel	Bitchener
Forbes	Linklater	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Forsyth			

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. Harris, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

Friday, the 8th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted to the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, on account of illness.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table in Return to an Order of the House:—

1. Returns or Statements required by Law or Resolution to be laid before the House. H.-13.

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

2. Mining Act, 1926, Regulations under the.

3. Iron and Steel Industries Act, 1914: Bounties paid by the Government for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

4. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Part Interest in Coal Lease No. 5321, Westport, from F. Prior to J. Walker and J. Mercer.

5. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease No. 7082, Westport, from W. McCormack to the Westport Coal Company, Limited.

6. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Sublease of Interest in Coal Lease No. 3979, Reefton, from D. Blackadder to Reddale Colleries, Limited.

7. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Part Interest in Coal Leases Nos. 5403, 5706, and 7373, and Coal-prospecting License No. 6618, Westport, from D. Moynihan to T. Moynihan.

8. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Interest in Coal Leases Nos. 5320 and 6172, Westport, from P. Bird, G. Wynn, and R. McAllister to C. Martin and E. Martin.

9. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Sublease of Interest in Coal Lease No. 5299, Reefton from A. Mackenzie and others to Reddale Colleries, Limited.

10. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Part Interest in Coal Lease No. 5403, Reefton, from J. Bolitho to A. Eklund.

11. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease No. 36/26, Waikaia, from J. T. Hutton and B. W. Hutton to T. Woodward.

12. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment by way of Mortgage of Interest in Coal Leases Nos. 3094 and 5225, Reefton, from W. J. Morris to T. Learmont.

13. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Discharge of Mortgage in respect of Coal Leases Nos. 3094 and 5225, from the National Bank of New Zealand, Limited, to W. J. Morris and T. Learmont.

14. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment by way of Mortgage of Interest in Coal Leases Nos. 3094 and 5225, from W. J. Morris to I. Patterson.

15. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Interest in Coal Lease No. 9, Invercargill, from G. Taylor and Another to S. Reid.

16. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of Interest in Coal Leases Nos. 57 and 66, Cromwell, from I. A. Gordon and Others to I. Hodgson and Others.

17. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of part Interest in Coal Leases Nos. 3094 and 5225, from T. Learmont to W. J. Morris.

18. Town-planning Act, 1926, Regulations under the.

19. Fire Boards: Statements of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1926. [Auckland, Christchurch, Foxton, Hastings, Invercargill, Lawrence, Milton, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Taumarunui, Wanganui, Balclutha, Dunedin, Hamilton, Hawera, Kaitangata, Masterton, Napier, Onehunga, Rotorua, Te Aroha, Whangarei.]

20. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Balance-sheets, &c., for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. [Auckland Harbour Board and Wellington Harbour Board.]

21. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Balance-sheet, &c., for the Year ended 31st December, 1925. [Buller County Council.]

22. Fire Boards: Statements of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1925. [Foxton and Petone.]

23. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Report of the Actuary into the Funds, &c., as at the 31st December, 1925. [Wellington Harbour Board, Auckland Harbour Board, and Buller County Council.]

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

Paper No. 2 stands referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

Ordered, That Paper No. 1 be printed.

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

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

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *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 thirteen minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 12th Day of July, 1927

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Marriage Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Marriage Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Bollard do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, for 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.

3. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston 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. *Savings-banks Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Savings-banks Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Egmont National Park Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Egmont National Park Act, 1924; and that the Honourable Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Enactments imposing Disabilities on Former Alien Enemies; and that the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston do prepare and bring it in.

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

7. *Property Law Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Property Law Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston 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. *Message.*—The Right 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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Justices of the Peace," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th July, 1927.

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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Justices of the Peace.

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

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

9. *Justices of the Peace Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, according to Order, presented the Justices of the Peace Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

10. *Message.*—The Right 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 intituled "An Act to amend the War Funds Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th July, 1927.

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 War Funds Act, 1925.

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

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

11. *War Funds Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the War Funds Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

12. *Message.*—The Right 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 regulate the Importation, Exportation, Manufacture, Sale, Distribution, Use, and Possession of certain Dangerous Drugs," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th July, 1927.

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 regulate the Importation, Exportation, Manufacture, Sale, Distribution, Use, and Possession of certain Dangerous Drugs.

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

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

13. *Dangerous Drugs Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Young, according to Order, presented the Dangerous Drugs Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

14. *Message.*—The Right 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. 5.*

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 Public Service Superannuation Fund and the Teachers' Superannuation Fund," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 12th July, 1927.

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 consolidate certain enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Public Service Superannuation Fund and the Teachers' Superannuation Fund.

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.

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

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

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

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

On motion of the Right 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-eight minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 13th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives 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 heartily concur with Your Excellency that the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York will still further strengthen the ties which bind the citizens of this Dominion to the Mother-land.

We earnestly hope that the deliberations of the Imperial Conference which met in London last year will tend still further to promote the unity of the Empire.

We desire to assure Your Excellency that our most careful consideration will be given to the several matters referred to in Your Excellency's Speech, and we join with Your Excellency in trusting that Divine Providence may guide our deliberations to the furtherance of the happiness and welfare of the people of this Dominion.

On motion of the Right 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.

3. *Supply.*—On motion of the Right 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.

4. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Right 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-one minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 14th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925; 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 27th day of July, and to be printed.

3. *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. H. Holland do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Act, 1908; 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.

5. *Compulsory Military Service Repeal Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Provisions of the Defence Act, 1909, relating to Compulsory Military Service; and that Mr. J. A. Lee do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. J. A. Lee accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 3rd day of August, and to be printed.

6. *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 Thursday, the 21st day of July, and to be printed.

7. *Family Allowances Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in the Family Allowances Amendment Bill; 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 3rd day of August, and to be printed.

8. *Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1924; and that Mr. Forsyth do prepare and bring it in.

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

9. *Motion for Leave to introduce Bill withdrawn.*—On motion of Mr. H. E. Holland (with leave of the House), *Ordered*, That motion for leave to introduce the Juries Amendment Bill (No. 2) be withdrawn.

10. *Crimes Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1908; and that Mr. H. E. Holland do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. H. E. Holland accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 10th day of August, and to be printed.

11. *Motion for Leave to introduce Bill withdrawn.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That motion for leave to introduce the Legislature Amendment Bill be withdrawn.

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

28. Despatches to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs from the Governor-General of New Zealand. A.–1.

29. Despatches from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs to the Governor-General of New Zealand. A.–2.

30. League of Nations: Report of the Representatives of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations, held at Geneva in the Year 1926. A.–5.

32. Imperial Conference, 1926: Summary of Proceedings. A.–6.

46. 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, 1927. F.–5.

57. Customs Department: Return showing the cost of collecting Customs and other Revenue by the Customs Department at each Port of Entry of the Dominion for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. B.–12.

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

31. Singapore and Naval Defence: Statement by the Right Hon. the Prime Minister. A.–7.

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

25. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908, Regulations under the.

26. Stock Act, 1908, Regulations under the.

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

33. Land Act, 1924: Proposed Reservation as Education Endowments of certain Lands in the Gisborne and Otago Land Districts.

34. Board of Trade Act, 1919: Bread Price Regulations, 1926.

35. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Notices of Change of Purpose of the Reservation under certain Areas in the North Auckland, Canterbury, and Southland Land Districts.

36. Land Act, 1924, Copies of Proclamations declaring Lands in the Nelson Land District to be subject to Section 133 of the.

37. Harbour Board Accounts: Supplementary Statement for the Year 1921. [Mokau.]

38. Harbour Board Accounts: Supplementary Statement for the Year 1922. [Mokau.]

39. Harbour Board Accounts: Supplementary Statement for the Year 1923. [Mokau and Patea.]

40. Harbour Board Accounts: Supplementary Statement for the Year 1924. [Gisborne, Mokau, Patea, Rodney, and Waitara.]

41. Harbour Board Accounts: Supplementary Statement for the Year 1925. [Bluff, Gisborne, Havelock, Hokitika, Napier, Nelson, Patea, Rodney, Timaru, Tokomaru, Tolaga, Waimakariri, Wairoa, Waitara, Wanganui, Whakatane, and Whangarei.]

42. Harbour Board Accounts: Statements for the Year 1926. [Auckland, Clutha, Havelock, Lyttelton, New River, Oamaru, Otago, Raglan, Riverton, Rodney, Thames, Wellington, and Whakatane.]

43. Defence Amendment Act, 1910: Regulations made in pursuance of the Defence Act, 1909, and its Amendments.

44. Bank of New Zealand, Balance-sheet of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

45. Post Office Savings-banks: 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, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, and 1922; and 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. F.–4.

47. State Fire Insurance Office, Accident Insurance Branch of the: Annual Report for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. H.–6A.

48. Post and Telegraph Department: Schedule of Regulations.

49. Municipal Corporations Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. [Eastbourne and Tapanui.]

50. Municipal Corporations Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. [Alexandra, Arrowtown, Auckland, Avondale, Birkenhead, Brunner, Christchurch, Dannevirke, Dargaville, Devonport, Dunedin, Featherston, Foxton, Geraldine, Gore, Green Island, Greytown, Hamilton, Hastings, Hokitika, Inglewood, Invercargill, Invercargill South (and 1925), Levin, Lawrence, Lower Hutt, Masterton, Mataura, Morrinsville, Mount Eden, Napier, Naseby, New Brighton, Newmarket, New Plymouth, Ngaruawahia, Northcote, Oamaru, Otahuhu, Paeroa, Palmerston, Patea, Picton, Port Chalmers, Pukekohe, Queenstown, Riverton, Roxburgh, Runanga, Shannon, Sumner, Taihape, Tapanui, Taumarunui, Te Aroha, Temuka, Thames, Timaru, Waikouaiti, Waimate, Waipawa, Waitara, Wanganui, West Harbour, Westport, Winton, Woodville.]

51. Municipal Corporations Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Arrowtown, Avondale, Birkenhead, Brunner, Cambridge, Foxton, Lawrence, Levin, Marton, Masterton, Milton, Motueka, Nelson, Newmarket, New Plymouth, Onehunga, Paeroa, Palmerston North, Patea, Picton, Rotorua, Roxburgh, Shannon, Stratford, Taihape, Te Aroha, Wellington, Whakatane, Whangarei, Woodville.]

52. Customs Amendment Act, 1921: Order in Council revoking the Suspension of Duty on certain Wheat.

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

54. Immigration Restriction Act, 1908, Amending Regulations made by the Governor-General in Council under the.

55. Immigration Restriction Act, 1908: Order in Council prescribing the Declaration to be made by Persons arriving in New Zealand.

56. Customs Act, 1913: Order in Council determining the Date on which the Duties and Exemptions from Duty provided for in the Customs Amendment Act, 1926, shall be in force in the Cook Islands.

58. Government Accident Insurance Act, 1908, Regulations under the, in connection with the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance and Rates of Premium to be charged Employers for Insurance against their Liabilities under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922, and its Amendments, the Deaths by Accidents Compensation Act, 1908, and at Common Law.

59. State Fire Insurance Office, Annual Report of, for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. H.–6.

Paper No. 33 stands referred to the Lands Committee.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 45, 46, 47, 57, and 59 be printed.

13. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *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. Dickie, Sir George Hunter, Mr. D. Jones, Mr. Kyle, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sullivan, and the Mover.

14. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Wright, *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. Bitchener, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Eliott, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Harris, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, and the Mover.

15. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten 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, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. Sidey, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilford, and the Mover.

16. *Native Affairs Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Standing Order 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. Girling, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Henare, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Howard, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Uru, Mr. Waite, the Honourable Mr. Williams, and the Mover.

17. *Railways Committee.*—On motion of the Right 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. Howard, Mr. Kyle, Mr. H. G. R. Mason, Mr. Nash, Mr. J. C. Rolleston, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Veitch, and the Mover.

18. *Standing Orders Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Standing Order 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. Field, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hockly, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. Nash, Mr. Sidey, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, and the Mover.

19. *Public Accounts Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the public accounts as it may think desirable or that may be referred to it by the House or the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the Dominion which the Government may refer to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Howard, Mr. D. Jones, Sir John Luke, Mr. Nash, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tapley, the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, and the Mover.

20. *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 it thinks 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, the Honourable Mr. Buddo, Mr. Forbes, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Hockly, Mr. Jordan, Mr. McLennan, Mr. Savage, Mr. Walter, and the Mover.

21. *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. Eliott, Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Smith, and the Mover.

22. *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. Bellringer, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Girling, Mr. Linklater, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Potter, and the Mover.

23. *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. Eliott, Mr. Forbes, Sir George Hunter, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Smith, and the Mover.

24. *Defence Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, *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. Dickie, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Jordan, Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. Potter, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Seddon, and the Mover.

25. *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. Bartram, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Girling, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Jordan, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Smith, and the Mover.

26. *Goldfields and Mines 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 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. Bitchener, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Parry, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Waite, and the Mover.

27. *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. Horn, Mr. Howard, Mr. Linklater, Sir John Luke, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McKeen, Mr. McLennan, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Waite, and the Mover.

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

29. *Committee of Selection.*—On motion of Mr. Hockly, *Ordered*, That a Committee of Selection (Private Bills) be appointed: the Committee to consist of Mr. Field, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Sullivan, and the Mover.

30. *Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—On motion of Mr. Hockly, *Ordered*, That a Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills be appointed: the Committee to consist of Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Hudson, and the Mover.

31. *Public Health Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Young, *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. Girling, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. Parry, Mr. Reid, and the Mover.

32. *Petitions not dealt with during Previous Session.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That all Petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1926 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session.

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

Mr. Sidey 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;

FRIDAY, THE 15th DAY OF JULY, 1927.

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, 33.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Atmore	Howard	Potter	Walter
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Wilford
Dickie	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forsyth	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Young, Hon. J. A.
Fraser	McCombs	Sykes	*Tellers.*
Girling	McKeen	Tapley	Sidey
Harris	Mason, J.	Veitch	Sullivan.
Holland, H.	Nash		

NOES, 21.

Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Samuel
Burnett	Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. McC.	Hockly	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Bitchener
Elliott	Hunter, Sir George	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn.
Field	Jones, D.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, the 17th day of August.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-seven minutes after twelve of the clock a.m. on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 15th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Duration of the Existing Law relating to the Restriction of Rent, and to postpone the Commencement of the Operation of the Amendments effected by the Rent Restriction Act, 1926; 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.

3. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

77. New Zealand Institute, Transactions and Proceedings of the, Vol. 57.

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

60. Land for Settlement Finance Act, 1909, Statements of Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheets of Associations under, as at the 31st March, 1927.

61. Insurance Companies' Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1925. [Australian Provincial Assurance Association, Limited; Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited; Norwich Life Insurance Society; Yorkshire Insurance Company, Limited.]

62. Insurance Companies' Returns for the Year 1926. [West Coast (S.I.) Sawmillers' Mutual Accident Insurance Company (Accident); Union Assurance Society, Limited (Accident); Victoria Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); United Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); Taranaki Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association (Accident); Southern Union General Insurance Company of Australasia, Limited (Accident); Southern Cross Assurance Company, Limited; North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited; South British Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); Sawmillers' Mutual Accident Insurance Company; Royal Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation of London (Accident); Queensland Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); Provident Life Assurance Society (Accident); Phœnix Assurance Company, Limited (Accident); Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation of London, Limited, New Zealand Branch (Accident); Northern Assurance Company, Limited (Accident); National Mutual Life Association of Australasia, Limited; New Zealand Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company, Limited; Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company, Limited (Revenue Account and Balance-sheet); London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Limited; Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); Farmers' Co-operative Insurance Association of New Zealand, Limited; Guardian Assurance Company, Limited (Accident); British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited (Accident); Australian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited; Alliance Assurance Company, Limited (Accident); Atlas Assurance Company, Limited (Accident); Australian Mutual Provident Society; National Insurance Company of New Zealand, Limited.]

63. Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited: Actuarial Investigation of the Affairs of the Society as at the 31st December, 1925.

64. Southern Cross Assurance Company, Limited: First Actuarial Report as at the 30th June, 1926.

65. County Council Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1924. [Raglan.]

66. County Council Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1924. [Akitio.]

67. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Akitio, Awatere, Cook, Eyre, Featherston, Franklin, Hauraki, Kiwitea, Lake, Masterton, Matakaoa, Mauriceville, Ohinemuri, Oxford, Patea, Piako, Springs, Waiapu, Waikohu, Wairewa, Wairoa.]

68. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1926. [Akitio, Amuri, Ashburton, Ashley, Awatere, Bay of Islands, Buller, Clifton, Clutha, Cook, Dannevirke, Eyre, Featherston, Geraldine, Grey, Halswell, Hau-

raki, Hawera, Hawke's Bay, Hobson, Hutt, Inglewood, Lake, Levels, Makara, Masterton, Matakaoa, Mauriceville, Mount Herbert, Ohinemuri, Ohura, Otamatea, Patea, Piako, Rangiora, Rodney, Rotorua, Springs, Taranaki, Tuapeka, Uawa, Vincent, Waiapu, Waikato, Waikohu, Waikouaiti, Waimate, Waipara, Wairewa, Waitaki, Waitemata, Waitotara, Weber, Wanganui.]

69. Proprietary Articles Trade Association: Report of the Committee of Inquiry, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence. H.–44A.

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

71. Motor-lorries, Regulations as to the Use of.

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

73. Public Works Amendment Act, 1909: Regulations for the Carriage of Passengers and Goods on the East Coast Main Trunk Railway, Eskdale–Waikoau Section and Wairoa–Waikokopu Branch.

74. Public Works Amendment Act, 1923: Regulations relating to the Waikokopu Wharf on the Waikokopu Harbour.

75. Local Railways Act, 1914: By-laws relating to the Ohai Railway.

76. Public Service, Temporary Employees in, and Remuneration paid to, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

78. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1926: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 78 of 1926, of Henry Acker and Others, relative to the Rights of Pi (deceased) in the Ngaitahu (South Island) Native Reserves.

79. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 12 of 1925, of Hori Raharuhi, praying for Leave to appeal against Succession to Clara Maud Faulkner and George F. C. Faulkner (deceased), in Lots 85, 86, and 87, Parish of Katikati.

80. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 182 of 1925, of Te Paea Hape, praying for rehearing as to Succession to Miriama Tau (deceased).

81. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 107 of 1925, of Te Whare Paora and 29 Others, relative to Ohuia Nos. 3 and 4 Blocks.

82. Native Land Settlement Account, Statement showing the Moneys paid into and out of the, during 1926–27.

83. Native Land Act, 1909: Additional Regulations relating to Maori Land Boards (made on the 6th Day of December, 1926).

84. Native Land Act, 1909: Additional Regulation relating to Maori Land Boards (made on the 9th Day of May, 1927).

85. Native Land Amendment Act, 1912: Statement of Orders in Council declaring Natives to be Europeans.

Papers Nos. 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 stand referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 69, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 be printed.

4. *Message.*—The Right 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 Legislature Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 15th July, 1927.

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 Legislature 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.

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

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

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

7. *Dangerous Drugs Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Dangerous Drugs Bill;

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

8. *Savings-banks Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Savings-banks Amendment Bill;

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

9. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the War Disabilities Removal Bill;

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

10. *Property Law Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Property Law Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

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

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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. 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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Justices of the Peace."

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 eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 19th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Hockly (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Mr. E. P. Bennett be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hockly (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of C. W. S. Gee be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *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. Kyle, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted to the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, on account of illness.

3. *Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give Power to the Makerua Drainage Board to borrow the Sum of Five thousand six hundred Pounds; and that Mr. Nash do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

86. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa: Annual Report of the Department of Health for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. A.–4A.

87. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa: Report of the Visit of the Hon. W. Nosworthy, Minister of External Affairs, together with Representations of Citizens Committee and Replies thereto, Notes of Interview with Citizens Committee, and Addresses of Fono of Faipules and Faipules Chief and Orators of Fagamalo, Savai'i. A.–4B.

88. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa, Seventh Report of the Government of New Zealand on the Administration of, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. A.–4.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

89. Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921–22: Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Registrar. H.–10.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 86, 87, 88, and 89 be printed.

5. *Address in Reply.*—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had been informed by His Excellency the Governor-General that His Excellency would receive the Address of the House in reply to His Excellency's Speech at fifteen minutes after eleven of the clock a.m. on Thursday.

6. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Land for Settlements Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th July, 1927.

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 was 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 for Settlements Act, 1925.

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.

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

8. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th July, 1927.

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 Inspection of Machinery 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.

9. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and (with the leave of the House) a second time *pro forma*, ordered to be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

10. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Child Welfare Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th July, 1927.

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 Child Welfare Act, 1925.

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

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

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

12. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th July, 1927.

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 Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22.

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. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, according to Order, presented the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and (with leave of the House) a second time *pro forma*, ordered to be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

14. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th July, 1927.

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 Noxious Weeds Act, 1908.

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

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

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

16. *Message.*—The Right 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 Grant of Certificates and Diplomas in Horticulture by the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Incorporated)," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th July, 1927.

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 make Provision for the Grant of Certificates and Diplomas in Horticulture by the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Incorporated).

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

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

17. *New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hawken, according to Order, presented the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

18. *Message.*—The Right 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 draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Samoa Act, 1921," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th July, 1927.

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 Samoa Act, 1921.

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

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

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

20. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading the Legislature Amendment 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 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1927.

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

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

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

Wednesday, the 20th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest Parts of the Foreshore within the Harbour of Whangarei in the Whangarei Harbour Board; and that Mr. W. Jones do prepare and bring it in.

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

3. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer Additional Powers on the City of Wellington, and to amend the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act, 1924; and that the Honourable Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Matai Road Water-race District Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute the Matai Road Water-race District; 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.

5. *Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Wellington City Council and other Local Authorities in and around Wellington, the Wellington Harbour Board, and the Wellington Hospital Board to make Contributions to the Ambulance Transport Service established for the Wellington Hospital District; and that Sir John Luke do prepare and bring it in.

Sir John Luke 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 papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

90. Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, Regulations made under the.

91. Prisons Act, 1926, Regulations under the.

7. *Adjournment (Questions and Replies).*—Mr. J. S. Dickson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

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.;

8. *Motor-omnibus Traffic Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Amendment Bill;

Mr. Wilford moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

THURSDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 1927.

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, 15.

Armstrong	Harris	McKeen	Wilford.
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H. E.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Howard	Savage	Atmore
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Seddon	Ransom.

NOES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Field	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sullivan
Bartram	Forsyth	Mason, H. G. R.	Sykes
Bell	Hamilton, A.	Mason, J.	Tapley
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nash	Waite
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Walter
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hunter, Sir George	Parry	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Jordan	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. McC.	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Elliott	McLennan	Samuel	Hockly.

So it passed in the Negative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-nine minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 21st Day of July, 1927.

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 leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions presented yesterday opposing the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be received notwithstanding any informality.

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,—

It gives me much pleasure to receive the Address which you have presented to me in reply to the Speech delivered on the occasion of the opening of the Second Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of the Dominion of New Zealand. I thank you for this Address, and for your assurance that the measures referred to you will receive your careful consideration.

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed a Bill intituled the Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Act, 1927, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *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 Thursday, the 28th day of July.

5. *Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Act, 1924; and that Mr. Tapley do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *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. Veitch do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Veitch accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 4th day of August, and to be printed.

7. *Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Operation of the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act, 1918; and that Mr. J. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

Mr. Howard 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;

FRIDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 1927.

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

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, the 27th day of July, 1927.

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

Friday, the 22nd Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Auckland Harbour Board (hereinafter called "the Board") to grant to the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Auckland (hereinafter called "the Corporation") a Lease of Portion of the Orakei Basin in the Auckland Harbour, and to confirm the Agreement between the Board and the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport as set out in the Schedule hereto, and to enable the Board to expend Moneys in the Provision of Comforts and Conveniences for its Employees at its Quarries, and to validate an Unauthorized Expenditure on the Board's Jubilee Booklet; 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 printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

3. *Building Trades Employees' Tools of Trade Insurance Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Insurance against Loss by Fire of Workers' Tools of Trade; 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 27th day of July, and to be printed.

4. *Christchurch Hospital Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Christchurch Hospital Act, 1887; 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 printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

5. *Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Legislature Act, 1908; and that Mr. H. E. Holland do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. H. E. Holland accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 4th day of August, and to be printed.

6. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Egmont National Park Amendment Bill, the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill, and Parliamentary Paper No. 33; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Egmont National Park Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Egmont National Park Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Land for Settlements Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Parliamentary Paper No. 33.—Ordered,* That Parliamentary Paper No. 33, Proposal to reserve Lands in the Gisborne and Otago Land Districts as Endowments for Education, together with the report of the Lands Committee thereon, be set down for consideration to-morrow.

10. *Samoa Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Samoa Amendment Bill:

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

Mr. McCombs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view of adding at the end thereof the words "this day six weeks."

And the Question being proposed, That the word 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 Saturday morning;

SATURDAY THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1927.

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

AYES, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Forsyth	Linklater	Samuel
Bell	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Walter
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Mason, J.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Campbell	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	
Elliott	Jones, D.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Field	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, J. C.	Girling.

NOES, 13.

Armstrong	Lysnar	Parry	*Tellers.*
Bartram	McCombs	Potter	Howard
Fraser	McKeen	Savage.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Samuel
Bellringer	Harris	Luke, Sir John	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Macmillan	Walter
Campbell	Hockly	Mason, J.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Horn	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	*Tellers.*
Field	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Dickson, J. S.
Forbes	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Girling.

NOES, 13.

Armstrong	Lysnar	Parry	*Tellers.*
Bartram	McCombs	Potter	Howard
Fraser	McKeen	Savage.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Tuesday, the 26th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee.*—The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved (with the leave of the House),—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of nine Members, with power to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to consider the Petition lodged by certain Native inhabitants of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Forbes, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. Hockly, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Howard, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Linklater, and the Mover:

(2) That the Petition of Lagaaia and 144 others, for amendment of certain features of the administration of Western Samoa, be referred direct to such Select Committee; and

(3) That if, after receiving and considering the usual departmental Report, the Committee deem any further action to be necessary, it be an instruction to the Committee to refer the Petition to His Excellency the Administrator of Samoa for his Report and comment thereon to the Committee, and to defer their Report until receipt and consideration of such Report and comment:

(4) That the Committee have power to call for persons and papers.

And the Question being put, That paragraph (1) of the Motion stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That paragraph (2) of the Motion stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That paragraph (3) of the Motion stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That paragraph (4) of the Motion stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

3. *Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Wellington City Corporation to permit the Wellington Show Association, Incorporated, to erect Buildings and construct Pleasure-grounds on certain Portions of the Town Belt in the City, and to provide for the Maintenance and Control of such Buildings and Grounds, and for the Use of the same for Exhibitions and Entertainments; and that Mr. McKeen do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

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

5. *Message.*—The Right 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 alter the Name of the New Zealand College of Agriculture and to make other Provisions with respect thereto," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th July, 1927.

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 alter the Name of the New Zealand College of Agriculture and to make other Provisions with respect thereto.

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

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

6. *Massey Agricultural College Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hawken, according to Order, presented the Massey Agricultural College Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Message.*—The Right 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 Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th July, 1927.

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 Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896.

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

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

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

9. *Samoa Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Samoa Amendment Bill;

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Bill.

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

AYES, 48.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Henare	Mason, J.	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hockly	Nash	Tapley
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Veitch
Campbell	Horn	Ransom	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Reid	Wilford
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Elliott	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, J. C.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Linklater	Samuel	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sidey	Girling.
Harris			

NOES, 12.

Armstrong	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	Parry	Howard
Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Savage.	Sullivan.
Jordan			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Seddon
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Nash	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hudson	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Rhodes	
Forbes	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater	Samuel	Waite.

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Jordan	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	Lysnar	Parry	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McCombs	Savage.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 14, to omit all the words after the word "by," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "The established processes of the law require such person to appear before a Justice of the High Court of Samoa and answer such definite charges as may be preferred against him." *(Mr. H. E. 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, 44.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Seddon
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Sidey
Bellringer	Henare	Mason, J.	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Holland, H.	Nash	Tapley
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Walter
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Samuel	Waite.
Hamilton, A.			

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Jordan	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	Lysnar	Parry	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McCombs	Savage.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 15, after the word "him," to insert the following words: "and the Chief Judge of the High Court, or such other person or persons as may be appointed by the Governor-General in Council to be associated with the Administrator in the exercise of the powers conferred upon him by this Act." *(Mr. Forbes.)*

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

AYES, 19.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	McCombs	Sidey
Bartram	Howard	McKeen	Sullivan.
Forbes	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Parry	Ransom
Harris	Lysnar	Savage	Seddon.

NOES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Samuel
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Henare	Macmillan	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Waite.

So it passed in the Negative.

Subclause (1) agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), line 20, after the word "him," to insert the words "and his counsel." *(Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 20, after the word "opportunity," to insert the words "to call evidence." *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

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

AYES, 17.

Armstrong	Howard	Mason, H. G. R.	Sidey.
Bartram	Jordan	Parry	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lee, J. A.	Ransom	Lysnar
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McKeen		

NOES, 40.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Luke, Sir John	Samuel
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Henare	Macmillan	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Waite.
Hamilton, A.			

So it passed in the Negative.

Subclause (2) agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (3), line 22, after the word "person," to insert the words "or by counsel and any evidence he may adduce." *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 27, to strike out the words "if authorized," and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "if approved." *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

Amendment negatived.

Subclause agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To insert the following new subclause:—

"(6) Every person so ordered into deportation or banishment shall have the same rights of appeal to the Supreme Court of New Zealand as if he had been sentenced by the High Court of Samoa to a term of imprisonment." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

And the Question being put on the addition of the new subclause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 14.

Armstrong	Jordan	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	Lysnar	Parry	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McCombs	Savage.	

NOES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Samuel
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sidey
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Mason, J.	Tapley
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nash	Walter
Dickie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Jones, W.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Waite.

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, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Samuel
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Dickson, J. S.
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Waite.
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Jordan	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	Lysnar	Parry	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McCombs	Savage.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 16, to strike out the words "whether or not," and insert the word "if" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

Amendment negatived.

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, 40.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Luke, Sir John	Samuel
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sidey
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Macmillan	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Walter
Dickie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Jones, W.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Waite.
Hamilton, A.			

NOES, 13.

Armstrong	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lysnar	Parry	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McKeen		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 4 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, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Samuel
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sidey
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Sykes
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Mason, J.	Tapley
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nash	Walter
Dickie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Jones, W.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Waite.

NOES, 13.

Armstrong	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lysnar	Parry	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McKeen		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Samuel
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Dickson, J. S.
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Waite.
Girling	Linklater		

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lysnar	Parry	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Sidey.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon;

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1927.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a third time, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Samuel
Bell	Harris	Luke, Sir John	Sykes
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Henare	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Holland, H.	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Elliott	Hudson	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Hunter, Sir George	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Jones, D.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Forsyth	Jones, W.	Rolleston, J. C.	Waite.
Girling	Lee, E. P.		

NOES, 12.

Armstrong	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Bartram	McCombs	Parry	Howard
Fraser	McKeen	Savage.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Samoa Act, 1921."

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 fifteen minutes after seven of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 27th Day of July, 1927.

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. Ransom (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Sir Apirana Ngata, on account of urgent public business.

3. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Lands in the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington for Waterworks, Afforestation, and Hydro-electric Purposes, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the City of Wellington, the Boroughs of Eastbourne, Lower Hutt, Petone, and Upper Hutt, and of a certain Portion of the Hutt County, and to enable the City of Wellington to control such Lands for such Purposes; to enable the City Corporation to supply Water from the said Lands to the City and to the Local Authorities controlling the said Boroughs and the County, and to carry out Afforestation Works for and on behalf of the said Local Authorities, and under Provisions of a Special Act to use such Lands for Hydro-electric Purposes; 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 printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

4. *Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees to borrow Six thousand Pounds for the Purpose of erecting Buildings on Trust Properties; and that the Honourable Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Juries Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Juries Act, 1908; and that Mr. H. G. R. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. H. G. R. Mason accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 28th day of July, and to be printed.

6. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Christchurch Tramway District Act, 1920; 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.

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

96. Consumption of Articles in Common Use: Table showing Rate of, per Head of Population. H.–9.

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

92. State Advances Office: Annual Report by Minister, showing Applications for State-guaranteed Loans.

93. State Advances Office: Fishing Industry Promotion—Annual Report.

94. State Advances Office: Statement of Moneys advanced from One Branch to Another, and Dates of Repayment.

95. State Advances Office: Fruit-preserving Industry—Annual Report.

97. Immigration Restriction Act, 1908, Additional Regulations made by the Governor-General under the.

98. Electrical Supply Regulations, 1927, and Electrical Wiring Regulations, 1927.

99. Customs Amendment Act, 1921: Additional Regulations under Order in Council by the Governor-General.

100. Valuation Department: Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. B.–17.

101. National Provident Fund: Statement of Amounts paid into the National Provident Fund as State Subsidy for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. H.–17A.

102. National Provident Fund, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 96, 100, and 101 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. Wright moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 102, Annual Report of the National Provident Fund Board for the Year ended 31st December, 1926, be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

8. *Preferential Voting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Preferential Voting Bill;

Mr. McCombs moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Bartram	Horn	Parry	Young, Hon. J. A.
Bellringer	Jordan	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lee, J. A.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	McCombs
Fraser	McKeen	Savage	Sullivan.
Holland, H.			

NOES, 44.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Samuel
Bell	Harris	McLennan	Smith
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Macmillan	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Mason, J.	Walter
Dickie	Hudson	Nash	Wilford
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Fie'd	Jones, D.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forsyth	Jones, W.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Girling	Linklater	Rhodes	Dickson, J. S.
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener.
Hamilton, A.			

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Thursday, the 28th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

2. *Right to Work Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the Right to Work; 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 3rd day of August, and to be printed.

3. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill, and the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill.—Ordered*, That the Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 4th day of August.

5. *Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 4th day of August.

6. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the unanimous consent of the House), *Ordered*, That Notices of Motion Nos. 2 and 3 be considered, and that consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 11 be postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day Nos. 12 to 16.

7. *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. Bellringer, the Honourable Mr. Buddo, Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Savage, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Tapley, and the Mover.

8. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bollard, *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. Armstrong, Mr. Atmore, Mr. Eliott, Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Horn, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sykes, and the Mover.

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

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed presently.

10. *Massey Agricultural College Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Massey Agricultural College Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed presently.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Private Bill intituled the Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Act, 1927, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

12. *Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Act, 1879, and to extend the Powers of the Church Property Trustees, and the Trusts and Purposes upon which certain Properties are held by the Church Property Trustees, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

13. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That this 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;

FRIDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1927.

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 (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed presently.

14. *Message.*—The Right 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 the 31st day of March, 1928.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th July, 1927.

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

15. *Supply.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. 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 a sum not exceeding two million four hundred and fifteen thousand four hundred pounds be granted to His Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

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. Hockly also reported that the Committee 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.

16. *Ways and Means.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

(*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 three hundred and sixty-three thousand six 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 fifty-one thousand eight 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-eight.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,000,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	400,000
Electric Supply Account	150,000
Separate Accounts—	
Land for Settlements Account	200
Land for Settlements Account—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	200
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account ..	1,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	75,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	75,000
Native Land Settlement Account	700
State Coal-mines Account	32,500
State Forests Account	25,000
Westport Harbour Account	4,000
Working Railways Account	600,000
	£2,363,600

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	20,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	700
The State Fire Insurance Account	3,500
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	700
The Public Trustee's Account	20,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,200
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	3,700
Advances to Workers Branch	800
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
Rural Advances Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	1,000
	£51,800

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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.

17. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 2)*.—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the 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-eight; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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. 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 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-eight."

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

18. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill, the Massey Agricultural College Bill, and the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

19. *Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all words after the words "University College or," in line 14, and substitute the following words: "The attendance of any student at a University College, or the doing of any work, or the keeping of terms, or with respect to any other matter relative to the grant of a degree by the Council of the University of New Zealand, the Canterbury Agricultural College shall be deemed part of the Canterbury University College." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) This section shall be deemed to have been in force as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven (being the date of the coming into force of the New Zealand University Amendment Act, 1926)." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 8 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

20. *Massey Agricultural College Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all words after the words "University College or," in line 20, and substitute the following words: "The attendance of any student at a University College for the doing of any work, or the keeping of terms, or with respect to any other matters relative to the grant of a degree by the Council of the University of New Zealand, the Massey Agricultural College shall be deemed part of the Victoria University College, or of the Auckland University College, as the circumstances of any case may require." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 8 read and agreed to.

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

"7. The Governor-General may at any time, by Warrant under his hand, authorize the issue of a certificate of title, in favour of the corporation of the College, in respect of any land held by the Crown for the purposes of the College; and all land vested in the said corporation pursuant to this section shall be held in trust for the purposes of the College." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

21. *Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College 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 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.

22. *Massey Agricultural College Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Massey Agricultural College Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to alter the Name of the New Zealand College of Agriculture, and to make other Provisions with respect thereto."

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

23. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Rent Restriction Continuance 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 extend the Duration of the Existing Law relating to the Restriction of Rent, and to postpone the Commencement of the Operation of the Amendments effected by the Rent Restriction Act, 1926."

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 of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, adjourned.

Friday, the 29th Day of July, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Hutt River Board to develop and control Gear Island as a Sports Area and Pleasure-ground and Ornamental Park, and for that purpose to grant Leases to Sports Bodies and Others, and to raise Money for the Development and Improvement of the Island; 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 printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

3. *Timaru Harbour Board Loan Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Further Borrowing-powers to the Timaru Harbour Board; and that the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Dairy-produce Export Control Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dairy-produce Export Control Act, 1923; 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 read a second time on Thursday, the 4th day of August, and to be printed.

5. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

103. Pensions Department, Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 103, the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Pensions Department, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927, be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

6. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 16 inclusive be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 27.

7. *Advertisement Regulation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Advertisement Regulation Bill;

On motion of Mr. E. P. Lee, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Advertisement Regulation Bill be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

8. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 18 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 27.

9. *Juries Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Juries Amendment Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of Mr. H. G. R. Mason, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

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

Tuesday, the 2nd Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

104. New Zealand Defence Forces : Report of the General Officer Commanding the Forces for the Period 1st June, 1926, to 31st May, 1927. H.–19.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

106. Stores Control Board, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. H.–4.

109. Enemy Property in New Zealand : Seventh Report of the Public Trustee. H.–25.

110. Internal Affairs Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. H.–22.

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

105. New Zealand Naval Forces : Report of the Commodore Commanding the New Zealand Station for the Period 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927. H.–5.

107. Fire Board : Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Waihi Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

108. Fire Board : Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Dannevirke Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

111. Land Agents Act, 1921–22, Regulations under the.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 104, 105, 106, 109, and 110 be printed.

3. *Message.*—The Right 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 Estimates of Expenditure for the Year ending the 31st March, 1928, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd August, 1927.

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

4. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 14 be postponed, in order to consider Order of the Day No. 15.

5. *Supply (Financial Statement).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply ;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding seventy-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-three pounds be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928. (*Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.*)

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee of Supply had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

6. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—

112. Government Departments, Balance-sheets and Statements of Accounts of various, for the Year 1925–26. Audited Accounts, B.–1 [Pt. IV].

115. Financial Statement, by the Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Minister of Finance ; together with Estimates of Expenditure (Consolidated Fund) for the Year ending 31st March, 1928. B.–6.

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

113. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1926–27. B.–1 [Pt. I].

114. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1926–27. B.–1 [Pt. III]. Also, Statement showing the Public Debt of the Dominion as on the 31st March, 1927. B.–1 [Pt. III].

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 112, 113, 114, and 115 be printed.

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

Wednesday, the 3rd Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, brought up the following Report, which was ordered to lie upon the Table :—

The Joint Committee on Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, to which stands referred the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill, the Standing Orders on which relative to the publication of notices have not been strictly complied with, being satisfied that the prescribed notices have been published in the *New Zealand Free Lance* in the issues of the 6th and the 13th July, 1927, and in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 7th July, 1927, 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.

2. *St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Hockly, *Ordered*, That the Report of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills on the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill be considered to-morrow.

3. *Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Bill ;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

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

On motion of Mr. Sidey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the two Petitions of J. T. Johnson be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

5. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Sir John Luke, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Bell, on account of serious illness.

6. *Adjournment (Questions and Replies).*—Mr. J. A. Lee moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

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. ;

7. *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 on Private Bills upon the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill brought up this day. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1927 (No. 2), 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 Samoa Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Massey Agricultural College Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Justices of the Peace Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Animals Protection and Game Amendment Act, 1927, 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 on Wednesday, the 10th day of August.

9. *Compulsory Military Service Repeal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Compulsory Military Service Repeal Bill ;

Mr. J. A. Lee moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

THURSDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1927.

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, 11.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	McCombs	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Parry.	Savage.

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Atmore	Hamilton, A.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Tapley
Bollard, Hon. R. F.	Harris	Mason, J.	Veitch
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nash	Waite
Burnett	Henare	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Walter
Campbell	Hockly	Potter	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Ransom	Wilford
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Elliott	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Kyle	Samuel	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lysnar	Seddon	Bitchener
Girling	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Rolleston, J. C.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Thursday, the 4th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill.*—Mr. Hockly moved and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills on the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill be agreed to.

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

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to the said Report.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of F. L. Combs and another be read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Atmore (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of F. L. Combs and another be referred direct to the Education Committee.

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

4. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Act, 1922; 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 printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

5. *Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the operation of the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act, 1918; and that Mr. J. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. J. Mason 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 laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

116. Fire Board: Statement and Balance-sheet of the Petone Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

7. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 11th day of August.

9. *Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed presently.

10. *Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed forthwith.

11. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill and the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

12. *Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In line 28, after the words "subsection three," to insert the words "of the said section one hundred and twenty-one." *(Mr. Hockly.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read and agreed to.

First and Second Schedules read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Bill, and had made amendment therein.

The Report was (with the leave of the House) ordered to 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 authorizing the Whakatane County Council to apply certain Loan-moneys borrowed for Specific Road and Bridge Works in the Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, Omataroa, and Galatea Ridings to certain other Road and Bridge Works within those Ridings; and to apply certain Loan-moneys borrowed for Specific Road and Bridge Works in the Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou Ridings to certain other Road and Bridge Works over the Whole County; and authorizing the levying of a Special Rate over the Whole County; and authorizing the Refund to the Taneatua and Opouriao Riding Accounts of certain Sinking-fund Payments; and empowering the Council to limit the Contribution of the Galatea Riding towards the General Expenses of the County; and validating the Expenditure incurred in taking certain Polls of Ratepayers."

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

13. *Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Act, 1908."

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

14. *Agricultural Bank Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Agricultural Bank Bill;

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order, inasmuch as it contained an appropriation.

15. *Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2);

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, the 24th day of August.

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

Friday, the 5th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Fair Rents Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Determination of Fair Rents for certain Dwellinghouses and other Buildings, to enforce such Determination, and for Purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; 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 24th day of August, and to be printed.

2. *Message.*—The Right 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 provide for the Registration of Opticians, and to regulate the Practice of Optometry," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st July, 1927.

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. 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 provide for the Registration of Opticians, and to regulate the Practice of Optometry.

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

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

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

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

120. Tourist and Health Resorts Department, Annual Report of the, by the Hon. W. Nosworthy. H.–2.

121. Immigration Department, Annual Report on the, for the Year 1926–27.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

118. Public Securities held in the Dominion or elsewhere as at the 31st March, 1927. B.–10.

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

117. Discharged Soldiers Settlement : Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–9.

119. Coal-mines Act, 1925 : Assignment of part Interest in Coal Lease No. 5321, Westport, from A. Gilmour to W. J. Allcock.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 117, 118, and 120 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. Nosworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 121, Annual Report on the Immigration Department for the Year 1926–27, be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

5. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply ;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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.

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

On motion of the Right 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-three minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 9th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply ;

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

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

On motion of the Right 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 twenty-seven minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 10th Day of August, 1927.

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. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Lysnar, on account of illness.

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

3. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

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

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

   On motion of the Right 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 twelve minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 11th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *South Island–Australia Shipping Facilities Committee*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, for the Honourable Mr. McLeod (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eight Members, with power to confer and sit together with any similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, to inquire into the shipping facilities at present existing between South Island ports and Australia, and to report as to the means of improving the same; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers and to agree to a joint or separate Report; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. J. McC. Dickson, Mr. Howard, Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Nash, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sidey, the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, and the Honourable Mr. McLeod.

3. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, for the Honourable Mr. McLeod (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven 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: the Committee to consist of Mr. Atmore, Mr. Bartram, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Girling, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Waite, and the Honourable Mr. McLeod.

4. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

And the 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 Right 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-four minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 12th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Sullivan be discharged from the Industries and Commerce Committee, and that the name of Mr. McCombs be substituted in lieu thereof.

3. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

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

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

On motion of the Right 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-seven minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 16th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Fraser (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of S. Tovey be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

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

3. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

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

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

On motion of the Right 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 twenty-six minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 17th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Education Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, for the Honourable Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven 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. Bellringer, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Hudson, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sidey, and the Mover.

2. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

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

Thursday, the 18th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply;

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

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

Ordered, That this House will, presently, resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. *Acting Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Sir George Hunter be Acting Chairman of Committees for this day.

4. *Committee of Supply.*—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding seventy-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-three pounds be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Sir George Hunter reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

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

Friday, the 19th Day of August, 1927.

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. Ransom (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Sidey, on account of illness.

3. *Minimum Wage Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to fix a Minimum Wage; 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 Wednesday, the 31st day of August, and to be printed.

4. *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.

5. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of Mr. J. Mason (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill, Standing Order 399 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

6. *Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Hukarere Native Girls' School Act, 1892; and that Mr. J. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

7. *Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Hawken, for the Honourable Mr. McLeod, do prepare and bring it in.

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

8. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

122. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Levin Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

9. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill, the Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill, the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill, the Matai Road Water-race District Bill, and the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill.*—The Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

11. *Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 25th day of August.

12. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.*—The Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

13. *Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

14. *Matai Road Water-race District Bill.—Ordered*, That the Matai Road Water-race District Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 25th day of August.

15. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—The Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

16. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. R. Leather, and Mary S. Dickson; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. R. Leather, together with the Report of the Goldfields and Mines Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mary S. Dickson, together with the Report of the Goldfields and Mines Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

17. *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. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £79,993 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolution, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, the 23rd Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Atmore, on account of illness in his family.

3. *Message.*—The Right 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 make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd August, 1927.

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 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. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

4. *Finance Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency ;

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

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

5. *Message.*—The Right 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 regulate the Manufacture and Sale of certain Chemical Specifics for Plant Diseases and Pests, and of certain Chemical Weed-killers," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd August, 1927.

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 regulate the Manufacture and Sale of certain Chemical Specifics for Plant Diseases and Pests, and of certain Chemical Weed-killers.

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

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

6. *Fungicides and Insecticides Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hawken, according to Order, presented the Fungicides and Insecticides Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

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

127. Land Transfer and Deeds Registration : Annual Report of Department, 1926–27. H.–3.

129. Post Office Account : Statement of Transactions for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. F.–2.

130. Post and Telegraph Department : Report by the Postmaster-General for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. F.–1.

131. Police Force of the Dominion: Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

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

123. Public Trust Department: Order in Council amending Regulations under the Public Trust Office Act, 1908.

124. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 417 of 1924, of Peta Tiekiwai and Others, and Petition No. 90 of 1925, of Te Whare Puhake and Others, relative to Hinewhaki No. 2 Block.

125. Treasury Regulations relative to the Public Accounts.

126. Repayment of Public Debt: Report and Accounts of the Public Debt Commission for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. B.–2.

128. Friendly Societies and Trade-unions: Annual Report of the Registrar for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. H.–1.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 124, 126, 127, 128, 129, and 130 be printed.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 124 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Rolleston moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 131, Annual Report on the Police Force of the Dominion, be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

8. *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 next sitting-day.

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

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

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

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Rolleston, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

11. *War Funds Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the War Funds 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-six minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 24th Day of August, 1927.

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. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Tapley, on account of a bereavement in his family.

3. *Advances to Workers Department: Workers' Dwellings.*—On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of houses erected under the Advances to Workers Department that have since come back to the Government, (2) where situated, and (3) the number in each town.

4. *Sales of Properties by Registrar of Supreme Court.*—On motion of Mr. Jordan, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of properties offered for sale during 1926 under conduct of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, together with the amount of the mortgages, and amount received for sales.

5. *State Advances Office: Applications for Loans.*—On motion of Mr. Potter, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of applications at present in hand for loans for advances to settlers under the State Advances Office, and (2) for an estimate of what period it will be before such loans would be granted.

6. *Railways Department: Importation of Boilers.*—On motion of Mr. H. E. Holland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of railway boilers imported from Britain and America respectively during the two years ended 30th June, 1927; and (2) the number of casual and permanent employees put off from the railway workshops in the same period.

7. *Royal Commissions, Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the Royal Commissions, and the cost thereof, for the financial years ended 31st March, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, and 1927.

8. *Racing and Trotting Clubs, Taxation refunded to.*—On motion of Mr. Armstrong, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount of taxation refunded to racing and trotting clubs during the financial year ended 31st March, 1927.

9. *Boundary Commissioners, Petitions received by.*—On motion of Mr. J. A. Lee, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of petitions lodged with the Boundary Commissioners at the recent sitting of the Commissioners; (2) the number of signatures on each petition; and (3) the number of instances in which the prayer of the petitions have been given effect to.

10. *Karioi Estate, Amount paid for Purchase of.*—On motion of Mr. H. E. Holland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the area of the Karioi Estate, and the amount paid to Mr. W. McA. Duncan for the estate.

11. *Miners' Relief Fund, Amount of Moneys pooled in.*—On motion of Mr. H. E. Holland, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The amount of moneys pooled in the Miners' Relief Fund on the 1st July, 1926; (2) the interest earned on the money for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1927; and (3) the income from the halfpenny-per-ton levy and the expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1927.

12. *Papers.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

132. Native Land Courts, and other Matters under the Control of Native Department: Report of the Under-Secretary for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. G.-9.

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

133. Public Service Superannuation Fund, Report by the Actuary appointed to make Actuarial Examination of the. H.–26A.

134. Public Service Superannuation Board, Nineteenth Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. H.–26.

135. Government Life Insurance Department : Triennial Investigation and Annual Report for 1926. H.–8.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

136. Sinking Funds : Report and Accounts of the Commissioners of the Public Debts Sinking Funds for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. B.–8.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 132, 133, 134, 135, and 136 be printed.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 132, Native Land Courts and other Matters under Control of Native Department, be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

13. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill, the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill, the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill, and the Petitions of Bailey and Co. and others, E. W. Patten and others, A. Ward, G. A. Macdonald and others, and L. S. Chamberlain ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of G. A. Macdonald and others, together with the Report of the Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

14. *Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 25th day of August.

15. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 25th day of August.

16. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 25th day of August.

17. *Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 25th day of August.

18. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of W. J. McBurney ; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

19. *Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2) ;

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *Ordered*, That consideration of the Order of the Day for the Committee on the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2) be postponed until Wednesday, the 31st day of August.

20. *Fair Rents Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Fair Rents Bill ;

Mr. Savage moved, and the Question was proposed, That consideration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fair Rents Bill be postponed until Wednesday, the 31st day of August.

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

AYES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Armstrong	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, H. G. R.	Sykes
Bartram	Horn	Mason, J.	Veitch
Bell	Howard	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Waite
Bellringer	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Walter
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Parry	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lee, E. P.	Potter	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Lee, J. A.	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickson, J. S.	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	McCombs	Seddon	Savage
Fraser	McKeen	Sidey	Sullivan.

NOES, 21.

Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Macmillan	Samuel.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Nash	*Tellers.*
Field	Jones, W.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Glenn
Forbes	Kyle	Reid	Rhodes.
Hamilton, A.	Linklater		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That consideration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fair Rents Bill be postponed until Wednesday, the 31st day of August.

21. *Summer Time Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Summer Time Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

22. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

23. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Summer Time Bill and the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

24. *Summer Time Bill:*

Clause 1 read. Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress. *(Mr. J. R. Hamilton.)*

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

AYES, 19.

Bitchener	Glenn	Linklater	Samuel
Campbell	Hamilton, A.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Rhodes	Hamilton, J. R.
Field	Jones, D.	Rolleston, J. C.	Lysnar.

NOES, 38.

Armstrong	Horn	Nash	Sykes
Bartram	Howard	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Veitch
Bell	Jordan	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Bellringer	Kyle	Parry	Walter
Dickie	Lee, E. P.	Potter	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forsyth	Luke, Sir John	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Fraser	McCombs	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	
Girling	McKeen	Savage	*Tellers.*
Harris	Mason, H. G. R.	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Sidey	Sullivan.

So it passed in the Negative.

Amendment proposed: To omit the word "time." *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

And the Question being put, That the word "Time" stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 36.

Armstrong	Horn	Mason, H. G. R.	Sykes
Bartram	Howard	Mason, J.	Veitch
Bell	Jones, D.	Parry	Waite
Bellringer	Jordan	Potter	Walter
Dickie	Kyle	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Fraser	Luke, Sir John	Savage	*Tellers.*
Girling	McCombs	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	McKeen	Sidey	Sullivan.
Holland, H.			

NOES, 18.

Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Linklater	Rhodes	Campbell
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.	Samuels.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Mr. Sidey.)*

25. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill:*

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

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

THURSDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1927.

26. *Summer Time Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the Summer Time 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.

27. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Workers' Compensation 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.

28. *Death of the Honourable Mr. Bollard.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates made a statement in reference to the death of the Honourable Mr. Bollard.

29. *Sittings of Select Committees.*—*Ordered*, That Select Committees appointed for Thursday, the 25th day of August, 1927, have power to sit where found necessary.

30. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. on Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-three minutes after nine of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 26th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Seddon (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one week's leave of absence be granted to the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, on account of a bereavement in his family.

3. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill, Standing Order 399 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

4. *Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain Freehold Lands in the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newmarket for Municipal Purposes, and to validate the Raising of certain Loans and the Granting of certain Leases; and that Mr. J. S. Dickson do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of the Veterinary Practitioners' Association of New Zealand, of Hawera, and a special Report on Educational Facilities for Veterinary Surgeons; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

   Ordered, That the special Report of the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee on Educational Facilities for Veterinary Surgeons be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

6. *Death of the Honourable Richard Francis Bollard.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the distinguished services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable Richard Francis Bollard, a Member of the House of Representatives and a Minister of the Crown, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

7. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after two of the clock on Tuesday, the 30th day of August, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Richard Francis Bollard.

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

Tuesday, the 30th Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. Seddon, for the Honourable Mr. Buddo (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That in regard to the Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill, Standing Order

394 be suspended so far as it relates to the time-limit from the commencement of the session of the last publication of notices thereunder, and that Standing Order 399 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

3. *Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Waimairi County Council to acquire a certain Drainage-system, and making Provision for the Allocation of the Cost of Acquisition, Reconstruction, and Maintenance of such System; and that Mr. Seddon, for the Honourable Mr. Buddo, do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Death of the Honourable R. F. Bollard.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following telegram he had received from the Registrar, Wellington:—

Wellington, 25th August, 1927.

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wellington.

THE death of the Honourable R. F. Bollard was registered here to-day.

J. L. PALETHORPE, Registrar, Wellington.

5. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

137. Representation Commission's Report. H.–45.

Ordered, That Paper No. 137 be printed.

6. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; 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 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.

7. *Message.*—The Right 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, 1928.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th August, 1927.

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

8. *Committee of Supply (Imprest).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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; 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 a sum not exceeding one million nine hundred and fifty-two thousand four hundred pounds be granted to His Majesty, by way of imprest, for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

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

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

Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee 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.

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

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

(*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 eight thousand nine hundred pounds, as set forth in that Schedule:

(*b*) Out of the respective accounts mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto, the respective sums therein set forth, not exceeding in the whole forty-three thousand five 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-eight.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	750,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	300,000
Electric Supply Account	100,000
Separate Accounts—	
Land for Settlements Account	200
Land for Settlements Account—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	200
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account	1,500
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	50,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	50,000
Native Land Settlement Account	500
State Coal-mines Account	27,500
State Forests Account	25,000
Westport Harbour Account	4,000
Working Railways Account	600,000
	£1,908,900

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	700
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	650
The Public Trustee's Account	20,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,200
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	3,800
Advances to Workers Branch	800
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	150
Rural Advances Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	1,100
	£43,500

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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.

10. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 3).*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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-eight; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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. 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 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-eight."

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

11. *Egmont National Park Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Egmont National Park Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *War Funds Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the War Funds Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

13. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Egmont National Park Amendment Bill and the War Funds Amendment Bill.

14. *Egmont National Park Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Egmont National Park 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 Egmont National Park Act, 1924."

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

15. *War Funds Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the War Funds 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 War Funds Act, 1915."

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

16. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th August, 1927.

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. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

17. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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.

18. *Message.*—The Right 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 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-seven," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th August, 1927.

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 fix the Rates of Land-tax and Income-tax for the Year commencing on the First Day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

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

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

19. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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 twenty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 31st Day of August, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

142. Mental Hospitals of the Dominion, Report on, for 1926. H.–7.

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

138. Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1909, Exemptions granted by the Minister of Marine under the.

139. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of One-fifth Interest in Coal Lease No. 7145, Westport, from James Blair to Thomas Low Bennett.

140. Health Department: Report of the Director-General of Health for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. H.–31.

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

141. Printing and Stationery Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. H.–36.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 140, 141, and 142 be printed.

3. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill and the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill.—Ordered*, That the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

5. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—The Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Charles William Seaborne Gee, Karauria Tiweka Anaru, Ngarori Kingi, Edwin Purchas Bennett, Temuera Tokoaitua and 33 others, Haki Tamati, Paora Rokino and another, Huirua Tito, Akuhata Hira Kingi and another, Kaka Porowini, Te Paea Paro (Sophia Barlow), and Paper No. 124, and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of C. W. S. Gee, Karauria Tiweka Anaru, Ngarori Kingi, E. P. Bennett, and Temuera Tokoaitua and others, together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Kaka Porowini and Te Paea Paro (Sophia Barlow), together with the Reports of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That Paper No. 124, together with the Report of the Native Affairs Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

7. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of P. Fisher and W. E. Timmings; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of P. Fisher, together with the Report of the Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. E. Timmings, together with the Report of the Lands Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

8. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of R. A. Campbell and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Iris Frances Humphrys, J. Akel, W. H. Fitzpatrick, Mary E. Clark, W. H. Gillespie, P. Bradley, G. E. Blee, A. J. Guy, and Alice Beatrice King; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. H. Gillespie, together with the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. H. Fitzpatrick, G. E. Blee, and A. J. Guy, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

10. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. Dowd, Cashel Mills, J. T. Birch, H. G. Stebbing, W. Newton, C. A. B. Martin, and P. Tillett; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. Dowd and H. G. Stebbing, together with the Reports of the Defence Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

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 W. H. J. Mangin, J. J. Meikle, S. Neal, and E. S. Watson; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. H. J. Mangin, J. J. Meikle, and Samuel Neal, together with the Reports of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

12. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up three Reports; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

13. *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, 1927 (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 Finance Act, 1927, without amendment.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

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

Mr. McCombs moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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, 8.

			Tellers.
Bartram	Jordan	Parry	Lee, J. A.
Fraser	Mason, H. G. R.	Savage.	McCombs.

NOES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Girling	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.
Atmore	Hamilton, A.	McLennan	Sykes
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Waite
Bellringer	Harris	Macmillan	Walter
Bitchener	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir J. G.
Burnett	Hockly	Nash	Wilford
Campbell	Holland, H.	Nosworthy	Williams
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Potter	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Elliott	Kyle	Rhodes	Dickson, J. S.
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Lysnar.

So it passed in the Negative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until seven minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 1st Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *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. Armstrong, on account of a bereavement in his family.

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—
143. Mines Statement, by the Hon. G. J. Anderson, Minister of Mines, for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. C.–2.
144. State Coal-mines, Report of the Working of, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–2A.
Ordered, That Papers Nos. 143 and 144 be printed.

3. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council,—
The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Egmont National Park Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—
The Legislative Council has passed the Private Bill intituled the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Act, 1927, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to vary the Provisions of a certain Declaration of Trust dated the Eighth Day of August, Nineteen hundred and twenty-two, concerning the Endowment Fund for the Parish of St. Peter, Wellington, being a Parish in connection with the Church of the Province of New Zealand commonly called the Church of England, be now read a first time.
The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

5. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. J. Mason, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Property Law Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Property Law Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Property Law Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill;
The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill;
The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

9. *Matai Road Water-race District Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Matai Road Water-race District Bill;
The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed presently.

10. *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.

11. *Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

12. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill;

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

13. *Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City Exhibition and Grounds Bill;

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

14. *Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill;

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

15. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the War Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

16. *Savings-banks Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Savings-banks Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

17. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill, the Matai Road Water-race District Bill, the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill, the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, the Wellington City Exhibition Grounds Bill, the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill, the War Disabilities Removal Bill, and the Savings-banks Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

18. *Matai Road Water-race District Bill:*

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: To insert the word "Te" before the word "Matai" wherever it occurs in the Bill. *(Mr. Macmillan.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

19. *Wellington City Exhibition Grounds Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 struck out by the Local Bills Committee.

Clauses 7 to 22 read and agreed to.

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

"6A. (1) All works to be constructed, executed, or done under this Act shall be carried out and paid for by the association.

"(2) No work shall be undertaken by the association under this Act unless the same be properly and completely financed by the association, and the association supply to the Council a statement from its bankers that the credit of the association is sufficient to meet the association's obligations as they arise, and the Council approves, by resolution, of the carrying-out of such works.

"(3) No contract for any work to be done under this Act shall be binding unless it is approved after execution by the Council under seal." *(Mr. McKeen.)*

First and Second Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

20. *Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 15, to omit the words "sinking fund." *(Mr. J. Mason.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

21. *War Disabilities Removal Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To omit the following: "1915, No. 67.—The Alien Enemy Teachers Act, 1915: The whole Act." *(Mr. Harris.)*

The Question being put on the retention of the words proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.
Bartram	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	McCombs	Samuel
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McKeen	Savage
Burnett	Holland, H.	McLennan	Seddon
Campbell	Holland, H. E.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Horn	Macmillan	Sykes
Dickie	Hudson	Mason, H. G. R.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Mason, J.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Kyle	Parry	Bitchener
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Reid	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 13.

Atmore	Hunter, Sir George	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Buddo, Hon. D.	Lysnar	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph	Harris
Eliott	Ransom	Wilford.	Potter.
Forbes	Rhodes		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To insert the following: "1918, No. 9.—The Expeditionary Forces Amendment Act, 1918: Sections 12, 13, 14, and 15." *(Honourable Mr. Rolleston.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

Title read. Amendment proposed: To add the words "and other persons." *(Honourable Mr. Rolleston.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Title as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

22. *Savings-banks Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 7 read and agreed to.

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

"8. (1) There shall be payable out of the profits of a savings-bank, as the trustees may from time to time determine, the sums following, namely:—

"(*a*) To the President an allowance computed at a rate not exceeding one hundred pounds per annum; and

"(*b*) To each of the remaining trustees a sum not exceeding one pound for each meeting and not exceeding twenty-four pounds in any year.

"(2) This section is in substitution for section ten of the principal Act, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

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23. *Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service 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 Wellington City Council and other Local Authorities in and around Wellington, the Wellington Harbour Board, and the Wellington Hospital Board to make Contributions to the Ambulance Transport Service established for the Wellington Hospital District."

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

24. *Te Matai Road Water-race District Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Te Matai Road Water-race District Bill, and had made amendment therein; he had also been directed to report that the Committee had made amendment in the Title of the 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 constitute the Te Matai Road Water-race District."

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

25. *Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Hockly 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 Parts of the Foreshore within the Harbour of Whangarei in the Whangarei Harbour Board."

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

26. *Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to confer Additional Powers on the City of Wellington, and to amend the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act, 1924."

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

27. *Wellington City Exhibition Grounds Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Wellington City Exhibition Grounds 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 enable the Wellington City Corporation to permit the Wellington Show Association (Incorporated) to erect Buildings and construct Playgrounds on certain Portions of the Town Belt in the City, and to provide for the Maintenance and Control of such Buildings and Grounds, and for the Use of the same for Exhibitions and Entertainments."

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

28. *Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension 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 extend the Operation of the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act, 1918."

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

29. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the War Disabilities Removal Bill, and had made amendment therein; he had also been directed to report that the Committee had made amendment in the Title of the 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 repeal certain Enactments imposing Disabilities on Former Alien Enemies and other Persons."

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

30. *Savings-bank Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Savings-bank 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 Savings-banks Act, 1908."

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

31. *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;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

FRIDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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.

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

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

Friday, the 2nd Day of September, 1927.

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. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Tapley, on account of a bereavement in his family.

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

3. *Daylight Baking Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the establishment of daylight baking; 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 Wednesday, the 7th day of September, and to be printed.

4. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a special Report of condolence with Mr. Armstrong, M.P., on the death of his son; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *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 £34,749 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £291,317 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £235,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charged of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,356 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prime Minister's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,666 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,605 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,215 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £106,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £34,111 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Wright, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £24,563 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, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £315,463 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £36,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,383 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government and other Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £115,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 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, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

SATURDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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 five minutes after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 6th Day of September, 1927.

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 by command of His Excellency:—

146. Settlement of Crown Lands, Report on the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–1.

148. Industries and Commerce Department, Tenth Annual Report of the.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

147. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1926–27. B.–1 [Part II].

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

145. Land for Settlements Act, 1925, Report on the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–5.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 145, 146, and 147 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. McLeod moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 148—Tenth Annual Report of the Industries and Commerce Department—be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

3. *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;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-eight minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 7th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—
149. State Forest Service, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.
The Honourable Mr. Hawken moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 149—Annual Report of the State Forest Service for the Year ended 31st March, 1927—be printed.
A Debate arose thereupon.
And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

3. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bill intituled the Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Act, 1927, without amendment.

4. *Daylight Baking Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Daylight Baking Bill;
The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of Mr. McCombs, ordered to be referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

5. *Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2);
Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

6. *Summer Time Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Summer Time Bill;
On motion of Mr. Sidey, *Ordered*, That consideration of the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Summer Time Bill be postponed until Wednesday, the 14th day of September.

7. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

8. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2), and the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

9. *Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2):*
Clause 1 read.
And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 18.

Atmore	Horn	Mason, H. G. R.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Parry	
Forbes	Lee, J. A.	Savage	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	Sidey	Howard
Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Veitch	Sullivan.

NOES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Girling	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Rolleston, J. C.
Bellringer	Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Samuel
Burnett	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Waite
Campbell	Henare	Nash	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Potter	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Field	Lysnar	Rhodes	Bitchener
Forsyth	McLennan	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Committee unanimously agreed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the Committee could proceed to consider the Bill after the Short Title had been deleted.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to take Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the Committee could proceed to consider the Legislature Amendment Bill (No. 2) after the Short Title had been deleted.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. CCXII, p. 1082), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

10. *Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

The Chairman ruled that the Bill could not be allowed to proceed, as it contained an appropriation clause.

After some time spent in Committee Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Thursday, the 8th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund 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.)

3. *Message.*—The Right 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 Bills intituled—

The Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension Act, 1927,

The Imprest Supply Act, 1927,

The Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Act, 1927,

The Massey Agricultural College Act, 1927,

The Finance Act, 1927,

The Imprest Supply Act, 1927 (No. 2),

The Samoa Amendment Act, 1927,

The Imprest Supply Act, 1927 (No. 3), and

The Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Act, 1927,

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, 6th September, 1927.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. A. Hamilton, on account of urgent public business.

On motion of Mr. Howard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That five days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Armstrong, on account of a bereavement in his family.

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

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

150. Department of Agriculture, Annual Report of the, for the Year 1926–27. H.–29.

151. Prisons Department, Report on, for the Year 1926–27. H.–20.

152. Offenders Probation, Report on Operations of, for the Year 1926–27. H.–20B.

153. Prisons Board, Annual Report of, for the Year 1926. H.–20A.

154. Labour Department, Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. H.–11.

158. Tongariro National Park, Report of the Board of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–13.

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

155. Post and Telegraph Department : Schedule of Regulations.

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

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

159. Scenery Preservation : Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1927, together with Statement of Accounts and Schedule of Lands acquired and reserved. C.–6.

160. National Endowments, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927, together with Schedule showing Aggregate Area of Land excluded from the Endowment.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 158, and 159 be printed.

The Honourable Mr. McLeod moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 160—Report on National Endowments for the Year ended 31st

March, 1927, together with Schedule showing Aggregate Area of Land excluded from the Endowment—be printed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

6. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

7. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

8. *Property Law Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Property Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

9. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill, the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill, and the Property Law Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

10. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, to report progress and move for leave to sit again. *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 14.

Atmore	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Parry	Howard
Harris	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Veitch.	

NOES, 49.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Henare	Macmillan	Sykes
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Waite
Burnett	Horn	Nash	Walter
Campbell	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wilford
Dickie	Jones, D.	Ransom	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Kyle	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Lee, E. P.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Linklater	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Girling	Lysnar	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule, Part I, Land-tax, read and agreed to.

Schedule, Part II, Income-tax, read. Amendment proposed: In clause 3, paragraph (*b*), to omit all the words down to and including the word "by." *(Mr. Wilford.)*

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

AYES, 54.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	McCombs	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Holland, H.	McKeen	Savage
Burnett	Holland, H. E.	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Howard	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sullivan
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Macmillan	Sykes
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Mason, H. G. R.	Waite
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Mason, J.	Walter
Eliott	Jordan	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Field	Kyle	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Fraser	Lee, E. P.	Parry	Young, Hon. J. A.
Girling	Lee, J. A.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	
Hamilton, J. R.	Linklater	Reid	*Tellers.*
Harris	Luke, Sir John	Rhodes	Bitchener
Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Lysnar	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 9.

Atmore	Ransom	Veitch	*Tellers.*
Buddo, Hon. D.	Seddon	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph	Forbes
Horn			Wilford.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the figures "$\frac{1}{150}$," and to insert the figures "$\frac{3}{350}$" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

And the Question being put on the retention of the figures proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Burnett	Holland, H.	Macmillan	Waite
Campbell	Hudson	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Jones, D.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Kyle	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Lee, E. P.	Reid	
Field	Linklater	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Bitchener
Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 20.

Atmore	Horn	Mason, H. G. R.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Parry	Wilford.
Forbes	Lee, J. A.	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Howard
Harris	McKeen	Veitch	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 read and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"The income-tax payable by any taxpayer whose taxable income does not exceed one thousand pounds as hereinbefore provided shall be reduced by ten per centum." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

And the Question being put, That the new clause be added to the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Atmore	Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Veitch
Buddo, Hon. D.	Horn	Mason, H. G. R.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Dickson, J. McC.	Jordan	Parry	Wilford.
Forbes	Kyle	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Rhodes	Howard
Harris	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.

NOES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Burnett	Holland, H.	Macmillan	Waite
Campbell	Hudson	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Jones, D.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Elliott	Lee, E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Linklater	Reid	*Tellers.*
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Bitchener
Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Schedule, Part II, Income-tax, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

11. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"Paragraph (*c*) of section one hundred and forty-seven of the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923, is hereby amended by inserting the word "first" before the word "mortgagee." *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

Second reading negatived.

To report the Bill without amendment.

12. *Property Law Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston.)*

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

FRIDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

13. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time next sitting-day.

14. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time next sitting-day.

15. *Property Law Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Property Law 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-seven minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 9th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Issue of Writ for Raglan.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker be directed to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Writs to make out a new writ for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Raglan, in the room of the Honourable Richard Francis Bollard (deceased).

3. *Peel Forest Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Peel Forest Act, 1926; and that the Honourable Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to fix the Rates of Land-tax and Income-tax for the Year commencing on the First Day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-seven."

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the War Disabilities Removal Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

6. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the War Disabilities Removal Bill be considered next sitting-day.

7. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923."

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

8. *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. Hawken,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £360,086 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £236,391 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

SATURDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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 thirty minutes after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 13th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Bill Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Bill Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

   The Committee on the Church Property Trust (Canterbury) 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.

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

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

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Savings-banks Amendment Act, 1927, and the War Funds Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Horn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That five days' leave of absence be granted to the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, on account of illness in his family.

5. *Government Business on Wednesdays.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That on and after Wednesday, the 14th day of September, and for the remainder of the session, Government business take precedence on Wednesdays from 2.30 p.m.

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

   161. Education, Report of the Minister of, for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Honourable Mr. Wright moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper 161 — Report of the Minister of Education for the Year ended 31st December, 1926—be printed.

Mr. Atmore 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 adding the following words in lieu thereof: "it is the opinion of honourable Members of this honourable House that Education Boards be not abolished."

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.;

7. *Ways and Means (Customs Duties Resolutions).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Customs Duties Resolutions was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered,* That urgency be accorded the passing of the Resolutions.

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Hockly accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

Resolved, That all duties of Customs and all exemptions from such duties imposed or allowed under the several enactments or other authorities enumerated in the First Schedule hereto be abolished, and that, subject to the provisions of section 143 of the Customs Act, 1913, there shall be levied, collected, and paid to and for the use of His Majesty, on all goods specified in the Second Schedule hereto and imported into New Zealand after the 13th day of September, 1927, or entered for home consumption after that date, the several duties of Customs (if any) mentioned in Column No. 1 or Column No. 2 (as the case may require) of the said Schedule.

Resolved, That, except as may be otherwise provided in these Resolutions, the duties mentioned in Column No. 1 of the Second Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of goods being the produce or manufacture of any part of the British Dominions (as defined in section 2 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921), and that the duties mentioned in Column No. 2 of the said Schedule shall be payable in respect of goods being the produce or manufacture of any other country: Provided that, where claim is made to enter goods as being liable to the duties or entitled to the exemptions mentioned in Column No. 1 of the Second Schedule hereto, the provisions of section 16 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to those goods.

Resolved, That all orders, decisions, and directions of the Minister of Customs given or made under the authority of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, and published in the *Gazette,* respecting goods which were, under that Act, admitted under the following Tariff items, namely,—

(*a*) Articles and materials, specified by the Minister, and on such conditions as he may prescribe, suited for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication or repair of goods within New Zealand; and

(*b*) Apparatus, appliances, articles, and materials, for educational purposes, as may be approved by the Minister, and under conditions prescribed by him;

shall (except where otherwise specially provided in these Resolutions or in the Schedules hereto) remain in full force and effect until cancelled or modified by subsequent order, decision, or direction of the Minister of Customs or by other lawful authority.

Resolved, That the exemptions from primage duty (being the duty imposed by section 15 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921) of the goods mentioned in the Third Schedule to that Act, and in the Orders in Council made under the authority of the said section on the 7th day of November, 1923, and the 25th day of May, 1925, and gazetted on the 15th day of November, 1923, and the 28th day of May, 1925, respectively, be cancelled, and that in lieu thereof, but subject to the provisions of section 143 of the Customs Act, 1913, the goods mentioned in the Third Schedule hereto shall, after the 13th day of September, 1927, be exempt from the payment of primage duty.

Resolved, That nothing in these Resolutions shall affect the agreement for Customs reciprocity made between New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia, and ratified by the Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Act, 1922, or shall affect the several Orders in Council made for the purposes of or in relation to that Agreement under the authority of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, on the 24th day of August, 1922, the 24th day of October, 1922, and the 19th day of May, 1926, and published in the *Gazette* of the 24th day of August, 1922, the 26th day of October, 1922, and the 20th day of May, 1926, respectively; nor shall anything in these Resolutions so operate as to impose any Customs duty on any goods, being the produce or manufacture of the said Commonwealth, heretofore exempt from such duty by virtue of the said agreement and the said Orders in Council, or to increase the rate of any Customs duty on any goods the produce or manufacture of the said Commonwealth, until, in either case, a date to be fixed in that behalf by the Minister of Customs by notice in the *Gazette*, after further agreement with the Government of the said Commonwealth, or after six months' notice of intention to alter the existing agreement given in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Resolved, That nothing in these Resolutions shall be so construed or shall so operate as to conflict with the Schedule of Customs duties and exemptions contained in an Order in Council made under the authority of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, on the 7th day of September, 1925, and published in the *Gazette* of the 10th day of the same month (fixing rates of duty and exemptions from duty in respect of certain goods being the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa), provided that no higher duty shall be levied on any such goods than would be levied if the goods were subject to the British Preferential Tariff.

Resolved, That the duties and exemptions from duty provided for in these Resolutions shall not be in force in the Cook Islands until the Governor-General by Order in Council so determines, and that until otherwise lawfully determined, the duties and exemptions now in force in those islands shall continue to be paid and allowed.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

LIST OF ENACTMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES PRESCRIBING THE CUSTOMS DUTIES AND EXEMPTIONS FROM DUTIES NOW PROPOSED TO BE ABOLISHED.

(1) The First Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1921.
(2) Part II of the Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1923.
(3) The Customs Amendment Act, 1924.
(4) Part II of the Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1924 (No. 2).
(5) Part II of the Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1926.
(6) All Orders in Council in force under section 135 of the Customs Act, 1913.
(7) The following Orders in Council made under the authority of section 12 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, viz.—
  (*a*) Order in Council dated 8th October, 1923, and published in *Gazette* of 11th October, 1923.
  (*b*) Order in Council dated 8th December, 1924, and published in *Gazette* of 22nd December, 1924.
  (*c*) Order in Council dated 9th February, 1925, and published in *Gazette* of 12th February, 1925.
  (*d*) Order in Council dated 14th April, 1925, and published in *Gazette* of 16th April, 1925.
  (*e*) Order in Council dated 27th April, 1925, and published in *Gazette* of 30th April, 1925.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF.

NOTES.—The headings of the respective classes are used solely for convenience of classification, and do not in any way affect the interpretation of the Tariff.

The term "agriculture" as used in the Tariff includes horticulture and viticulture; the term "iron" includes steel, or steel and iron combined; the term "specific duties" means duties imposed according to a specified quantity, weight, size or number; the term "wine" includes medicated wine or wine mixed with food, and such spirituous beverages and fluid or semi-fluid foods containing not more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit as may be so decided by the Minister.

Steam engines, gas engines, oil engines, electric or other motors, and parts of the foregoing, are not included in the expression "machines, machinery, machine tools or appliances," as used in the Tariff.

The abbreviation "n.e.i." means "not elsewhere included."

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES.		
1	Live animals, including cattle and horses	Free	Free.
2	Animals, food for, of all kinds, n.e.i., including horse and cattle spices and condiments, proprietary or otherwise; mixed bird-seed	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
3	Chaff	£1 per ton	£1 per ton.
4	Grain and pulse, unground and unmanufactured, viz.:—		
	(1) Maize	1s. per cental	2s. per cental.
	(2) Wheat	When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is 5s. 6d. per bushel of 60 lb., the duty shall be 1s. 1d. per bushel of 60 lb., provided that— (*a*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand exceeds 5s. 6d. per bushel of 60 lb., the rate of duty shall be decreased by ½d. (half-penny) per bushel of 60 lb. for every ½d. (half-penny) or fraction of ½d. (half-penny) by which the said current domestic value exceeds 5s. 6d., and (*b*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is less than 5s. 6d. per bushel of 60 lb., the rate of duty shall be increased by ½d. (half-penny) per bushel of 60 lb. for every ½d. (half-penny) or fraction of ½d. (half-penny) by which the said current domestic value is less than 5s. 6d.	
	(3) N.e.i.	2s. per cental	2s. per cental.

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES—*continued.*		
5	Grain and pulse, ground or *manufactured*, viz. :—		
	(1) Barley flour, prepared	2s. 6d. per cental	2s. 6d. per cental.
	(2) Bran or pollard	1s. per cental	1s. per cental.
	(3) Maize, flaked	5s. per cental	7s. per cental.
	(4) Malt, whole or ground; rice malt	5s. per cental	7s. per cental.
	(5) Oats, or oats in admixture with other grain	½d. per lb.	¾d. per lb.
	(6) Pearl barley	½d. per lb.	¾d. per lb.
	(7) Peas, split	½d. per lb.	¾d. per lb.
	(8) Wheat-flour, including wheat-meal and similar preparations of wheat	When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is £13 per ton of 2,000 lb., the duty shall be £3 10s. per ton of 2,000 lb. provided that (*a*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand exceeds £13 per ton of 2,000 lb., the rate of duty shall be decreased by 1s. per 2,000 lb. for every 1s. or fraction of 1s. by which the said current domestic value exceeds £13. (*b*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is less than £13 per ton of 2,000 lb., the rate of duty shall be increased by 1s. per 2,000 lb. for every 1s. or fraction of 1s. by which the said current domestic value is less than £13. Provided further that, where wheat-flour, including wheat-meal and similar preparations of wheat, is imported in packages weighing less than 150 lb., the current domestic value thereof shall be determined as if such goods had been imported in packages weighing 150 lb. or such other *standard* weight as the Minister may approve.	
	(10) N.e.i.	2s. 6d. per cental	2s. 6d. per cental.
6	Hops	6d. per lb.	1s. per lb.
7	Onions	£1 per ton	£1 10s. per ton.
8	Potatoes	£1 per ton	£1 per ton.
9	Seeds, viz. :—		
	Canary-grass seed, hemp-seed, linseed, lucerne-seed, maw-seed, millet-seed, sorghum-seed, unmixed	Free	Free.
10	Solid wort	6d. per lb.	6d. per lb.
11	Vegetables, viz :—		
	Fresh, dried, or preserved, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
12	Aerated waters, and *beverages*, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
13	Mineral waters, being beverages, aerated or otherwise	20 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
14	Chicory	3d. per lb.	5d. per lb.
15	Cocoa-beans, raw	Free	Free.
16	Cocoa and chocolate, including cocoa-beans roasted or crushed—		
	Chocolate; also cocoa or chocolate mixed with milk or with any other food substance whatsoever	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES—*continued.*		
17	Coffee, raw	Free	Free.
18	Coffee, roasted	3d. per lb.	5d. per lb.
19	Coffee, essence of, and essence of coffee mixed with milk or with any food substance whatsoever	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
20	Fruit-juices unsweetened, in containers having a capacity of 1 gallon or over	Free	Free.
21	Fruit-juices unsweetened, in containers having a capacity of less than 1 gallon; fruit-juices sweetened; syrups n.e.i.; raspberry-vinegar, sweetened	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
22	Citrus-fruit pulps (including fruit-juices containing such percentage of citrus-fruit pulp as may be determined by the Minister) sweetened or unsweetened, in bulk or otherwise	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
23	Tea, in bulk—viz., in packages of 5 lb. or over net weight of tea	Free	2d. per lb.
24	Tea n.e.i.	2d. per lb.	4d. per lb.
25	Bacon and hams	2d. per lb.	4d. per lb.
26	Biscuits, ships', plain and unsweetened; also dog-biscuits	3s. per cwt.	4s. per cwt.
27	Biscuits, other kinds	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
28	Blue	1d. per lb.	2d. per lb.
29	Candles, being *night-lights*, or *tapers*	1½d. per lb.	2½d. per lb.
30	Candles n.e.i. .. .. (NOTE.—Candles n.e.i., in packages of a net weight of 8 oz. or less, shall be charged as half-pounds; in packages of a net weight exceeding 8 oz. but not exceeding 16 oz., as pounds; and so on for packages of greater weight.)	1½d. per lb.	2½d. per lb.
31	Cocoa or cacao butter, coconut butter, and other vegetable butters or fats..	Free	Free.
32	*Confectionery* including medicated confectionery, liquorice n.e.i., and sugared or crystallized fruits	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
33	Lard, stearine, and *refined* animal fats, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
34	Stearine, on declaration that it will be used only in the manufacture of candles, matches, soaps, leather, or other articles approved by the Minister	¾d. per lb.	1d. per lb.
35	Fish, viz.:—		
	(1) Anchovies, salted, in casks or other containers capable of holding 28 lb. net or over ..	Free	Free.
	(2) Fish, fresh, smoked, dried, pickled, salted, preserved by cold process, or preserved by sulphurous acid, n.e.i.	10s. per cwt.	15s. per cwt.
	(3) Fish, potted, and preserved—viz., *salmon*, including any liquor, oil, or sauce	1¾d. per lb.	3d. per lb.
	(4) Fish, potted, and preserved, n.e.i., including any liquor, oil, or sauce .. .. .. (NOTE.—The term "fish" is used in the Tariff in its widest sense, and includes shellfish, crustaceans, and other foods obtained from the fisheries.)	2d. per lb.	3d. per lb.
36	Fruits, dried—viz.:—		
	(1) Currants, dates, figs, prunes, raisins	Free	Free.
	(2) N.e.i.	2d. per lb.	4d. per lb.

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES—*continued.*		
37	Fruits, fresh—viz. :—		
	(1) Apples and pears	1d. per lb.	1½d. per lb.
	(2) Apricots, cherries, grapes, medlars, nectarines, passion-fruit, peaches, plums, quinces, tomatoes	1d. per lb.	1d. per lb.
	(3) Lemons	1d. per lb.	2d. per lb.
	(4) Blackberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, and strawberries	½d. per lb.	½d. per lb.
	(5) Bananas, grape-fruit, mandarins, and oranges ..	Free	1d. per lb.
	(6) N.e.i.	Free	Free.
38	Fruit-pulp, partially preserved fruit, fruit preserved by sulphurous acid, crushed fruit, minced fruit, fruit-pastes, unsweetened and n.e.i.	1½d. per lb.	1½d. per lb.
39	Fruits preserved in juice or syrup .. .. .. (Fruits preserved in juice or syrup, fortified with alcohol to any extent exceeding 40 per cent. of proof spirit, shall be charged 36s. per liquid gallon on such juice or syrup, in addition to the appropriate duty on the total value of the goods.)	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
40	Trees and plants, viz. :—		
	(1) Fruit trees and plants, viz., apple, apricot, blackberry, cherry, currant, gooseberry, lemon, lime, logan-berry, nectarine, orange, peach, pear, plum, quince, and raspberry	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Flowering trees and plants, viz., rose	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
41	Glucose, grape sugar, and caramel	Free	Free.
42	Honey	2d. per lb.	4d. per lb.
43	Infants' and invalids' foods, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
44	*Gluten flour*	Free	Free.
45	Jams, jellies, marmalade, and preserves	2d. per lb. on the actual or reputed weight, whichever is the greater	4d. per lb. on the actual or reputed weight, whichever is the greater.
46	Jellies, *concentrated*	4d. per lb.	6d. per lb.
47	Macaroni, vermicelli, spaghetti, egg-noodles, and similar alimentary pastes—		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
48	Malt-extract, malt-extract with cod-liver oil, and similar preparations containing malt-extract	2d. per lb., or 20 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty	4d. per lb., or 40 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
49	Meats, potted or preserved	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
50	Milk or cream, preserved, evaporated, or dried, and including any of the foregoing in combination with casein, sugar of milk, or other milk product ..	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
51	Mustard	Free	2d. per lb.
52	Nuts, and preparations thereof, viz. :—		
	(1) Almonds and nuts, all kinds, shelled or unshelled, n.e.i.	Free	Free.
	(2) Almond-, or nut-, pastes, meals, and similar preparations, n.e.i., not being animal foods ..	3d. per lb.	5d. per lb.
	(3) Desiccated coconut, sweetened or unsweetened ..	Free	Free.
	(4) Walnuts, shelled or unshelled	2d. per lb.	2d. per lb.*

* See appendix.

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES—*continued.*		
53	Capers, caraway-seeds, caviare, cayenne pepper, curry-powder, curry-paste, fish-paste, olives, ground turmeric	20 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
54	Candied peel, and drained peel	3d. per lb.	5d. per lb.
55	Matches and vestas, viz.:—		
	(1) Wax, in boxes containing not more than 60 matches or vestas	1s. per gross of boxes	2s. per gross of boxes.
	(2) Wax, in boxes containing more than 60 matches or vestas, but not more than 100	1s. 6d. per gross of boxes	3s. per gross of boxes.
	(3) Wax, in boxes containing over 100 matches or vestas, for each 100 matches or vestas or fraction thereof contained in one box ..	2s. per gross of boxes	4s. per gross of boxes.
	(4) Wooden, in boxes containing not more than 60 matches or vestas	1s. per gross of boxes	2s. per gross of boxes.
	(5) Wooden, in boxes containing over 60 matches or vestas, for every 100 matches or vestas or fraction thereof contained in one box ..	2s. per gross of boxes	4s. per gross of boxes.
	(6) Matches or vestas, of any material other than wood or wax, in boxes, shall be charged with a duty corresponding to the duty payable on wooden matches.		
	(7) Matches, or vestas, n.e.i. .. .. .. (Boxes made of gold, silver, metal, wood, or other material, of permanent value when empty, shall be charged as jewellery or fancy goods, in addition to the duty payable on any matches contained therein.)	2d. per 1,000 matches or vestas	4d. per 1,000 matches or vestas.
56	Pickles	3s. per gallon	4s. 6d. per gallon.
57	Sauces; chutney; soy, and catsup, in vessels of 10 gallons capacity and under	4s. per gallon	6s. per gallon.
58	Soy, and *catsup*, in vessels exceeding 10 gallons capacity	Free	Free.
59	Passover bread; altar bread	Free	Free.
60	Egg pulp and white or yolk of eggs, whether desiccated, liquid, frozen, or other, also any *similar* preparation of egg	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
61	Provisions n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
62	Rice, dressed or undressed; rice-meal refuse and rice-*meal*	Free	Free.
63	Soap, all kinds; soap-powder, extract of soap, dry soap, soft-soap, liquid soap, soap solutions; washing or cleansing powders, crystals, pastes or liquids, n.e.i. ..	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
64	Salt	Free	£1 5s. per ton.
65	Spices, unground—including chillies, pepper, and pimento, unground	Free	Free.
66	Spices, ground, n.e.i., including pepper, pimento, and olive-stones, ground	2d. per lb.	3d. per lb.
67	Confectioners' moulding-starch; potato flour; rice flour; arrowroot; sago; tapioca; maizena; cornflour:—		
	(1) In packages containing less than 5 lb. net weight	½d. per lb.	1½d. per lb.
	(2) N.e.i.	Free	1d. per lb.
68	Starch n.e.i.	2d. per lb.	3d. per lb.
69	Sugar, of Number 22 colour, or *over* (Dutch Standard); invert sugar and invert syrup	¼d. per lb.	¼d. per lb.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES—*continued.*		
70	Sugar n.e.i.; treacle, molasses, golden syrup, maple-sugar, and maple syrup	Free	Free.
71	Treacle or molasses, mixed with bone-black in proportions to the satisfaction of the Minister	Free	Free.
72	Sugar of milk n.e.i.	10 per cent. ad val.	25 per cent. ad val.
73	Sugar of milk in containers capable of holding not less than 56 lb. net weight, on declaration by a manufacturer of infants' foods that it will be used only by him in the manufacture of such foods	Free	Free.
	CLASS II.—TOBACCO.		
74	Cigarettes n.e.i.	25s. 6d. per 1,000	25s. 6d. per 1,000.
75	Cigarettes, exceeding in weight 2½ lb. per 1,000 ..	10s. 6d. per lb.	10s. 6d. per lb.
76	Cigars, including the weight of every band, wrapper, or attachment, to any cigar	12s. per lb.	12s. per lb.
77	Snuff	12s. per lb.	12s. per lb.
78	Tobacco, *fine cut*, suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes	10s. per lb.	10s. per lb.
79	Tobacco, cut, n.e.i.	4s. 2d. per lb.	4s. 2d. per lb.
80	Tobacco n.e.i., including the weight of every label, tag, or other attachment	4s. per lb.	4s. per lb.
81	Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in New Zealand in any licensed tobacco-factory, for manufacturing purposes only, into tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or snuff	2s. per lb.	2s. per lb.
82	Tobacco for sheep-wash, or for insecticide, after being rendered unfit for human consumption to the satisfaction of the Minister	Free	Free.
	CLASS III.—SPIRITS, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.		
83	Ale, beer of all sorts, porter, cider, and perry, when containing more than 2 per cent. of proof spirit; per gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles or the reputed equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed capacity	2s.	2s.
84	Spirits, viz.:—		
	(1) Cordials, bitters, and liqueurs, when exceeding the strength of 40 per cent. of proof spirit, but not exceeding the strength of proof ..	36s. per liquid gallon	36s. per liquid gallon.
	(2) Cordials, bitters, and liqueurs, when exceeding the strength of proof	36s. per proof gallon	36s. per proof gallon.
	(3) Spirits, and spirituous mixtures, the strength of which can be ascertained by Sykes's hydrometer or other similar instrument .. .. .. (No allowance beyond 16·5 under proof shall be made for spirits or spirituous mixtures of a strength less than 16·5 under proof.)	36s. per proof gallon	36s. per proof gallon.
	(4) Spirits, and spirituous mixtures, sweetened, n.e.i., when not exceeding the strength of proof ..	36s. per liquid gallon	36s. per liquid gallon.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS III.—SPIRITS, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES—*continued.*		
84	Spirits, viz.:—*continued.*		
	(5) Spirits, and spirituous mixtures, sweetened, n.e.i., when exceeding the strength of proof ..	36s. per proof gallon	36s. per proof gallon.
	(NOTE.—Spirits, and spirituous mixtures, in bottles or jars in cases, shall be charged as follows—viz.: 2 gallons and under as 2 gallons, over 2 gallons and not exceeding 3 as 3 gallons, over 3 gallons and not exceeding 4 as 4 gallons, and so on for any greater quantity contained in any case: provided that with the sanction of the Collector the foregoing provision need not be applied to absolute alcohol, spirits of wine, spirits for scientific, medicinal, perfumery, or toilet purposes, or to trade samples.)		
	(6) Spirits, and spirituous mixtures, containing more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit, but not exceeding the strength of proof, in combination with other ingredients	36s. per liquid gallon	36s. per liquid gallon.
	(7) Spirits, and spirituous mixtures, exceeding the strength of proof, in combination with other ingredients	36s. per proof gallon	36s. per proof gallon.
85	Spirits for fortifying New Zealand wines, when removed to a storeroom approved by the Collector, and under conditions prescribed by the Minister	18s. per proof gallon	18s. per proof gallon.
86	Perfumed spirits including Cologne water	70s. per liquid gallon, or 25 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty	90s. per liquid gallon, or 45 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
87	Spirits denatured to the satisfaction of the Minister but wholly or partly denatured before importation ..	1s. per liquid gallon, not including the denaturing material (if any) added after importation	1s. 6d. per liquid gallon, not including the denaturing material (if any) added after importation.
88	Spirits *wholly* denatured in New Zealand under prescribed conditions	6d. per liquid gallon, not including the added denaturing material	6d. per liquid gallon, not including the added denaturing material.
89	Alcohol, and denatured spirit, for use in museums, universities, hospitals, and similar institutions, or for other scientific or educational purposes, in such quantities and for such purposes and under such conditions as may be approved by the Minister ..	Free	Free.
90	Wine containing not more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit, viz.:—		
	(1) Sparkling, all kinds; per gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles, or the reputed equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed capacity	15s	15s.
	(2) Other kinds; per gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles, or the reputed equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed capacity	6s.	6s.
91	Wine of any kind containing more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit	36s. per liquid gallon	36s. per liquid gallon.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS IV.—DRUGS; CHEMICALS; SURGICAL, DENTAL, AND SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS.		
92	Acid, acetic, containing not more than 30 per cent. of acidity	1½d. per lb.	2½d. per lb.*
93	Acid, acetic, containing more than 30 per cent. of acidity; for every 10 per cent. of acidity or fraction thereof	½d. per lb.	¾d. per lb.*
94	Vinegar, containing not more than 6·5 per cent. of acidity, calculated as acetic acid	6d. per gallon	9d. per gallon.
95	Acids—viz., *inorganic* acids, n.e.i.; also benzoic, carbolic, citric, formic, gallic, lactic, oleic, oxalic, picric, pyrogallic, pyroligneous (*crude*), salicylic, tannic, and tartaric acids	Free	Free.
96	*Anti-incrustation, boiler, and other similar compounds* ..	Free	Free.
97	Bacteriological products, sera, and vaccines, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	Free.
98	Baking-powder; yeast, and similar preparations; yeast foods	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
99	*Chemicals, and chemical preparations, n.e.i., including photographic chemicals n.e.i.*	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.*
100	Chloroform; ether purificatus; sulphuric ether; iodoform	Free	20 per cent. ad val
101	Cream of tartar; cream-of-tartar substitutes—viz., acid calcium phosphate, acid phosphate of soda, pyrophosphate of soda, mixtures of the foregoing with one another or with any other substance, and *similar* cream-of-tartar substitutes	Free	20 per cent ad val.
102	Crude distillates of coal-tar or wood, on declaration that they will be used only in the manufacture of disinfectants; creosote, *crude or commercial*; tar ..	Free	Free.
103	Dextrine n.e.i.; artificial gum arabic n.e.i.	Free	Free.
104	*Disinfectants* n.e.i., including coal-tar acids in combination with alkalis to form solutions which will give saponaceous disinfectants upon the addition of water; sheep-dip; weed- and scrub-killing preparations ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
105	Drugs and chemicals, viz.:— Acetone; amyl alcohol; bromine; calcium carbide; carbon bisulphide; carbon tetrachloride; catechu; chlorinated lime; cochineal; formic aldehyde, and solutions thereof; fusel-oil; gall-nuts; hydrogen peroxide; iodine; liquorice in blocks of 7 lb. net and over, or soft liquorice extract in bulk in vessels capable of containing 7 lb. net or over; phosphorus; pyridine; quinine, and salts of quinine; saffron; strychnine, and salts of strychnine; sulphur; turmeric, unground; wood-naphtha, *commercial* ..	Free	Free.
106	Drugs, chemicals, and other substances as may be approved by the Minister, entered to be warehoused in a manufacturing warehouse for the purpose of making therein, according to approved formulae, medicinal preparations, perfumery, toilet preparations or *similar* articles	Free	Free.
107	Drugs, chemicals, and other substances, as may be enumerated by the Minister, specially suited for use as culture media, stains for microscopic work, or as indicators for chemical analysis or scientific investigation	Free	Free.

* See appendix.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS IV.—DRUGS; CHEMICALS; SURGICAL, DENTAL, AND SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS—*continued.*		
108	Drugs, crude, not powdered, and unsuited for use as foods, or in the manufacture thereof—viz., barks, woods, twigs, leaves, herbs, flowers (except hops), roots, corms, gums, resins, balsams, inspissated juices (except opium), seeds, fruits, fruit-rinds, pitch, cantharides, ergot	Free	Free.
109	Drugs, crude—viz., carrageen or Irish moss	Free	Free.
110	Dyes, *manufactured;* non-spirituous solutions of natural or artificial colours or dyes, for colouring confectionery or beverages, and not being culinary- or flavouring-essences	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
111	Dyeing-materials n.e.i.	Free	Free.
112	Essences, culinary or flavouring, containing more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit	36s. per liquid gallon	36s. per liquid gallon.
113	Essences, culinary or flavouring, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
114	Essences, synthetic—viz., amyl acetate, amyl butyrate, amyl caprionate, amyl formate, amyl isovalerate, benzaldehyde, ethyl acetate (acetic ether), ethyl benzoate, ethyl butyrate, ethyl formate, methyl benzoate, methyl salicylate, oenanthic ether; and *similar* acids, alcohols, aldehydes, esters, ethers, ketones, phenols, or other similar substances, suitable for the manufacture of culinary or flavouring essences or perfumes, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
115	Essential oils, viz.:—		
	(1) Eucalyptus	20 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) N.e.i.	Free	Free.
116	Gases, liquefied or compressed, viz.:—		
	(1) Anhydrous ammonia	Free	4d. per lb.
	(2) Carbon dioxide or carbonic acid gas	1d. per lb.	3d. per lb.
	(3) N.e.i.	Free	Free.
117	Glycerine, crude or refined	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
118	Gums and resins—viz., arabic, benzoin, dammar, tragacanth; shellac	Free	Free.
119	Insecticides, and fungicides, for agricultural uses; tree-washes; powdered pyrethrum flowers or Dalmatian powder and powdered hellebore, in packages of not less than 5 lb. net weight	Free	Free.
120	Insulin; preparations made from animal glands or tissues as may be approved by the Minister	Free	Free.
121	*Medicinal preparations* (except wines) containing 50 per cent. of proof spirit or less; *medicinal preparations, drugs, druggists' sundries, and apothecaries' wares, n.e.i.;* also *aerated-water makers', cordial-makers', and brewers' drugs, chemicals, and other sundries, n.e.i.*	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
122	*Medicinal preparations* (except medicated wines) containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit ..	1s. per lb.	1s. 6d. per lb.
123	Metal-workers' surface and case hardening compounds; soldering, brazing, and welding compounds	Free	Free.
124	Metallic elements n.e.i.; oxides, hydroxides, *inorganic salts* n.e.i., acetates, linoleates, oxalates, and resinates, of aluminium, ammonia, antimony, arsenic, barium, bismuth, boron, cadmium, calcium, cerium, chromium, cobalt, copper, gold, iron, lead, lithium, magnesium, manganese, mercury, nickel, platinum, potassium, radium, silicon, silver, sodium, strontium, tin, zinc, and of the other metallic elements	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS IV.—DRUGS; CHEMICALS; SURGICAL, DENTAL, AND SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS—*continued.*		
125	Mixtures of *drugs and chemicals*, with each other, or with other substances, and drugs or chemicals in tablet form, or which have been subjected to any other process of *manufacture* may, at the discretion of the Minister, be classed as medicinal preparations n.e.i., or as chemicals n.e.i., or under any other item of the Tariff which appears to him suitable.		
126	Naphthalene, crude, or refined	10 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
127	Opium	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
128	Rennet, in tablet form, or in liquid form in containers having a capacity of 1 pint or under; rennet in powder, *in small packages* suitable for retail sale ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
129	Rennet n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
130	Saccharin, in the form of tablets, pilules, granules, or cachets, each containing not more than ½ grain of saccharin in combination with at least 10 per cent. of alkali	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
131	Saccharin n.e.i., including substances of a like nature or use, and substances capable of conversion thereinto..	1s. 6d. per ounce	2s. 6d. per ounce.
132	Sheep-, and cattle-*licks*	Free	Free.
133	Soda-crystals	2s. per cwt.	3s. per cwt.
134	Surgeons', physicians', dentists', and opticians' appliances, instruments and materials, viz.:—		
	(1) Appliances (including splints) for wear, *peculiarly adapted* to correct a deformity of the human body, to afford support to an abnormal condition of the human body, or to reduce or alleviate such condition, or to substitute any part of such body; stump socks; crutches; ear trumpets; ear tubes, and *audiphones*, for the partially deaf	Free	Free.
	(2) *Surgical* and *dental instruments*, opticians' trial cases, frames, spectacles, *plain* spectacle-cases, test cards and diagrams; also such other instruments and appliances *peculiar* to surgeons' dentists' or opticians' use as may be enumerated in any order of the Minister	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Surgeons', physicians', and dentists' materials, viz., antiseptic dressings, gauzes, lint, tow, cotton-wool, poroplastic felt, adhesive plaster not including medicated remedial plaster or plasters, spongio-piline, bandages, catgut, and sterilized and other sewings, artificial teeth, tooth crowns, celluloid blanks, base plates, denture-strengtheners, guttapercha stick, points, and pellets, amadou absorbent, porcelain powder, enamel, inlays, modelling composition, investment compound, cement, and absorbent paper; also such other materials peculiar to surgeons' physicians' or dentists' use as may be enumerated in any order of the Minister	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
135	Scientific and philosophical instruments and apparatus—viz.:—*assay balances; chemical balances*, sensitive to 2 milligrammes or less; *laboratory retorts, laboratory flasks*, and other instruments, and apparatus, peculiarly suited for chemical analysis and assay work; assay furnaces; retorts, dishes, and other apparatus, of fused silica or platinum, for use in chemical manufacture, or in a laboratory; microscopes, telescopes, and *magnifying-glasses*; also such instruments, and apparatus, specially suited for scientific and philosophical purposes, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS V.—TEXTILES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY, ETC.		
136	Apparel made to the order, or measurement, of residents in New Zealand, and intended for the individual use of such residents, whether imported by the residents themselves or otherwise; uniform clothing made to measurements sent from New Zealand	40 per cent. ad val.	60 per cent. ad val.
137	Apparel, and ready-made clothing, n.e.i.; hosiery ..	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
138	Bags and sacks of textile or felt, n.e.i.: filter-bags and sheaths	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
139	Bags and sacks, of textile or felt, all kinds, if *printed* ..	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
140	*Corn-sacks*, wool-packs, and wool-pockets; bags or sacks of jute hemp or hessian; bags or sacks of New Zealand tow or flax	Free	Free.
141	Battery-blanket not exceeding 3 feet wide, material for filter-cloths, and plush or other cloth, on declaration that it will be used only for *mining* or *gold-saving* purposes	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
142	Boot and similar laces, of any material other than leather	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
143	*Braids*, and *bindings*, all kinds, n.e.i.; cords, n.e.i., of wool, cotton, silk, *imitation silk*, *artificial silk*, or of combinations of these materials with one another or with any other material	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
144	Brattice-cloth of jute or hessian	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
145	Bunting, in the piece	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
146	*Buttons, crochet, and similar*	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
147	*Buttons n.e.i.*	Free	Free.
148	Collar check, similar material plain, and horse-cover-lining material, in the piece, of such quality as may be approved by the Minister	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
149	Cotton, raw	Free	Free.
150	Cotton and other waste, engineers'	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
151	Drapery n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
152	Elastics, all kinds, including boot and brace elastics; elastic threads and cords; *webbings*, all kinds, including elastic *webbings*; dressmakers' beltings, including cotton petershams, whether plain or circular woven, or reinforced; woven looping and labels, for boots; labels, and hangers, woven, for clothing and other textile articles, including hanger material, plain or otherwise, n.e.i.; chain coat-hangers; woven bandings, bands, tapes, and similar articles, (not including arm-bands and hat-bands), with printed, woven, or embroidered lettering, trade name, or trade-mark, suited for use with boots or other apparel ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
153	Feathers, ornamental, including ostrich-feathers n.e.i.; artificial flowers leaves or sprays; natural flowers, leaves, and sprays, dyed, painted, or similarly treated	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
154	Ostrich-feathers grown in New Zealand, when returned from abroad dressed, or dyed, upon evidence being produced to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs as to their previous exportation	Free	Free.
155	Felt piece-goods, n.e.i., not including *felted textiles* ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
156	*Felted textiles*, in the piece, on declaration that they will be used only for such manufacturing and industrial purposes as may be approved by the Minister	Free	10 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS V.—TEXTILES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY, ETC.—*continued.*		
157	Flags, viz. :—		
	(1) The Union Jack or any flag of which the Union Jack is part	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) N.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
158	Flock	10 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
159	Floor coverings, viz. :—		
	(1) Carpets, and floor *coverings*, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Linoleum and *similar* floorcloth; mats, matting, and floor-rugs, of rubber or *similar* material—		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
160	Furs and other similar skins, and articles made therefrom, viz. :—		
	(1) Fur skins, green or sun-dried	Free	Free.
	(2) Furs, and other similar skins, dressed or prepared, but not made up in any way	15 per cent. ad val.	15 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Furs or *imitation* furs wholly or partly made up into apparel, rugs, or *other* articles; fur trimmings and *imitation* fur trimmings	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
161	Haberdashery n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
162	Hair, natural, or imitation, curled, waved, or made up, in any way to make it suitable for wear	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
163	Hairpins, hatpins, safety pins, and *toilet pins* ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
164	Hats, and caps, in any stage of manufacture, including hat-hoods n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
165	Hat-hoods, felt, of wool or fur, or containing fur, unblocked and unsewn	Free	Free.
166	Hatmakers' materials—viz., hatters' *ribbons*, *galloons*, or *linings*, when cut up, or otherwise, under such conditions as the Minister may prescribe; leathers, ventilators, cork fronts for hats	Free	Free.
167	Kiln-cloth, of horsehair or similar material, also kiln-cloths made up from such material	Free	Free.
168	Lace, laces, and ribbons, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
169	Leather cloth, and oil baize, plain or fancy, in the piece	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
170	Millinery of all kinds, including trimmed hats, caps, and bonnets	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
171	Plain *tape*, of cotton, linen, or jute; wadding; *pins n.e.i.*; knitting-pins; needles, viz.,—sewing, darning, and knitting; crochet hooks; hooks and eyes for apparel	Free	Free.
172	Printers' blanketing on declaration that it will be used only in printing	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
173	Rugs n.e.i., not suited for use as floor-coverings ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
174	Sewing cottons, silks, threads, and twists; crewel, flourishing, embroidery, darning, knitting, and crochet threads, of silk, artificial silk, imitation silk, linen, or cotton, or mixtures of the same, plain or fancy; gold and silver embroidery threads; mending yarns, of wool, or containing wool, not exceeding 45 yards in length	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
175	Silk for flour-dressing, in the piece	Free	Free.
176	Oiled silk, in the piece	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
177	Staymakers' corset-fasteners, corset-shields, corset steels, and busk-protectors	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS V.—TEXTILES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY, ETC.—*continued.*		
178	Tailors' trimmings—viz. :—		
	(1) Haircloths and imitation haircloths	Free	Free.
	(2) Silesias, veronas, Italian cloths, and other lining-materials, of such descriptions as may be approved by the Minister	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
179	Tarpaulins, tents, sails, rick- and wagon-covers ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
180	Textile *piece-goods*, of cotton, linen, jute, hemp, other vegetable fibre, or combinations of these materials with one another—		
	(1) Having thereon or therein patterns, devices, or designs, which indicate that they are to be cut up		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) So woven, or marked, as to indicate that they are to be cut up		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(3) N.e.i., not being tucked, sewn, or otherwise similarly worked		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
	(NOTE.—Textile *piece-goods*, of cotton, linen, jute, hemp, other vegetable fibre, or combinations of these materials with one another, hemmed or whipped in lieu of a selvedge, shall not be deemed to be sewn or similarly worked.)		
	Textile piece-goods, n.e.i., composed of silk, *imitation silk* (other than mercerized cotton), *artificial silk*, or of combinations of these with one another, or with any other material except wool or hair :—		
	(1) Having thereon or therein patterns, devices, or designs, which indicate that they are to be cut up		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) So woven, or marked, as to indicate that they are to be cut up		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(3) N.e.i., not being tucked, sewn, or otherwise similarly worked		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	10 per cent. ad val.	15 per cent. ad val.
	Textile *piece*-goods of cotton, linen, jute, hemp, other vegetable fibres, silk, imitation silk, artificial silk, or of combinations of these materials with one another, or with any other material (except wool or hair), whether plain, hemmed, whipped, or *similarly* worked, and *plain* tablecloths, tablenapkins, towels, quilts, sheets, and *similar plain* articles, which have been manufactured wholly from such *piece*-goods merely by cutting, hemming, or any *similar* operation		
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
181	Cotton piece-goods, viz. :—tubular woven cotton cloth *specially* suited for use as meat wraps; cheese bandages or caps	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS V.—TEXTILES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY, ETC.—*continued.*		
182	Textile piece-goods—viz., *dress nets, curtain nets, embroidery nets,* and *similar nets, lace curtain material,* and veilings, all kinds; also muslins of such descriptions as may be determined by the Minister ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
183	Textile piece-goods, including textiles of wool, or containing wool, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
184	All articles n.e.i., made of textile, felt, or other piece-goods, or of any combination of the same, wholly or partly made up or manufactured, and not being apparel or clothing either wholly or partly made up	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
185	Umbrellas, parasols, and sunshades	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
186	Umbrella makers' materials—viz., textile piece-goods approved by the Minister, and on such conditions as he may prescribe; sticks; runners; notches; caps; ferrules; cups; ribs; stretchers; tips; rings; running and capping leathers; prevents; splicing-tubes; annealed wires up to 4 inches in length; springs; *tassels;* plated metal bands; fasteners or bands made up of elastic or webbing with all or any of the following attachments—ring, button, or tassel ..	Free	Free.
187	*Union textiles n.e.i.,* in the piece, the current domestic value of which does not exceed that specified by the Minister, when cut up and made into shirts, pyjamas, or underclothing, under such conditions and regulations as the Minister may prescribe .. .. (NOTE.—Until otherwise notified by Minister's Order, published in the *Gazette,* the current domestic value above referred to shall be deemed to be 1s. per yard.)	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
188	Upholsterers' materials—viz.:—hair-seating and imitation hair-seating; *gimp;* curled hair; tufts; studs; cord tips; cord-knot holders; blind or shade pulls, suited for the manufacture of blinds	Free	Free
189	Upholstery n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
190	Waterproof material in the piece, having within, or upon it, a coating of rubber	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
191	Yarn—viz., coir, flax, jute, and hemp	Free	Free.
192	Yarns of cotton, silk, *artificial silk, imitation silk,* or mixtures of the same	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
193	Yarns n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS VI.—LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES, GRINDERY, AND RUBBER GOODS.		
194	Belts, and belting, for driving machinery, n.e.i., and not being cordage or rope; conveyor belts, and belting, of rubber, textile, fibre, or combinations of these materials	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
195	Boots, shoes, shoettes, sandals, clogs, pattens, slippers, and goloshes—namely, children's 0 to 9 inclusive ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
196	Boots, shoes, clogs, pattens, slippers, shoettes, sandals, goloshes, overshoes, and other footwear, n.e.i. ..	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
197	Gumboots, half-knee, knee, or thigh, with soles either of leather or of rubber, and measuring not less than 9½ inches from the lowest point reached by the line of the top of the upper to a horizontal surface on which the boot is placed	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS VI.—LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES, GRINDERY, AND RUBBER GOODS—*continued.*		
198	Grindery, viz. :—		
	(1) Boot-protectors	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Boot shoe and slipper heels, knobs, and soles, of rubber	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Cork soles, and sock soles, except those composed wholly or partly of leather	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Heel plates, and toe plates	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Nails, pegs, rivets, and tacks, *peculiar* to use in bootmaking	Free	Free.
	(6) Shoemakers' *binding* and *beading*	Free	Free.
	(7) Shoemakers' wax, and heel balls	Free	Free.
	(8) Wooden heels, plain, or covered with leather, textile, or celluloid, and with or without tops of leather or metal and leather (leather tops not to exceed ½ inch in thickness)	Free	Free.
	(9) *Grindery* n.e.i.	Free	Free.
199	Hose, tubing, or piping, flexible, of canvas, rubber, metal, or other material (except leather), armoured or otherwise, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
200	Leather, viz. :—		
	(1) Bookbinders' leather of qualities approved by the Minister and under conditions prescribed by him	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Chamois leather	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Goat-skins, and kid-skins, however dressed; *persians ; reptile* skins, dressed or undressed ..	Free	Free.
	(4) *Hide leathers*, kangaroo-skins, and wallaby-skins, *crust or rough tanned*, but *undressed*	5 per cent. ad val.	10 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Hog-skins	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(6) Leather, japanned, or enamelled ; also such other leather specially suited for furniture and upholstery work, as may be approved by the Minister, and under conditions prescribed by him	Free	Free.
	(7) Sole leather, being bends each weighing 14 lb. net or over	3d. per lb.	5d. per lb.
	(8) Leather n.e.i. ; belts (not being apparel), and belting, wholly or partly composed of leather ..	15 per cent. ad val., or 3d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty	25 per cent. ad val., or 5d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
201	Leather board, or compo, composed of skivings, split leathers, leather scraps, or the same mixed with other material, cemented and pressed together, cut into shapes or otherwise	1s. per lb.	1s. per lb.
202	Leather laces ; vamps, and uppers ; leather cut into shapes ; clog and patten soles ; leather leggings ..	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
203	Leather manufactures n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
204	Portmanteaux ; trunks ; bags of leather or of leather cloth ; attaché cases, suit cases, and similar receptacles (not including basketware, wickerware, or receptacles made of similar materials)	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
205	*Rubber*, manufactures of, viz. :—		
	(1) Articles composed wholly or principally of rubber, viz. :—		
	(*a*) Water beds and cushions, ice bags and caps, air beds, air cushions, urinals	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS VI.—LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES, GRINDERY, AND RUBBER GOODS—*continued*.		
205	*Rubber*, manufactures of—*continued*.		
	(1) Articles composed wholly or principally of rubber, viz. :—*continued*.		
	(*b*) Hot water bags and hot water bottles		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Rubber gloves, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Rubber or guttapercha solutions and cements ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Rubber tiring suited for use on perambulator-wheels	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Rubber tires, viz. :—bicycle, tricycle, perambulator, and similar, and inner tubes of rubber for pneumatic tires, not exceeding 1¾ inches in diameter	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(6) Rubber tires, rubber tiring, and inner tubes of rubber for pneumatic tires, n.e.i.	10 per cent. ad val.	35 per cent. ad val.
	(7) Rubber tire repair *outfits* for bicycles, cycles, and motor vehicles, consisting of rubber solution, sheet rubber, and such other articles as may be enumerated by the Minister	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(8) Rubber valves and teats for feeding-bottles, and rubber teats for use in feeding animals ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
206	Saddlery, harness, whips, and whip-thongs	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
207	Tanners', curriers', and bootmakers' *inks and stains* ..	Free	Free.
	CLASS VII.—GLASS, CHINA, EARTHENWARE, STONE, AND CEMENTS.		
208	*Bottles* and *jars*, empty *plain* glass, not being cut or *ground* except as specified, viz. :—		
	(1) Bottles or jars *specially suited* for the distribution of milk or cream; *syphon* bottles for aerated waters; *opal* glass jars; all bottles or jars *ground* only at the neck for stopper or cap; infants' feeding bottles with or without attachments	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Other kinds, viz. :—		
	(*a*) Having a *capacity* exceeding one fluid ounce, but not exceeding eight fluid ounces		
	Up to and including 31st March, 1928	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st April, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(*b*) Bottles having a *capacity* exceeding eight fluid ounces	15 per cent. ad val.	35 per cent. ad val.
	(*c*) N.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
209	Bottles and jars, viz. :—		
	Plain empty stone *bottles*; *plain* empty earthen *jars*, up to 3 inches in diameter at the mouth, whether wickered or not	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
210	Jars, or other dutiable vessels, containing free goods or goods subject to a specific rate of duty, and being ordinary trade packages for the goods contained in them	Free	Free.
211	Bricks, fireclay, and refractory materials, viz. :—		
	(1) Firebricks	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Bricks n.e.i.	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS VII.—GLASS, CHINA, EARTHENWARE, STONE, AND CEMENTS—*continued.*		
211	Bricks, fireclay, &c.—*continued.*		
	(3) *Refractory materials n.e.i.*, viz. :— Ganister, silica clay, silica bricks, magnesite bricks, and similar bricks blocks or linings, specially suited for use in furnaces retorts and similar articles	Free	Free.
	(4) Fireclay ground, and fireclay goods, n.e.i. ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
212	Building materials, viz. :—		
	(1) Roofing tiles, ridging, and finials, glass, and earthen	10 per cent. ad val.	25 per cent. ad val.
	(2) *Sheets*, plain or corrugated, roofing slates and tiles, ridging, and finials, composed of cement and asbestos or of similar materials		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	10 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Plaster-pulp sheets, plaster board, and *similar* materials	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Roofing-slates n.e.i.	Free	Free.
213	Cement, Portland, and other structural, or building cement	1s. per cwt.	1s. 6d. per cwt.
214	Chinaware, earthenware, and porcelainware, viz., *bowls*, cups, saucers, plates, jugs, *dishes*, teapots, and such *similar* articles, suited for *table use*, as may be approved by the Minister		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
215	Chinaware, earthenware, porcelainware, and stoneware, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
216	Drainage-pipes, drainage-tiles, conduit-pipes, earthen ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
217	Eyes, artificial	Free	Free.
218	Flooring, wall, hearth, and garden tiles	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
219	Glass, *sheet*, common window or plate, whether polished, coloured, bent or otherwise, cut to any size or shape, n.e.i.	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
220	Glass, plate or *sheet*, in sizes not exceeding 20 superficial feet, only on declaration that it will be used in the manufacture of bevelled or silvered glass	Free	Free.
221	Glass plates (engraved) for photo-lithographic work ..	Free	Free.
222	Glass, bevelled, silvered, or with rounded or polished edges; mirrors, and looking-glasses, framed or unframed	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
223	Glass cloches or bells specially suited for horticultural purposes	Free	Free.
224	Glass rods, tubes or tubing, *plain*	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
225	Glassware n.e.i.; globes, and chimneys, for lamps, n.e.i.; lamps, lanterns, and lampwick, n.e.i. ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.*
226	Lamps, *miners' safety*, and glasses therefor; lamps *peculiarly adapted* for use on harbour beacons and lighthouses, also *appliances peculiar to* such lamps; side lights, and head lights, especially suited for the use of ships	Free	Free.
227	Lenses, all kinds, unmounted, and without attachments	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
228	Plaster-of-Paris	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS VII.—GLASS, CHINA, EARTHENWARE, STONE, AND CEMENTS—*continued.*		
229	Stone, viz. :—		
	(1) Granite, marble, or other stone, *in the rough*, or *rough sawn*, not *dressed or polished*	Free	Free.
	(2) Granite, or other stone, and imitation stone, n.e.i., viz. :—		
	(*a*) Dressed or polished	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(*b*) Articles n.e.i. made therefrom or from cement	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Marble dressed or polished and articles n.e.i. made from marble	25 per cent. ad val.	25 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Slates specially suited for the manufacture of billiard-tables	Free	Free.
230	Stones, mill, grind, oil, and whet	Free	Free.
231	Watch glasses and *similar* articles	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS VIII.—FANCY GOODS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SPORTING GOODS, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.		
232	Antiques and works of art, as may be approved by the Minister, and on conditions prescribed by him provided that he is satisfied that such articles were produced or manufactured at least one hundred years prior to the date of importation	Free	Free.
233	Artists' materials—viz., academy boards, canvas in the piece or on stretchers, oiled paper and drawing-paper in blocks, colours, palettes, and palette-knives ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
234	Camera covers and cases	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
235	*Cards, playing*	6d. per pack	1s. per pack.
236	Cigarette-papers entered to be warehoused in any licensed tobacco factory for the manufacture therein of cigarettes	Free	Free.
237	Clocks, time-registers, and time-detectors	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
238	Clocks *specially suited* for use in timing flights of pigeons	Free	Free.
239	*Fancy goods, and toys; sporting, gaming, and athletic requisites, n.e.i.*, including billiard *requisites* n.e.i.; fishing-tackle n.e.i., including artificial flies and other baited hooks; walking-sticks; combs, hair and toilet	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
240	Films for cinematographs and similar instruments—		
	(1) Suitable for use only with home cinematographs	Free	1s. per lineal foot.
	(2) N.e.i.	Free	3d. per lineal foot.
241	Greenstone, cut or polished, unmounted	20 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
242	Jewellery; plate, gold or silver; platedware	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
243	Lay figures, busts, and dress stands	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
244	Magic lanterns, cinematographs, and *similar* instruments, including accessories peculiar thereto n.e.i. ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
245	Medals—viz., war medals, humane societies', and similar, also such miniatures of the same as may be approved by the Minister; old coins	Free	Free.
246	Mouldings in the piece, and *panels*, suited for use in picture frames or furniture making, in building construction, or for *similar* purposes	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS VIII.—FANCY GOODS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SPORTING GOODS, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS—*continued.*		
247	Musical instruments, and parts, viz. :—		
	(1) *Band* instruments entered by or for any band or musical society duly registered and incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908, on declaration by a responsible officer of such band or society that the said instruments will remain the property of the band or society and will not be sold or otherwise disposed of without payment of the duty otherwise imposed under the Tariff	Free	Free.
	(2) Musical instruments, imported for exclusive use by bands which are approved by the Defence Department, and under such conditions as the Minister may prescribe	Free	Free.
	(3) Organs, viz., *great* organs and *similar* organs ..	Free	Free.
	(4) Pianos, player pianos, organs n.e.i., harmoniums, and *similar* instruments	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Musical instruments n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.*
	(6) Organ pipes and stop-knobs; metal piano frames; articles for the *manufacture or repair* of organs, harmoniums, pianos, or player-pianos—viz., *action work, player mechanism,* and keys in frames or otherwise	Free	Free.
	(7) Strings of metal wire, catgut, or similar material, *specially suited* for musical instruments ..	Free	Free.
248	Phonographs, gramophones, graphophones, and similar instruments, including accessories peculiar thereto, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.*
249	Tuning-forks, and other appliances, peculiarly suited for use in tuning musical instruments	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
250	Paintings or pictures, painted or drawn by New Zealand students, within five years of the time of their departure from New Zealand for the purpose of undergoing a period of tuition abroad for the first time, upon evidence to the foregoing effect being produced to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs ..	Free	Free.
251	Paintings, statuary, other works of art, curios, and other articles approved by the Minister, for display in public museums, the buildings of *public institutions* or art associations registered as corporate bodies, public parks or other public places, on such conditions as may be prescribed by the Minister	Free	Free.
252	Paintings, pictures, drawings, engravings, and photographs, n.e.i., framed or unframed: picture or photograph frames or mounts .. .. (NOTE.—No painting, drawing, or photograph, in any medium, shall be assessed at a value for duty exceeding £5, provided that if the Collector is of opinion that duty on the frame of any such painting, drawing, or photograph, is being, or is likely to be intentionally evaded or avoided by this provision, he may require that duty shall be charged separately on such frame.)	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS VIII.—FANCY GOODS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SPORTING GOODS, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS—*continued.*		
253	Photographic cameras	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
254	Photographic goods n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
255	Photographs, unframed, of personal friends, not for purposes of trade	Free	Free.
256	Precious stones, and *semi-precious* stones, cut or uncut, if unmounted or unset	Free	Free.
257	Sensitized surfaces, and albumenized paper, plain, not being postcards or other stationery	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
258	Slides for magic lanterns	Free	Free.
259	Statues, statuettes, casts, and bronzes	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
260	Tobacco pipes, pouches, and cases, cigar and cigarette holders and cases, cigarette-papers n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
261	Toilet preparations, and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
262	*Trophies, prizes*, flags, medals, medallions, badges, and other decorations, which have been awarded or presented or which are to be awarded or presented to persons in New Zealand and which have been donated by persons *resident* abroad; *trophies* and *prizes* won abroad; medals, badges, flags, and similar articles, approved by the Minister, imported by New Zealand branches of the Navy League, St. John Ambulance Association, or *similar* patriotic ambulance or other societies	Free	Free.
263	Watches	20 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS IX.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.		
264	Albums, all kinds	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
265	Bookbinders' materials—viz., head-bands, tacketing-gut, marbling-colours, blue or red paste for ruling-ink ..	Free	Free.
266	Articles made of cardboard, papier-maché, or similar material, viz.:—		
	(1) Flower-pots, table and household utensils, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Cream-mugs, honey-jars, and *similar receptacles*, printed or otherwise	Free	Free.
267	Cardboard boxes, and paper boxes, complete; paper n.e.i., and cardboard, cut or shaped, for wrappers, boxes, or other receptacles	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
268	Cardboard, pasteboard, wood-pulp board, corrugated board, fibre board, strawboard and similar board, of size not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent and weighing not less than 1¼ oz. per sheet of 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent; cloth-lined board of size not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent; *millboard*, of size not less than 15 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent	Free	Free.
269	Cardboard, pasteboard, wood-pulp board, corrugated board, millboard, fibre board, straw-board, and cloth-lined board, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
270	Celluloid, and cellophane, plain, in sheets, unprinted, n.e.i.	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS IX.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—*continued*		
271	Crayons, all kinds	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
272	Directories of New Zealand, or of any part thereof; covers for directories	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
273	Envelopes, plain, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
274	Envelopes, *printed*, lithographed, or embossed, n.e.i. ..	30 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
275	Handbills n.e.i., circulars, programmes, play-bills, printed posters, trade catalogues, price-lists, and fashion-plates (NOTE.—This shall not apply to trade catalogues or price-lists of the goods of firms or persons having no *established business* in New Zealand.)	6d. per lb.	1s. per lb.
276	Ink powders, and ink pellets, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
277	Ink, printing, black, in packages containing not less than 1 cwt., the current domestic value of which does not exceed 7d. per lb.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
278	Ink, printing, n.e.i.; stencilling and similar inks ..	15 per cent. ad val.	35 per cent. ad val.
279	Ink n.e.i., including writing, drawing, and marking ink	20 per cent. ad val., or 2s. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty	40 per cent. ad val., or 4s. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty.
280	Maps, charts, plans, and similar articles	Free	Free.
281	Paper or cellophane bags, all kinds, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	55 per cent. ad val.
281A	Paper or cellophane bags, *printed*, or lithographed, n.e.i.	30 per cent. ad val.	60 per cent. ad val.
282	Paper, viz.:—Bleached sulphite or similar paper, on declaration that it will be used only in the manufacture of twine or imitation wickerware	Free	Free.
283	Carpet-felt paper, and paper-*felt* n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
284	Paper on declaration that it will be used only in the manufacture of cartridges (not including paper for wrapping cartridges or other goods)	Free	Free.
285	Emery-paper, emery-cloth, and glass-paper, cut into shapes, in rolls, or in sheets	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
286	Filter-paper, and filter-papers; filter-pulp	Free	Free.
287	Monotype-paper, in rolls, suitable for use with monotype machine	Free	20 per cent. ad val
288	Paperhangings	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
289	Paper-lace, embossed, and similar material, suitable for use in the manufacture of cardboard boxes ..	Free	Free.
290	Paper-pulp, for the manufacture of paper	Free	Free.
291	Printing-paper and writing-paper, in rolls not less than 10 inches wide, wholly or partly carbon-coated on one side, on declaration that it will be used only in the manufacture of counter-check books	Free	Free.
292	Paper seed-pockets, printed, or lithographed, to *illustrate* the nature of the goods to be packed therein ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val
293	Paper, unprinted—viz.:—true vegetable parchment; glazed transparent greaseproof paper greaseproof imitation parchment paper and similar paper of such qualities as may be approved by the Minister ..	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS IX.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—*continued.*		
294	Paper (other than *wrapping* paper) waxed, unprinted; also such paper printed and then *waxed*	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
295	Paper or cellophane, and paper or cellophane wrappers, *printed, lithographed*, or ruled, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	55 per cent. ad val.
296	*Wrapping-paper*, printed or unprinted, viz.:—		
	(1) In sheets of size not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent or in rolls not less than 10 inches wide	6s. 6d. per cwt.	10s. 6d. per cwt.
	(2) In sheets of size less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent or in rolls less than 10 inches wide (except such rolls specially suited for industrial or *similar* purposes in such widths not exceeding 2 inches as the Minister may determine)	25 per cent. ad val.	55 per cent. ad val.
297	Paper of qualities and sizes approved by the Minister, on declaration that it will be used by orchardists only in wrapping fruit	Free	Free.
	(Duties may be imposed on this paper at rates not exceeding those payable on wrapping paper, printed or unprinted, when it is shown to the satisfaction of the Department of Agriculture that paper made in New Zealand suited for wrapping fruit, of quality equal to the best imported paper, can be sold in New Zealand at reasonable prices and in sufficient quantity. A reasonable price shall be deemed to be a price not exceeding the current domestic value of paper of good quality for orchardists' use plus freight, insurance, and all charges landed in New Zealand when imported from either British dominions, Europe, or America, as the Department of Agriculture may elect, and plus not more than ten per centum.)		
298	Paper n.e.i., including carbon paper and similar copying papers, tin-foil paper, and gummed paper n.e.i., viz.:—		
	(1) In sheets of size less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) In sheets of size not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent	Free	Free.
	(3) In rolls less than 10 inches wide except such rolls specially suited for industrial or *similar* purposes in such widths not exceeding 2 inches as the Minister may determine..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(4) In rolls n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
299	Printed books papers music or advertising-matter, n.e.i.	Free	Free.
300	Religious tracts handbills and folders	Free	Free.
301	Show-cards, and calendars, all kinds, including glacier stickers suited for exhibition on windows	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS IX.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—*continued.*		
302	Stationery, and paper, manufactured—viz., account-books, scribbling-books, letter-books, copying letter-books, counter-books, guard books, copy-books with headlines on each page, drawing-books, sketch-books, diaries, birthday-books, scribbling, and letter blocks; book-covers; book-markers; billhead, invoice, and statement forms, cheque, and draft forms; tags; labels, all kinds; printed window-tickets; blotting-pads; Christmas, New Year, birthday, Easter, and other booklets and cards, n.e.i.; printed, lithographed, ruled, or embossed stationery, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
303	Stationery n.e.i.; cards, printers' menu, programme, calendar, Christmas, and similar, of cardboard, celluloid, or similar material, edged, or having embossed or printed thereon such words as "Menu," "Calendar," "Christmas Greetings," but otherwise unprinted, and suited to be completed in New Zealand	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
304	Sunday school and day school lesson sheets and cards; Sunday school tickets, and *reward* cards, being scriptural or religious motto cards, and having no reference on them to Christmas, New Year, Easter, or birthdays	Free	Free.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY.		
305	Ball bearings, and roller bearings, not being ball or roller bearing plummer or hanger blocks; steel balls, and rollers, suitable for ball or roller bearings ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
306	Beekeepers' tools, implements, and apparatus—viz., metal fittings for beehives, bee-smokers, wax-extractors, queen-cages, comb foundation, foundation machines, honey-knives, honey-extractors, queen-rearing outfits, wax-presses, *tools peculiar to bee-keepers' use*, gloves of textile soaked in oil, and rubber gloves, specially suited for beekeepers' use, and such other articles, appliances, and implements, *peculiar to use in beekeeping*, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	Free.
307	Bellows n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
308	Bolts, and bolt ends, up to 24 inches in length, including insulator bolts, n.e.i.; nuts, blank or screwed; metal threaded screws, screws for wood; set-screws, engineers' studs, taper pins, and split pins; rivets and washers ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
309	Buckles, and *similar* articles, wholly of metal (other than precious metal) even if covered with leather or cloth ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
310	Castors *suited* for furniture	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
311	Chain, and chains, metal (other than key, watch, bracelet, pendant, eyeglass, and similar chains, and chain made of precious metal), plain, or with hook, swivel, or ring attached, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY—*continued.*		
312	Chain-belting, (not being conveyor chain or belting), loose-link, and other	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
313	Clips, tags, rings, and *similar* articles, for the identification of livestock, poultry, fish, and other animals; metal labels with names of trees plants or shrubs stamped or cast thereon, specially suited for use in botanical gardens, public parks, and similar places ..	Free	Free.
314	Cocks, metal, low pressure, not exceeding ¾ inch in *internal diameter*, and lubricators, on declaration by a manufacturer that they will be used by him solely in the completion of articles in New Zealand ..	Free	Free.
315	Culverts of galvanized corrugated iron (of 10 to 18 Birmingham wire gauge), iron gates for the same, and fluming of plain or corrugated galvanized iron (of 10 to 18 Birmingham wire gauge), on declaration by an official of a duly constituted local government body that they will be used only on public works ..	Free	Free.
316	Cylinders for compressed gases	Free	Free.
317	Eyelets n.e.i.	Free	Free.
318	Filters, as may be approved by the Minister, on declaration by an official of a duly constituted local government body that they will be used only in purifying water-supplies	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
319	Firearms and fittings therefor, viz.:—		
	(1) Rifles, ·22 calibre; rifles, ·303 calibre (including service fittings therefor); rifles, n.e.i., of such calibres as may be authorized by the Minister of Defence (including service fittings therefor) ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Sights for military rifles, of such patterns as may be approved by the Minister; cleaning rods specially suited for use with rifles of ·22 calibre, or with rifles of such calibres as may be authorized by the Minister of Defence	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Firearms n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
320	Cartridges, cartridge cases, and materials for the manufacture thereof, viz.:—		
	(1) Cartridges—		
	(*a*) Shot, 10 to 24 bore	3s. per 100, or 30 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty	5s. per 100, or 50 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
	(*b*) Shot, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(*c*) Ball, ·22 calibre	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(*d*) N.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Cartridge cases—		
	(*a*) 10 to 24 bore	1s. 6d. per 100, or 30 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty	2s. 6d. per 100, or 50 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
	(*b*) N.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY—*continued.*		
	Cartridges, cartridge cases, &c.—*continued.*		
	(3) Parts of cartridge-cases, including tubes for the manufacture of cartridge-cases; gun-wads, all kinds	30 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Shot and bullets	10s. per cwt.	20s. per cwt.
	(5) Metal cups for the manufacture of cartridge-cases	Free	Free.
321	Percussion caps; detonators	Free	Free.
322	Guns, tools, and ammunition, specially suited for use in whaling	Free	20 per cent. ad val
323	Fire engines; chemical fire-engines; chemical fire-extinguishers, including such chemicals n.e.i. for charging the same as may be approved by the Minister; fire-hose, and couplings therefor, portable fire-escapes, fire-ladders, also fire-reels, on declaration that they will be used only by fire-brigades; and such other articles (including firemen's helmets) peculiar to use by fire-brigades or in fire extinguishing, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
324	Fishhooks, unmounted and without attachments ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
325	Galvanized-iron manufactures, n.e.i., made up from galvanized iron, or from plain sheet iron and then galvanized	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
326	Implements and fittings specially suited for use in straining or stretching wires	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
327	Incubators for poultry-raising	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
328	Iron drums, empty, not exceeding 10 gallons capacity..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
329	Lawn-mowers	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
330	Adding and computing machines and instruments; accounting and book-keeping machines; cash registering machines, not including recording paper; combined adding and typing machines; typewriters (including covers); duplicating machines and apparatus, n.e.i.; addressing machines	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
331	Agricultural implements and machinery, viz.:—		
	(1) Spring-tined cultivators, disc harrows, seed and fertilizer sowers or drills combined or separate, seed-cleaners, cellular seed-separators ..	10 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) *Agricultural machines*, and *agricultural implements*, n.e.i.; also parts peculiar to the manufacture or repair of agricultural machines and implements — including chaff-cutting knives, fittings for threshing-mills, forgings or castings for ploughs, discs for harrows, plough-shares, mould-board plates, and steel-share plates cut to pattern, skeith-plates, tilt-rakes, reaper-knife sections or fingers, finished brass and steel springs, canvas aprons and elevators for reapers-and-binders	Free	Free.
332	Dairying machinery, and appliances, viz.:—		
	(1) *Churns*, power driven, including butter-workers; butter-packers, butter-pounders, and cheese-presses	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY—*continued.*		
	Agricultural implements and machinery—*continued.*		
	(2) *Dairying machinery n.e.i.*, including *coolers* but not including coil pipes or *similar* articles; machinery *specially suited* for use in the manufacture of dried milk, casein, sugar of milk, or other milk product; also the following articles on declaration that they will be used only in dairy factories, or in the manufacture of dried milk or other milk products, viz., vacuum-pans vats or tanks, lined with glass porcelain or enamel, milk-pasteurizers (not being coil pipes or *similar* articles)	Free	Free.
333	*Engines, gas and oil, suited for* use on and on declaration that they will be used only on cycles, motor vehicles, traction engines, or tractors	10 per cent. ad val.	35 per cent. ad val.
334	Engines (including necessary controlling-gear therefor) specially suited for flying machines, on declaration that they will be used solely in the manufacture or completion of the same	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
335	Engine governors and turbine governors	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
336	*Machinery* or *appliances*, electrical, viz.:—		
	(1) Machinery or appliances peculiar to the generation of electricity, to the transformation of pressures of electric currents, or to the conversion of one type of electric current to another; electric motors; slide rails for electric generators or electric motors	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Switchboards, fuse boards, and distribution boards or boxes for electric circuits; shunt or voltage regulators; starters or controllers for electric motors; rheostats, and resistances n.e.i. including reactance or choking coils, for the reduction or control of electric currents, condensers, relays, electro-magnets, switches, wall-plugs and shoes or sockets therefor, circuit breakers, circuit makers, cut-outs, fuses, wire or cable connectors and *similar* articles, and terminals; lightning arresters for the protection of electrical apparatus	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Carbons or electrodes for arc lamps, for electric furnaces, or for electric welding	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Electrical appliances peculiar to electro plating, electro-chemistry, electro-metallurgy, surgery, telegraphy, telephony including wireless broadcast receiving *sets* not mounted in *cabinets* but not including *cabinets* or parts of *cabinets* for such sets; X-ray tubes and electrical vacuum tubes not suitable for purposes of illumination	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Electric locomotives; trolly-poles or collectors for electric tram-cars or electric locomotives; frogs, crossings, and line-ears, for overhead conductors for electric railways or tramways ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY—*continued.*		
	Machinery or *appliances*, electrical—*continued.*		
	(6) Metal *poles* (not being pipes, piping, tubes, or tubing), specially suited for use in electrical transmission-lines	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(7) Insulated cable and wire; carbon in block, sheet, or rod; mica, vulcanite, insulating-tape, and other insulating materials n.e.i., not including insulating-piping or tubing or insulating fittings for pipes	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(8) Sparking-plugs for oil engines	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(9) Wireless broadcast receiving *sets* mounted in *cabinets*	10 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
	(10) N.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.*
337	Incandescent filament electric-lamp bulbs, not being peculiar to surgical use, and having, at the *marked voltage*, a power consumption—		
	Not exceeding 8 watts	1d. per bulb	2d. per bulb.*
	Exceeding 8 watts and not exceeding 80 watts ..	3d. per bulb	6d. per bulb.*
	Exceeding 80 watts and not exceeding 180 watts..	6d. per bulb	1s. per bulb.*
	Exceeding 180 watts—		
	For the first 180 watts	6d. per bulb	1s. per bulb.*
	For each additional 100 watts or fraction thereof	3d. per bulb	6d. per bulb.*
338	Electric lamps n.e.i., not being peculiar to surgical use..	10 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
339	Locomotives n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
340	*Measuring, counting, testing, indicating, and recording machines, instruments, and appliances, n.e.i.*; drawing instruments; compasses, not being watch-chain pendants	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
341	*Machinery peculiar to mining or gold-saving*, n.e.i. (not including dredging machinery or screens for same); grizzly bars; ore-crushing rolls; ore-feeders; stamper batteries, and steel shoes and dies for same; concentrators; battery-screening, woven punched or drilled, also similar screening on declaration that it will be used only for gum washing; also the following machinery and engines on declaration that they will be used only for mining (including quarrying) purposes, viz., air compressors (not including the motive power for driving the same), fuel economizers, *capstan engines*, *winding engines* (including drums therefor), pumps..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
342	Power driven spray pumps including *outfits* therefor, as may be approved by the Minister, specially suited for agricultural uses	Free	Free.
343	Pumps *peculiar* to use in *dairying* or in the manufacture of dried milk or other milk product (except vacuum pumps suited for use with milking-machines and any other pump which the Minister is satisfied could have been made economically in New Zealand)	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
344	Pumps for raising or distributing liquids, n.e.i.; vacuum-pumps, including those suited for use with milking-machines	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.*
345	*Sheep-shearing and horse-clipping machines*	Free	10 per cent. ad val.

* See Appendix.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY—*continued.*		
346	*Traction engines* and *tractors; portable* steam engines on wheels, with boilers of locomotive type; *road-rollers*, self propelled	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
347	Weighing machines, scales, and balances, n.e.i. ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
348	Windmills	20 per cent. ad val	40 per cent. ad val
349	Machinery, machines, machine tools, and *appliances*, viz.:—		
	(1) Anvils, forges, and hearths, viz.:—blacksmiths', and similar	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Blacksmiths', braziers', assay, and treadle-power bellows	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(3) Boring and well-drilling machinery; rock drills, and diamond drills; coal cutters	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(4) Blowers, and fans, viz.:—Exhaust, blast, and ventilating; vacuum cleaners	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(5) Card clothing suitable for use in woollen mills and paper mills	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(6) Crucibles	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(7) Grinding machines, emery, and similar; emery and similar wheels	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(8) Grinding mills, grinding pans, ball mills, tube mills, bone crushers, corn mills, coffee and spice mills, food chopping, mincing, and similar machines	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(9) Knitting and kilting machines and sewing machines	Free	20 per cent. ad val
	(10) Peculiar to metal-working, wood-working, stone-working, or glass-working	Free	20 per cent. ad val
350	Machinery, machines, machine tools, engines, and *appliances*, as may be approved by the Minister, peculiar to use in manufacturing, industrial and similar processes	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(NOTE.—The Minister may refuse to approve the entry of any article under this item if he is satisfied that the same could have been made economically in New Zealand.)		
351	Machinery, machines, engines, and *other appliances*, n.e.i., viz.:—		
	(1) Electric insulators; gas heating and gas cooking appliances; valves, cocks, and *similar* articles, of brass or other *copper-alloy*	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Hydro extractors; *oil-engines*	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Air compressors, gas compressors	10 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Electric cooking and electric heating *appliances* ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Other kinds	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
352	*Artificers' tools*, n.e.i., not including brushes or brush-ware; and the following tools—viz., axes, hatchets, spades, shovels, forks, picks, mattocks, hammers, scythes, sheep-shears, reaping-hooks, scissors (not less than 10 inches in length), butchers' and other cleavers and choppers, hand-saws, saw-blades machine or hand	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
353	Hardware, hollowware, and ironmongery n.e.i.; manufactured or partly manufactured articles of metal, and manufactured or partly manufactured articles of metal in combination with any other material, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.*

* See Appendix.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY—*continued.*		
354	Metal, viz. :—		
	(1) Copper, iron, lead, tin, and other metal, in billets, blooms, ingots or pigs	Free	Free.
	(2) Aluminium, brass, copper, lead, tin, and other metal, n.e.i., in bars or rods (except cast bars or rods of copper alloy)	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Gold, platinum, silver, or other precious or rare metals, viz., bar, foil, leaf, plate, sheet, strips, or wire, *plain*	Free	Free.
	(4) Iron, galvanized or *plain* black, viz., angle, tee, bar, bolt, channel, rod, and rolled girders; iron girders expanded, but otherwise unworked	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Iron, viz. :—		
	(*a*) Sheet, plate (including rolled chequered plates), or hoop, *plain*, whether black, polished, galvanized, plated, tinned, or otherwise coated with metal, n.e.i. ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val. (except hoop 6 inches in width or over).
	(*b*) Corrugated sheet iron		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	2s. per cwt.	3s. per cwt.
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(6) Metal n.e.i., viz. :—foil, leaf; hoop, plate or sheet, *plain*, whether in the rough, polished, enamelled, galvanized, plated, tinned, or otherwise coated with metal	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(7) Shafting, plain rolled, or plain turned, but otherwise unwrought	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(8) Sheet, perforated or cellular	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(9) *Solder*	Free	Free.
	(10) Wire, metal, plain, n.e.i.; barbed fencing-wire; wire cut to lengths, looped, twisted, or plain, suited for baling and similar purposes ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(11) Metal cordage, not being gold or silver	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
355	Metallic and *similar* capsules	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
356	Nails or tacks, of copper, brass, and composition, n.e.i.; nails or tacks, n.e.i.; coopers' and *similar* hooks and tacks; staples	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
357	Nails or tacks, iron, exceeding 1 inch in length, n.e.i.; also dog-spikes	£2 per ton	£4 per ton.
358	Nails, lead-headed, and galvanized cup-headed roofing nails	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
359	Pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing (except coil pipes), viz. :—		
	(1) *Rain-water*, *soil*, and *similar* pipes (including cast iron, having a thickness of metal not exceeding $\frac{5}{16}$ inches)	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Cast iron, not exceeding 9 inches in internal diameter, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Cast iron n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Wrought iron, screwed; boiler tubes flanged or unflanged	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Wrought iron or wood, not exceeding 6 inches in internal diameter	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS X.—METALS AND MACHINERY—*continued.*		
	Pipes, piping, tubes, &c.—*continued.*		
	(6) Wrought iron or wood, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(7) Lead or composition	3s. 6d. per cwt.	7s. per cwt.
	(8) Lead piping, on declaration by a manufacturer that it will be used only in making sulphuric acid..	Free	3s. 6d. per cwt.
	(9) Metal tubes in the rough, having a slit through their whole length, suited for the manufacture of fenders, bedsteads, gates, and similar articles	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(10) N.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(11) Knees, bends, elbows, junction or inspection boxes including covers therefor, and other *fittings* n.e.i. for pipes, piping, tubes, or tubing—		
	(*a*) Of brass or other *copper-alloy* ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(*b*) Of cast iron, for pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing, exceeding 3 inches in internal diameter	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(12) Knees, bends, elbows, junction or inspection boxes including covers therefor, and other *fittings*, n.e.i., for any of the above-mentioned pipes, piping, tubes, or tubing, shall be classed under the same item of the Tariff as the pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing, for which they are fittings.		
360	Printers' type and materials, viz. :—		
	(1) Printing-type, and printing materials, n.e.i., suited only for the use of printers; zinc plates or copper plates for photo-lithographic work ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Stereotypes, electrotypes, matrices, half-tone and line blocks	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
361	Propelling-screws, metal, including only bosses and blades	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
362	Rails for railways or tramways, including lay-outs, *points*, and crossings, for the same; rail-fastenings—viz., fish-plates, creep-clips, tie-irons, bearing-brackets, bed-plates, cast-iron chocks, and bored iron bars ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
363	Road-graders and *tar-sprinklers*	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
364	Rollers, garden, water ballast, and similar	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
365	Saddlers' ironmongery (except bits and stirrup-irons), hames, and mounts for harness; gag-bits, and drenching-bits	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
366	Ship-chandlery n.e.i., including anchors	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
367	Signalling-apparatus, automatic and other, as may be approved by the Minister, suited for use in connection with ships, railways, and tramways, or for mining, and similar purposes	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
368	Springs, coil, volute, and spiral (other than upholsterers' spiral sofa-springs)	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
369	Thermostats for making incubators for poultry raising..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
370	Tinware, and tin manufactures, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
371	Welded and flanged boiler furnaces, plain or corrugated; expansion rings, furnace flues, and unflanged end plates, for boilers	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
372	Window *sashes*, or *frames*, metal	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
373	Wire netting, metal wove wire (not including wove wire for mattresses), metal gauze, electrically welded wire fabric made of wire not exceeding $\frac{3}{16}$ inches in diameter; expanded metal lathing and fencing ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. **Column No. 1.**	General Tariff. **Column No. 2.**
	CLASS XI.—VEHICLES.		
374	Air-pressure brakes specially suited for use on railway or tramway vehicles or locomotives	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
375	Bicycles, tricycles, and motor-cycles, fittings for—viz., spokes, in the rough or finished; and the following articles when not plated, japanned, enamelled, or varnished—viz., drop forgings, stampings, wood or metal rims (not bored), forks, stays, handle-bars, and seat-pillars, *unbuilt*, bracket shells, fork- and stay-ends, fork-tips, bridges, crowns, and lugs ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
376	Bicycles, tricycles, and the like vehicles, including motor-cycles, also hubs, spindles, and other finished, partly finished, or machined parts of the same, n.e.i.; side-cars for motor-cycles	10 per cent. ad val.	35 per cent. ad val.
377	Flying-machines	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
378	Carriages, carts, drays, wagons, perambulators, and the like vehicles, not including motor vehicles	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
379	Cars, wagons, and trucks, railway and tramway ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
380	Carriage shafts, poles, spokes, and felloes, dressed; bent carriage timber n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
381	Carriage- and cart-makers' materials—viz., shafts, poles, spokes, and felloes, in *the rough;* hubs other than those for motor vehicles, motor-cycles, or cycles ..	Free	Free.
382	Axles, axle-arms, axle-boxes, and axle-caps, other than those peculiar to motor vehicles, motor-cycles, or cycles	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
383	Undercarriage springs, n.e.i., suited for the manufacture or repair of vehicles, including locomotives ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
384	Metal *fittings, mountings,* and *trimmings,* n.e.i., suited for the manufacture or repair of vehicles	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
385	Wheels, and tires, for locomotives or railway or tramway vehicles, whether affixed to axles or separate ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
386	Motor-vehicles n.e.i.	10 per cent. ad val.; and in the following cases an additional duty (herein referred to as "body duty"): (1) Where such motor vehicles are *imported with unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) bodies suited or designed for carrying passengers* the body duty shall be 5 per cent. ad val. on any such vehicle (inclusive of the *unassembled*	35 per cent. ad val.; and in the following cases an additional duty (herein referred to as "body duty"): (1) Where such motor vehicles are *imported with unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) bodies suited or designed for carrying passengers* the body duty shall be 10 per cent. ad val. on any such vehicle (inclusive of the *unassembled or*

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS XI.—VEHICLES—*continued.*		
	Motor-vehicles—*continued.*	*or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) body*) (2) Where such motor vehicles are imported having *bodies* (other than *unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) bodies*) *suited or designed for carrying passengers* the body duty shall be 10 per cent. ad val. on any such vehicle (inclusive of such body): Provided that where the *value for duty* of any such vehicle (inclusive of such body) exceeds £200 the body duty shall be— On £200 of such value, 10 per cent. ad val.; On the remainder of such value, 5 per cent. ad val.	*completely knocked down (c.k.d.) body*) (2) Where such motor vehicles are imported having *bodies* (other than *unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) bodies*) *suited or designed for carrying passengers* the body duty shall be 15 per cent. ad val. on any such vehicle (inclusive of such body): Provided that where the *value for duty* of any such vehicle (inclusive of such body) exceeds £200 the body duty shall be— On £200 of such value, 15 per cent. ad val.; On the remainder of such value, 10 per cent. ad val.

(1) When any unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) body (of a motor-vehicle) suited or designed for carrying passengers is imported by itself or otherwise than as set out above, body duty shall be payable and the Minister shall determine the amount of such body duty. The body duty so payable shall, as nearly as may be, be equal to the amount of body duty that would have been payable if the unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) body had been imported with such a vehicle which had been manufactured in the same country as the unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) body.

(2) When any body (of a motor-vehicle) other than an unassembled or completely knocked down (c.k.d.) body, suited or designed for carrying passengers is imported by itself or otherwise than as set out above, body duty shall be payable and the Minister shall determine the amount of such body duty. The body duty so payable shall, as nearly as may be, be equal to the amount of body duty that would have been payable if such body had been imported as part of and attached to a motor-vehicle manufactured in the same country as the body.

(3) Where the Minister is of opinion that any body duty is being or is likely to be evaded or avoided by the importation of any motor-vehicles without engines, tires, or other component parts which, in the ordinary course of business are usually imported therewith, the Minister may, at his discretion, require that body duty shall be paid as if such engines, tires, or other component parts had been imported with such vehicles.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS XII.—GREASES, OILS, PAINTS, POLISHES, WAXES, ETC.		
387	Blacklead, grate- and stove-polishes, -pastes, and -liquids	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
388	Graphite, and plumbago, in powder, or flake form ..	Free	Free.
389	Greases, viz. :—		
	(1) Skip-greases, being *crude* greases, suitable for greasing skips, skids, and truck-axles, and for the like uses, of qualities approved by the Minister	Free	Free.
	(2) Grinding-compounds, composed of greases mixed with abradant substances	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Lubricating-greases, and other *solid lubricants*, n.e.i.; petroleum greases, and mixtures of the same with other substances, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
390	Leather-dressing, belt-dressing, and harness composition; fat-black and similar preparations in packages of less than 5 lb. net weight; leather revivers, and polishes, n.e.i.; blacking, boot-polishes, and preparations, dry, or liquid, put up for renovating or cleaning boots and articles of apparel and clothing, n.e.i.; metal-polishes; furniture, floor, and linoleum polishes, not being varnishes	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
391	Oils in vessels capable of containing 1 gallon or more, viz. :—		
	(1) Linseed-oil, *refined*	6d. per gallon	1s. per gallon.
	(2) Linseed-oil n.e.i.; linseed-oil in admixture with any other oil or oils in such proportions as may be determined by the Minister	9d. per gallon	1s. 3d. per gallon.
	(3) Vegetable oils n.e.i.	Free	Free.
	(4) Fish oil n.e.i., penguin, mutton-bird, whale, seal, and dugong oils	Free	Free.
	(5) Turpentine; turpentine substitutes composed of volatile mineral oils, or of volatile mineral oils in combination with turpentine or other volatile vegetable oils	Free	Free.
	(6) *Crude* petroleum, *crude* residual oil, *once-run* shale oil, and *crude* distillates of petroleum ..	Free	Free.
	(7) Coal-tar naphtha; benzol, toluol, and xylol, crude or refined	Free	Free.
	(8) Motor fuels, n.e.i., whether containing denatured alcohol or not, prepared according to formulae approved by the Minister	Free	Free.
	(9) *Refined* mineral oils, n.e.i., not exceeding in specific gravity 0·880 at 60° F.	Free	Free.
	(10) *Oil* n.e.i., including mineral lubricating *oil* ..	6d. per gallon	8d. per gallon.
	(11) Mixtures of mineral, or vegetable oils, with each other, or with fish oils or oils of animal origin, n.e.i.	6d. per gallon	8d. per gallon.
392	*Oils* in vessels having a capacity of less than 1 gallon—viz. :—		
	(1) Linseed-oil; linseed-oil in admixture with any other oil or oils, in such proportions as may be determined by the Minister	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	(2) N.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
393	Cod-liver oil	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS XII.—GREASES, OILS, PAINTS, POLISHES, WAXES, ETC.—*continued.*		
394	Paints, colours, varnishes, and similar materials, viz. :—		
	(1) White lead ground in oil	6s. per cwt.	9s. per cwt.
	(2) Paints, and colours, ground in liquid, n.e.i.; paints mixed ready for use; enamel paints; ships' antifouling composition; *paint-thinners, n.e.i.; driers, n.e.i.;* kalsomine, distempers, and similar preparations, in powder form ..	20 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
	(3) Varnishes; lacquers; Brunswick black; japans; lithographic varnishes; printers' ink reducer; *terebine;* gold-size; liquid stains for wood; metallic paints, and liquid medium for mixing with the same; petrifying-liquids suited for waterproofing concrete, plaster, and similar surfaces, or for use as paint; *fused* gums for the manufacture of varnishes	20 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Preparations for removing paint and varnish ..	20 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
	(5) Putty and woodfillers	£3 10s. per ton	£5 per ton.
	(6) Paints and colours, dry, n.e.i.; barytes; whiting, and chalk	Free	Free.
395	Waxes, viz. :—		
	(1) Mineral, vegetable, Japanese, and beeswax, n.e.i.	Free	Free.
	(2) Bottling wax	Free	Free.
	(3) Waxes mixed with colouring-matter only, on declaration that they will be used for manufacturing purposes only	Free	Free.
	CLASS XIII.—TIMBER, WOODENWARE, FURNITURE, AND WICKERWARE.		
	Timber, viz. :—		
396	Logs, hewn or unworked, not sawn	Free	Free.
397	Palings, split	2s. per 100	2s. per 100.
398	Posts, split	8s. per 100	8s. per 100.
399	Rails, split	4s. per 100	4s. per 100.
400	Laths, and shingles	10 per cent. ad val.	10 per cent. ad val.
401	Timber rough sawn—viz. :—		
	(1) Ash, hickory, lancewood, lignum vitæ, and the timbers the botanical names of which are Swietenia species, Juglans species, Juniperus virginiana (red cedar), Quercus sessiliflora, Quercus pedunculata, and such other *similar* species or kinds of timbers as the Minister may from time to time approve	Free	Free.
	(2) Other kinds, in pieces having a length of not less than 25 feet and having a minimum cross sectional area of not less than 150 square inches	3s. per 100 sup. ft.	3s. per 100 sup. ft.
	(3) N.e.i.	5s. per 100 sup. ft.	5s. per 100 sup. ft.
402	Timber sawn dressed	7s. 6d. per 100 sup. ft.	7s. 6d. per 100 sup. ft.
403	Basketware, wickerware, imitation wickerware, and *similar* ware; wicker, bamboo, and cane furniture, and imitations of the same	30 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
404	Furniture, and cabinetware, n.e.i. and other than metal, including chairs of wood with wicker, bamboo, or cane seats; billiard-tables; mantelpieces, other than stone; doors, and sashes, wooden, plain or glazed ..	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
405	Handles, broom, mop, hoe, rake, and *similar*	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
406	Handles, wooden, for tools, n.e.i.	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS XIII.—TIMBER, WOODENWARE, FURNITURE, AND WICKERWARE—*continued.*		
407	Horse-boxes, and other stock-boxes, imported with the stock for which they have been used on the voyage ..	Free	Free.
408	Oars and sculls, all kinds	Free	Free.
409	Poles of *hardwood*, dressed or shaped, *specially suited* for electric power transmission lines	Free	Free.
410	Sieves, hair	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
411	Woodenware, and turnery, n.e.i.; veneers; plywood; saddletrees; wooden tackle-blocks	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS XIV.—MISCELLANEOUS.		
412	Articles n.e.i., suited for the use of the blind, deaf, or dumb, as may be approved by the Minister ..	Free	Free.
413	Apparatus, appliances, articles, and materials, for educational purposes, as may be approved by the Minister, and under conditions prescribed by him	Free	Free.
414	Boats, launches, yachts, and other vessels, and all fittings therefor, n.e.i., imported in any vessel	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
415	Handles of bone, celluloid, or *base metal*, for the manufacture of shaving-brushes or tooth-brushes ..	Free	Free.
416	Brushes, brushware, and brooms, including knots or tufts for brushmaking	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
417	Candlewick	Free	Free.
418	*Cements* n.e.i., powders for adhesives, n.e.i., and liquids for use with the same, put up for household use; mucilage, gloy paste, and *similar prepared adhesives*, in packages of less than 1 gallon	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
419	Clay birds or clay targets	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
420	Cordage, and twine, suited for use as fishing-lines, and twine suited for use in the manufacture of netting and nets, of qualities approved by the Minister ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
421	Hawsers having a circumference of 12 inches or over ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
422	Cordage, rope, and twine, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
423	Cork, cut; bungs; fishermen's cork floats	Free	Free.
424	*Plain unornamental stoppers* of every description for bottles, jars, and casks, viz.:—		
	(1) *Crown seals*	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) N.e.i.	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
425	Engine-packing	Free	Free.
426	Explosives n.e.i.; powder, sporting; blasting powder and meal	Free	Free.
427	Fireworks n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
428	Gelatine, glue, isinglass, and size	20 per cent. ad val. or 2d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty	40 per cent. ad val. or 4d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
429	Agar agar	Free	Free.
430	Heirlooms not exceeding in value £100, on such conditions as may be approved by the Minister ..	Free	Free.
431	Manures	Free	Free.
432	Natural-history specimens, and such ethnological or similar specimens as may be approved by the Minister	Free	Free.
433	Nets, and netting, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
434	Official supplies, uniforms, flags, and such other articles as may be approved by the Minister, for the official use of Consular officers, Trade Commissioners, or other accredited representatives of any British or foreign Government	Free	Free.

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Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS XIV.—MISCELLANEOUS—*continued.*		
435	Passengers' baggage and effects, which are not intended for any other person or persons or for sale, viz.—		
	(*a*) Wearing apparel and other *personal effects which have been worn or are in use* by persons arriving in New Zealand	Free	Free.
	(*b*) *Implements instruments and tools of trade occupation or employment* of any passenger, not exceeding £100 in value, which have been in use by such passenger for twelve months prior to his embarkation	Free	Free.
	(*c*) Household or other effects which have been in use for twelve months prior to embarkation by the persons or families bringing them to New Zealand, not exceeding in value £100 for each adult passenger, and £50 for each child, provided that the total value of household or other effects so imported does not exceed in value £300 for the members of any one family ..	Free	Free.
	Provided that if such passengers' baggage and effects are not imported within five years from the date of the arrival in New Zealand of the persons or families by whom they have been used they shall be admitted under this heading only with the approval of the Minister		
436	Regalia, emblems, certificates, almanacs, and banners, being the property of any society or branch registered under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909	Free	Free.
437	Returned empties identified as such to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs	Free	Free.
438	Rocket life-saving apparatus; and such other life-saving apparatus, n.e.i., as may be approved by the Minister; diving-dresses, and dresses and other apparatus suited solely for use in poisonous gases or smoke, with appliances peculiar to use therewith	Free	Free.
439	Roofing-material n.e.i., including paper felts waterproofed with tar, bitumen, or similar material ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
440	Sausage skins, and casings, including brine or salt ..	3d. per lb.	3d. per lb.
441	Shipbuilders' models of vessels, suited only for exhibition; models of inventions, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	Free.
442	Ships' rockets, blue lights, and danger signals ..	Free	Free.
443	*Stained* glass windows	Free	Free.
444	Tanning-materials, *crude*	Free	Free.
445	Articles and materials, specified by the Minister, and on such conditions as he may prescribe, suited for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication or repair of goods within New Zealand. All decisions of the Minister in reference to articles classified under this heading shall be published in the *Gazette*	Free	Free.
446	All articles n.e.i.	Free	Free, or at such rate of duty not exceeding 25 per cent. ad val. as the Minister may in any case direct.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PRIMAGE DUTY.

Live animals, including cattle and horses.

Radium, mesothorium, and other radio-active metallic elements, also inorganic salts of the same.

Surgeons', physicians', dentists', and opticians' appliances, instruments and materials, viz. :—

Appliances (including splints) for wear, *peculiarly adapted* to correct a deformity of the human body, to afford support to an abnormal condition of the human body, or to reduce or alleviate such condition, or to substitute any part of such body; stump socks; crutches; ear-trumpets; ear-tubes, and *audiphones*, for the partially deaf.

Ostrich-feathers grown in New Zealand, when returned from abroad dressed, or dyed, upon evidence being produced to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs as to their previous exportation.

Antiques and works of art, as may be approved by the Minister, and on conditions prescribed by him provided that he is satisfied that such articles were produced or manufactured at least one hundred years prior to the date of importation.

Medals—viz., war medals, humane societies', and similar, also such miniatures of the same as may be approved by the Minister; old coins.

Musical instruments, and parts, viz. :—

(1) *Band* instruments entered by or for any band or musical society duly registered and incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908, on declaration by a responsible officer of such band or society that the said instruments will remain the property of the band or society and will not be sold or otherwise disposed of without payment of the duty otherwise imposed under the Tariff.

(2) Musical instruments, imported for exclusive use by bands which are approved by the Defence Department, and under such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.

Paintings, statuary, other works of art, curios, and other articles approved by the Minister, for display in public museums, the buildings of *public institutions* or art associations registered as corporate bodies, public parks or other public places, on such conditions as may be prescribed by the Minister.

Trophies, prizes, flags, medals, medallions, badges, and other decorations, which have been awarded or presented or which are to be awarded or presented to persons in New Zealand and which have been donated by persons *resident* abroad; *trophies* and *prizes* won abroad; medals, badges, flags, and similar articles, approved by the Minister, imported by New Zealand branches of the Navy League, St. John Ambulance Association, or *similar* patriotic ambulance or other societies.

Cylinders for compressed gases.

Crude petroleum, *crude* residual oil, *once run* shale oil, and *crude* distillates of petroleum, when imported *in bulk* in ships' bottoms.

Horse-boxes, and other stock-boxes, imported with the stock for which they have been used on the voyage.

Articles n.e.i., suited for the use of the blind, deaf, or dumb, as may be approved by the Minister.

Apparatus, appliances, articles, and materials, for educational purposes, as may be approved by the Minister, and under conditions prescribed by him.

Heirlooms not exceeding in value £100, on such conditions as may be approved by the Minister.

Natural-history specimens, and such ethnological or similar specimens as may be approved by the Minister.

Official supplies, uniforms, flags, and such other articles as may be approved by the Minister, for the official use of Consular officers, Trade Commissioners, or other accredited representatives of any British or foreign Government.

Passengers' baggage and effects, which are not intended for any other person or persons or for sale, viz.—

(*a*) Wearing apparel and other *personal effects which have been worn or are in use* by persons arriving in New Zealand.

(*b*) *Implements, instruments, and tools of trade, occupation, or employment* of any passenger, not exceeding £100 in value, which have been in use by such passenger for twelve months prior to his embarkation.

(*c*) Household or other effects which have been in use for twelve months prior to embarkation by the persons or families bringing them to New Zealand, not exceeding in value £100 for each adult passenger, and £50 for each child, provided that the total value of household or other effects so imported does not exceed in value £300 for the members of any one family.

Regalia, emblems, certificates, almanacs, and banners, being the property of any society or branch registered under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909.

Returned empties identified as such to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs.

Shipbuilders' models of vessels, suited only for exhibition; models of inventions, as may be approved by the Minister.

Coal.

Earthen jars, exceeding 3 gallons in capacity containing sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, or other acids; provided that declaration is made on importation that such jars will be exported from New Zealand when empty, and that they will not be refilled in the Dominion.

Fish-ova.

Printed books papers music and advertising matter, n.e.i., sent for free distribution in New Zealand by Governments, Local Government Bodies, and other public bodies (approved by the Minister) in countries outside New Zealand.

Specie.

Goods referred to in section 139 or section 140 or section 141 of the Customs Act, 1913

APPENDIX.

(NOTE.—This appendix is not part of the Tariff, and is annexed thereto only for purposes of public information. The items mentioned in the Appendix are intended to be made the subject-matters of negotiation for the purpose of promoting trade with other countries. The rates of duty (and the exemptions) specified with respect to the several items represent the concessions proposed to be made. Any negotiations entered into with any country are provisional, and must be ratified by Parliament before becoming effective. See section 10 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921.)

LIST OF GOODS (with suggested Rates of Duty and Suggested Exemptions), in respect of which Negotiations may be entered into for Purposes of Promotion of Trade.

	Rate of Duty.	
	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
Shell-fish or crustaceans, tinned or otherwise, including any liquor oil or sauce	2d. per lb.	3d. per lb.
Fish, fresh, smoked, dried, pickled, or preserved (not including fish paste or similar articles)	Free	1½d. per lb.
Onions, in their natural state—		
On and from the 1st January up to and including 30th June in each year	£1 per ton	£1 10s. per ton.
On and from the 1st July up to and including the 31st December in each year	Free	15s. per ton.
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled	Free	Free.
Vinegar, and aqueous solutions of acetic acid, containing under 15 per cent. of acidity	6d. per gallon	9d. per gallon.
Acetic acid, and aqueous solutions thereof, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent.
Musical instruments, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
Records for phonographs, gramophones, and for similar instruments	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
Incandescent filament electric-lamp bulbs, not being peculiar to surgical use, and having, at the *marked voltage* a power consumption—		
Not exceeding 8 watts	Free	1d. per bulb.
Exceeding 8 watts and not exceeding 80 watts	Free	3d. per bulb.
Exceeding 80 watts and not exceeding 180 watts	Free	6d. per bulb.
Exceeding 180 watts—		
For the first 180 watts	Free	6d. per bulb.
For each additional 100 watts or fraction thereof	Free	3d. per bulb.
Electric lamps n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
Lamps, lanterns, and lampwick, n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
Globes, chimneys, and shades, for lamps	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
Weighing machines, scales, and balances, peculiar to use for manufacturing, industrial or similar purposes, which the Minister is satisfied could not have been economically made in New Zealand	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
Electric appliances n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent.
Chemical *compounds* n.e.i. but not including mixtures of any of those compounds with each other or with other substances except such as are approved by the Minister	Free	20 per cent.
Pumps (including vacuum pumps) peculiar to use for manufacturing, industrial or *similar* purposes, which the Minister is satisfied could not have been economically made in New Zealand	Free	20 per cent.
Locks, lock *sets*, and hinges *specially suited* for use in the construction of buildings or in the manufacture of furniture or cabinetware	Free	20 per cent.
Glassware, viz.: bowls, jugs, *dishes*, teapots, tumblers, and such similar articles, suited for *table use*, as may be approved by the Minister	Free	20 per cent.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Mr. Hockly 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.

8. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 3.

9. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the War Disabilities Removal Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the War Disabilities Removal Bill be disagreed with.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That Mr. J. Mason, Mr. J. A. Lee, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for so disagreeing.

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

Wednesday, the 14th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. 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. *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. Tapley, on account of sickness in his family.

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

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

164. Education of Native Children. [In continuation of E.–3, 1926.] E.–3.

165. Education: Higher Education. [In continuation of E.–7, 1926.] E.–7.

171. Surveys, Annual Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–1A.

172. Education: Teachers' Superannuation Fund. E.–8.

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

167. Scientific and Industrial Research Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. H.–34.

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

162. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment by way of Mortgage of Interest of Coal Lease No. 87/20, from Grey Valley Collieries, Limited, to G. Harper and Others.

163. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment of all Interest in Coal Lease No. 6846, Westport, from Maud Chester to J. Penberth and Another.

166. Public Trust Office: Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

168. Land Act, 1924, Proclamation declaring Land in Nelson District to be subject to Section 133 of the.

169. Advances obtained for the Purpose of roading Crown and other Lands administered by a Land Board. C.–7.

170. Kauri-gum Industry, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–12.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 164, 165, 167, 169, 170, 171, and 172 be printed.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Rangi Tutu and another, Te Hina te Tua and eight others, Te Huna Paewai and fifteen others, Herepeti Rapihana and ten others, Hati Rapihana and another, and Poihaere Hakipene Hura; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Rangi Tutu and another, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Te Hina te Tua and eight others, and Te Huna Paewai and fifteen others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Mr. Hockly, from the Native Affairs Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of Tamihana Rawiri and six others; and moved, and the Question was 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 House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

6. *Summer Time Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Summer Time Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

7. *Marriage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Marriage Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

8. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Summer Time Bill and the Marriage Amendment Bill.

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

THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

(In the Committee.)

9. *Summer Time Bill:* Clause 1 read. Another amendment proposed: In line 8, after the word "time," to insert the words "daylight saving." *(Mr. Rhodes.)*

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

AYES, 14.

Bitchener	Field	Jones, D.	*Tellers.*
Burnett	Hamilton, A.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Glenn
Dickson, J. McC.	Hamilton, J. R.	Rolleston, J. C.	Rhodes.
Elliott	Hunter, Sir George	Williams, Hon. K. S.	

NOES, 38.

Armstrong	Harris	Macmillan	Sidey
Atmore	Holland, H.	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Bell	Horn	Mason, J.	Waite
Bellringer	Howard	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Walter
Buddo, Hon. D.	Kyle	Potter	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lee, E. P.	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lysnar	Samuel	Dickson, J. S.
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.
Girling	McKeen	Seddon	

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, 35.

Armstrong	Girling	McKeen	Sykes
Atmore	Harris	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Bartram	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Waite
Bell	Horn	Potter	Walter
Bellringer	Howard	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Lee, E. P.	Savage	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Fraser	McCombs	Sidey	Sullivan.

NOES, 18.

Bitchener	Field	Lysnar	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Burnett	Hamilton, A.	Macmillan	*Tellers.*
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hamilton, J. R.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Glenn
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Rolleston, J. C.	Rhodes.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Samuel	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, to delete the words "if not inconsistent with the context." *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, to report progress. *(Mr. Glenn.)*

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

AYES, 16.

Bitchener	Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Burnett	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	*Tellers.*
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn
Eliott	Lysnar	Samuel	Rhodes.
Hamilton, A.			

NOES, 32.

Armstrong	Girling	McKeen	Sidey
Atmore	Harris	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Bartram	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Waite
Bell	Horn	Potter	Walter
Bellringer	Howard	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Luke, Sir John	Savage	Dickson, J. S.
Forsyth	McCombs	Seddon	Sullivan.
Fraser			

So it passed in the Negative.

Amendment to delete the words "if not inconsistent with the context" negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To insert a new subclause, as follows:—

"(2A) Reference to any specified point of time in any award or industrial agreement relating to workers employed in the threshing of grain or shearing of sheep shall be deemed to be reference to New Zealand standard time:

"Provided that any employer and the workers employed by him may at any time elect, by mutual agreement, that such reference shall, for any period or for any particular purpose during summer time, be deemed to be reference to summer time. Any such election may be at any time in like manner revoked." *(Mr. H. Holland.)*

And the Question being put on the insertion of the new subclause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 35.

Atmore	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Sidey
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Sykes
Bellringer	Harris	Macmillan	Veitch
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Mason, H. G. R.	Waite
Burnett	Horn	Potter	Walter
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forsyth	Jones, D.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Girling	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Savage
Glenn	Lee, E. P.	Seddon	Sullivan.

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Eliott	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Fraser	Rolleston, J. C.	Howard
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McCombs	Samuel	McKeen.
Dickson, J. S.	Mason, J.	Williams, Hon. K. S.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Subclause inserted.

Another amendment proposed: To insert a new subclause as follows:—

"(2B) The Court of Arbitration may, at any time after the passing of this Act, on application made by any party to an award in force under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, affecting workers in coal-mines, make an order by way of addition to that award prescribing that all references in the award to any specified point of time shall, during the period of summer-time, continue to be references to New Zealand standard time." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

Amendment proposed: To delete the words "affecting workers in coal-mines." *(Mr. Sidey.)*

Amendment agreed to.

And the Question being put on the insertion of the subclause as amended, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 19.

Bartram	Harris	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bell	Horn	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Bellringer	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lysnar	Sidey	Howard
Girling	Potter	Sykes	Savage.

NOES, 31.

Armstrong	Fraser	McKeen	Sullivan
Atmore	Glenn	Macmillan	Veitch
Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Waite
Burnett	Hamilton, J. R.	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. S.	Hunter, Sir George	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Eliott	Kyle	Rolleston, J. C.	Jones, D.
Field	Lee, E. P.	Samuel	McCombs.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 3 as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 28, to omit the words "first Sunday in November," and insert the words "second Saturday in December" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Rhodes.)*

And the Question being put on the retention of the words proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 34.

Armstrong	Harris	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Atmore	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Waite
Bartram	Horn	Potter	Walter
Bell	Howard	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bellringer	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Lee, E. P.	Savage	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Fraser	McCombs	Sidey	Sullivan.
Girling	McKeen	Sykes	

NOES, 17.

Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Macmillan	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Burnett	Hamilton, J. R.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	*Tellers.*
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn
Eliott	Jones, D.	Samuel	Rhodes.
Field	Lysnar		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words retained.

Another amendment proposed : In line 30, to omit the word " first," and nsert the word " third " in lieu thereof ; and to omit the word " March," and insert the word " February " in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Girling.)*

And the Question being put on the retention of the words proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 35.

Armstrong	Hamilton, A.	McCombs	Seddon
Atmore	Hamilton, J. R.	McKeen	Sullivan
Bartram	Holland, H.	Macmillan	Sykes
Bell	Horn	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Bellringer	Hunter, Sir George	Mason, J.	Walter
Burnett	Jones, D.	Potter	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forsyth	Kyle	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lee, E. P.	Samuel	Dickson, J. S.
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Savage	Howard.

NOES, 16.

Bitchener	Harris	Rhodes	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Dickie	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Sidey	Girling
Eliott	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph	Waite.
Field			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words retained.

Another amendment proposed : To add the following proviso to sub-clause (1) :—

" Provided that a poll of the ratepayers be taken in the several districts as provided under the Shops and Offices Act before the foregoing becomes operative." *(Mr. J. R. Hamilton.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first time :—

" That the provisions of this Act shall apply to all cities, town districts, and boroughs, but not to rural areas or counties." *(Mr. Glenn.)*

And the Question being put, That the new clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 17.

Bitchener	Hamilton, A.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Burnett	Hunter, Sir George	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Rolleston, J. C.	Glenn
Eliott	Lysnar	Samuel	Hamilton, J. R.
Field	Macmillan		

NOES, 34.

Armstrong	Harris	Mason, J.	Veitch
Atmore	Holland, H.	Potter	Waite
Bartram	Horn	Ransom	Walter
Bell	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bellringer	Lee, E. P.	Savage	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	McCombs	Sidey	Dickson, J. S.
Fraser	McKeen	Sullivan	Howard.
Girling	Mason, H. G. R.	Sykes	

So it passed in the Negative.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"That standard time be observed by the Railway Department with regard to the running of railway-trains." *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

Second reading negatived on the voices.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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

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

10. *Marriage Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Marriage 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 Marriage Act, 1908."

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

11. *Committees ordered not to sit this Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Select Committees be relieved from sitting this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirteen minutes after seven of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 15th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

174. Cook and other Islands: Annual Reports. [In continuation of A.–3, 1926.] A.–3.

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

173. Dobson Colliery Disaster, Report of Royal Commission on.

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

175. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Timaru Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

176. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Gisborne Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

177. Explosives and Dangerous Goods: Regulations amending Cinematograph Film Regulations, 1925.

178. Fire Insurance Companies: Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheets. [As at the 30th September, 1926: New Zealand Dental Association (Incorporated); Mutual Insurance Company. As at the 31st December, 1926: The Prudential Assurance Company, Limited (Accident Business); the Sun Insurance Office (Accident Business); Provident Life Assurance Company; Norwich and London Accident Insurance Association; the General Accident, Fire, and Life Assurance Corporation, Limited (Accident Business); the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited (Accident Department); the Insurance Office of Australia, Limited (Accident Department); Norwich Union Life Assurance Society; the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited (Accident and Ordinary Departments); the Yorkshire Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Business). As at the 31st March, 1927: West Coast (S.I.) Sawmillers' Mutual Accident Insurance Company (Accident Business); Taranaki Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association (Accident Business). As at the 30th June, 1927: The Standard Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Department).

179. Municipal Corporation Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Eltham.]

180. Municipal Corporations Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Bluff, Eltham, Feilding, Waihi, Waipukurau.]

181. Municipal Corporations Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1926. [Akaroa, Bluff, Feilding, Greymouth, Hampden, Hawera, Kaitangata, Milton, Mosgiel, Onehunga, Palmerston North, Petone, Richmond, Ross, Rotorua, Te Kuiti, Upper Hutt, Waihi, Wairoa, Wellington, Whangarei.]

182. Municipal Corporations Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. [Ngaruawahia, Richmond, St. Kilda, Te Kuiti.]

183. County Councils Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Coromandel, Pohangina, Waimate West.]

184. County Councils Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1926. [Akaroa, Bruce, Coromandel, Franklin, Great Barrier, Hokianga, Horowhenua, Kairanga, Kiwitea, Mangonui, Manukau, Patangata, Pohangina, Taieri, Taumarunui, Thames, Waihemo, Waimate West, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Westland, Whakatane, Whangaroa.]

185. County Councils Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. [Heathcote, Levels, Mackenzie, Masterton, Otamatea, Tuapeka.]

186. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908, Regulations under the, relating to Importation of Potatoes.

187. Swamp Drainage, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–4.

188. Rangitaiki Land Drainage, Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–11.

189. Hauraki Plains, Report on Drainage Operations for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–8.

190. Stock slaughtered and Compensation paid during the Year ended 31st March, 1927, Return of.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 173, 174, 187, 188, and 189 be printed.

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

The Legislative Council has agreed to the following resolution:—

That the Standing Orders be so far suspended as to permit the supply, confidentially, to the members of the Royal Commission appointed to report on certain matters relating to the administration of Samoa, of printed copies of the evidence adduced before the Joint Committee (to which was referred the Petition from Samoa), together with a printed copy of the address of counsel for the petitioners.

4. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. J. S. Dickson, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of P. J. Auger, J. G. C. Walters, J. Wilson, M. H. Keeble, and the New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mary Haig Keeble, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of James George Cameron Walters, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

5. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Peel Forest Amendment Bill, the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill, and the Petitions of C. E. Hamerton, R. W. Quirke and nine others, Maria Callaghan, S. F. G. Williams, A. E. Russell, L. N. Brown, and M. T. Moulin; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of R. W. Quirke and nine others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

6. *Peel Forest Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Peel Forest Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on Papers Nos. 78, 79, 80, 81, and Papers Nos. 82, 83, 85, 132, and the Petitions of Hoani Matiu and fifteen others, and W. D. Barrett and thirty-seven others, and W. Genet and thirty-six others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 78, 79, 80, and 81, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. D. Barrett and thirty-seven others, and W. Genet and thirty-six others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

9. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of H. Barrett; and moved, and the Question was 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 House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

10. *Summer Time Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Summer Time Bill;

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Mr. Sidey moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

FRIDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a third time, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Armstrong	Forsyth	Mason, J.	Walter
Atmore	Fraser	Nash	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bartram	Girling	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Bell	Harris	Potter	Young, Hon. J. A.
Bellringer	Holland, H.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Buddo, Hon. D.	Kyle	Savage	Howard
Dickie	Luke, Sir John	Waite	Sidey.
Dickson, J. S.	Mason, H. G. R.		

NOES, 14.

Bitchener	Field	Linklater	*Tellers.*
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Glenn
Dickson, J. McC.	Hockly	Rolleston, J. C.	Samuel.
Elliott	Hunter, Sir George	Williams, Hon. K. S.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to provide for the Time in New Zealand being in Advance of New Zealand Standard Time during a certain Period of the Year."

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-three minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 16th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Act, 1879, and to extend the Powers of the Church Property Trustees and the Trusts and Purposes upon which certain Properties are held by the Church Property Trustees."

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.

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

3. *National Endowments, Annual Report on.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report on National Endowments be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

4. *State Forest Service: Annual Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the State Forest Service for the Year ended 31st March, 1927, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

5. *Department of Industries and Commerce: Annual Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Department of Industries and Commerce be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

6. *Pensions Department: Annual Report.*—On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Pensions Department for the Year ended 31st March, 1927, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

7. *National Provident Fund Board: Annual Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the National Provident Fund Board for the Year ended 31st December, 1926, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

8. *Police Force of the Dominion: Annual Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Police Force of the Dominion be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

9. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

12. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with. The Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

The Committee further recommends that all powers exercised by a City Council acting as a drainage authority should be conferred on the Christchurch District Drainage Board.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

13. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

14. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of M. Douds, W. Stirling, V. J. Gamble and ten others, O. V. Berry and three others, H. Rochfort and three others, and M. B. Hounsell and another; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of M. Douds, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. Stirling, V. J. Gamble and ten others, O. V. Berry and three others, H. Rochfort and three others, and M. B. Hounsell and another, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

15. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of H. L. Buckler, F. A. Cullen, J. Litt, M. A. Fowler, J. Fowler, J. G. Edmonds, and W. T. Easton; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of H. L. Buckler, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of F. A. Cullen, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Act, 1927, the Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1927, the Wellington City Exhibition Grounds Act, 1927, the Te Matai Road Water-race District Act, 1927, the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Act, 1927, and the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

17. *Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service 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.

18. *Message.*—The Right 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 Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide Facilities for affording Financial Assistance by the Making of Loans, for Terms not exceeding Five Years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th September, 1927.

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 provide Facilities for affording Financial Assistance by the Making of Loans, for Terms not exceeding Five Years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production.

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

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

19. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

20. *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.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,393,627 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928. *(Honourable Mr. Nosworthy.)*

Amendment proposed, To reduce the total vote by the sum of £15,000 *(Mr. J. A. Lee.)*

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

AYES, 21.

Armstrong	Horn	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Atmore	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Wilford.
Bartram	McCombs	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Forbes	McKeen	Sidey	Howard
Fraser	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	Parry		

NOES, 45.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McLennan	Smith
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Henare	Macmillan	Uru
Burnett	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nash	Walter
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Potter	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forsyth	Kyle	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Girling	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Samuel	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar		

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £76,235 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £130,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £82,383 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,904 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £422,113 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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 twenty-three minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 20th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of Mr. Atmore (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of the Right Reverend H. W. Cleary be referred direct to the Education Committee.

2. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That a Special Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to which shall be referred the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Eliott, Mr. Forbes, Mr. A. Hamilton, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. D. Jones, Mr. Reid, Mr. Savage, Mr. Walter, the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, and the Mover.

3. *Joint Samoa Petition Inquiry Committee.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House) moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order 237 be so far suspended as to permit the supply confidentially to the members of the Royal Commission appointed to report on certain matters relating to the administration of Samoa, of printed copies of the evidence adduced before the Joint Committee to which was referred the Petition from Samoa, together with a printed copy of the address of counsel for the petitioners.

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

AYES, 45.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Henare	Nash	Sykes
Burnett	Hockly	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Tapley
Campbell	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Waite
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Wilford
Elliott	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Field	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forsyth	Kyle	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Samuel	Bitchener
Hamilton, J. R.	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	Macmillan		

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Atmore	Lee, J. A.	Parry	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lysnar	Sidey	Howard
Buddo, Hon. D.	McCombs	Veitch	Sullivan.
Fraser	McKeen		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them of the said Resolution.

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

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

5. *Message.*—The Right 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 make Better Provision for controlling the Sale of Fertilizers," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 19th September, 1927.

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 the 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 controlling the Sale of Fertilizers.

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

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

6. *Fertilizers Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hawken, according to Order, presented the Fertilizers Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

7. *Message.*—The Right 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 provide Moneys by Special Taxation for the Development of the Fruitgrowing Industry and the Protection of Orchards from Fireblight," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 20th September, 1927.

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 the Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to provide Moneys by Special Taxation for the Development of the Fruitgrowing Industry and the Protection of Orchards from Fireblight.

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

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

8. *Orchard-tax Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hawken, according to Order, presented the Orchard-tax Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

9. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the War Disabilities Removal Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

The House of Representatives considers it desirable to pass a comprehensive measure removing disabilities from persons of our own nationality as well as from those of enemy origin.

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.

10. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the 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.

11. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the special Committee on the Bill.

12. *Fungicides and Insecticides Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Fungicides and Insecticides Bill;

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

13. *New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill;

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

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

Wednesday, the 21st Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Sir George Hunter (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Local Bills Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Joint Samoan Petition Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Resolution of the House relating to evidence being supplied to the Royal Commission on matters relating to the administration of Samoa be now read.

And the Resolution being read by the Clerk, as follows: That Standing Order 237 be so far suspended as to permit the supply confidentially to the members of the Royal Commission appointed to report on certain matters relating to the administration of Samoa, of printed copies of the evidence adduced before the Joint Committee to which was referred the Petition from Samoa, together with a printed copy of the address of counsel for the petitioners;

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House withdraw the limitation imposed by the word "confidentially" in the said Resolution, which shall be read and construed as if such word had not been inserted therein; and that Standing Order 237 be further suspended so far as may be necessary to give effect to the said Resolution.

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

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has passed the said Resolution.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Burnett, on account of urgent private business.

5. *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 Hene Toko, F. Peters, Jennie F. Nathan, W. Standish, S. Tovey, H. J. Morgan, H. Mehaffy, T. Seccombe, A. V. Voyce, P. Roselli and others, J. McBeth and others, and S. J. Tisdall and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Hene Toko, F. Peters, Jennie F. Nathan, S. Tovey, H. Mehaffy, T. Seccombe, A. V. Voyce, P. Roselli and others, and S. J. Tisdall and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. McBeth and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

6. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. T. Bicknell; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of G. H. Hawk, D. F. Holmes, R. Holmes, R. J. Clarke, J. Aitken, Jane Sarah Clark; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of R. J. Clarke, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petition of Jane Sarah Clark, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill, Parliamentary Paper No. 2, and the Petitions of J. T. Johnson (two), and Hannah Wilson and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Hannah Wilson and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

9. *Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Caroline Sloan; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, also brought up a special Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

I am directed to report that the Committee has resolved that its proceedings during the taking of evidence on Petitions relating to the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be open to accredited representatives of the press.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hudson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report be adopted and agreed to.

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

11. *Adjournment (Questions and Replies).*—Mr. Bartram moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

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

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

The Legislative Council has agreed to the following Resolution:—

"That this Council withdraw the limitation imposed by the word 'confidentially' in the Resolution agreed to by the Council on the 15th instant, which Resolution shall be read and construed as if that word had not been included therein, and that the Standing Orders be further suspended so far as may be necessary to give effect to this Resolution." Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Act, 1927, without amendment.

13. *Singapore and Naval Defence.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House approves of the proposals of the Government regarding the Singapore Naval Base as contained in Parliamentary Paper A.–7, 1927.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

With the unanimous consent of the House, the Debate was continued.

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

THURSDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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

AYES, 51.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Girling	Linklater	Seddon
Atmore	Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Sykes
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Tapley
Bellringer	Harris	Mason, J.	Veitch
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nash	Waite
Campbell	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wilford
Dickie	Holland, H.	Ransom	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Elliott	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Kyle	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Samuel	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 10.

Armstrong	Lee, J. A.	Parry	*Tellers.*
Bartram	McCombs	Savage.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.		Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves of the proposals of the Government regarding the Singapore Naval Base as contained in Parliamentary Paper A.–7, 1927.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-two minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 22nd Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—
191. Customs Tariff Commission, 1926–27, Report of. H.–28.
Ordered, That Paper No. 191 be printed.

3. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Summer Time Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—
The Legislative Council insists upon its amendment in the Bill intituled the War Disabilities Removal Act, 1927, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendment.

4. *War Disabilities Removal Bill, 1927.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendment in the Bill intituled the War Disabilities Removal Act, 1927, be considered forthwith.
The same were accordingly read, as follows :—
The Council considers that the original law was fair and just, and that no sufficient reason has been given why it should be altered as proposed.
On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Resolved*, That the reasons be disagreed with.
On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Resolved*, That a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendment in the said Bill, and that Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. J. Mason, and the Mover be the Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House.
Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the War Disabilities Removal Act, 1927; and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the time and place for the meeting of the Conference.

5. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :—
State Advances Office, Report by the Superintendent of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.
The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Paper be printed.
A Debate arose thereupon.
And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

6. *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 ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Peel Forest Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Peel Forest Amendment Bill;
The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill;

The Hon. Mr. Hawken 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;

FRIDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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 the Honourable Mr. Hawken, referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

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

Friday, the 23rd Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, that three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Potter, on account of urgent public business.

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Marriage Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

3. *Marriage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Marriage Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

4. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill, and the Petition of W. Brims and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the table.

5. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

6. *Message.*—Message 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 War Disabilities Removal Act, 1927. The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of half after five of the clock on Friday, the 23rd day of September, and Committee-room No. 28 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference.

7. *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 £60,452 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928. *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

Amendment proposed, To reduce the total vote by the sum of £10. *(Mr. Howard.)*

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

AYES, 14.

Armstrong	Lee, J. A.	Parry	*Tellers.*
Atmore	McCombs	Savage	Howard
Forbes	McKeen	Sidey	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	Wilford.	

NOES, 45.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Henare	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Holland, H.	Macmillan	Sykes
Buddo, Hon. D.	Horn	Mason, J.	Tapley
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nash	Uru
Dickie	Jones, D.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Eliott	Jones, W.	Ransom	Walter
Field	Kyle	Rhodes	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, J. R.	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Harris	Lysnar	Smith	Bitchener
Hawken, Hon. O. J.			Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £52,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Young,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £281,534 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £255,871 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £493,326 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £464,995 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £46,004 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £40,925 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Hockly also reported that he had been directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

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

Tuesday, the 27th Day of September, 1927.

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. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Burnett, on account of a bereavement in his family.

3. *Papers.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Parliamentary Paper H.-44A (Report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Proprietary Articles Trade Association), laid upon the Table of the House on the 15th July, be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

193. Public Trust Office, Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. B.-9.

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

194. Railways Statement, by the Right Hon. J. G. Coates, Minister of Railways. D.-2.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 193 and 194 be printed.

4. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of S. E. Hill and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill, and the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.—Ordered,* That the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Fertilizers Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Fertilizers Bill.—Ordered,* That the Fertilizers Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. J. S. Dickson, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of C. E. Davis and others, W. Hodge, and H. R. Stowell; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of H. R. Stowell, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of C. E. Davis and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

11. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of A. Coles, Catherine Jane Crook, and W. E. Anderson and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Catherine Jane Crook, together with the report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. E. Anderson and others, together with the report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

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

13. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, 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 the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th September, 1927.

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 Tongariro National Park Act, 1922.

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.

14. *Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

15. *Land for Settlements Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land for Settlements Amendment 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 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

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.

16. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Legislature Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 9 read.

And the Question being put, That the clauses stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clauses omitted.

Clauses 10 and 11 read and agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause 1, paragraph (*b*), to omit the word "claimant," and insert the words "applicant or declarant" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clauses 16 to 26 read and agreed to.

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

"26A. Section one hundred and fifty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso thereto all words after the words 'ten hours on the whole,' and substituting the words 'at any polling-place."

"26B. Section six of the Legislature Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered (with the leave of the House), 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 Legislature 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 fifteen minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 28th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That all Order of Business be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

3. *Fertilizers Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the Committee on the Fertilizers Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be referred back to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee for further consideration.

4. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1908, and that the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston 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. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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, 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, 1928.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th September, 1927.

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

6. *Committee of Supply (Imprest).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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; 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 a sum not exceeding one million seven hundred and sixty-six thousand 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-eight.

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

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

Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee 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. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

(*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 seven hundred and twenty-two thousand six 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 forty-three thousand four hundred pounds.

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

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	750,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	250,000
Electric Supply Account	125,000
Separate Accounts—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	10,000
Land for Settlements Account	1,000
Land for Settlements Account—	
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	800
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account ..	1,500
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	50,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	75,000
Native Land Settlement Account	300
State Coal-mines Account	30,000
State Forests Account	25,000
Westport Harbour Account	4,000
Working Railways Account	400,000
	£1,722,600

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	700
The State Fire Insurance Account	4,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	700
The Public Trustee's Account	20,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,200
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	4,200
Advances to Workers Branch	1,200
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	150
Rural Advances Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	1,150
	£43,400

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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.

8. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 4).*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the 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-eight; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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. 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 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-eight."

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

9. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That all Orders of the Day down to Order of the Day No. 2 (Local Bills) be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 3 (Local Bills).

10. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) 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. 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 amend the Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1907."

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

11. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the Inspection of Machinery 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 Committee on the said Bill.

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

Thursday, the 29th Day of September, 1927

PRAYERS.

1. *St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Committee on the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee on the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund 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. Hockly (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Rinaha and another, and Hiria Waoku and others, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Ngapine Ruri be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

3. *Message.*—The Right 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 consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Bee Industry in New Zealand," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th September, 1927.

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 consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Bee Industry in New Zealand.

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

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

4. *Apiaries Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hawken, according to Order, presented the Apiaries 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 by command of His Excellency:—

196. Education, Secondary. [In continuation of E.–6, 1926.] E.–6.
197. Education, Technical. [In continuation of E.–5, 1926.] E.–5.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

195. Government Railways Superannuation Fund: Report of Board.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 196 and 197 be printed.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill inituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1927 (No. 4), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

7. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—
198. Marine Department, Annual Report of the, for 1926–27. H.–15.
Ordered, That Paper No. 198 be printed.

8. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill, and Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a report on the Timaru Harbour Board Loan Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Timaru Harbour Board Loan Bill, has the honour to report that the Bill is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with. The Committee has carefully considered the Bill, and recommends that it be not allowed to proceed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a Report on the Christchurch Hospital Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Christchurch Hospital Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that the Bill is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with. The Member in charge of the Bill having informed the Committee that, at the request of the promoters, he wishes the Bill to be withdrawn, the Committee recommends that the leave of the House for the Bill to be withdrawn be given accordingly.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

9. *Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.*—The Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

10. *Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

11. *Timaru Harbour Board Loan Bill.—Ordered*, That the Timaru Harbour Board Loan Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

12. *Christchurch Hospital Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Howard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Christchurch Hospital Amendment Bill be withdrawn.

13. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Daylight Baking Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

14. *Daylight Baking Bill.—Ordered*, That the Daylight Baking Bill be committed next sitting-day.

15. *Land for Settlements Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

16. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Counties Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

17. *Peel Forest Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Peel Forest Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

18. *New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

19. *Fungicides and Insecticides Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Fungicides and Insecticides Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

20. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill, the Counties Amendment Bill, the Peel Forest Amendment Bill, the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill, and the Fungicides and Insecticides Bill.

(In the Committee.)

21. *Counties Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 9, to insert after the word "presented" the words "after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight." *(Honourable Sir Maui Pomare.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to omit from paragraph (*b*) all words after the word "disfigure," and substitute the words "or injuriously affect the natural beauty of a landscape or the view of rural scenery from any public place." *(Honourable Sir Maui Pomare.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to add the words "but no Native land shall be taken under that Act without the consent of the Native Minister." *(Honourable Sir Maui Pomare.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 12 read and agreed to.

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

"1A. Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (*b*) the words 'the statutory declaration of some person or persons residing in the county,' and substituting the words 'statutory declaration.'"

"13. The principal Act is hereby further amended in the manner and to the extent set out in the Schedule hereto." *(Honourable Sir Maui Pomare.)*

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

"Section one hundred and eighty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection as subsection three thereof:—

"Any separate rate made and levied by the Council for the purpose of providing for any payment in respect of such service may be made and levied on the value of the buildings in the area over which such rate is made and levied, exclusive of the value of the sites on which such buildings are erected." *(Mr. Dickie.)*

The following Schedule was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

SCHEDULE.

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS OF PRINCIPAL ACT.

Section of Act.	Extent of Amendment.
Section 154 ..	By inserting in subsection two, after the word "situated," the words "or any appropriate separate account or accounts kept pursuant to paragraph (*b*) of subsection two of section one hundred and thirty-seven hereof."
Section 183 ..	By inserting in subsection two, after the word "ridings," the words "or any appropriate separate account or accounts kept pursuant to paragraph (*b*) of subsection two of section one hundred and thirty-seven hereof."
Section 196 ..	By inserting in subsection two, after the word "maintained," the words "or any appropriate separate account or accounts kept pursuant to paragraph (*b*) of subsection two of section one hundred and thirty-seven hereof."
Section 197 ..	By inserting in subsection two, after the word "done," the words "or any appropriate separate account or accounts kept pursuant to paragraph (*b*) of subsection two of section one hundred and thirty-seven hereof."
Section 198 ..	By inserting in subsection two, after the word "ridings," the words "or any appropriate separate account or accounts kept pursuant to paragraph (*b*) of subsection two of section one hundred and thirty-seven hereof."

(Honourable Sir Maui Pomare.)

To report the Bill with amendments.

22. *Peel Forest Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 15, to omit the word "Waimakariri," and insert the word "Rakaia" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

23. *New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), line 49, to omit the words "it shall be the duty of the Institute to issue such certificate or diploma," and substitute the words "the Institute shall reconsider the application and, having regard to the opinion expressed by the Minister, shall determine whether or not it will grant a certificate or diploma in terms of such application." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (3), to omit the words "appeal was received" in line 2, page 4, and substitute the words "application for such diploma was received by the Institute." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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24. *Land for Settlements Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Land for Settlements 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 for Settlements Act, 1925."
Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

25. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Counties 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 Counties Act, 1920."
Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

26. *Peel Forest Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Peel Forest 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 Peel Forest Act, 1926."
Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

27. *New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture 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 Grant of Certificates and Diplomas in Horticulture by the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Incorporated)."
Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

28. *Fungicides and Insecticides Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Fungicides and Insecticides 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 Manufacture and Sale of certain Chemical Specifics for Plant Diseases and Pests, and of certain Chemical Weed-killers."
Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

29. *Dangerous Drugs Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Dangerous Drugs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

30. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

31. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

32. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Dangerous Drugs Bill, the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill, and the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

33. *Dangerous Drugs Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

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

Negatived on the voices.

Clause 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 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, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Tapley
Burnett	Henare	Mason, J.	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nash	Walter
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Field	Jones, D.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forsyth	Kyle	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Samuel	Eliott.

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Atmore	Horne	Parry	Howard
Buddo, Hon. D.	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Sullivan.
Forbes	McCombs	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 4 to 22 read and agreed to.

Clause 23 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, 48.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Atmore	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Sykes
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O J	Macmillan	Waite
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Mason, J.	Walter
Burnett	Holland, H.	Nash	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Horne	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Samuel	Eliott.
Glenn			

NOES, 9.

Armstrong	McCombs	Parry	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Savage.	Howard
Lee, J. A.			Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Clauses 24 to 28 read and agreed to.
Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

34. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill:*

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments made by the Labour Bills Committee were read into the Bill.

Clauses 1 and 2A read and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 24A read. Amendment proposed: In line 6 to omit the words "in any mine or coal-mine," and in line 9 to omit the words "in a mine or coal-mine." *(Mr. McKeen.)*

And the Question being put on the retention of the words proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 40.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McLennan	Sykes
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Mason, J.	Waite.
Burnett	Holland, H.	Nash	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Horne	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forsyth	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Samuel	Elliott.
Hamilton, J. R.			

NOES, 13.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry	*Tellers.*
Atmore	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Howard
Bartram	McCombs	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph	Sullivan.
Forbes	McKeen		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Words retained.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, and 33 read and agreed to.
Clauses 34 to 36 read and agreed to.
Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

35. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1A read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

36. *Dangerous Drugs Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Dangerous Drugs 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 Importation, Exportation, Manufacture, Sale, Distribution, Use, and Possession of certain Dangerous Drugs."

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

37. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time next sitting-day.

38. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Shops and Offices 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 Committee on the said Bill.

39. *State Advances Office: Annual Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the interrupted Debate on the Question That the Annual Report of the State Advances Office for the Year ended 31st March, 1927, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

40. *Immigration 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 Immigration Department be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

41. *Education Department: Annual Report.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), the House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Annual Report of the Education Department be printed; and the amendment proposed thereto, "That all the words after the word 'That' be deleted, with a view to inserting the following words: 'it is the opinion of honourable members of this honourable House that Education Boards be not abolished." *(Mr. Atmore.)*

On motion of Mr. Atmore (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the motion to amend the Question be withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put, That the Paper be printed, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

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

Friday, the 30th Day of September, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Forbes, for Mr. Sidey (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. T. Johnson be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

On motion of Mr. Lysnar (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of F. T. Knight and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Committee of Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

3. *Railways Statement (D.–2).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House) moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Railways Statement (D.–2) be referred to the Government for consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

With the unanimous consent of the House the Debate was continued.

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

SATURDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

And the Question being put, That the Railways Statement (D.–2) be referred to the Government for consideration, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

4. *Committee of Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being again read for the Committee of Supply;

(In the Committee.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr Coates, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £6,571,945 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the financial year ending 31st March, 1928.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

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

Mr. Hockly 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.

5. *Adjournment (Monday Sitting).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. on Monday next for the transaction of Government business only.

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

AYES, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Mason, J.	Waite
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nash	Walter
Bellringer	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Burnett	Hockly	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Jones, D.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Glenn	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes	Elliott.
Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Tapley	

NOES, 11.

Armstrong	Forbes	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers*
Atmore	Holland, H. E.	Savage	Howard
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph	McCombs.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Monday, the 3rd Day of October, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Message.*—The Right 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 as 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 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, 3rd October, 1927.

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 Law relating to Crown and other Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, for 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 Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—

199. Sheep Returns for the Year ended 30th April, 1927. H.–23.

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

200. New Zealand Institute, Transactions of. Vol. 58, Parts 1 and 2, 1927.

201. Fire Board : Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Feilding Fire Board for the Years ended 30th June, 1926 and 1927.

202. Fire Board : Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Westport Fire Board for the Years ended 30th June, 1925 and 1926.

Ordered, That Paper No. 199 be printed.

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Haora Tareranui and another, Hotu Taua Pakuhatu and others, Hone Teanga and others, Tamihana Heta, Rahera Tumatahi and another, Haki Tamati, Wiremu Rikihana, Winiata Te Rito and others, Haki Galvin, Maraea Hoera and another, and Te Roera Tareha and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of Te Roera Tareha and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the petitions of Hotu Taua Pakuhatu and others, and Hone Teanga and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Haora Tareranui and another, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

7. *Committee of Supply* (*Estimates*).—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply ;

The Right 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.

Mr. Howard 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 substituting the following words in lieu thereof : "in the opinion of this House the position of the Wellington Education Board should be fully investigated."

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.

Bell	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Uru
Burnett	Hockly	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Reid	Walter
Dickie	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Smith	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Sykes	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	Nash	Tapley	Elliott.
Hawken, Hon. O. J.			

NOES, 15.

Armstrong	Fraser	McCombs	Ransom.
Atmore	Horn	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	Forsyth
Forbes	Lee, J. A.	Parry	Howard.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning :

TUESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

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. Hawken, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £169,532 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Motion made, and Question proposed, that a sum not exceeding £39,995 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March 1928. *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

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

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges of Scenery Preservation for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £49,421 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,441 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,629 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges for Land for Settlements Account (Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £34,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the cost and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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 twenty-two minutes after one of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 4th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

203. Education : Primary Education. [In continuation of E.–2, 1926.] E.–2.

204. Education : Child Welfare, State Care of Children, Special Schools, and Infant-life Protection. [In continuation of E.–4, 1926.] E.–4.

205. Public Domains of the Dominion, Report on the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. C.–10.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 203, 204, and 205 be printed.

3. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston brought up the Report of the Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of certain amendments made by the Legislative Council in the War Disabilities Removal Bill ; and the same was read as follows :—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the War Disabilities Removal 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 failed to come to an agreement.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

4. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Girling, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a Report relative to the services rendered to the Committee by a former Chairman, Mr. A. Harris ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. J. Mason, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill ; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Ways and Means (Customs Duties Resolutions).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means ;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Hockly accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Resolved, That the duties of Customs and exemptions from such duties specified in the Second Schedule to the Resolutions of the 13th day of September, 1927, shall, after the 4th day of October, 1927, be subject to the alterations hereinafter in this Resolution set forth, and the said Resolutions as so altered shall take effect accordingly :—

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO RESOLUTIONS OF THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
4 (1)	Maize To amend the rates of duty to read	2s. per cental	2s. per cental.
5	To insert after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph :— (3A) Maize, ground or crushed but not otherwise manufactured, n.e.i.	Free	1d. per lb.
5 (8)	To amend item 5, paragraph (8) by adding the following paragraph :— Notwithstanding anything in the preceding paragraphs of this Tariff Item, the current domestic value of wheat-flour, including wheat-meal and similar preparations of wheat, shall not in any case be deemed to exceed the free on board (f.o.b.) export cash price thereof by more than £1 5s.		
16	To delete item 16, and substitute the following :— Cocoa and chocolate, viz. :— (a) *Cocoa* ; also cocoa-beans roasted or crushed .. (b) Chocolate ; also cocoa or chocolate mixed with milk or with any other food substance ..	3d. per lb. 25 per cent. ad val.	5d. per lb. 45 per cent. ad val.
32	*Confectionery* including medicated confectionery, liquorice n.e.i., and sugared or crystallized fruits To amend the rates of duty to read	25 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
60	Egg pulp and white or yolk of eggs, whether desiccated, liquid, frozen, or other, also any *similar* preparation of egg To amend the rates of duty to read	25 per cent. ad val. or 4d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty	45 per cent. ad val. or 8d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
129	Rennet n.e.i. To amend the rates of duty to read	10 per cent. ad val.	20 per cent. ad val.
159	To delete item 159, and substitute the following :— Floor coverings, viz. :— (1) Floor-mats and floor-rugs, of wool or containing wool or other animal fibre, having an area not exceeding 60 square feet .. .. .. (2) Inlaid linoleum, cork carpets, rubber flooring, and floor-mats of *similar* materials .. .. (3) Linoleum, and *similar* floor covering, n.e.i., including mats, matting, and floor-rugs, of *similar* material Up to and including 30th June, 1928 .. On and after 1st July, 1928 .. .. (4) Carpets, floor coverings, floor rugs, mats, and matting, n.e.i.	25 per cent. ad val. 20 per cent. ad val. 20 per cent. ad val. Free 20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val. 40 per cent. ad val. 40 per cent. ad val. 20 per cent. ad val. 40 per cent. ad val.
208	To amend paragraph (1) of item 208 by inserting after the words " milk or cream ; " the following words " *syphon* bottles for aerated waters ; *opal* glass jars ; " To delete paragraphs 2 (*b*) and 2 (*c*) of item 208, and substitute the following :— (2) (*b*) Bottles having a *capacity* exceeding eight fluid ounces .. .. (*c*) Jars having a *capacity* exceeding eight fluid ounces Up to and including 31st December, 1927 .. On and after 1st January, 1928 .. .. (*d*) N.e.i.	15 per cent. ad val. Free 15 per cent. ad val. Free	35 per cent. ad val. 20 per cent. ad val. 35 per cent. ad val. 20 per cent. ad val.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF SECOND SCHEDULE, ETC.—*continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
212 (1)	Roofing tiles, ridging, and finials, glass, and earthen To amend the rates of duty to read	10 per cent. ad val.	30 per cent. ad val.
219	Glass, *sheet*, common window or plate, whether polished, coloured, bent or otherwise, cut to any size or shape, n.e.i. To amend the rates of duty to read	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
224	Glass rods, tubes or tubing, *plain* To amend the rates of duty to read	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	To delete item 240, and substitute the following :—		
240	Films for cinematographs and similar instruments ..	Free	1d. per lineal foot.
	To delete paragraph (1) of item 296, and substitute the following :—		
296	(1) In sheets of size not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent or in rolls not less than 10 inches wide—		
	(*a*) of *substance* not lighter in weight than ¼ ounce per *sheet* of 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent	6s. 6d. per cwt.	10s. 6d. per cwt.
	(*b*) n.e.i.	6s. 6d. per cwt. or 20 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty	10s. 6d. per cwt. or 50 per cent. ad val., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
	To delete item 298, and substitute the following :—		
298	Paper, viz. :—		
	(1) Carbon and *similar* copying paper—		
	(*a*) In sheets not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent or in rolls not less than 10 inches wide	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	(*b*) N.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(2) N.e.i., including tin-foil paper, and gummed paper n.e.i.—		
	(*a*) In sheets of size less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(*b*) In sheets of size not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent ..	Free	Free.
	(*c*) In rolls less than 10 inches wide except such rolls specially suited for industrial or *similar* purposes in such widths not exceeding 2 inches as the Minister may determine	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	(*d*) In rolls n.e.i.	Free	20 per cent. ad val.
	To delete item 331, and substitute the following :—		
331	Agricultural implements and machinery, viz. :—		
	(1) Cultivators; harrows; ploughs; drills; seed and fertilizer sowers or distributors combined or separate; lime sowers; seed or grain cleaners, and cellular seed or grain separators ..	10 per cent. ad val.	35 per cent. ad val.
	(2) N.e.i., including ploughs, cultivators, and seed drills, hand-worked, combined or separate; also the following parts of ploughs or harrows, viz. :—mouldboard plates unbent, steel share-plates cut to pattern, skeith-plates, plough beam forgings, and discs for harrows or ploughs	Free	Free.
349 (4)	To amend item 349 (4) by inserting a semicolon after the word "ventilating," and by adding the words "vacuum cleaners"		

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF SECOND SCHEDULE, ETC.—*continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	To delete item 386, and substitute the following :—		
386	Motor-vehicles n.e.i.	10 per cent. ad val.; and in cases where such motor-vehicles are imported *having bodies suited or designed* for carrying *passengers*, an additional duty (herein referred to as "body duty") of 10 per cent. ad val. on any such vehicle (inclusive of the body): Provided that where the *value for duty* of any vehicle (inclusive of the body) exceeds £200 the body duty shall be: On £200 of such value, 10 per cent. ad val.; on the remainder of such value, 5 per cent. ad val.	35 per cent. ad val.; and in cases where such motor-vehicles are imported *having bodies suited or designed* for carrying *passengers*, an additional duty (herein referred to as "body duty") of 15 per cent. ad val. on any such vehicle (inclusive of the body): Provided that where the *value for duty* of any vehicle (inclusive of the body) exceeds £200 the body duty shall be: On £200 of such value, 15 per cent. ad val.; on the remainder of such value, 7½ per cent. ad val.
	(1) When any body of a motor-vehicle suited or designed for carrying passengers is imported by itself or otherwise than as set out above, body duty shall be payable and the Minister shall determine the amount of such body duty. The body duty so payable shall, as nearly as may be, be equal to the amount of body duty that would have been payable if such body had been imported as part of and attached to a motor-vehicle manufactured in the same country as the body. (2) Where the Minister is of opinion that any body duty is being or is likely to be evaded or avoided by the importation of any motor-vehicles without engines, tires, or other component parts which, in the ordinary course of business, are usually imported therewith, the Minister may, at his discretion, require that body duty shall be paid as if such engines, tires, or other component parts had been imported with such vehicles.		
401	To delete from paragraph (1) of item 401 the words "Quercus alba" and "Quercus garryana."		

And the Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Mr. Hockly 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.

8. *Message.*—The Right 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to impose Duties of Customs and to amend the Customs Acts," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 4th October, 1927.

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 impose Duties of Customs and to amend the Customs Acts.

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

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

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

10. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

11. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

12. *Public Service Superannuation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Service Superannuation Bill;

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

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

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

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

The Honourable Mr. Anderson 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 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of October, 1927

PRAYERS.

1. *St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to vary the Provisions of a certain Declaration of Trust dated the Eighth Day of August, Nineteen hundred and twenty-two, concerning the Endowment Fund for the Parish of St. Peter, Wellington, being a Parish in connection with the Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England."

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 any amendment.

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

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson, for Mr. Eliott (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of G. Clerke be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

3. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Land Laws Amendment Bill, and the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land Laws Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

5. *Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of A. Hyland, F. C. Murdock, H. Lippitt and others, and Elizabeth Hunter; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Elizabeth Hunter, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

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

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

Mr. J. A. Lee moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.

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

AYES, 10.

Atmore	Lee, J. A.	Savage	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Mason, H. G. R.	Seddon	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Ransom		Sullivan.

NOES, 36.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nash	Tapley
Bell	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Bellringer	Hockly	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Potter	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Kyle	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Bitchener
Girling	Mason, J.	Sykes	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.			

And so it passed in the Negative.

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after three of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 6th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to orders of the House :—

206. Taxation refunded to Racing and Trotting Clubs during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1927. Return to an Order dated 24th August, 1927.

207. Properties offered for Sale by Registrar of Supreme Court, also showing Amount of Mortgages and Amount received for Sales. Return to an Order dated 24th August, 1927.

208. Miners' Relief Fund : Amount of Moneys pooled in, as at 1st July, 1926, Interest earned, Income from Levy, and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. Return to an Order dated 24th August, 1927.

209. Karioi Estate, Area of, and Amount paid to W. McA. Duncan for. Return to an Order dated 24th August, 1927.

210. Railways Department : Number of Railway Boilers imported, and Number of Casual and Permanent Employees put off from Railway Workshops for the Two Years ended 30th June, 1927. Return to an Order dated 24th August, 1927.

3. *Customs Amendment Bill : Proceedings in Committee to be fully reported.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the proceedings on the Customs Amendment Bill and the Schedule thereto be as fully reported as the proceedings on the first item of the Estimates.

4. *Message.*—The Right 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 Stock Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 6th October, 1927.

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 Stock Act, 1908.

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

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

5. *Stock Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hawken, according to Order, presented the Stock Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), ordered to be read a second time *pro forma* and referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

8. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Janne Lury; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of H. W. Sly; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. J. Mason, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Juries Amendment (No. 2) Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

11. *Juries Amendment (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Juries Amendment (No 2) Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

13. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Customs Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the 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 thirty minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 7th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Government Business on Mondays.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That on and after Monday, the 10th October, and for the remainder of the session, the House do meet on Mondays at 7.30 p.m., for the transaction of Government business.

2. *Introduction of Plants Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control or prohibit the Introduction of Harmful New Plants into New Zealand; and that the Honourable Mr. Hawken do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Hawken 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. *Mining Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1926; and that the Honourable Mr. Anderson do prepared 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 Lands Committee.

4. *Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1926; and that the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston 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. *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. Downie Stewart,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £55,218 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £93,013 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £176,899 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £66,923 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £56,215 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,527 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,886 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £165,946 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £118,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Wright, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £3,003,474 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £233,529 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Fungicides and Insecticides Act, 1927, the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1927, the Peel Forest Amend- Act, 1927, and the New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Land for Settlements Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Land for Settlements Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Speaker directed the attention of the House to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill, which was an infringement of the privileges of this House.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill be considered forthwith.

The Honourable Mr. Hawken moved, and the Question was proposed, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council be disagreed with, as it infringes the privileges of this House.

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

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has disagreed with the amendment made by the Council in the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill, as it infringes the privilege of this House.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-three minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned until half after seven of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

Monday, the 10th Day of October, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Election.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter he had received from the Clerk of the Writs :—

Department of Internal Affairs,
Office of the Clerk of the Writs, Wellington, 10th October, 1927.

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 12th day of September, 1927, for the election of a Member of Parliament to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Raglan, with an indorsement thereon that the name of the person elected for that electoral district pursuant to the writ is William Lee Martin.

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

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

2. *Member sworn.*—William Lee Martin, Esquire, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

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

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Maora Mawhata, and Marangai Haapu and others, be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That five days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. H. W. Uru, on account of urgent public business.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That one day's leave of absence be granted to Sir George Hunter, on account of urgent public business.

5. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Customs Amendment Bill ;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2 to 12 read and agreed to.
Clause 13 read. Clause postponed.
Clause 14 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clauses 15 to 17 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"(1) If, as a result of the coming into operation of this Act, there should be any increase in the price of any item of goods subject to duty under the First Schedule hereto, the Minister shall be empowered to reduce the amount of the duty on such item by an amount not exceeding the amount of the increase in the price of the said item.

"(2) In the event of the Dominion producers failing adequately to supply the market with any item of goods included in the First Schedule hereto, the Minister shall be empowered to reduce or abolish the duty on such item, as he deems fit, until such time as in his opinion the market is adequately supplied." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

And the Question being put, That the new clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 12.

Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	Parry	Savage
Holland, H. E.	Martin	Sidey.	Sullivan.
Jordan			

NOES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Veitch
Bell	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Burnett	Holland, H.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wilford
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Potter	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Kyle	Smith	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	Lee, E. P.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	McLennan	Sykes	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Tapley	

So it passed in the Negative.

First Schedule: Class I.

Items 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Item 4 read. Consideration postponed.

Item 5 read.

Paragraphs (1) to (7) agreed to.

Paragraph (8) postponed.

Items 6 to 36 read and agreed to.

Item 37 read. Amendment proposed: To add to paragraph (3) the following words: "No duty exceeding 1d. per lb. shall be levied on any lemons on and from 1st November up to and including 31st March." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Items 38 to 73 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the said 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 forty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 11th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Horn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of S. M. Barclay be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Customs Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule: Class II.

Items 74 to 136 read and agreed to.

Item 137 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That consideration of the item be postponed. *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 22.

Atmore	Jordan	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Wilford.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lysnar	Seddon	
Fraser	McCombs	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	Tapley	Howard
Horne	Parry	Veitch	Sullivan.

NOES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Harris	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Sykes
Campbell	Henare	Macmillan	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Hudson	Nash	Young, Hon. J. A.
Elliott	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	
Forsyth	Jones, D.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Item 137 agreed to.

Items 138 to 148 read and agreed to.

Item 149 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the item. *(Honourable Mr. Buddo.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Item agreed to.

Items 150 to 158 read and agreed to.

Item 159 read. Consideration postponed.

Items 160 to 182 read and agreed to.

Item 183 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To postpone consideration of the item. *(Mr. Jordan.)*

And the Question being put, That consideration of the item be postponed, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 25.

Atmore	Holland, H. E.	Parry	Veitch
Bartram	Horne	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Savage	Wilford.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, E. P.	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Field	Lee, J. A.	Sidey	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Tapley	Sullivan.
Glenn	Martin		

NOES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Smith
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Henare	Mason, J.	Walter
Campbell	Holland, H.	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Potter	
Forsyth	Jones, W.	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Girling	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Item agreed to.

Items 184 to 195 read and agreed to.

Item 196 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To postpone consideration of the item. *(Mr. McCombs.)*

And the Question being put, That consideration of the item be postponed, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 17.

Atmore	Lee, J. A.	Sidey	Wilford.
Bartram	McCombs	Tapley	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph	Sullivan.
Jordan	Savage		

NOES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hamilton, A.	McLennan	Seddon
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Harris	Mason, J.	Sykes
Campbell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nash	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Holland, H.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Potter	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Field	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Bitchener
Forsyth	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Item agreed to.

To report progress and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning ;

WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the said 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 four minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 12th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave to Introduce Bill postponed.*—On motion of Mr. Forbes (for Mr. Wilford), *Ordered*, That the Motion for leave to introduce the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill be postponed.

3. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Customs Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule under consideration.

Items 197 to 228 read and agreed to.

Item 229 read. Consideration of item postponed.

Items 230 to 236 read and agreed to.

Item 237 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the words "20 per cent. ad val" in Column No. 1. *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Seddon
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Smith
Buddo, Hon. D.	Harris	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Sykes
Campbell	Henare	Mason, J.	Tapley
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Dickie	Horne	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Walter
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Potter	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Eliott	Jones, D.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Kyle	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Girling	Lee, E. P.	Samuel	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 16.

Armstrong	Lee, J. A.	Parry	Veitch.
Atmore	McCombs	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Martin	Savage	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	Sidey	Sullivan.
Jordan			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words retained.

Item agreed to.

Items 238 to 248 read and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, To insert the following new item:—

248A	Records for phonographs, gramaphones, and for similar instruments		
	Up to and including 30th June, 1928 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st July, 1928	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)

Item 248A agreed to.

Item 249 read and agreed to.
Items 250 to 330 read and agreed to.
Item 331 read. Amendment proposed: To amend paragraph (2) (as set out in the Resolution of the 4th day of October, 1927) by adding, after the words "combined or separate," the words "ploughs, single-furrow mould-board, not exceeding 266 lb. net weight." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart).*
Amendment agreed to.
Item as amended agreed to.
Item 332 read. Consideration of item postponed.
Items 333 to 348 read and agreed to.
Item 349 read. Amendment proposed: To omit paragraph (9) and substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

(9) Sewing-machines	Free	Free.
(9A) Knitting and kilting machines ..	Free	20 per cent. ad val.

(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)

Amendment agreed to.
Item as amended agreed to.
Items 350 and 351 read and agreed to.
Item 352 read. Consideration of item postponed.
Item 353 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

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

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the said 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 one of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 13th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of Mr. Wilford (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That, in regard to the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill, Standing Order 394 be suspended so far as it relates to the time-limit from the commencement of the session of the last publication of notices thereunder, and Standing Order 399 be suspended in regard to the same Bill so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed.

2. *Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer certain powers on the Lower Hutt Borough Council in relation to the Widening of Streets; 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 printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

3. *Business after 12.30 a.m.*—Mr. Speaker made the following announcement :—

In accordance with the usual custom at this period of the session, I have to announce that on Monday next, and for the remainder of the session, any Bill which has been read a first time on a previous sitting-day may be proceeded with and passed through all its remaining stages at one sitting. The 12.30 a.m. rule as to new business will, however, apply to any such Bill, unless it is before the House at 12.30 a.m. or in possession of the Committee of the Whole at that hour (whether actually reached by the Committee or not), in which case it may be put through its remaining stages after 12.30 a.m.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Counties Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Legislature Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

5. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, for the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Counties Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

6. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Legislature Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

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

211. Land Act, 1924 : Lands proposed to be reserved as Endowments for Primary Education in North Auckland and Otago Land Districts.

212. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908 : Notice of change of Purpose of Reservation over an Area in Hawarden Township, Canterbury Land District, from Public Purposes to a Site for a Memorial Hall.

8. *Committee of Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means,

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. 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 the duties of Customs and exemptions from such duties specified in the Second Schedule to the Resolutions of the 13th day of September, 1927, as amended by the resolution of the 4th day of October, 1927, shall, after the 13th day of October, 1927, be subject to the alterations hereinafter in this resolution set forth, and the said resolutions as so altered shall take effect accordingly :—

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO RESOLUTIONS OF THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1927, AND OF RESOLUTION OF THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
4 (2)	To amend item 4, paragraph (2), by omitting the rate of duty of 1s. 1d. per bushel, and substituting a rate of 1s. 3d. per bushel		
5 (8)	To further amend item 5, paragraph (8), by omitting " £13 " wherever it appears in the said paragraph and by substituting " £13 10s. " ; and by adding after the words " more than £1 5s." in the last sub-paragraph of the said paragraph (as set out in the Resolution of the 4th day of October, 1927) the words " per ton of 2,000 lb."		
11	To delete item 11 and substitute the following :— Vegetables, viz. :—		
	(1) *Preserved* peas in tins or *similar* containers including the weight of any liquid	20 per cent. ad val. or 1d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty	40 per cent. ad val. or 2d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
	(2) Fresh, dried, or preserved, n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
159	To delete paragraph (2) of item 159 and substitute the following :—		
	(2) Linoleum, cork carpets, rubber flooring, and floor mats of *similar* materials, exceeding 2·30 millimetres in thickness	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.
	And to delete from paragraph (4) of the same item (as set out in the Resolution of the 4th day of October, 1927) the letters " n.e.i." and substitute the words " other kinds."		
229	To delete item 229, paragraph (1), and substitute the following :—		
	1 (*a*) Marble, *in the rough*, or *rough-sawn*, not *dressed or polished*	Free	Free.
	(*b*) Granite, or other stone, n.e.i., *in the rough*, including scabbled from the pick	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
	(*c*) Granite, or other stone, n.e.i., *rough-sawn*, not *dressed or polished*	5 per cent. ad val.	15 per cent. ad val.
325	To amend item 325 by inserting a semicolon after the words " then galvanized," and adding the following :— " Japanned or laquered metalware ; furniture, cabinetware, and *shelving*, specially *suited* for office shop or warehouse use, *made up* from sheet metal not exceeding 0·080 inch in thickness."		
	To delete from item 352 the words " Bill-hooks, bush-hooks, slashers, and hedge-knives," and to insert after item 352 the following new item :—		
352A	Bill-hooks, bush-hooks, slashers, and hedge-knives ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.

And the Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House agrees with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Resolution be referred to the Committee on the Customs Amendment Bill.

Mr. Hockly 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.

9. *Message.*—The Right 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. 34.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to impose Duties of Customs and to amend the Customs Acts," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Clause 13, subclause (1): To omit this subclause, and substitute the following subclause:—

"(1) For the purposes of the Tariff the Minister may direct that sawn dressed timber or any class of such timber shall be measured as if the actual thickness thereof were increased by such amount as he may prescribe in that behalf. The maximum amount that may be so added in any case shall, as the Minister may determine, be either three-sixteenths of an inch, or twenty per centum of the actual thickness. Every direction under this section shall be given by notice published in the *Gazette*, and may at any time be in like manner revoked."

Government House,
Wellington, 13th October, 1927.

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 amendments in the Bill to impose Duties of Customs and to amend the Customs Acts.

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

10. *Customs Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the Resolution, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

11. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Customs Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule under consideration.

Item 354 read. Amendment proposed: To omit paragraph (1). *(Mr. Hudson.)*

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

AYES, 37.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Sykes
Burnett	Henare	Nash	Walter
Campbell	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Kyle	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Eliott	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Girling	McLennan	Samuel	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.		

NOES, 28.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Martin	Veitch
Bartram	Horne	Mason, H. G. R.	Waite
Buddo, Hon. D.	Howard	Potter	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Forbes	Jordan	Ransom	Wilford.
Forsyth	Lee, J. A.	Savage	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Luke, Sir John	Sidey	Atmore
Harris	McCombs	Sullivan	Hudson.
Holland, H.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To delete paragraph (5). *(Mr. Harris.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Item agreed to.

Items 355 to 385 read and agreed to.

Item 386 read. Amendment proposed: To postpone consideration of the item. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

And the Question being put, That the item stand part of the Schedule, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Tapley
Burnett	Henare	Mason, J.	Waite
Campbell	Hudson	Nash	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Jones, D.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Glenn	Linklater	Samuel	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	

NOES, 21.

Atmore	Holland, H.	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Bartram	Holland, H. E.	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Savage	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lee, J. A.	Seddon	Howard
Forsyth	McCombs	Smith	Sullivan.
Fraser	Martin		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Item agreed to.

Items 387 to 395 read and agreed to.

Consideration of Class XIII postponed.

Items 412 to 446 read and agreed to.

The Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Schedules read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the said 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 twelve minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 14th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Nash (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of D. C. McCarthy be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

2. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Kahupake Potatau, Tiopira Paerata and another, Mere to Iwingaro, Mere te Iwingaro and others, Agnes Hope, Harete Apatari and others, Kira Kapu and others, Rahera Muriwai Mutu Morrison and others, Paki Ihaka and others, Hautawaho Perawhiti and others, and Tohikuri-o-Waikato and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Tiopira Paerata and another, Agnes Hope, and Harete Apatari and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Kira Kapu and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Rahera Muriwai Mutu Morrison and others, Paki Ihaka and others, and Tohikuri-o-Waikato and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petition of Kahupake Potatau, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Minister of Native Affairs.

3. *Customs Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Customs Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule under consideration.

Postponed item 4 read. Amendment proposed: To amend paragraph (2) by omitting the rate of duty of 1s. 1d. per bushel, and substituting a rate of 1s. 3d. per bushel. *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

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

AYES, 44.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sidey
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Smith
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Mason, J.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Holland, H.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Tapley
Campbell	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Linklater	Samuel	Bitchener
Glenn	McLennan	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.			

NOES, 25.

Armstrong	Jones, W.	Parry	Veitch
Atmore	Jordan	Potter	Walter
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Ransom	Wilford.
Harris	Luke, Sir John	Savage	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	McCombs	Sullivan	Bellringer
Horne	Martin	Sykes	Forsyth.
Howard	Mason, H. G. R.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words inserted.

Item as amended agreed to.

Postponed item 5 read. Amendment proposed: To further amend paragraph (8) by omitting "£13" wherever it appears in the said paragraph, and by substituting "£13 10s."; and by adding after the words "more than £1 5s." in the last sub-paragraph of the said paragraph (as set out in the Resolution of the 4th day of October, 1927) the words "per ton of 2,000 lb." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Item 11 recommitted. Amendment proposed: To delete the item and substitute the following:—

Vegetables, viz:—		
(1) *Preserved* peas in tins or *similar* containers including the weight of any liquid	20 per cent. ad val. or 1d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty	40 per cent. ad val. or 2d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
(2) Fresh, dried, or preserved, n.e.i. ..	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.

(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Postponed item 159 read. Amendment proposed: To delete paragraph (2) and substitute the following:—

(2) Linoleum, cork carpets, rubber flooring, and floor mats of *similar* materials, exceeding 2·30 millimetres in thickness	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.

and to delete from paragraph (4) of the same item (as set out in the Resolution of the 4th day of October, 1927) the letters "n.e.i." and substitute the words "other kinds." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Postponed item 229 read. Amendment proposed: To delete paragraph (1), and substitute the following:—

1 (*a*) Marble, *in the rough*, or *rough-sawn*, not *dressed or polished*	Free	Free.
(*b*) Granite, or other stone, n.e.i., *in the rough*, including scabbled from the pick ..	Free	10 per cent. ad val.
(*c*) Granite, or other stone, n.e.i., *rough-sawn*, not *dressed or polished*	5 per cent. ad val.	15 per cent. ad val.

(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)

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

AYES, 8.

Tellers.

Atmore	Jones, W.	Sykes	Harris
Hudson	Sidey	Tapley.	Holland, H.

NOES, 56.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Samuel
Armstrong	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Savage
Bell	Holland, H. E.	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Horne	Martin	Sullivan
Burnett	Howard	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Campbell	Hunter, Sir George	Mason, J.	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Nash	Walter
Dickson, J. McC.	Jordan	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Eliott	Kyle	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Potter	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forsyth	Lee, J. A.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Girling	Linklater	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	McCombs	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, J. R.			

So it passed in the Negative.

Words inserted.

Item as amended agreed to.

Item 325 reconsidered. Amendment proposed: To amend the item by inserting a semicolon after the words "then galvanized," and adding the following: "Japanned or laquered metalware; furniture, cabinetware, and *shelving*, specially *suited* for office, shop, or warehouse use, *made up* from sheet metal not exceeding 0·080 inch in thickness." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Postponed item 332 read and agreed to.

Postponed item 352 read. Amendment proposed: To delete from the item the words "Bill-hooks, bush-hooks, slashers, and hedge-knives," and to insert after the item the following new item:—

352A Bill-hooks, bush-hooks, slashers, and hedge-knives	20 per cent. ad val.	40 per cent. ad val.

(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)

And the Question being put on the retention of the words proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 27.

Bitchener	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Walter
Burnett	Henare	Nash	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Kyle	Rolleson, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickson, J. S.	McLennan	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Forsyth	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley	Bellringer
Girling	Macmillan	Waite	Elliott.

NOES, 38.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Holland, H.	Mason, H. G. R.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Potter	Sullivan
Atmore	Howard	Ransom	Sykes
Bartram	Hudson	Reid	Veitch
Bell	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Samuel	Wilford.
Fraser	Lee, E. P.	Savage	
Glenn	Linklater	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Sidey	Forbes
Harris	McCombs	Smith	Hamilton, J. R.

So it passed in the Negative.

Words omitted.

Amendment agreed to.

Postponed Class XIII: Items 396 to 411 read and agreed to.

First Schedule as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 13 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (1), and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"(1) For the purposes of the Tariff the Minister may direct that sawn dressed timber or any class of such timber shall be measured as if the actual thickness thereof were increased by such amount as he may prescribe in that behalf. The maximum amount that may be so added in any case shall, as the Minister may determine, be either three-sixteenths of an inch, or twenty per centum of the actual thickness. Every direction under this section shall be given by notice published in the *Gazette*, and may at any time be in like manner revoked." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Customs Amendment Bill, and had made amendments therein.

The Report was (with the leave of the House) considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

SATURDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a third time, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to impose Duties of Customs and to amend the Customs Acts."

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-two minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Monday, the 17th Day of October, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Girling (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Esmos Timber and Machinery Co. and one hundred and eighty others be referred direct to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

On motion of Mr. A. Hamilton (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Charles English be referred direct to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bell (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. C. A. Woodhead be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *South Island – Australia Shipping Facilities Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the order of reference of the South Island – Australia Shipping Facilities Committee be amended by inserting after the words "improving the same" the words "and also as to what ports in the South Island it is practicable to be included in the itinerary of the N.Z.M.S. 'Maui Pomare' in connection with the Pacific Islands trade."

3. *Educational Reserve Leases in Otago and Southland.*—On motion of Mr. Horn, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of holdings of leased educational reserve sections in Otago and Southland; (2) the total area in acres; and (3) the total amount of cash for rents received for the year ended 31st March, 1927.

4. *North Island Limited Express Trains, Revenue derived from.*—On motion of Mr. Eliott, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The revenue derived for the year ended 31st March, 1927, from through passenger traffic between the terminal points of the North Island night limited express trains; and (2) the revenue derived by the same trains for the same period from passenger traffic to and from intermediate stations.

5. *Education Boards and Schools, Administrative Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. Nash, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the administrative costs of the following: (1) Education Boards of New Zealand; (2) Native schools; (3) secondary schools; and (4) technical schools.

6. *Rural Advances Branch of the State Advances Office, Amounts transferred to.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total amount transferred to date to the Rural Advances Branch for the State Advances Office from other branches of the office.

7. *Forestry Department, Details of Trees planted by.*—On motion of Mr. Wilford, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return relating to the Forestry Department showing—(1) The area of each species planted in the years 1921 to 1926 inclusive, each year's figures to be shown separately; and (2) the details showing the number of trees planted per acre in the years above mentioned, setting out separately the spacing distance provided in each year.

8. *Parliament Buildings, Lift at the Rear of: Cost of Maintenance.*—On motion of Mr. J. A. Lee, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the cost of repairing and maintaining in good order the lift at the rear of the Parliament Buildings, and the cost of installing a lift which will run with efficiency.

9. *Soldiers' Farms, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Mr. H. E. Holland. *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of soldiers' farms the capital value of which have been reduced within the four years ending the 31st March, 1927; (2) in each case the price at which the land was purchased by the Government, the price at which it was sold to the soldier, the amount by which the value has now been written down, and the net loss to the State; and (3) in cases where forfeiture has taken place and the property has passed into other hands, the difference between the terms on which the original soldier settler held the land and those on which it is now held, and also whether it is now held by soldier or civilian.

10. *Bankrupt Farmers during 1926–27.*—On motion of Mr. Glenn, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of bankrupt farmers in the Dominion in the year 1926–27, and (2) the number of farmers who have abandoned their farms.

11. *New Zealand Railways, Accidents on.*—On motion of Mr. Wilford, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of accidents that have occurred on the New Zealand Railways (*a*) in the last ten years, (*b*) in the last three years.

12. *Travelling and other Expenses: Hon. Sir James Parr whilst Minister of Education.*—On motion of Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total amount drawn for travelling and other expenses by the Honourable Sir James Parr during the time he was Minister of Education.

13. *Message.*—The Right 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 Motor-vehicles Act, 1924," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th October, 1927.

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 His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

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

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

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

15. *Message.*—The Right 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to encourage the Production of Petroleum from Crown and other Lands in New Zealand by making Provision for the Issue of Warrants to prospect for, and Licenses to win, Petroleum; by prescribing Conditions for the Payment by Licensees of Royalties on Petroleum won under any such License; by prescribing other Terms and Conditions subject to which such Warrants and Licenses as aforesaid shall be issued; and generally by making Provision for the Regulation of Mining Operations in respect of Petroleum"; and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th October, 1927.

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 His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to encourage the Production of Petroleum from Crown and other Lands in New Zealand by making Provision for the Issue of Warrants to prospect for, and Licenses to win, Petroleum; by prescribing Conditions for the Payment by Licensees of Royalties on Petroleum won under any such License; by prescribing other Terms and Conditions subject to which such Warrants and Licenses as aforesaid shall be issued; and generally by making Provision for the Regulation of Mining Operations in respect of Petroleum.

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.

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

17. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

213. Naval Defence Act, 1911, Regulations under the.

18. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Mining Amendment Bill, the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill, and the Petition of E. R. Smith; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

19. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), the Mining Amendment Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

20. *Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

21. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of A. R. D. Box, A. L. McAllum, and J. Shortal; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

22. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Apprentices Amendment Bill, and the Petition of H. Cooper and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

23. *Apprentices Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Apprentices Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

24. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Girling, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of S. Bell-Booth; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of S. Bell-Booth, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

25. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up Reports on the Apiaries Bill, the Orchard-tax Bill, and the Petition of W. R. Hufton; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

26. *Apiaries Bill.—Ordered*, That the Apiaries Bill be committed next sitting-day.

27. *Orchard-tax Bill.—Ordered*, That the Orchard-tax Bill be committed next sitting-day.

28. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a report on the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

29. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

30. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of H. Kilburn and others, Florence Polson and others, R. H. Feisst and others, and T. C. Duncan; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of T. C. Duncan, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

31. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. W. Perrett and others, Tai P. Toi and others, Margaret Barlow, Mary A. Anderson, Mary Ingley, and A. M. Cowan; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of J. W. Perrett and others, and Tai P. Toi and others, be referred to the Public Health Committee.

32. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. J. Mason, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

33. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

34. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Counties Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Counties Amendment Bill be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting then that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

35. *Legislature Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Legislature Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Legislature Amendment Bill be agreed to.

Ordered, That a message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

36. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Conference on the subject of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the War Disabilities Removal Bill;

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House doth not insist upon its disagreement with the Legislative Council in their amendment to the said Bill, and accepts the Bill as amended.

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

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House doth not insist upon its disagreement with the Council in their amendment to the said Bill, and accepts the Bill as amended.

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

Tuesday, the 18th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Nash (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. Burgess be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

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

3. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. Kingsbeer and W. Forrest; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. Forrest, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

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

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

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

6. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill;

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

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

The Legislative Council doth not insist upon its amendment in the Bill intituled the Land for Settlements Amendment Act, 1927. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the following Resolution: That a Message be sent to the House, that the House, having accepted the amendment made by the Council in the War Disabilities Removal Bill, the Council proposes to the House that the necessary consequential amendment in the Title of the Bill be made by omitting the words "and other Persons" from that Title.

8. *War Disabilities Removal Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that their proposal that the Title of the War Disabilities Removal Bill should be amended by the omission of the words "and other Persons" will receive due consideration.

9. *Message.*—The Right 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 18th October, 1927.

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 Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Act, 1925.

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

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

10. *Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, according to Order, presented the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

11. *Orchard-tax Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Orchard-tax Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *Apiaries Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Apiaries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Orchard-tax Bill, the Apiaries Bill, and the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Apiaries Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert the following paragraph:—

"(*aa*) Sell, barter, lend, or give any bees for removal to another location." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the words "provided that nothing herein shall apply to the sale of bees or of unused comb-foundation or other appliances." *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 17 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

16. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

17. *Orchard-tax Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Orchard-tax 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 Moneys by Special Taxation for the Development of the Fruitgrowing Industry and the Protection of Orchards from Fireblight."

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

18. *Apiaries Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Apiaries Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Bee Industry in New Zealand."

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

19. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Magistrates' Courts 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 one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 19th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Division-list corrected.*—Mr. Wilford drew attention to the fact that in the division taken in Committee on the 14th October, on the question to amend item 4, paragraph (2), by omitting the rate of duty of 1s. 1d. per bushel and substituting a rate of 1s. 3d. per bushel in Class I of the Customs Tariff, his name did not appear in the division-lists as having voted.

Mr. Wilford having stated that he had voted with the Noes, Mr. Bitchener, a Teller, came to the Table and corrected the division-lists accordingly, Mr. Forsyth, the Teller for the Noes, being absent on account of illness.

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

On motion of Sir George Hunter (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of E. Vicary and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

3. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Hudson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Education Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Ihapera Taikato and others, Petera Popo and others, and Inia Hoani Kiharoa; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. J. S. Dickson, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Annie Miller and another, and J. Hay; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Annie Miller and another, and J. Hay, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

6. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of L. B. Hart; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and, together with the said Petition, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7. *Adjournment (Questions and Replies).*—Mr. Parry moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

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

8. *Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill;

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

10. *Introduction of Plants Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Introduction of Plants Bill;

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

11. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *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.

14. *Public Service Superannuation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Public Service Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

15. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill, the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill, the Apprentices Amendment Bill, and the Public Service Superannuation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

16. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill:*

Amendments made by the Statutes Revision Committee were, with the unanimous consent of the Committee, read into the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 13 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

17. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill:*

Amendments made by the Statutes Revision Committee were, with the unanimous consent of the Committee, read into the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 15 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

18. *Apprentices Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

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

Motion to report progress lapsed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

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

AYES, 15.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Sidey.
Atmore	Jordan	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.

NOES, 53.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Sykes
Bellringer	Henare	Nash	Tapley
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Veitch
Burnett	Horne	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Potter	Walter
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, W.	Reid	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Elliott	Kyle	Rhodes	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Samuel	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"No employer or employee shall be entered on the list for the purpose of computing the quota for the number of apprentices except they are or have been journeymen of such trade or calling, and are so employed or engaged at such time as aforesaid." *(Mr. Fraser.)*

New clause negatived on the voices.

To report the Bill without amendment.

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19. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Bankruptcy 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 Bankruptcy Act, 1908."

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

20. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Magistrates' Courts 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 Magistrates' Courts Act, 1908."

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

21. *Apprentices Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Apprentices Amendment Bill, and had directed him 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.

22. *Public Service Superannuation Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Public Service Superannuation 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 Public Service Superannuation Fund and the Teachers' Superannuation Fund."

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

23. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1908."

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

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

Thursday, the 20th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during the Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Hudson (with leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Education Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

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

214. Defence Amendment Act, 1910, Amendments to Regulations under the.

216. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Pukekohe Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1927.

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

215. Fire Brigades of the Dominion, Report of the, for the Year ended 30th June, 1927. H.–12.

Ordered, That Paper No. 215 be printed.

3. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Fertilizers Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Fertilizers Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Fertilizers Bill be committed next sitting-day.

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill, have the honour to report that it is a Local Bill and that the Standing Orders have been complied with, with the exception of those parts of Standing Orders 394 and 399 which were suspended with the leave of the House. The Committee have carefully considered the Bill and taken evidence thereon, and they recommend that it be not allowed to proceed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a Report on the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill, have the honour to report that it is a Local Bill and that the Standing Orders have been complied with, with the exception of that part of Standing Order 399 which was suspended with the leave of the House.

The Committee recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

6. *Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—The Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

8. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Girling, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up Reports on the Petition of P. Naughton and others, and on Paper H.–44A; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of L. C. Croucher and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petition of A. McLean and others, and the Petroleum Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of A. McLean and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

11. *Petroleum Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), the Petroleum Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and ordered to be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

12. *Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

15. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee on the Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill, the Land Laws Amendment Bill, and the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

16. *Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time and added to the Bill:—

"In the event of the death before or after the passing of this Act of the parents or of one of the parents of an infant, the Court may order that the maternal or paternal grandparents of such infant or any one of them shall have access to such infant at such times and places as the Court may deem proper." *(Mr. Hudson.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

17. *Land Laws Amendment:*

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

18. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill:*

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

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19. *Guardianship of Infants Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Guardianship of Infants 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 Guardianship of Infants Act, 1926."

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

20. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Land Laws Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will presently again resolve itself into the said Committee.

21. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will presently again resolve itself into the said Committee.

22. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 20th October, 1927.

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 Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925.

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

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

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

24. *Message.*—The Right 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 Bills intituled—

The Egmont National Park Amendment Act, 1927,
The War Funds Amendment Act, 1927,
The Savings-banks Amendment Act, 1927,
The Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1927,
The Land and Income Tax (Annual) Act, 1927,
The Summer Time Act, 1927,
The Marriage Amendment Act, 1927,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1927 (No. 4),
The Church Property Trust (Canterbury) Amendment Act, 1927,
The Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Act, 1927,
The Te Matai Road Water-race District Act, 1927,
The Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act, 1927,
The Wellington City Exhibition Grounds Act, 1927,
The Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Act, 1927, and
The Wellington City and Suburban Districts Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1927,

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, 14th October, 1927.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Orchard-tax Act, 1927, without amendment.

26. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land Laws Amendment Bill and the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

27. *Land Laws Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to omit the new subsection (2A) proposed to be added to section 86 of the principal Act, and substitute the following:—

"(2A) Where in the course of any arbitration proceedings under this section the arbitrators desire to appoint an umpire, they may, with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, appoint a Stipendiary Magistrate; and if the arbitrators in any case fail to agree as to the appointment of an umpire the Commissioner with the like concurrence shall appoint a Stipendiary Magistrate as umpire." (*Honourable Mr. McLeod.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 read.

Amendment proposed: To insert, after the words "is hereby amended," in line 42, the following words: "as follows: (*a*) By inserting, after the words 'the interest of a lessee or of a licensee in' in subsection one, the words 'any rural'; and (*b*)." (*Honourable Mr. McLeod.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 22 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

28. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill:*

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments made by the Labour Bills Committee were read into the Bill.

Clause 1A read.

And the Question being put that the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 2 read.

Amendment proposed: In line 2 to omit the word "ten," and substitute the word "nine" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. McKeen.*)

Amendment, with leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Amendment proposed: In line 7 to insert after the word "before" the words "the hour of three o'clock in the morning in the case of milkmen, or before." (*Mr. J. S. Dickson.*)

Amendment proposed: To delete the word "three" of the amendment, and to insert the word "four" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Fraser.*)

And the Question being put on the retention of the word "three," the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Sykes
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Waite
Bitchener	Henare	Nash	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R.A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, W.	Potter	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Linklater	Reid	*Tellers.*
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Rhodes	Dickson, J. S.
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Elliott.

NOES, 23.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Seddon
Atmore	Hunter, Sir George	Martin	Veitch
Bartram	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Kyle	Parry	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lee, J. A.	Rolleston, J. C.	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Word "three" retained.

Another amendment proposed: To add the words "provided that the number of days per week worked by any milkman shall not exceed six." (*Mr. Fraser.*)

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

AYES, 15.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Savage.
Atmore	Jordan	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Parry	Sullivan.

NOES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Sykes
Bell	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Veitch
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Mason, J.	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nash	Walter
Dickie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Elliott	Jones, W.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Kyle	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Linklater	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 10 to omit the words "provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply to milkmen." (*Mr. J. S. Dickson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3A read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

Amendment proposed: To delete the proviso. (*Mr. McKeen.*)

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

AYES, 47.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Sykes
Atmore	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Tapley
Bell	Harris	Mason, J.	Veitch
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nash	Waite
Buddo, Hon. D.	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Dickie	Hudson	Potter	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Elliott	Jones, W.	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 13.

Armstrong	Jordan	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	McKeen		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Proviso retained.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following as subclause (2):—

"(2) This section shall, in its application to any shop, be read subject to any award or industrial agreement requiring the provision of dining-room and cloak-room accommodation for women employed in such shop." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

Amendment proposed: To strike out all the words after the words "he ordinarily ceases work." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress and move for leave to sit again. (*Mr. Savage.*)

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

AYES, 15.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	McKeen	Veitch.
Atmore	Jordan	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.

NOES, 42.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Macmillan	Tapley
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Waite
Bellringer	Henare	Nash	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Dickie	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Potter	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Jones, W.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes	Kyle	Rhodes	
Girling	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Bitchener
Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Sykes	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 31.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Waite
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H.	Macmillan	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Burnett	Horne	Mason, J.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Girling	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Jones, D.	Potter	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 16.

Armstrong	Fraser	McKeen	Veitch.
Atmore	Holland, H. E.	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Jones, W.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Bell	McCombs	Savage	Sullivan.
Eliott			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 6 to 11 read and agreed to.

Clause 12 read.

Amendment proposed: In paragraph (*a*) of the proviso to subsection (1) of section sixty-nine of the principal Act, as set out in this subclause, to insert, after the words "statutory closing-day" (page 4, line 14), the words "or require him to close his shop on the day so elected earlier than the hour at which he would be required to close it, for the purposes of the statutory closing-day, on any other day of the week." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

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

AYES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Tapley
Atmore	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Veitch
Bell	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Waite
Bellringer	Horne	Nash	Walter
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Burnett	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Jones, W.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Samuel	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	McLennan	Sykes	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 13.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Eliott	Lee, J. A.	Savage.	McCombs.
Fraser	McKeen		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Words inserted.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (3) to add in line 27, after the words "such provision shall cease to operate," the words "With respect to districts to which section thirty-one of the principal Act applies, the hours so fixed by any award shall (subject to the proviso to subsection one of section sixty-nine of the principal Act, as set out in subsection one of this section) continue to be observed during the currency of the award, and any exemptions therefrom granted before the commencement of this Act shall, subject to section fourteen hereof, enure while such closing-hours continue to be so observed." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read.

Amendment proposed: To omit the words "to whom an order of exemption under either of the two last preceding sections has been granted," and substitute the words "to whom has been granted any exemption from the closing-hours fixed in respect of his shop." (*Honourable Mr. Anderson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 17A, 18A, 19, 20A read and agreed to.

Clause 21 read.

Amendment proposed: To add the words "and by omitting the words 'half past ten o'clock,' and substituting the words 'eight o'clock.'" (*Mr. J. S. Dickson.*)

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 21A and 21B read and agreed to.

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

"1A. Subsection two of section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the definition of the term 'florist,' and substituting the following definition: '"Florist" means a person whose business is to sell flowers, whether fresh-cut or made up, artificial flowers, pot-plants, raffia, and florists' requisites.'"

"11A. Subsection one of section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting all words after the words 'this section shall not' down to and including the word 'Inspector,' and substituting the words 'while medicines and surgical appliances are obtainable from any such exempted shop, apply to any chemist's shop in the district which, by the nearest route as determined by the Inspector, is within such distance (not exceeding two miles and a half in any case) as may be set out in the requisition.'"

New clause 20A: To move this clause in the Bill as reported from the Labour Bills Committee, with the addition to subclause (3) (on page 8) of the following proviso:—

"Provided that the occupier of an hotel, private hotel, or boardinghouse shall not sell smoking requisites to any person other than a *bona fide* lodger therein after the hour or hours set out in the notice referred to in subsection one hereof."

"21C. For the purpose of determining whether or not any building or place is a shop or a restaurant within the meaning of the principal Act, no account shall be taken of any business carried on therein which is not subject to that Act."

"21D. Nothing in section forty of the principal Act shall apply to any female assistant over the age of twenty-one years employed in connection with any dance, banquet, or other social function, or the supplying of refreshments to patrons in any public dance-hall, if provision to the satisfaction of the Inspector is made for the conveyance to her home of such assistant on the completion of her work." (*Hon. Mr. Anderson.*)

The following new clauses were read a first time, and, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn:—

"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section twenty of the principal Act, as amended by this Act, the local authority of a separate district or the convening local authority of a combined district shall, save as provided in the next succeeding subsection, take, within one month after presentation to it of a requisition in that behalf, a special poll of the electors in the separate district or combined district, as the case may be, to determine the statutory closing-day in that district.

"(2) The local authority shall not take such special poll unless—

"(*a*) The requisition is signed by not less than three-fifths of the total number of electors of the borough or town district in the case of a separate district, or by not less than one-half of the total number of the electors of all the constituent boroughs and town districts in the case of a combined district; and

"(*b*) Security, to the satisfaction of the local authority, is given for the payment to it of the actual cost of taking the poll.

"(3) The provisions of subsections eight to eleven of section twenty of the principal Act shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to special polls taken under this section.

"(4) Any day appointed as the statutory closing-day pursuant to such special poll shall continue to be the statutory closing-day for the district until another day is appointed in accordance with this section or section twenty of the principal Act." (*Mr. Sykes.*)

"Section thirty-eight of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22, is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection three thereof:—

"'(3A) Every assistant in an hotel or restaurant shall in each week be allowed a holiday of twenty-four consecutive hours on a day or days other than the day referred to in paragraph (*d*) of subsection one hereof." (*Mr. McKeen.*)

To report the Bill with amendments.

And the Committee, having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

29. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Land Laws Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time next sitting-day.

30. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Shops and Offices 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 read a third time next sitting-day.

31. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House at its rising do adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-four minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday afternoon, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 21st Day of October, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Sir Apirana Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Koruarua Peniamene and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

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

217. Public Works Statement, 1927, by the Hon. K. S. Williams, Minister of Public Works. D.-1.

Ordered, That Paper No. 217 be printed.

3. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up Reports on the Stock Amendment Bill and the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill, and the Petition of the Esmos Timber and Machinery Company and others, and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Esmos Timber and Machinery Company and others, together with the report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

4. *Stock Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Stock Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

5. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

6. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a report on the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.*—The Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

8. *Message (Public Works Estimates).*—The Right 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 an Estimate for the sums required for the undermentioned 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; Contingent Defence; Lands Improvement; Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage; Plant, Material, and Stores; Transfer to Main Highways Account Construction Fund in terms of section 16 (*b*), Main Highways Act, 1922: 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 Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account; and Education Loans Account; which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1928; and on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 21st October, 1927.

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

9. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Land Laws Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands."

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

10. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22."

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-three minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Monday, the 24th Day of October, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill Committee.*—Mr. D. Jones, from the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill Committee, brought up a Report on the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill, together with the minutes of evidence taken thereon; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table and be printed.

2. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.—Ordered*, That the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

   218. Native Trust Office, Accounts of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. *G.-2.

   219. Native Land Act, 1909, Amendments to the Rules of Court under the, made on the 15th September, 1927.

   220. Mangatu No. 1 Empowering Act, 1893: Auditor's Report and Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1926.

   221. East Coast Native Trust Lands Act, 1902: Auditor's Report and Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1926.

4. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right 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 for Local Bills.

5. *Order of Business (Local Bills).*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 3 be postponed until after Orders of the Day for Second Readings, and that Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 7 for the second readings of the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill and the Timaru Harbour Board Loan Bill be postponed until after consideration of all Orders of the Day for Local Bills.

6. *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 presently.

7. *Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill;

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

8. *Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill;

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

9. *Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill;

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

10. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill;

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

11. *Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill;

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

12. *Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Waimairi County Council Empowering and Acquisition Bill;

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

13. *Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Bay being read for the Committee on the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

15. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill, the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill, the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill, the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill, the Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill, the Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill, the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill, and the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.

(In the Committee.)

16. *Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 4A read and agreed to.

Clause 4B read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time and added to the Bill:—

"4B. (1) If within one month after the date of the passing of this Act not less than ten per centum of all persons who at that date have paid fees under the said section nine for the current financial year, and who would be liable to pay the increased fee under the provisions of the last preceding section, by writing under their hands delivered to the Mayor of Wellington so demand, the proposal whether the increase of fees set out in the last preceding section shall come into force or not shall be submitted to a poll of all such persons taken as hereinafter provided.

"(2) Such poll shall be taken by post in manner to be fixed by the Council and duly advertised in two newspapers circulating in the district on at least two separate days before the posting of voting-papers.

"(3) The Town Clerk, Wellington, shall be the Returning Officer for such poll, and the voting-paper shall be in such form as is fixed by the Council and advertised at the times hereinbefore mentioned.

"(4) Every person entitled to vote shall have one vote for each vehicle in respect of which he pays fees. The poll shall be determined by a bare majority of the votes cast. In the event of the votes for and against being equal the Returning Officer shall exercise a casting-vote.

"(5) The Returning Officer shall, by advertisement in at least two newspapers circulating in the district on at least two days following the determination of the poll, declare the result of the poll. If the result of the poll is adverse to the increase of the fees the last preceding section and paragraph (*b*) of section four hereof shall be deemed to be repealed." *(Sir John Luke.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

17. *Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Amendment proposed: To insert after the words "to grant leases" in line 8 the words "without submitting the same to public auction or public tender." *(Mr. Wilford.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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18. *Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Makerua Drainage Board Loan 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 give Power to the Makerua Drainage Board to borrow the Sum of Five thousand six hundred Pounds."

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

19. *Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Act, 1924."

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

20. *Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Hockly 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 to enable the Auckland Harbour Board (hereinafter called 'the Board') to grant to the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Auckland (hereinafter called 'the Corporation') a Lease of Portion of the Orakei Basin in the Auckland Harbour, and to confirm the Agreement between the Board and the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport as set out in the Schedule hereto, and to enable the Board to expend Moneys in the Provision of Comforts and Conveniences for its Employees at its Quarries, and to validate an Unauthorized Expenditure on the Board's Jubilee Booklet, and to vest certain Land in the Waiuku Town District in the Board."

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

21. *Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road 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 Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1924."

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

22. *Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering 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 authorize the Hutt River Board to develop and control Gear Island as a Sports Area and Pleasure-ground and Ornamental Park, and for that Purpose to grant Leases to Sports Bodies and Others, and to raise Money for the Development and Improvement of the Island."

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

23. *Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Hukarere Native Girls' School 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 Hukarere Native Girls' School Act, 1892."

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

24. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting 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 Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Act, 1922."

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

25. *Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees 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 empower the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees to borrow Six thousand Pounds for the Purpose of erecting Buildings on Trust Properties."

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 thirteen minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 25th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Susan Giles be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

On motion of Mr. Reid (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of G. W. Sanders and another be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. Nash (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That, in regard to the Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill, Standing Order 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 395 be suspended so 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 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 proceed.

3. *Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Palmerston North Borough Council to erect a Building for a Library, and to include therein Shops and Offices; 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.

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

222. Stock Act, 1908, Regulations under the, governing the Importation of Sausage-casings into New Zealand.

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

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

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

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

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

229. Nelson Land District, Notice ot Change of Purpose of Reservation over Portion of a Public-utility Reserve in the.

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

228. Educational Reserves in Otago and Southland, Area of and Rents received for, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. Return to an Order dated 17th October, 1927.

5. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petitions of the Collingwood County Council, the Motueka Borough Council, the Takaka County Council, and the Takaka Town Board; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table; and, together with the said Petitions, to be referred to the Government for consideration.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Customs Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, without amendment.

7. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of M. Aldis and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, also brought up Reports on the Petitions of E. J. Hunter-Brown and others, L. T. Lancaster and others, and forty similar Petitions, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

8. *Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill;

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

9. *Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Bill;

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

10. *Message.*—The Right 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 intitutled "An Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th October, 1927.

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 Post and Telegraph Act, 1908.

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.

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

12. *Fertilizers Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Fertilizers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *Stock Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Stock Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

15. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee on the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill, the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Bill, the Fertilizers Bill, the Stock Amendment Bill, and the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

16. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock p.m. on Wednesday morning;

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17. *Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Tongariro National Park 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 Tongariro National Park Act, 1922."

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

18. *Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Kauri-gum Industry 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 Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1908."

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

19. *Fertilizers Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Fertilizers 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 controlling the Sale of Fertilizers."

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

20. *Stock Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Stock 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 Stock Act, 1908."

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

21. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Noxious Weeds 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 forty minutes after one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. W. Jones (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Marguerite A. Thompson be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of Mr. W. Jones (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. A. Carruth and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of Mr. W. Jones (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Flora M. Commins be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Girling (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Public Health Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

3. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill, the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill, the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill, the Petitions of G. Clerke, W. R. Paterson, H. Zimmerman, and G. Patillo and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. R. Paterson, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4. *Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

5. *Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of A. W. Barker and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Hockly (for the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata), from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petroleum Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Petroleum Bill.—Ordered*, That the Petroleum Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Message.*—The Right 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 Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide Facilities for affording Financial Assistance by the making of Loans, for terms not exceeding Five Years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

"Clause 14, subclause (1): To omit the words 'two hundred and fifty thousand' in line 3 (page 6), and substitute the words 'four hundred thousand.'

"Clause 14, subclause (2): To omit the word 'exceeding' in line 6, and substitute the words 'less than.'

"Clause 14, subclause (3): To omit the words 'a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum,' and substitute the words 'such rate as the Minister of Finance shall from time to time determine.'

"Clause 16, subclause (5): To omit the words 'the rate of' in line 4, and substitute the words 'a rate to be fixed by the Board, being not less than.'"

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Wellington, 26th October, 1927.

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 amendments in the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.

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. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Apprentices Amend-Act, 1927, without amendment.

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Apiaries Act, 1927, without amendment.

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Guardianship of Infants Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

13. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill;

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill.

And the Question being proposed, a Debate arose thereupon.

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed next sitting-day.

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

Thursday, the 27th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Girling (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Public Health Committee have leave to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That seven days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Tapley, on account of urgent public business.

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 illness.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Police Offences Act, 1927, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Bankruptcy Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

5. *Police Offences Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Suppression of various Offences and in Restraint of Vagrancy 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.

6. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill be considered next sitting day.

7. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill be committed;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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 the said Committee.

In the Committee.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the 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 forty-three minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 28th Day of October, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. D. Jones (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. H. Hulston be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of Mr. D. Jones (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. Smith and another be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Mate Glamuzina and others be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

2. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That all business be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 10.

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

4. *Leave for Select Committees to sit during Sitting of the House.*—On motion of Mr. Girling (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given the Public Health Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given the Public Petitions A to L Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

5. *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. Bell, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Glenn, on account of illness in his family.

6. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Introduction of Plants Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Introduction of Plants Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Introduction of Plants Bill be committed next sitting day.

8. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill, have the honour to report that it is a Local Bill and that the Standing Orders have been complied with, with the exception of those parts of Standing Orders 394 and 399 which were suspended by the House. The Committee have carefully considered the Bill, and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a Report on the Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill, have the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders with regard to it were suspended by the House. The Committee have carefully considered the Bill, and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

9. *Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

10. *Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

11. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Ngapine Ruri, Kepa Anaha Ehau, Henry Taotao and others, and Wiremu Ngakura; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Wiremu Ngakura, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Ngapine Ruri and Kepa Anaha Ehau, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

12. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of N. B. Fryday, A. T. McNeilage, and R. B. Brickell; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of N. B. Fryday, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of A. T. McNeilage, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

13. *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 the Wellington Suburban Motor Bus Company (Limited), H. M. Smith, and J. Watson; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of H. M. Smith and J. Watson, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

14. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, telegraphed 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, 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, 1928.

Government House,
Auckland, 28th October, 1927.

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

15. *Supply (Imprest).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

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 of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Hockly accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million one 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, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

And the resolution being read a second time;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Resolution be agreed to.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

SATURDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. 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, 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-eight,—

(*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 one hundred and fifty-one thousand eight hundred pounds, as set forth in that Schedule:

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

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	500,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	200,000
Electric Supply Account	100,000
Separate Accounts—	
Land for Settlements Account	500
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	10,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	10,000
Native Land Settlement Account	300
State Coal-mines Account	20,000
State Forests Account	10,000
Westport Harbour Account	1,000
Working Railways Account	300,000
	£1,151,800

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	700
The State Fire Insurance Account	4,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	700
The Public Trustee's Account	20,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,200
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	4,200
Advances to Workers Branch	1,000
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
Rural Advances Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	1,000
	£43,000

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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.

17. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 5).*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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-eight; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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. 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 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-eight.

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1927; the Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Act, 1927; the Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Act, 1927; and the Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

19. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

20. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

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

Monday, the 31st Day of October, 1927.

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 four days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Campbell, on account of illness in his family.

2. *Message.*—The Right 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.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1927.

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 Coal-mines Act, 1925.

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.

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

4. *Message.*—The Right 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.*

The Governor-General transits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Importation of certain Seeds, and in particular to require the Treatment of Imported Seeds so as to distinguish them from New-Zealand-grown Seeds," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1927.

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 regulate the Importation of certain Seeds, and in particular to require the Treatment of Imported Seeds so as to distinguish them from New-Zealand-grown seeds.

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

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

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

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1927.

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 Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908.

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

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

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

8. *Message.*—The Right 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 confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies and to validate certain Transactions," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1927.

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 confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies and to validate certain Transactions.

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

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

9. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, according to Order, presented the Local Legislation Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

10. *Message.*—The Right 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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Representation of the People in the House of Representatives," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st October, 1927.

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 consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Representation of the People in the House of Representatives.

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.

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

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

The Right 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.

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 come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Hockly accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

Resolved, That after the 31st day of October, 1927, so much of the Customs tariff (being the First Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1927) as is set out in Part I of the Schedule hereto be cancelled, and that Part II of the Schedule hereto be substituted therefor and be deemed to form part of the tariff; and that in respect of goods mentioned in the said Part II and imported or entered for home consumption after the 31st day of October, 1927, there shall be levied, collected, and paid to and for the use of His Majesty, subject to the provisions of section 143 of the Customs Act, 1913, the respective duties of Customs (if any) specified in the said Part II.

Resolved, That the duty and exemptions from duty provided for in these Resolutions shall not be in force in the Cook Islands until the Governor-General by Order in Council so determines, and that, until otherwise lawfully determined, the exemptions from duty now in force in those islands shall continue to be in force and allowed.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

PROVISIONS OF TARIFF AS SET OUT IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS AMENDMENT ACT, 1927, AND HEREIN PROPOSED TO BE CANCELLED.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
394	(7) Coal-tar naphtha; benzol, toluol, and xylol, crude or refined	Free	Free.
	(8) Motor fuels, n.e.i., whether containing denatured alcohol or not, prepared according to formulæ approved by the Minister	Free	Free.

PART II.

DUTY AND EXEMPTION FROM DUTY PROPOSED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM DUTY SPECIFIED IN IN PART I OF THIS SCHEDULE.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
394	(7) *Motor spirits*	4d. per gallon	4d. per gallon.
	(8) Coal-tar naphtha, n.e.i.; benzol, toluol, and xylol, crude or refined, n.e.i.	Free	Free.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

The Honourable Mr. Williams moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House agrees with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

A debate arose thereupon.

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

TUESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

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

Ordered, That the resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Bill to be introduced to give statutory effect thereto.

Mr. Hockly 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.

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

Tuesday, the 1st Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Music-teachers Registration Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Registration of Music-teachers; and that Sir John Luke do prepare and bring it in.

   Sir John Luke accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. J. Mason (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That, in regard to the Napier Foreshore Bill, Standing Order 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 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 proceed.

3. *Napier Foreshore Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Napier Harbour Board to lease to the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Napier a Piece of Land forming Part of the Foreshore at Napier and now vested in the said Board, and to enable the Council of the said Borough to construct Works upon the said Land and other Part of the said Foreshore; and that Mr. J. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

   230. Mangatu No. 1 Block: Auditor's Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

   231. East Coast Native Trust Lands Act, 1902: Auditor's Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

   Ordered, That the Papers Nos. 230 and 231 be printed.

   On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Papers Nos. 230 and 231 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

5. *Message.*—The Right 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 amend the Land for Settlements Act, 1925," with the following amendment:—

Clause 4, subclause (5): To insert after the words "the land so resumed," in the sixth line, the words "including therein the value of any right of renewal or of election to take a further lease or license over the whole or any portion of the land so resumed."

Government House,
Wellington, 21st October, 1927.

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 amendment in the Bill to amend the Land for Settlements Act, 1925.

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

6. *Land for Settlements Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Land for Settlements Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

7. *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, 1927 (No. 5), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

8. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented, and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

232. Defence Act, 1909, and its amendments, Regulations made in pursuance of.

9. *Proceedings of Select Committee open to Press.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Special Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

I have, by direction of the Labour Bills Committee, to report the following Resolution to the House: That the proceedings of the Committee during the taking of evidence on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be open to accredited representatives of the press.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Resolution be adopted.

10. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Mining Amendment Bill and the Petition of J. T. Johnson; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

11. *Mining Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Mining Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

12. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of S. M. Barclay, C. H. Hogg, Gladys M. Dowse, and F. J. Lake; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of S. M. Barclay and C. H. Hogg, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill:

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 read and agreed to.
Clause 3 read. Consideration of clause postponed.
Clauses 4 and 4A read and agreed to.
Clause 5 read. Consideration of clause postponed.
Clause 6 read and agreed to.
Clause 7 read. Consideration of clause postponed.
Clauses 8 to 13 read and agreed to.
Clause 14 read. Consideration of clause postponed.
Clause 15 read. Consideration of clause postponed.
Clause 16 read. Consideration of clause postponed.
Clause 17 read and agreed to.
Clause 18 read. Consideration of clause postponed.
Clauses 19, 19B, 20, and 20A read and agreed to.
Clauses 21 to 26A read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that he had been directed to report progress and to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. *Message.*—The Right 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 Facilities for affording Financial Assistance by the making of Loans, for terms not exceeding Five Years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 3, subclause (2): To omit the word "five" before the word "members," and substitute the word "seven."

Clause 5, subclause (2): To omit all words after the word "by" in line 24, and substitute the following words: "the Commissioner in his personal name, with the addition of his official style."

Clause 5: To add the following subclause:—

"(4) All deeds, instruments, and other documents to be executed by the Board under seal may be executed by the Commissioner by signing his personal name, with the addition of his official style, in the presence of a Justice of the Peace, or a solicitor, or a member of the Board; and the person before whom any such document is signed as aforesaid shall subscribe his name as witness."

Clause 7: To omit subclause (1), and substitute the following subclause:—

"(1A) The Governor-General in Council shall from time to time appoint a member of the Board to be the Chairman thereof, who shall hold office as such during pleasure, or for such term as the Governor-General in Council may appoint."

Clause 14, subclause (2): To add the following proviso:—

"Provided that the aggregate of the amounts from time to time repaid by the Board to the Consolidated Fund shall not at any time exceed the aggregate amount of accretions to the Rural Intermediate Credit Redemption Fund (inclusive of the amount of profits transferred to that Fund pursuant to section thirty-four hereof) by an amount greater than the amount then standing to the credit of the Rural Intermediate Credit Reserve."

Clause 18: To subclause (2A), as recommended, to add the following words: "and, in the event of the appointment of a receiver under section twenty-seven hereof, shall have priority over all claims by the Crown in respect of moneys advanced to the Board from the Consolidated Fund."

Clause 35, subclause (2): To omit the word "twenty" in line 10, and substitute the word "five."

Clause 46, subclause (2): To omit the word "twenty" in line 13, and substitute the word "five."

To insert, after the proposed new clause 59A, the following new clause:—

"59B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section twenty-two of the Chattels Transfer Act, 1924, any instrument by way of security over chattels given for the purpose of securing a loan granted under this Act shall have priority over any previously registered instrument, comprising in whole or in part any of the same chattels, as regards the title to or right to the possession of such chattels, if the guarantee under the previously registered instrument joins in the instrument given for the purposes of this Act and therein agrees that such instrument shall have priority as aforesaid."

Government House,
Wellington, 1st November, 1927.

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 amendments in the Bill to provide Facilities for affording Financial Assistance by the making of Loans, for terms not exceeding five years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production.

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the said Resolution, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

15. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee on the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 27 to 34 read and agreed to.

Clause 35 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit the word "twenty" in line ten, and substitute the word "five" in lieu thereof. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 36 to 45 read and agreed to.

Clause 46 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit the word "twenty" in line thirteen, and substitute the word "five" in lieu thereof. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 47 to 58 read and agreed to.

Clauses 59A to 64 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time and added to the Bill:—

"59B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section twenty-two of the Chattels Transfer Act, 1924, any instrument by way of security over chattels given for the purpose of securing a loan granted under this Act shall have priority over any previously registered instrument, comprising in whole or in part any of the same chattels, as regards the title to or right to the possession of such chattels, if the grantee under the previously registered instrument joins in the instrument given for the purposes of this Act, and therein agrees that such instrument shall have priority as aforesaid." (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Postponed clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit the word "five" before the word "members," and substitute the word "seven" in lieu thereof. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit all words after the word "by" in line 24, and substitute the following words, "the Commissioner in his personal name with the addition of his official style," in lieu thereof. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(4) All deeds, instruments, and other documents to be executed by the Board under seal may be executed by the Commissioner by signing his personal name, with the addition of his official style, in the presence of a Justice of the Peace, or a solicitor, or a member of the Board; and the person before whom any such document is signed as aforesaid shall subscribe his name as witness." (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (1), and substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

"(1A) The Governor-General in Council shall from time to time appoint a member of the Board to be the Chairman thereof, who shall hold office as such during pleasure, or for such term as the Governor-General in Council may appoint." (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 14 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to omit the words "two hundred and fifty thousand" in line 3, and substitute the words "four hundred thousand" in lieu thereof. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit the word "exceeding" in line 6, and substitute the words "less than" in lieu thereof. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following proviso:—

"Provided that the aggregate of the amounts from time to time repaid by the Board to the Consolidated Fund shall not at any time exceed the aggregate amount of accretions to the Rural Intermediate Credit Redemption Fund

(inclusive of the amount of profits transferred to that fund pursuant to section thirty-four hereof) by an amount greater than the amount then standing to the credit of the Rural Intermediate Credit Reserve." (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (3) to omit the words "a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum," and substitute the words "such rate as the Minister of Finance shall from time to time determine" in lieu of. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 16, after the word "rural," to insert the word "intermediate." (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Postponed clause 16 read and agreed to.

Postponed clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2A) to add the words "and, in the event of the appointment of a receiver under section twenty-seven hereof, shall have priority over all claims by the Crown in respect of moneys advanced to the Board from the Consolidated Fund." (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly 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 Facilities for affording Financial Assistance by the making of Loans, for Terms not exceeding Five Years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production."

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

16. *Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill;

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

17. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill:

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, the same was 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.

18. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

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

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

20. *Introduction of Plants Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Introduction of Plants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

21. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill, the Introduction of Plants Bill, and the Police Offences Bill.

22. *Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement 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 Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Act, 1925."

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

23. *Police Offences Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Police Offences 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 suppression of various Offences and in Restraint of Vagrancy."

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 Police Offences Bill without amendment.

24. *Introduction of Plants Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Introduction of Plants 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 control or prohibit the Introduction of Harmful New Plants into New Zealand."

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 eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 2nd Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *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. Uru, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That six days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Kyle, on account of public business.

2. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Coal-mines Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

3. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the leave of the House), the Coal-mines Amendment Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

4. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of C. Stevens, and Paetai Kaimoana and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the petitions of C. Stevens, and Paetai Kaimoana and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

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

Mr. H. Holland moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Atmore moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to adding the following words at the end thereof: "this day six months, in order that its promoters may have an opportunity of considering the application of the Nelson system as recommended by the Education Committee."

And the Question being proposed that the word "now" stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by the reading of a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

6. *Message.*—The Right 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 provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, and to validate certain Transactions," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

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Wellington, 2nd November, 1927.

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 provide for the Exchange, Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, and to validate certain Transactions.

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.

7. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to order, presented the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

8. *Religious Exercises in Schools Bill.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be now read a second time, and the amendment proposed thereto to omit the word "now" with a view to adding the following words at the end thereof: "this day six months, in order that the promoters may have an opportunity of considering the application of the Nelson system as recommended by the Education Committee."

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

AYES, 31.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Sykes
Bitchener	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Waite
Burnett	Hawken	Macmillan	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hockly	Nash	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. S.	Jones, D.	Reid	Girling
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Sidey	Holland, H.

NOES, 34.

Bartram	Howard	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Smith
Bell	Hudson	Parry	Sullivan
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Veitch
Field	Lee, J. A.	Potter	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Forbes	McCombs	Ransom	Wilford.
Fraser	McKeen	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	
Henare	Martin	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	Savage	Atmore
Horn	Mason, J.	Seddon	Eliott.

So it passed in the Negative.

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, 36.

Armstrong	Horn	Mason, J.	Seddon
Bartram	Howard	Ngata, Hon. A. T.	Smith
Bell	Hudson	Parry	Sullivan
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Veitch
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lee, J. A.	Potter	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Field	McCombs	Ransom	Wilford.
Forbes	McKeen	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Martin	Rolleston, J. C.	Atmore
Henare	Mason, H. G. R.	Savage	Eliott.
Holland, H. E.			

NOES, 31.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bitchener	Hawken	Macmillan	Waite
Burnett	Hockly	Nash	Williams
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. S.	Jones, D.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Rhodes	Girling
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Sidey	Holland, H.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the original Question as amended being put, That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be read this day six months, in order that its promoters may have an opportunity of considering the application of the Nelson system, as recommended by the Education Committee, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

9. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Mining Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

10. *Seeds-importation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Seeds-importation Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma* and referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

11. *Committal of Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mining Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments of the Goldfields and Mines Committee were read into the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 15 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

12. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Mining 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 now pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1926."

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

13. *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, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

14. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

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

Thursday, the 3rd Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of the House.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Labour Bills Committee have leave to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Waite moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view of adding the following words in lieu thereof: "the Labour Bills Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House each afternoon until evidence on the Industrial Concilliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill is completed."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

3. *Division-list corrected.*—Mr. Rhodes drew attention to the fact that in the division taken in the House yesterday on the Question "That the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be now read a second time," and the Amendment proposed thereto, to omit the word "Now," his name did not appear on the division-list as having voted.

Mr. Rhodes having stated that he had voted with the "Ayes" for the retention of the word "Now," both Tellers came to the Table and corrected the division-list accordingly.

4. *Message.*—The Right 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 Bills intituled—

The Fungicides and Insecticides Act, 1927.
The Peel Forest Amendment Act, 1927.
The New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Act, 1927.
The Counties Amendment Act, 1927.
The Legislature Amendment Act, 1927.
The Customs Amendment Act, 1927.
The Napier Harbour Board Loans Enabling Act 1918 Extension Act, 1927.
The Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Act, 1927, and
The St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund Act, 1927,

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, 1st November, 1927.

5. *Message.*—The Right 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 make Provision for the Protection of Mortgagees from Loss due to the Enforcement of Workers' Charges under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1927.

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 make Provision for the Protection of Mortgagees from Loss due to the Enforcement of Workers' Charges under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922.

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

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

6. *Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, according to Order, presented the Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. 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 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, 3rd November, 1927.

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 Main Highways Act, 1922.

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

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

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

9. *Order of Business.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That all Order of Business be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 for Local Bills.

10. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill;

On motion of Mr. Wilford, *Ordered*, That the amendment be disagreed with, and that Mr. Savage, Mr. Eliott, and the Mover, be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the said Bill.

11. *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 Land for Settlements Amendment Act, 1927. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Stock Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Tongariro National Park Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

12. *Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

13. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order 69 be suspended for the purpose of allowing a motion to be moved.

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

AYES, 49.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Rhodes
Atmore	Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bellringer	Hawken	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Burnett	Henare	Macmillan	Waite
Campbell	Hockly	Mason, J.	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nash	Wilford
Dickie	Horn	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Eliott	Hunter, Sir George	Potter	*Tellers.*
Field	Jones, D.	Ransom	Bitchener
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Reid	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Linklater		

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Howard
Fraser	McKeen	Sidey	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

14. *Leave for the Select Committee to sit during Sittings of the House.*—Sir John Luke moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Labour Bills Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House each afternoon until evidence on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill is completed.

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

15. *Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill ;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

16. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

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

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

18. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Wilford, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendments in the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

That the proviso was inserted in order to give effect to a promise and undertaking made by the promoters of the Bill to the objectors, and for that reason a circular was distributed to the householders affected in which the Gas Board stated that "it now assures the ratepayers of the district that, before entering into any agreement with the company, a poll will be taken upon a proposal to borrow approximately £33,000 for the purpose of erecting a new vertical manufacturing plant with the necessary appurtenances thereto. Should the ratepayers reject the loan proposals, the Board will then enter into an agreement for the purchase of gas from the company." The circular further stated "it is thought the method of taking the poll should be the means of enabling the ratepayers to express their wish in the matter."

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.

19. *Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill;

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

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

FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

20. *Committal of Bill.*—The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee on the Electoral Bill.

21. *Electoral Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Electoral 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 Representation of the People in the House of Representatives."

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 minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 4th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *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 leave be given to the Public Petitions A to L Committee to sit this afternoon during the sitting of the House.

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

233. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Foxton Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1927.

234. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Tauranga Fire Board for the Years ended 30th June, 1926 and 1927, respectively.

235. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Pahiatua Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1927.

3. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Local Legislation Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Local Legislation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Local Legislation Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

5. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of S. H. Gallagher and another; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of S. H. Gallagher and another, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry.

6. *Public Accounts Committee.*—Mr. Nash, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a Report on the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill, together with the minutes of evidence thereon; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Public Works Statement (Debate).*—The Honourable Mr. Williams (with the leave of the House), moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Public Works Statement 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 Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

And the Question being put, That the Public Works Statement be referred to the Government for consideration, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Fertilizers Act, 1927, the Introduction of Plants Act, 1927, and the Mining Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendment in the Bill intituled the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Act, 1927, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendment.

10. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendment in the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

11. *Committee of Supply (Public Works Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £138,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways Construction, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Additions to Open Lines, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £328,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Timber-supply and Sawmills for Public Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Acquisition and Operation of Quarries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses and Harbour Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £842,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Construction, Maintenance, and Supervision of Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £750,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £117,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £83,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Transfer to Main Highways Account Construction Fund in terms of section 16 (*b*) Main Highways Act, 1922, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,340,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electric Supply Account for the Financal Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £64,000 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £600,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways, Construction Fund, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,050,000 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £350,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Hockly 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 twenty-two minutes after two of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Monday, the 7th Day of November, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of Mr. Bell (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of C. T. Mitchell be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

   On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. K. Wihapi be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

   On motion of Mr. Bell (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of F. Jecenthro and others be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

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

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

3. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on Parliamentary Papers Nos. 230 and 231; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 230 and 231, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

4. *Joint Library Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson (for Mr. Speaker), from the Joint Library Committee, brought up the Report of the Chief Librarian on the General Assembly Library for the year ended 31st March, 1927; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table, and be printed.

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

Sir George Hunter moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Gaming Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Armstrong moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to adding the following words at the end thereof: "this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

TUESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

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

AYES, 28.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, J. R.	Mason, J.	Tapley
Atmore	Hawken	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bell	Hockly	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Campbell	Horn	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Dickie	Linklater	Seddon	Eliott
Dickson, J. S.	Lysnar	Sykes	Glenn.
Field			

NOES, 21.

Bartram	Jones, D.	Mason, H. G. R.	Savage
Burnett	Jordan	Parry	Veitch.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, J. A.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Fraser	McCombs	Ransom	Armstrong
Henare	McKeen	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Howard.
Holland, H.	Martin		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Gaming Amendment Bill be now read a second time, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Atmore	Hockly	Rhodes	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Bell	Hunter, Sir George	Rolleston, J. C.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Mason, J.	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Dickson, J. S.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Sykes	Eliott
Field	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Tapley	Glenn.
Hawken, Hon. O. J.			

NOES, 14.

Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Potter	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Martin	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Armstrong
Henare	Mason, H. G. R.	Savage	Howard.
Jordan	Parry	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

6. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right 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 nine minutes after three of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 8th Day of November, 1927.

The House met this day at half after three 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. Campbell (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of E. W. Veysey be referred direct to the Defence Committee.

2. *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 Mr. Forsyth, on account of illness.

3. *Message.*—The Right 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 Bills intituled—

The Orchard-tax Act, 1927,
The Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927,
The Apprentices Amendment Act, 1927,
The Apiaries Act, 1927,
The Guardianship of Infants Amendment Act, 1927,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1927 (No. 5),
The Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1927,
The Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1927,
The Hukarere Native Girls' School Amendment Act, 1927,
The Hutt River Board (Gear Island) Empowering Act, 1927, and
The Makerua Drainage Board Loan Empowering Act, 1927,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th November, 1927.

4. *Message.*—The Right 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 Licensing Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 7th November, 1927.

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 Licensing Act, 1908.

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

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

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

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. 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 the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 7: To insert, after the word "repealing" in line 41, the words "the proviso to"; to omit all words after the word "following" in line 41 down to but exclusive of the word "Provided" in line 46.

Clause 7: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) Every motor-vehicle exempted from the payment of annual license fees by virtue of section eleven of the principal Act, as amended by this section, shall have affixed thereto such general distinguishing mark or marks as may be prescribed in that behalf; and the Registrar shall keep in the prescribed form a special register of all such motor-vehicles."

Clause 10: To insert, after paragraph (*b*), the following new paragraph:—

"(*bb*) By inserting, after the words 'Any manufacturer or dealer in motor-vehicles may' in subsection three, the words 'at any time between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning and seven o'clock in the evening of any day other than Sunday.'"

Clause 13: To insert, after the words "nineteen hundred and twenty-eight" in line 2, the following: "as follows:—(*a*)."

Clause 13: To omit "(2) The said Schedule is further amended by adding thereto," and substituting "(*b*) By adding to the said Part I."

Clause 13: To add the following paragraph:—

"(*c*) By omitting Part II, and substituting the following:—

"'PART II.

"'EXEMPTIONS FROM ANNUAL LICENSE FEES.

"'(1) Motor-vehicles owned by a local authority and used exclusively in connection with the construction or maintenance of roads or streets.

"'(2) Motor-vehicles the property of any person (other than a local authority), which are designed and used exclusively for the aforesaid purposes and which cannot be used or readily adapted for use for any other purpose.'"

Clause 14: To add the following proviso:—

"Provided that nothing therein shall apply with respect to motor-vehicles the property of the Crown used exclusively for purposes connected with the construction or maintenance of roads."

Clause 14: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) Section nineteen of the principal Act is hereby repealed."

Clause 15: To omit this clause.

To add the following new clauses:—

"2A. Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended, as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, by omitting from subsection four the words 'motor-vehicle (other than a motor-car or a motor-cycle),' and substituting the words 'trailer, or any locomotive used exclusively for drawing a trailer."

"10A. (1) Every motor-driver's license issued under section twenty-one of the principal Act to take effect after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and on or before the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and shall then expire.

"(2) Every license granted to take effect after the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, shall continue in force until the next succeeding thirty-first day of May, and shall then expire.

"(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, a fee of six shillings shall be charged in respect of every motor-driver's license which, by virtue of this section, is continued in force for a period longer than twelve months after the date on which it is expressed to take effect.

"(4) This section shall be read subject to any provisions of the principal Act as to the cancellation or suspension of motor-drivers' licenses.

"(5) Section twenty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the words 'and shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of March next after the date on which it is issued, and shall then expire.'"

Government House,
Wellington, 8th November, 1927.

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. 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 the amendments in the Bill to amend the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

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.

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

237. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw certain Lands in Oteramika Hundred (Southland Land District) from a Permanent State Forest.

238. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw certain Lands in Pihanga Survey District from State Forest Reservation.

239. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw Section 37, Block I, and Sections 19 and 26, Block II, Mangahao Survey District, from State Forest Reservation.

240. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw an Area of approximately 163 Acres, situated in Blocks VII and VIII, Mangakahia Survey District, from a Permanent State Forest.

241. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw Reserves 1713, 1738, 1739, and 1740, Mairaki Survey District, Canterbury Land District, from State Forest Reservation.

242. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw Forest Reserve No. 1839, Blocks II, III, VI, and VII, Mairaki Survey District, from State Forest Reservation.

243. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw an Area of 440 Acres situated in Blocks VII and X, Oteramika Hundred, from State Forest Reservation.

244. Forests Act, 1921–22: Proposal to withdraw certain Lands in Maramarua Survey District from a Permanent State Forest.

The following Paper was presented, and laid upon the Table in return to an Order from the House:—

245. Administrative Costs of Education Boards, Native Schools, Technical Schools, and Secondary Schools, Return showing. (Return to an Order dated 17th October, 1927.)

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Wright (with the leave of the House), the Child Welfare Amendment Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Education Committee.

9. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

10. *Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill;

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

11. *Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Tongariro National Park Amendment Bill;

Mr. Speaker having pointed out that the amendment was an infringement of the privileges of this House;

The Honourable Mr. McLeod moved, and the Question was proposed, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council is an infringement of the privileges of this House; that the privileges of this House be in this instance waived, provided such waiver shall not be taken as a precedent on any future occasion; and that the amendment be agreed to.

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

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill, and has passed the following Resolution:—

"That the amendment made by the Legislative Council is an infringement of the privileges of this House; that the privileges of this House be in this instance waived, provided such waiver shall not be taken as a precedent on any future occasion; and that the amendment be agreed to."

12. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

13. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill and the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.

14. *Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) 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 Protection of Mortgagees from Loss due to the Enforcement of Workers' Charges under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922."

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

15. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Post and Telegraph 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 Post and Telegraph Act, 1908."

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Act, 1927, the Electoral Act, 1927, and the Rural Intermediate Credit Act, 1927, without amendment.

17. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 9.

18. *Property Law Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Property Law Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

Amendment proposed: To reinsert the following subclause struck out by the Statutes Revision Committee:—

"The erection of buildings (of any height) not encroaching upon the area limited and defined as aforesaid shall not be deemed to be an infringement of the right or a derogation from the grant." *(Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

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

"8. Whereas by the Mortgages Final Extension Act, 1924, provision was made whereby the term of any mortgage to which that Act applied could, by means of an extension order made by the Supreme Court, or, in certain cases by a Stipendiary Magistrate, be extended to a date not later than the thirty-

first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven: And whereas all extension orders made under the authority of the said Act have now expired and it is desirable that the said Act should be repealed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Mortgages Final Extension Act, 1924, is hereby repealed.

"9. Section seventy-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding after the words 'is absent from New Zealand' in subsection one the words 'or is dead.'" *(Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly 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 Property Law Act, 1908."

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

19. *Message.*—The Right 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 Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition of Customs Duties on Motor-spirits and for the Allocation of the Revenues derived therefrom," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 8th November, 1927.

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 recommendations contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to provide for the Imposition of Customs Duties on Motor-spirits and for the Allocation of the Revenues derived therefrom.

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

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

20. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Williams, according to Order, presented the Motor-spirits Taxation 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 fifty minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented, and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

246. Dairy-produce Export Control Act, 1913, Regulations under the, prohibiting the Exportation of Dairy-produce save in accordance with a License to be issued by the Minister of Agriculture.

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

247. Balance-sheets and Statements of Accounts by various Government Departments for the Year 1926–27: Audited Accounts. B.–1 [Pt. IV, Sup.].

Ordered, That Paper No. 247 be printed.

2. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, and the Petitions of W. G. Saunders and another, and F. G. Abbott; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. G. Saunders and another, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

3. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.—Ordered*, That the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

4. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of W. C. Smith; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. C. Smith, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

5. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Girling, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of May Foy and others, and the Esmos Timber and Machinery Company and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Williams moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by the reading of a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

7. *Message.*—The Right 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 Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Valuation of Land Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,

Wellington, 8th November, 1927.

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 Valuation of Land Act, 1925.

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.

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

9. *Message.*—The Right 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 Howard Estate Act, 1919," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 8th November, 1927.

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 Howard Estate Act, 1919.

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

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

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

11. *Message.*—The Right 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 Education Act, 1914," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 8th November, 1927.

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 Education Act, 1914.

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

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

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

13. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill be now read a second time.

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 ordered to be committed presently.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

15. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

16. *Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Sir John Luke, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

17. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until two of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 10th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of Mr. Savage, for Mr. H. E. Holland (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of M. Muncaster be referred direct to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

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

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

   248. Sheepowners, Return of, and the Number of Sheep and Lambs in each County on the 30th April, 1926 and 1927. H.–23B.

   Ordered, That Paper No. 248 be printed.

4. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Napier Foreshore Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

   The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Napier Foreshore Bill, have the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with, with the exception of those parts of Standing Orders 394 and 399 which were suspended by the House. The Committee have carefully considered the Bill, and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

   Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

5. *Napier Foreshore Bill.—Ordered*, That the Napier Foreshore Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up Reports on the Seeds-importation Bill, and the Petition of C. English; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Seeds-importation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Seeds-importation Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee brought up a Report on the Child Welfare Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Child Welfare Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Child Welfare Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Emere Poraumati and others, and Te Paea Kopa; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Emere Poraumati and others, and Te Paea Kopa, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

11. *Postponement of Order of Business.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of all business be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, for Local Bills.

12. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting upon its amendment in the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill; and the same were accordingly read, as follows:—

(1) The proviso to section 3 is in a novel and unprecedented form, imposing a statutory duty to submit to the ratepayers a proposal which the local authority itself desires the ratepayers to reject.

(2) The Council considers that the Legislature cannot be required to give statutory expression and effect to an undesirable method of procedure because local authorities may have promised to adopt such a method.

(3) The proviso is entirely unnecessary to enable the Gas Board to give effect to its promise to the ratepayers. The Board can perform its promise to take a precedent poll whether the proviso remains or is struck out.

On motion of Mr Wilford, *Resolved*, That the amendments be disagreed with, and a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendment in the said Bill, and that Mr. Savage, Mr. Eliott, and the Mover be the Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill, and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the time and place for the meeting of the Conference.

13. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill;

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

14. *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 presently.

15. *Message.*—Message 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 Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Act, 1927.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. on Thursday, this 10th day of November, and Committee-room No. 28 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference.

16. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

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

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

18. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

19. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

20. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, the Main Highways Amendment Bill, the Valuation of Land Amendment Bill, and the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

21. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 31 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

22. *Main Highways Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress in order to enable Mr. Speaker to resume the Chair to deal with a matter of privilege raised by Mr. Atmore, Member for Nelson. (*Right Honourable Mr. Coates.*)

Motion agreed to, and progress reported.

Committee resumed.

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

23. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

24. *Valuation of Land Amendment Bill:*

To report no progress, and move for leave to sit again.

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25. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That, presently, the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee.

26. *Main Highways Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Main Highways Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That, presently, the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee.

27. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That, presently, the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee.

28. *Valuation of Land Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Valuation of Land Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That, presently, the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee.

29. *Privilege.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that he had been directed to report, "That Mr. Speaker do resume the Chair in order to deal with a question of privilege."

Mr. Atmore, Member for Nelson, drew attention, as a matter of privilege, to a report in the *Evening Post* newspaper of 10th instant, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

METHODIST SYNOD.—SESSIONS CONTINUED.—PARLIAMENT CRITICIZED.

The Methodist District Synod continued its sittings yesterday, when the financial and general session met at Taranaki Street Church.

In his opening address the chairman (the Rev. E. D. Patchett) welcomed to the district the Rev. C. H. Old, B.A., and Mr. E. R. Alexander, home missionary. Reference was made to deaths during the year of Mrs. Pinfold and the Rev. W. Ready.

He spoke of the disappointment of all in the rejection by Parliament of the Religious Exercises in State Schools Bill. He had contempt for those who put party politics and electioneering expediency before the welfare of the children and the country; while the action of those who pretended to commend the Nelson system only to kill the Bill was hypocritical and despicable.

On motion of Mr. Atmore, *Resolved*, That a breach of the privileges of this House has been committed by the publication of the words complained of.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That a Committee of Privilege be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the publication of the said words by the *Evening Post* and by any person or persons, and to report its opinions thereon to the House; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on Saturday next if found necessary or expedient; three to be a quorum; the Committee to report within five days: the Committee to consist of Mr. Fraser, Mr. Seddon, Sir John Luke, Mr. J. Mason, and Mr. E. P. Lee.

30. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, the Main Highways Amendment Bill, the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill, and the Valuation of Land Amendment Bill.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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31. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

32. *Main Highways Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Main Highways 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 Main Highways Act, 1922."

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

33. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

34. *Valuation of Land Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Valuation of Land Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Friday, the 11th Day of November, 1927

PRAYERS.

1. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of E. W. Veysey, A. G. Cottrell and others, and F. Jecentho and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

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

3. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

4. *Valuation of Land Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Valuation of Land Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

5. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

6. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill, the Valuation of Land Amendment Bill, and the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

7. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In line 41, to insert, after the word "repealing," the words "the proviso to," and to omit all words after the word "following" down to but exclusive of the word "provided" in line 46. *(Honourable Mr. Williams.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) Every motor-vehicle exempted from the payment of annual license fees by virtue of section eleven of the principal Act, as amended by this section, shall have affixed thereto such general distinguishing mark or marks as may be prescribed in that behalf; and the Registrar shall keep in the prescribed form a special register of all such motor-vehicles." *(Honourable Mr. Williams.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), line 1, to delete all words after the word "amended," and to insert the words "by omitting from Part I items (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5)" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

And the Question being put on the retention of the words proposed to be deleted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Mason, J.	Tapley
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	Nash	Uru
Burnett	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Campbell	Henare	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Reid	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Lee, E. P.	Rhodes	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Linklater	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Elliott	Luke, Sir John	Smith	*Tellers.*
Field	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Bitchener
Girling	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes	Dickson, J. S.
Glenn	Macmillan		

NOES, 22.

Atmore	Jordan	Parry	Veitch
Buddo, Hon. D.	Lee, J. A.	Potter	Wilford.
Forbes	McCombs	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Harris	McKeen	Savage	Armstrong
Horne	Martin	Sidey	Fraser.
Howard	Mason, H. G. R.	Sullivan	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Clause 14. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to subclause (1):—

"Provided that nothing therein shall apply with respect to motor-vehicles, the property of the Crown, used exclusively for purposes connected with the construction and maintenance of roads." *(Honourable Mr. Williams.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) Section nineteen of the principal Act is hereby repealed." *(Honourable Mr. Williams.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 15 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

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

"2A. Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended, as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, by omitting from subsection four the words 'motor-vehicle (other than a motor-car or a motor-cycle),' and substituting the words 'trailer, or any locomotive used exclusively for drawing a trailer.'"

"10A. (1) Every motor-driver's license issued under section twenty-one of the principal Act to take effect after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and on or before the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and shall then expire.

"(2) Every license granted to take effect after the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, shall continue in force until the next succeeding thirty-first day of May, and shall then expire.

"(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, a fee of six shillings shall be charged in respect of every motor-driver's license which, by virtue of this section, is continued in force for a period longer than twelve months after the date on which it is expressed to take effect.

"(4) This section shall be read subject to any provisions of the principal Act as to the cancellation or suspension of motor-drivers' licenses.

"(5) Section twenty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the words 'and shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of March next after the date on which it is issued, and shall then expire.'"

"11A. Section thirty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'by any constable' in subsection two, the words 'or by any person duly appointed to control or inspect traffic.'"

"13A. The Schedule to the principal Act is hereby repealed as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and the Schedule to this Act substituted therefor."

To add the following Schedule:—

"SCHEDULE.

"PART I.

"FEES PAYABLE FOR ANNUAL LICENSES.

	£	s.	d.
(1) For every motor-cycle	0	10	0
(2) For every private motor-car	2	0	0
(3) For every public motor-car	2	0	0
(4) For every motor-coach or motor-omnibus	3	0	0
(5) For trade motors—			
(a) For every such vehicle with a carrying-capacity (manufacturers' rating) not exceeding one ton, with pneumatic tires on all wheels	2	0	0
(b) For every such vehicle with a carrying-capacity (manufacturers' rating) exceeding one ton, with pneumatic tires on all wheels	2	0	0
(c) For every such vehicle that is not fitted with pneumatic tires on all wheels	3	0	0
(6) For every traction-engine	5	0	0
(7) For every trailer with three or more wheels	3	0	0
(8) For every other trailer	1	0	0
(9) For every other motor-vehicle	2	0	0

NOTE.—For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule a tire shall not be regarded as a pneumatic tire,—

(i) If the air used for inflation of the tire has been introduced in the process of manufacture or otherwise than by pressure applied from time to time; or

(ii) If, when the tire is inflated for use, the space occupied by air is less than one-half of the total volume of the tire so inflated.

"PART II.

"EXEMPTIONS FROM ANNUAL LICENSE FEES.

(1) Motor-vehicles owned by a local authority and used exclusively in connection with the construction or maintenance of roads or streets.

(2) Motor-vehicles the property of any person (other than a local authority), which are designed and used exclusively for the aforesaid purposes and which cannot be used or readily adapted for use for any other purpose."

(Honourable Mr. Williams.)

To report the Bill with amendments.

8. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill:*

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to omit the figure "4," in line 14 in columns Nos. 1 and 2, and substitute the figure "2" in both places. *(Mr. Atmore.)*

And the Question being put on the retention of the figures proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	Nash	Tapley
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Uru
Burnett	Henare	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hudson	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Walter
Dickie	Linklater	Reid	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lake, Sir John	Rhodes	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Elliott	Lysnar	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	McLennan	Smith	*Tellers.*
Girling	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Macmillan	Sykes	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 19.

Armstrong	Lee, J. A.	Potter	Veitch
Bartram	McCombs	Ransom	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph.
Buddo, Hon. D.	McKeen	Savage	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Mason, H. G. R.	Sidey	Atmore
Fraser	Parry	Sullivan	Horne.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), paragraph (*a*), to add the following words: "and shall be apportioned between the North Island and the South Island in the discretion of the Main Highways Board, but generally so that the amount apportioned to any Island shall be fixed by a reference to the number of motor-vehicles in use in that island." *(Mr. Sidey.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time and added to the Bill:—

"2A. If the Minister of Customs is satisfied with respect to any motor-spirits imported into New Zealand that such motor-spirits are intended for use in the Chatham Islands, he may, under such conditions as in his discretion he thinks fit, either exempt such motor-spirits from the duty payable under this Act or refund any duty paid under this Act in respect of such motor-spirits at any time after such spirits have been reshipped to the Chatham Islands for use therein." *(Honourable Mr. Williams.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

9. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Motor-vehicles 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 Motor-vehicles Act, 1924."

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

10. *Valuation of Land Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Valuation of Land 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 Valuation of Land Act, 1925."

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

11. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered presently.

12. *Message.*—The Right 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 provide Facilities for affording Financial Assistance by the Making of Loans, for Terms not exceeding Five Years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production," with the following amendments:—

Clause 20, subclause (1), paragraph (*b*): To omit the words "value of" in the first line of paragraph (*b*), and substitute the words "amount secured by."

Clause 27: To omit the words "and shall be retained by him" in the last line of the clause, and substitute the words "for safe custody."

Clause 36: To insert, after subclause (1), the following subclause:—

"(1A) Except with the consent of the Public Service Commissioner in the case of officers under his control, or the consent of the Minister in any other case, no payment shall be made by the Board to any person employed in any branch of the Government service in respect of services rendered by him to the Board. No payment received by any such person in respect of his services to the Board shall be deemed to form part of his salary as a Government servant for the purposes of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, or for any other purpose."

Clause 36, subclause (2): To omit the words "or may be deposited with the Public Trustee for investment in the Common Fund of the Public Trust Office."

Clause 40, subclause (3): To add the words "The capital of the association may from time to time be increased by the allotment by the directors of shares for which application is made pursuant to subsection one of section fifty-one hereof."

Clause 42, subclause (4): To insert at the beginning of the subclause the words "No stamp duty shall be payable in respect of the certificate of incorporation issued under the Companies Act, 1908, in respect of an association, and."

Clause 47: To add the following subclause:—

"(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Companies Act, 1908, the regulations of an association incorporated under this Act shall not come into force or be amended except with the approval of the Board."

Clause 48: To omit the words "procure loans for its shareholders," and substitute the words "borrow moneys"; to insert, after the words "or other approved financial institution," the words "and to lend such moneys to its shareholders."

Clause 52, subclause (4): To omit the words "by a bill of exchange given by the association and endorsed by the Board, and by such other security (if any)," and substitute the words "in such manner."

Clause 52, subclause (5): To omit the words "by a bill of exchange given by the association to the Board, and by such other security (if any)," and substitute the words "in such manner."

Clause 52, subclause (7): To insert, after the words "loan granted under this section," the words "out of moneys borrowed by the association from the Board"; to omit the words "Commissioner or to such officer as he shall direct," and substitute the words "Public Trustee for safe custody."

Clause 64, subclause (2): To omit the words "or of any" in the sixth line of the subclause, and substitute the words "or in respect of the payment of."

Clause 65: To omit subclauses (2) and (3).

Clause 67, subclause (1): To omit the words "this Part of"; to omit the words "a Profit and Loss Account and balance-sheet," and substitute the words "a statement of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Board."

Clause 70, subclause (2): To omit the words "by more than one per centum the rate of interest payable by the Board in respect of its then last issue of debentures under the foregoing provisions of this Act," and substitute the words "seven per centum per annum."

Clause 71, subclause (1): To omit the words "or to any bank or other financial institution"; and to omit the words "and at least once in every three months."

Clause 73: To insert, after the words "for the purpose of securing a loan granted," the words "by the Board or by any association."

Government House,
Wellington, 11th November, 1927.

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 His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to provide Facilities for affording Financial Assistance, by the Making of Loans, for Terms not exceeding Five Years, to Farmers and other Persons engaged in Primary Production.

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

13. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill be considered next sitting-day.

14. *Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Wilford, from the Conference with the Legislative Council upon the subject of their amendment

in the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill, brought up the following Report:—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Bill on behalf of the House of Representatives have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed to conduct the same on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that they have come to the following agreement, namely:—

To omit clause 3, and to insert in lieu thereof the following clause:—

"3. (1) It shall be lawful for the Board and the company, without further authority than this Act, but after compliance with the requirements of this section, to enter into a contract for the supply of gas in bulk by the company to the Board at Petone, upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

"(2) A poll of the persons eligible to vote upon a loan proposal by the Board shall be taken upon a proposal to obtain gas in bulk from the company.

"(3) The declaration of the returning officer that the proposal has been carried or lost shall be conclusive evidence of the result of the poll, and of the validity, regularity, and sufficiency of all proceedings in connection therewith, unless the poll is declared void under the provisions of section sixty-three of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, upon a petition filed within fourteen days after such declaration.

"(4) The poll shall be deemed to have been carried if the total number of valid votes recorded in favour of the proposal exceeds the total number of valid votes recorded against it.

"(5) Separate rolls of the Petone Borough Council and the Lower Hutt Borough Council referred to in section fourteen of the principal Act shall be used at such poll, and it shall not be necessary to prepare any combined roll for the purposes of such poll.

"(6) No such contract shall be entered into by the Board unless and until such poll has been carried: Provided that nothing in this Act shall be deemed to make it obligatory upon the Board to take such poll (except as a condition precedent to its entering into any such contract), or to enter into any such contract after such poll has been carried.

"(7) Except as hereby modified, the provisions of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, shall apply to such poll and all proceedings in connection therewith."

On motion of Mr. Wilford, *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.

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

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Act, 1927.

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

SATURDAY, THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

16. *Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill be considered forthwith.

And the Question being proposed, That the amendments be agreed to:

Ordered, That all the words after the word "the" be omitted, and that the words "Bill be recommitted in order to consider the amendments proposed in Supplementary Order Paper No. 49 in clauses 2 and 3" be inserted in lieu thereof.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee for further consideration of the Motor-spirits Taxation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing provisions of this section, no duty shall be levied under this Act in respect of any motor-spirits if the Minister of Customs is satisfied that the vessel by which such spirits were shipped to New Zealand had left the country of export with such spirits on board on or before the eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and that at the time of their exportation from the country of export they were destined for New Zealand for consumption therein." *(Honourable Mr. Williams.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: Subclause (2), To add the following proviso:—

"Provided further that where any duty has been paid under the authority of such resolutions in respect of any motor-spirits exempt from duty under this Act the Collector of Customs shall, without further authority than this section, allow a refund of such duty." *(Honourable Mr. Williams.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had further considered 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 Imposition of Customs Duties on Motor-spirits and for the Allocation of the Revenues derived therefrom."

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

17. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

18. *Howard Estate Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Howard Estate Amendment Bill;

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. 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 amend the Howard Estate Act, 1919."

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 ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 55 read and agreed to.

Clause 56 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clauses 57 to 61 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Local Legislation 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 confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies and to validate certain Transactions."

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

20. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right 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 fifty-five minutes after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Monday, the 14th Day of November, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Uru (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Henrietta Tewhe Weepu and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Privilege Committee.*—On motion of Mr. E. P. Lee (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Privilege Committee be granted three days' extension of time in which to bring up its Report.

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

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of N. B. Fryday (No. 310), N. B. Fryday (No. 315), W. Burgess, Susan Giles, and F. T. Knight and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of N. B. Fryday (No. 315), and F. T. Knight and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

5. *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 D. C. McCarthy, J. H. Hulston, J. Smith and another, and A. D. Morrison; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of M. Henry; and the same was ordered to lie upon he Table.

7. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day be postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day for Local Bills.

8. *Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Bill;

On motion of Sir John Luke (for Mr. Forsyth), *Ordered*, That the amendments be agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

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

Mr. Sullivan moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed presently.

10. *Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill;

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

11. *Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill;

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

12. *Napier Foreshore Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Napier Foreshore Bill;

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

13. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill, the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill, and the Napier Foreshore Bill.

14. *Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Newmarket Borough Council 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 certain Freehold Lands in the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newmarket for Municipal Purposes, and to validate the Raising of certain Loans and the Granting of certain Leases."

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

15. *Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Lower Hutt Borough Council 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 confer certain Powers on the Lower Hutt Borough Council in relation to the Widening of Streets."

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

16. *Napier Foreshore Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Napier Foreshore 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 Napier Harbour Board to lease to the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Napier a Piece of Land forming Part of the Sea-beach at Napier and now vested in the said Board, and to enable the Corporation of the said Borough to construct Works upon the said Land and other Part of the said Sea-beach."

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Property Law Amendment Act, 1927, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. In particular, the Council has amended subclause (2) of clause 4 by deletion of the brackets before and after the words "of any height." Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1927, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Act, 1927, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

18. *Property Law Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Property Law Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston 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.

19. *Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Post and Telegraph Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Nosworthy, 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.

20. *Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, the same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendments in the said Bill.

21. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.*—The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment 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 presently.

22. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill;

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

23. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the 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.

24. *Rural Intermediate Credit Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act (*vide* Supplementary Order Paper No. 47);

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

TUESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

Mr. Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words: "with the exception of the amendment proposed to clause 36, subclause (2)."

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, 8.

			Tellers.
Eliott	Lee, J. A.	Parry	McCombs
Fraser	Mason, H. G. R.	Savage	Sullivan.

NOES, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, J.	Waite
Atmore	Hockly	Nash	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bell	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Campbell	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickie	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	
Field	McLennan	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Seddon	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	Macmillan	Tapley	Dickson, J. S.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Rural Intermediate Credit Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

And the House, having continued to sit until one of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 15th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

249. Napier Harbour Board Matters, Report of Royal Commission appointed to inquire into. H.–15A.

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

250. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Waitara Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

251. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Greymouth Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1927.

Ordered, That Paper No. 249 be printed.

3. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill be committed next sittng-day.

5. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Te Pakaru Karora and others, A. C. A. Woodhead, W. K. Wihapi, Koruarua Peneamine and others, Henrietta Tewhe Weepu and others, and Rangi Tuanui Tamihana and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of A. C. A. Woodhead, and Te Pakaru Karora and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. K. Wihapi, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Ordered, That the Petition of Koruarua Peneamine and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dicksoa, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Marguerite Adelaide Thompson and W. A. Carruth and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Marguerite Adelaide Thompson and W. A. Carruth and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report on the Coal-mines Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Coal-mines Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Seeds-importation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Seeds-importation Bill;

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 Seeds-importation 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 Importation of certain Seeds, and in particular to require the Treatment of Imported Seeds so as to distinguish them from New-Zealand-grown Seeds."

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

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

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates 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 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-seven minutes after one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 16th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Education Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Hudson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave be given to the Education Committee to sit this afternoon during the Sitting of the House.

2. *Message.*—The Right 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 Bills intituled—

The Dangerous Drugs Act, 1927,
The Land for Settlements Amendment Act, 1927,
The War Disabilities Removal Act, 1927,
The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1927,
The Stock Amendment Act, 1927,
The Inspection of Machinery Amendment Act, 1927,
The Fertilizers Act, 1927,
The Introduction of Plants Act, 1927,
The Mining Amendment Act, 1927,
The Bankruptcy Amendment Act, 1927,
The Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act, 1927,
The Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Amendment Act, 1927,
The Electoral Act, 1927,
The Tongariro National Park Amendment Act, 1927, and
The Dunedin City Corporation Empowering Amendment Act, 1927,

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, 15th November, 1927.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Motor-spirits Taxation Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill be considered next sitting-day.

5. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Howard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That three days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Jordan, on account of illness.

6. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Girling, from the Public Health Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. W. Perrett and others, Tai P. Toi and others, and Mabel J. Cartwright; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mabel J. Cartwright, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

7. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. R. Overton, Mate Glamuzina and others, Flora M. Commins, and C. T. Mitchell; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Licensing Bill be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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, 68.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Harris	McKeen	Sidey
Bell	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Smith
Bellringer	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hockly	Macmillan	Sykes
Burnett	Holland, H.	Martin	Tapley
Campbell	Horn	Mason, H. G. R.	Uru
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Howard	Mason, J.	Veitch
Dickie	Hudson	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Waite
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Walter
Dickson, J. S.	Jones, D.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Elliott	Jones, W.	Potter	Wilford
Field	Kyle	Ransom	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Fraser	Linklater	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Girling	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Glenn	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Hamilton, A.	McCombs	Seddon	Sullivan.
Hamilton, J. R.			

NOES, 7.

			Tellers.
Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry.	Bartram
Atmore	Lee, J. A.		Savage.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Rural Intermediate Credit Act, 1927. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Main Highways Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

10. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Licensing Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Eliott	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.	Wilford
Field	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Seddon	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Henare	Macmillan	Smith	*Tellers.*
Horne	Mason, J.	Uru	Glenn
Hudson	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Veitch	Lysnar.

NOES, 51.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Girling	Linklater	Savage
Armstrong	Hamilton, A.	McKeen	Sidey
Atmore	Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bartram	Harris	Martin	Sullivan
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Mason, H. G. R.	Sykes
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H.	Nash	Tapley
Burnett	Holland, H. E.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Campbell	Howard	Parry	Walter
Dickie	Jones, D.	Potter	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, W.	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickson, J. S.	Kyle	Reid	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lee, E. P.	Rhodes	Bitchener
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	McCombs.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all words after the words "licensing district" in line 24, and substitute the following words: "in lieu of the questions defined by section fifty-six of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, the questions defined by this section of this Act (hereinafter in this Part of this Act referred to as the questions) and the provisions of this section shall have force and operation in lieu of the provisions of the said section fifty-six of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918."

"(2) Three questions shall be submitted, namely:—

"(*a*) The question (hereinafter referred to as national continuance) whether the trade in alcoholic liquors should be continued in New Zealand under the provisions of the Licensing Act, 1908:

"(*b*) The question (hereinafter referred to as national prohibition without compensation) whether all licenses of any description then existing shall, unless sooner forfeited or determined in due course of law, continue in force for the respective periods for which they were granted, and then lapse, and shall not be renewed, and no new licenses granted; and that no compensation shall be paid to any owners of property, or to licensees, or to any persons engaged or employed in the trade in alcoholic liquors.

"(*c*) The question (hereinafter referred to as corporate control) whether the ownership of licensed premises and the manufacture, importation, and wholesale distribution of alcoholic liquors in the Dominion be exclusively vested in a Corporation as hereinafter defined, such Corporation to be instituted and maintained without any appropriation of public money, and such Corporation thereinafter being alone entitled to manufacture, import, and sell wholesale alcoholic liquor and derive profit from such trade.

"(*d*) Such three questions shall be submitted in the form set forth in the Schedule hereto and in the manner prescribed by the Licensing Act, 1908, and its amendments.

"(3) Subsection three of section fifteen of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, shall apply in respect of the voting-papers to be used.

"(4) No vote shall be valid unless the voter strikes out two of the three proposals.

"(5) Section fifty-nine of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, is hereby amended by substituting for the words 'State purchase and control,' in the third line of subsection one thereof and in the third line of subsection two thereof, the words 'corporate control.'

"(6) The provisions of this Part of this Act hereinafter contained apply only in the event of the determination at the next general licensing poll being in favour of corporate control. Such determination is hereinafter in this Part of this Act referred to as the determination. Such determination shall come into force on such date, being not later than six months after the poll, as the Governor-General in Council may declare.

"(7) Immediately upon the coming into force of the determination a Corporation shall be constituted as hereinafter provided in which there shall be exclusively vested by force of this Act:—

"(*a*) All brewery plant, machinery, fittings, and fixtures, and all land whereon a brewery plant is erected, including all land adjacent to a brewery and used for brewery purposes:

"(*b*) All freehold land and premises in respect of which a publican's license or an accommodation license or a winemaker's license respectively, issued under the Licensing Act, 1908, and its amendments, was in force immediately before the coming into force of the determination:

"(*c*) All furniture, plant, and fittings in and upon a brewery, and all furniture, fittings, and fixtures in and upon hotel premises, and all plant, machinery, and fittings in and upon premises in respect of which a winemaker's license or a wholesale license is held, and all stocks of alcoholic liquor owned or held by brewers and by the holders of licenses of any description:

"(*d*) All the aforesaid assets are hereinafter referred to as the said assets.

"(8) The value of the said assets shall in every case be ascertained by valuations to be made by such persons, or classes of persons, and in such manner in all respects as the Governor-General in Council by regulations under this Act prescribes. The process of valuation and all other expenditure whatsoever incurred in connection with the institution of corporate control shall be paid for by, and be a charge against, the Corporation.

"(9) The capital of the Corporation (hereinafter called the capital) shall be an amount equivalent to the aggregate amount of the valuations as ascertained under and in pursuance of the last preceding section hereof, including in such amount in consideration of the transfer of business connected with the said assets as going concerns a sum equal to the net profits actually earned by such businesses during the three years immediately preceding the coming into force of the determination.

"(10) The capital shall be divided into 'A' and 'B' shares, which shall be deemed to be fully paid up to the amount of the nominal value thereof, twenty per centum of the capital being 'A' shares and the remaining eighty per centum thereof being 'B' shares.

"(*a*) The 'A' shares shall, upon the taking-over by the Corporation of the said assets, be allotted to the Government of New Zealand without any payment in cash, and shall have an earning-power equal to that of the 'B' shares:

"Provided that all dividends accruing upon such 'A' shares shall from time to time be applied towards payment of the nominal value thereof, and upon completion of payment of such nominal value all dividends thereon shall be the property of the Government of New Zealand.

"(*b*) The said 'B' shares shall, on the taking-over by the Corporation of such businesses, be allotted to the owners of the said assets in proportion to the ascertained value of such assets respectively. The profits accruing upon the 'A' shares shall be payable to the vendors in like proportion as and when declared in satisfactory *pro tanto* of the nominal value of the said 'A' shares.

"(*c*) The profits on the business of the Corporation shall in each year be divided among the shareholders by the declaration of such dividend as such profits may in each year warrant, but such dividends shall be limited to ten pounds per centum per annum.

"(*d*) All profits over and above ten per centum shall be applied to such national purposes as the Government shall from time to time determine.

"(*e*) The Corporation shall be under the sole direction of a Board consisting of nine members, of whom the Government shall have the right to nominate a Chairman and four other members, and the 'B' shareholders shall have the right to elect the remaining four members.

"(*f*) The Corporation shall be the sole authority for the issue and continuance of permits to sell alcoholic liquors, subject always to the right of appeal to a Stipendiary Magistrate by any person affected. For this purpose the Corporation shall set up District Licensing Boards as may, by regulation made by Order in Council gazetted, be determined.

"(*g*) The Corporation shall have no power to alter by increase or reduction the total number of licenses for the sale of liquor in licensed premises, nor the hours provided by statute for the sale of liquor for the time being in force in the Dominion.

"(*h*) The Corporation shall have power, on the termination of any lease of premises in respect of which a license to sell alcoholic liquors exists, to grant a permit instituting the café system for the sale of light wines and beer only where it may be deemed advisable to restrict the sale of spirits.

"(*i*) The powers of the Corporation shall not apply to chartered clubs.

"(*j*) The Corporation shall be empowered to grant special licenses for the manufacture of wines within New Zealand:

"Provided that the product of such manufacture shall be sold exclusively to the Corporation.

"(*k*) Upon the adoption by the electors of the above proposal, no further poll upon the subject shall be taken until nine years have elapsed from the carrying of such issue. Should the issue of prohibition be carried at any subsequent poll no compensation of any kind shall be payable to the Corporation.

"(11) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations—

"(*a*) Declaring by what persons or classes of persons and in what manner the valuations before referred to shall be made:

"(*b*) Setting up and appointing District Licensing Boards for the purpose of this Act:

"(*c*) And generally for carrying out the purposes of this Part of this Act." (*Mr. Eliott.*)

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to add the following new paragraph:—

"(*c*) The question (hereinafter referred to as State purchase and control) whether all private licenses to sell liquor except for medical purposes shall be withheld, the State to purchase all hotels and breweries and carry on the manufacture and sale of liquor." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

Amendment proposed: To add to the proposed new paragraph the following words: "The foregoing questions shall be decided by the method known as preferential voting." (*Mr. Fraser.*)

The Chairman ruled that the words proposed to be added must be moved as a separate paragraph.

Motion made and Question proposed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on the question.

Motion agreed to, and progress reported.

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

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

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 ruling given by him in Committee.

Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 216, p. 228), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

And the Question being put, That the proposed new paragraph be inserted in the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Atmore	Glenn	Parry	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H. E.	Rolleston, J. C.	Wilford.
Dickson, J. S.	Horne	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Elliott	Lee, J. A.	Smith	Bartram
Field	Luke, Sir John	Veitch	Savage.
Forbes			

NOES, 55.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.
Armstrong	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sidey
Bell	Holland, H.	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bellringer	Howard	Martin	Sullivan
Burnett	Hudson	Mason, H. G. R.	Tapley
Campbell	Hunter, Sir George	Mason, J.	Uru
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Nash	Waite
Dickie	Jones, W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Walter
Dickson, J. McC.	Kyle	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Fraser	Lee, E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Girling	Linklater	Potter	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Ransom	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, J. R.	McCombs	Reid	Bitchener
Harris	McKeen	Rhodes	Sykes.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following new subclauses:—

"(5) Simultaneously with the vote taken under the foregoing provisions of this section there shall also be submitted for determination by the electors on two separate ballot-papers:—

"(*a*) The three issues as prescribed by the provisions of the principal Act and its amendments as if subsection one of this section had not been passed.

"(*b*) The question whether there shall be two issues only submitted to the electors—namely, national continuance and national prohibition, as provided by subsection one of this section.

"(6) If the majority of the valid votes recorded at the poll taken for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of the last preceding subsection are in favour of the proposal specified in that paragraph, the foregoing provisions of this section shall remain in full operation.

"(7) If the majority of the valid votes recorded as aforesaid are against the proposal specified in paragraph (*b*) aforesaid, the poll taken under subsection one of this section shall have no effect, and the questions submitted to the electors shall be determined by the poll taken on the proposals specified in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (5) hereof." *(Mr. Tapley.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

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, 53.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Howard	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Armstrong	Hudson	Martin	Sullivan
Burnett	Hunter, Sir George	Mason, H. G. R.	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, D.	Mason, J.	Tapley
Dickie	Jones, W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Uru
Dickson, J. McC.	Kyle	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Fraser	Lee, E. P.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Walter
Girling	Linklater	Potter	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Hamilton, A.	Luke, Sir John	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Hamilton, J. R.	Lysnar	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Harris	McCombs	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McKeen	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Bellringer
Henare	McLennan	Sidey	Bitchener.
Holland, H.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.		

NOES, 21.

Atmore	Field	Parry	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bell	Forbes	Rolleston, J. C.	Wilford.
Buddo, Hon. D.	Glenn	Seddon	*Tellers.*
Campbell	Holland, H. E.	Smith	Bartram
Dickson, J. S.	Horne	Veitch	Savage.
Eliott	Lee, J. A.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1): In lines 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, to strike out all the words down to and including the words "national prohibition," with a view to inserting the following words: "Whenever at a licensing poll held under the foregoing provisions of this Act there is an absolute majority of valid votes recorded for either national prohibition or national continuance the proposal for which there is an absolute majority of valid votes recorded." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

And the Question being put on the retention of the words proposed to be omitted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 32.

Atmore	Horne	Macmillan	Uru
Bell	Hudson	Mason, J.	Veitch
Campbell	Hunter, Sir George	Nash	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wilford
Eliott	Luke, Sir John	Rhodes	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Field	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	McLennan	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Smith	Glenn.
Henare			

NOES, 43.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	Martin	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Armstrong	Hamilton, J. R.	Mason, H. G. R.	Sullivan
Bartram	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Sykes
Bellringer	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Tapley
Bitchener	Holland, H. E.	Parry	Waite
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jones, D.	Potter	Walter
Burnett	Jones, W.	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickie	Kyle	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Howard
Girling	McKeen	Sidey	McCombs.

So it passed in the Negative.

Words struck out.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

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

AYES, 41.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Seddon
Armstrong	Henare	Macmillan	Smith
Atmore	Holland, H. E.	Mason, J.	Uru
Bartram	Horne	Nash	Veitch
Bell	Hudson	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Buddo, Hon. D.	Hunter, Sir George	Parry	Wilford
Campbell	Lee, J. A.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Elliott	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Field	Lysnar	Savage	Glenn.
Forbes	McLennan		

NOES, 34.

Bellringer	Holland, H.	Mason, H. G. R.	Tapley
Bitchener	Howard	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Burnett	Jones, D.	Ransom	Walter
Dickie	Jones, W.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Kyle	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Fraser	Lee, E. P.	Sidey	*Tellers.*
Girling	McCombs	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Harris
Hamilton, A.	McKeen	Sullivan	Potter.
Hamilton, J. R.	Martin	Sykes	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the Licensing 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 twenty-eight minutes after four of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 17th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of Mr. McCombs (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. R. Wilson be referred direct to the Education Committee.

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

3. *Ashley River Improvement Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925, and that the Honourable Mr. Williams do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Williams 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. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of E. Vicary and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of E. Vicary and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

5. *Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendment be 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.

6. *Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

7. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

8. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

9. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill and the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

10. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill:*

Clause 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 44, after the word "within," to omit the words "one month," and insert the words "two months" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 48, after the word "pounds," to omit all the words down to the end of the clause. *(Honourable Mr. Hawken.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 6 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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11. *Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Slaughtering and Inspection 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 Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908."

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

12. *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Noxious Weeds 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 Noxious Weeds Act, 1908."

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

13. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Coal-mines Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

14. *Child Welfare Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Child Welfare Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Valuation of Land Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Howard Estate Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Local Legislation Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. (Deletion of clause 53.)

16. *Howard Estate Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Howard Estate Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

17. *Local Legislation Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, *Ordered* That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Local Legislation Bill be considered next sitting-day.

18. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Coal-mines Amendment Bill and the Child Welfare Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

19. *Child Welfare Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

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20. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Coal-mines 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 Coal-mines Act, 1925."

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

21. *Child Welfare Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Child Welfare Amendment Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

22. *Message.*—The Right 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 Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Public Service Act, 1912," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th November, 1927.

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 Public Service Act, 1912.

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

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

23. *Public Service Amendment Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Public Service Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

24. *Message.*—The Right 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. 65.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1926," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 17th November, 1927.

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 Government Railways Act, 1926.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

25. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.* — The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Government Railways Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed; and, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Railways Committee.

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

Friday, the 18th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. H. G. R. Mason (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. Aggers and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Privilege Committee.*—Mr. E. P. Lee, from the Privilege Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee of Privilege appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances of the publication of the words—

"(The *Evening Post*, Thursday, November 10, 1927.)

"METHODIST SYNOD.—SESSIONS CONTINUED.—PARLIAMENT CRITICIZED.

"The Methodist District Synod continued its sittings yesterday, when the financial and general session met at Taranaki Street Church.

"In his opening address the Chairman (the Rev. E. D. Patchett) welcomed to the district the Rev. C. H. Old, B.A., and Mr. E. R. Alexander, home missionary. Reference was made to deaths during the year of Mrs. Pinfold and the Rev. W. Ready.

"He spoke of the disappointment of all in the rejection by Parliament of the Religious Exercises in State Schools Bill. He had contempt for those who put party politics and electioneering expediency before the welfare of the children and the country; while the action of those who pretended to commend the Nelson system only to kill the Bill was hypocritical and despicable . . ."

by the *Evening Post* and by any person or persons has the honour to report that it has heard evidence from the following witnesses: Mr. Louis Proctor Blundell (publisher of the *Evening Post* newspaper), Mr. Joseph Parker (editor of the *Evening Post* newspaper), Rev. Ernest David Patchett (minister in charge of Thorndon Methodist Circuit). Mr. R. Hardy Boys, counsel for the Rev. Mr. Patchett, also addressed the Committee.

The findings of your Committee are as follow:—

(1) That the publisher of the *Evening Post* newspaper admits the publication of the said paragraph.

(2) That the editor of the *Evening Post* newspaper did not see the said paragraph before publication, but accepts the responsibility for same. The statement was supplied to the *Evening Post* newspaper for publication by the Rev. F. B. Lawrence, who was the official reporter appointed by the Methodist Synod, and not by a duly accredited representative of the said newspaper. The statement was published in good faith, and was not considered to be a breach of privilege, and in the publication of the said statement there was no intention to offend against the privileges of Parliament.

(3) That the Rev. Mr. Patchett claimed before your Committee that the report published in the *Evening Post* newspaper was such a bald statement that it does not adequately convey his meaning, as it did not give the context which makes all the difference. The Rev. Mr. Patchett's remarks to the Methodist Synod were made from written notes, a copy of which he produced to the Committee. In the opinion of your Committee the published statement does not differ materially from the written notes which were submitted by the reverend gentleman.

Since hearing evidence on the subject-matter of its inquiry, the Committee has received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Patchett in which he makes the following requests:—

(1) That he should be completely exonerated from censure for having made the statements, and that all imputations made against him in the House as a minister of religion be withdrawn; or (2) that he be permitted to make his defence before the bar of the House.

The minutes of evidence taken by your Committee are attached hereto.

18th November, 1927.

Ordered, That the Report and evidence taken by the Committee do lie upon the Table.

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

3. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, for the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Hiria Waoku and others, Rinaha Matene and another, and Pouaka te Awha; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Hiria Waoku and others, Rinaha Matene and another, and Pouaka te Awha, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

4. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill, have the honour to report that it is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders have been complied with.

The Member in charge of the Bill having informed the Committee that he wishes it to be withdrawn, the Committee recommend that the leave of the House for the Bill to be withdrawn be given accordingly.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

5. *Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill.—Ordered*, That the Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *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 R. Murrell and others and twenty-four similar Petitions, L. C. Williamson and others, and the Motueka Harbour Board.

Ordered, That the Petitions of R. Murrell and others and twenty-four similar Petitions, and the Motueka Harbour Board, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of L. C. Williamson and others be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

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

8. *Public Service Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Service Amendment Bill;

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

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

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

10. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Public Service Amendment Bill and the Ashley River Improvement Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

11. *Public Service Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (3), paragraph (*a*), line 34, to insert before the word "time" the word "reasonable." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendments proposed: In paragraph (*d*), to insert before the words "officer receiving," in line 43, the word "only"; to omit the words "and the officer of another Department receiving the next highest number of votes," and to add to the paragraph the following words: "if at any election as aforesaid only one member of the Board is duly elected a further election shall as soon as practicable thereafter be held for the election of the other elective member." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (3), to omit the words "by mutual agreement by the elected members or, in the event of their being unable to agree, by the Chairman of the Board," and substitute the words "in manner prescribed by regulations in that behalf" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to omit the word "fourteen," in line 32, and insert the word "twenty-one" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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12. *Public Service Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Public Service 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 Public Service Act, 1912."

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

13. *Ashley River Improvement Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Ashley River Improvement 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 Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925."

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 Seeds Importation Act, 1927, without amendment.

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Act, 1927, the Napier Foreshore Act, 1927, and the Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Act, 1927, without amendment.

15. *Howard Estate Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Howard Estate Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, 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.

16. *Child Welfare Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Child Welfare Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2 and 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 13 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the words "in respect of every child," the words "or other inmate"; in paragraph (*a*), to omit the word "child," and insert the word "inmate" in lieu thereof; in paragraph (*c*), to omit the word "child," and insert the word "inmate" in lieu thereof; in paragraph (*d*), to omit the word "child's," and insert the word "inmate's" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Wright.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

In subclause (2), to omit, after the words "number of," the word "children," and insert the word "inmates" in lieu thereof; in line 47, to omit the words "the children," and insert the words "such inmates" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Wright.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 35 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time and added to the Bill :—

"21B. Section 31 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words 'but the Court,' and substituting the following words: 'whether or not, in any such case, the Court determines the charge, it.'" *(Honourable Mr. Wright.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Child Welfare 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 Child Welfare Act, 1925."

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

17. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Local Legislation Bill;

The same was accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, *Ordered*, That the amendment be disagreed with, and that the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. A. Hamilton be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the said Bill.

18. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That consideration of all Orders of the Day be postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 for Local Bills.

19. *Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, 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.

20. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the words "be determined by" down to the end of the subclause, and to insert the words "arbitrators appointed in manner provided by the Arbitration Act, 1908. Each party shall appoint an arbitrator with liberty to appoint an umpire, and this subsection shall be deemed to be a submission within the meaning of that Act." *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 6A read and agreed to.

Clause 7A read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to omit all the words after the words "authorized bus routes" down to the end of the first proviso. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 55, to omit the words "any of" and the word "purposes," and to insert the word "purpose" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 12 read and agreed to.

Clause 12A read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause 12B read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Christchurch Tramway District 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 Christchurch Tramway District Act, 1920."

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 ten minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, adjourned.

Monday, the 21st Day of November, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of Mita Taupopoki and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. J. Mason (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That, in regard to the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill, Standing Order 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 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 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 proceed.

3. *Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase the Membership of the Napier Harbour Board, to enable the Board to execute and construct certain Harbour and other Works, and to expend certain Moneys on such Works; and that Mr. J. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Waimakariri River Improvement Act, 1922; and that the Honourable Mr. Williams do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Williams 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. *Adjournment (Questions and Answers).*—Mr. Potter moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

   A Debate arose thereupon.

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

6. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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. 66.*

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

Government House,
Wellington, 21st November, 1927.

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 Education Reserves 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.

7. *Education Reserves Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, according to Order, presented the Education Reserves Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and stands referred to the Lands Committee.

8. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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. 67.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 21st November, 1927.

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 Electric-power Boards Act, 1925.

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

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

9. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Williams, according to Order, presented the Electric-power Boards Amendment 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. Downie Stewart, 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. 68.*

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, 18th November, 1927.

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 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. McLeod, for the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

11. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. McLeod, for the Right 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 stands referred to the Lands Committee.

12. *Message.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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. 69.*

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, and to validate certain Transactions," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To insert, under the heading "North Auckland Land District," the following new clause:—

"12A. Whereas about the year nineteen hundred and six a wharf was, with the consent of the Auckland Harbour Board, constructed by the Crown for the use of the Pacific Cable Board on land belonging to the said Harbour Board: And whereas pursuant to a direction contained in the Auckland Harbour Board, Devonport Borough Council, and Devonport Domain Board Empowering Act, 1918, the Auckland Harbour Board by deed of conveyance dated the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and registered as number 325364 in the Deeds Register Office, at Auckland, has since conveyed the said land together with other land to the Corporation of the Borough

of Devonport: And whereas it has been found expedient for the land on which the said wharf is erected together with certain adjoining land (being part of Queen's Parade in the said borough) to be vested in the Crown: And whereas the Devonport Borough Council has agreed to such vesting: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The land described in the next succeeding subsection is hereby declared to be no longer vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport, but to be vested in His Majesty the King freed and discharged from any trusts or limitations heretofore affecting it, and the Registrar of Deeds for the Deeds Registration District of Auckland is hereby empowered and directed to make such entries in the Register as may be rendered necessary by this subsection.

"(2) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area containing by admeasurement seventeen and sixty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being portion of Foreshore Reserve: bounded on the north generally by the area described in subsection four hereof; on the north-east by a line bearing 107° 32′ 30″ a distance of 143·98 links; on the south-east by a line bearing 195° 46′ a distance of 51·54 links; and on the south-west by a line bearing 287° 32′ 30″ a distance of 270·58 links: as the same is delineated on the plan numbered M.D. 6431, and deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works, at Wellington, and thereon coloured pink.

"(3) That part described in the next succeeding subsection of the street known as Queen's Parade, in the Borough of Devonport, is hereby closed and the land comprised therein is hereby declared to be no longer vested in the Corporation of the said borough, but to be vested in His Majesty the King.

"(4) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District containing by admeasurement four and fifty-six hundredths perches, more or less, being portion of a public street known as Queen's Parade: bounded on the north-west by a line commencing on the old mean high-water mark of the Waitemata Harbour, and bearing 17° 32′ 30″ for a distance of 51·51 links; on the north-east by a line bearing 107° 32′ 30″ a distance of 125 links; and on the south generally by the said old mean high-water mark: as the same is delineated on the said plan numbered M.D. 6431, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"(5) The Minister of Public Works, for and on behalf of His Majesty, is hereby authorized to lease any land vested in His Majesty as aforesaid, or any part of such land, for such purposes, and for such term or terms, and subject to such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the said Minister and the lessee."

To insert, under the heading "Auckland Land District," the following new clauses:—

"17A. Whereas by paragraph (*a*) of subsection one of section ten of the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910, the Minister of Public Works is authorized to carry out certain works without payment of any compensation for severance or loss of riparian or other rights: And whereas in pursuance of the power conferred upon him by the said paragraph the Minister constructed a canal from the Hikutaia Stream to the Waihou River through portions of McGaskill's Grant, No. 19F, Block VIII, Waihou Survey District: And whereas the said canal completely severed portions of the said land from access to other portions thereof, thereby causing genuine hardship to the owners: And whereas the said Minister authorized the construction of a bridge across the said canal to give access to the severed portions of the said land, and such bridge has been constructed: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the Minister to authorize such construction: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said bridge is hereby declared to have been lawfully constructed, and the cost thereof may be charged against the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account established by the said Act as if it had been a work authorized by the said Act.

"17B. Whereas by reason of the drainage operations carried on pursuant to the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910, certain portions of the old bed of the Omeheu Stream have become dry: And whereas the said stream and the road along a portion of the western bank thereof form the title boundaries to the parcels of land described in subsection four hereof: And whereas it is desirable that the boundaries of the said parcels of land should be amended so as to provide suitable fencing-lines: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Chief Drainage Engineer at Auckland and the owners and all other persons having any registered interest in the lands described in subsection four hereof may enter into an agreement or agreements as to amendment of the boundaries of the said lands, and may embody in such agreement or agreements any special conditions in regard to payments to be made by the parties to such agreement.

"(2) Any land owned by the Crown adjacent to the said parcels of land may be included in any scheme of boundary-adjustments notwithstanding the limitations or restrictions imposed by any Act, and any moneys to be paid to the Crown in this behalf shall be allocated by the Minister of Lands to the accounts entitled thereto.

"(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Auckland is hereby empowered, upon production to him of an agreement or agreements pursuant to this section, and upon the deposit of a plan showing the boundaries as agreed upon, accompanied by a written request from the Chief Drainage Engineer at Auckland, together with payment of all necessary fees and surrender of existing certificates of title, to cancel the said existing certificates of title and issue n lieu thereof new certificates with boundaries as delineated upon such deposited plan, and such new certificates shall be subject to the same restrictions, charges, and encumbrances (if any) as those to which the relative cancelled certificates of title were subject.

"(4) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"(*a*) Portion of Allotment 73, Parish of Matata, containing one hundred and fifty acres, and being all the land on deposited plan 4901, and the whole of the land in certificate of title, Volume 170, folio 211, Auckland Registry.

"(*b*) Portion of Allotment 73, Parish of Matata, containing one hundred and forty-three acres one rood six perches, being the residue of the land in certificate of title, Volume 170, folio 212, Auckland Registry, after registration of Proclamation No. 5199.

"(*c*) Portion of Allotment 74, Parish of Matata, containing two hundred and ninety-one acres two roods fourteen perches, being the whole of the land in certificate of title, Volume 436, folio 209, Auckland Registry.

"(*d*) Allotment 137A, Parish of Matata, containing four hundred and eighty-three acres three roods thirty-one and seven-tenths perches, being the residue of the land in certificate of title, Volume 230, folio 285, Auckland Registry, after registration of Proclamations Nos. 5199 and 5249.

"(*e*) Allotment 141A, Parish of Matata, containing two hundred and seventy-three acres and nine perches, being the residue of the land in certificate of title, Volume 241, folio 226, Auckland Registry, after registration of Proclamation No. 5249.

"17C. (1) The land described in the next succeeding subsection, being parts of Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, mentioned in the Second Schedule to the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, is hereby excluded from that Schedule.

"(2) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods and twenty and one-tenth perches, more or less, being parts Sections 2 and 2A of the Hamilton West Belt: bounded on the north-east by portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council amending the description of the Hamilton Domain dated the twenty-seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and published in *Gazette* of the fourth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, 124·4 links; on the south-east by parts Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, 705·4 links; on the south-west by Seddon Road, 124·4 links; and on the north-west by other parts of Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt aforesaid, 704·1 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less: as the same is delineated on plan marked L. and S. 1/178, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

"(3) The land described in the next succeeding subsection (being the land hereinbefore described, together with certain other land) is hereby declared to be subject to section two of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, and the First Schedule to that Act is hereby extended by incorporating therein a reference to that land.

"(4) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre, more or less, being parts Sections 2 and 2A of the Hamilton West Belt and portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council amending the description of the Hamilton Domain dated the twenty-seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and published in *Gazette* of the fourth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-six: bounded on the north-east by Sections 216 and 217, Town of Hamilton West, 124·4 links; on the south-east by parts Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, and portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council aforesaid, 805·4 links; on the south-west by Seddon Road, 124·4 links; and on the north-west by other parts of Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, and other portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council aforesaid, 804·1 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/178, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

To insert, under the heading "Westland Land District" the following new clause:—

"28A. Whereas by Order in Council issued under the provisions of the Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870, and published in *Gazette* of the twenty-second day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the management of Reserves 94 and 95, Town of Greymouth, was vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Greymouth for the purpose of recreation-grounds, subject nevertheless to the conditions and restrictions set forth in the said Order in Council: And whereas under the provisions of section sixty-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, portion of the aforesaid Reserve 95, together with a certain area of closed street adjoining, was reserved as a site for a technical school and vested in the Education Board of the District of Canterbury: And whereas portion of Raleigh, Buccleugh, and Shakespeare Streets have been and are being used as portion of the recreation-ground reserves, and action is being taken to close the said portions of the streets named with a view to the land comprised therein being added to the said reserves: And whereas it is desirable that the said reserves should be brought under the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, as a public domain under the control and management of the Greymouth Borough Council acting as a Domain Board, and the said Council is desirous of raising a loan for the purpose of effecting

improvements to such public domain and to the land comprised in such portion of the streets hereinbefore referred to as may be closed and added thereto: And whereas the land described in subsection five hereof is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Greymouth, and it is desirable to empower the said Council to transfer the said land to the Crown in order that it may be dealt with in the same manner as the recreation-ground reserves and the portions of Raleigh, Buccleugh, and Shakespeare Streets hereinbefore referred to: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, revoke the vesting pursuant to the provisions of the Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870, of the management of the recreation-ground reserves described in subsection four hereof in the Corporation of the Borough of Greymouth, and may, by the same or a subsequent Order in Council, declare the said lands to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, as a public domain under the control of the Greymouth Borough Council, and the said Council shall thereupon for all purposes be the Greymouth Domain Board as if it had been so appointed pursuant to section forty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2) Upon the vesting of the control as aforesaid of the recreation-ground reserves described in subsection four hereof in the Greymouth Borough Council as the Greymouth Domain Board, the said Council shall have authority to raise as for a public work under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, a special loan of a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, and in its capacity as the Greymouth Domain Board to expend the proceeds of such loan in effecting such improvements on the said domain, and on any land which may be added thereto, as may be mentioned in the proposal to raise such loan submitted to the ratepayers of the Borough of Greymouth pursuant to the said Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, aforesaid.

"(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Greymouth Borough Council may transfer to the Crown the land described in subsection five hereof, and upon such transfer being completed the said land shall for all purposes be deemed to be a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(4) The recreation-ground reserves to which subsections one and two hereof relate are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre one rood twenty perches, more or less, being part of Reserve 95, Town of Greymouth; bounded on the north-west by High Street, 225 links; on the north-east by Section 368, Town of Greymouth, 250 and 100 links, and Raleigh Street, 250 links; on the south-east by Shakespeare Street, 325 links; and on the south-west by that portion of said Reserve 95 reserved for a site for a technical school under the provisions of section sixty-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, 500 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less.

"Also all that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres two roods one and six-tenths perches, more or less, being Reserve 94, Town of Greymouth: bounded on the north-west by High Street, 1102 links; on the north-east by Buccleugh Street, 500 links; on the south-east by Shakespeare Street, 1102 links; and on the south-west by Raleigh Street, 500 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less.

"(5) The land which may be transferred to the Crown as aforesaid by the Greymouth Borough Council is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood, more or less, being Section 368, Town of Greymouth: bounded on the north-west by High Street, 100 links; on the north-east by Raleigh Street, 250 links; on the south-east by Reserve 95, 100 links; and on the south-west by said Reserve 95, 250 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less."

Government House,
Wellington, 21st November, 1927.

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 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, and to validate certain Transactions.

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

13. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—The amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill stand referred to the Lands Committee.

14. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That consideration of all Orders of the Day, and of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 for Local Bills, be postponed, in order to consider Order of the Day No. 3 for Local Bills.

15. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill;

The House accordingiy resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In paragraph (*c*) to delete the words "purchase or otherwise acquire," and to insert the words "to accept gifts of," after the figures "1908." (*Mr. Fraser.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To delete the proviso, and insert the words "provided that nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the taking for the purposes of a water-catchment area or forestry or scenic purposes any land that is not situate in the water-shed of the Wakatiki River, in the water-shed of the little Akatarawa River, or in the water-shed of the main Hutt River above its junction with the Pakuratahi River" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Fraser.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To insert the following further proviso:—"Provided also that compensation shall be paid in respect of every such taking only pursuant to the award of a Compensation Court." (*Mr. Fraser.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6A to 18 read and agreed to.

Clause 19 read. Amendment proposed: In line 41, after the words "forest produce," to insert the words "other than the milling of timber"; and after the words "and may," in the same line, to insert the word "construct." (*Mr. Fraser.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 23 read and agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 27 read and agreed to.

Clauses 30A to 38 read and agreed to.

Clauses 40 to 45 read and agreed to.

First and Second Schedules read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply 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 vest certain Lands in the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington for Waterworks and Forestry Purposes, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the City of Wellington, the Boroughs of Eastbourne, Lower Hutt, Petone, and Upper Hutt, and of a certain Portion of the Hutt County, and to enable the City of Wellington to control such Lands for such Purposes; to enable the City Corporation to supply Water from the said Lands to the City and to the Local Authorities controlling the said Boroughs and the County, and to carry out Forestry Works for and on behalf of the said Local Authorities."

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-eight minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—A Public Petition was 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 D. K. Hannan be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

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

3. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill (amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General), the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill, and the Education Reserves Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

5. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

6. *Education Reserves Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Education Reserves Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

7. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

8. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order 69 be suspended in order that the Debate on the Report on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill, interrupted by the half past five o'clock adjournment, may be continued this evening.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

AYES, 53.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLennan	Smith
Bell	Henare	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hockly	Macmillan	Tapley
Burnett	Holland, H.	Mason, J.	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Horn	Nash	Walter
Dickie	Hudson	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Dickson, J. McC.	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wilford
Elliott	Jones, D.	Ransom	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Field	Jones, W.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Forbes	Kyle	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Girling	Lee, E. P.	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, A.	Linklater	Rolleston, J. C.	Bitchener
Hamilton, J. R.	Luke, Sir John	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.
Harris	Lysnar		

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	Jordan	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Parry	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Potter	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	Martin	Veitch	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

9. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Debate resumed on the Question, That the Report of the Labour Bills Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment 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.

10. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

11. *Joint South Island – Australia Shipping Facilities Committee.*—Mr. Nash, from the Joint South Island – Australia Shipping Facilities Committee, brought up Reports on the Itinerary of the N.Z.M.S. "Maui Pomare" in connection with the Pacific Islands Trade and the Shipping Facilities at present existing between South Island Ports and Australia, together with the minutes of evidence thereon; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Message.*—The Right 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. 70.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Insurance Companies' Deposits Act, 1921–22," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd November, 1927.

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 House recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Insurance Companies' Deposits Act, 1921–22.

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

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

13. *Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, according to Order, presented the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment 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 minutes after one of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. H. G. R. Mason (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Petition of M. J. Coyle and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented, and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

252. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Palmerston North Fire Board for the Year ended 30th June, 1927.

3. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. J. S. Dickson, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Report on the Government Railways Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Ashley River Improvement Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1927, and the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

6. *Local Legislation Bill.*—Mr. A. Hamilton, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the Local Legislation Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

1. The Ohai Railway Board is an exceedingly successful and financial business undertaking.
2. The Board, though possessing rating authority, has never struck a rate during its existence.
3. The Board's net revenue from trading generally exceeds the expenditure by about £14,000 annually.
4. No objection has been raised to the clause.

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 amendment.

7. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Education Amendment Bill, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

8. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now committed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by the reading of a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

9. *Message.*—The Right 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. 71.*

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, 23rd November, 1927.

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 Stamp Duties Act, 1923.

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

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

10. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the Stamp Duties 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 Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

11. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be now committed.

Mr. Fraser moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof : "the House is of the opinion that in view of the evidence given before the Labour Bills Committee the Bill should not be allowed to proceed, but that its whole subject-matter should be referred to a conference representing the organized workers, the employers, and the farmers of the Dominion to be convened by the Government for consideration and report to the House."

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, 45.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	McLennan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Tapley
Burnett	Henare	Mason, J.	Waite
Campbell	Hockly	Nash	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Jones, W.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Field	Kyle	Rhodes	Bitchener
Forbes	Linklater	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Dickson, J. S.
Girling	Luke, Sir John		

NOES, 12.

Armstrong	Jordan	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Parry.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Bill be now committed, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 45.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	McLennan	Rolleston, J. C.
Bell	Hamilton, J. R.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Sykes
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Tapley
Burnett	Henare	Mason, J.	Waite
Campbell	Hockly	Nash	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Holland, H.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Hunter, Sir George	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Jones, D.	Ransom	Young, Hon. J. A.
Eliott	Jones, W.	Reid	*Tellers.*
Field	Kyle	Rhodes	Bitchener
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Armstrong	Jordan	Martin	*Tellers.*
Bartram	Lee, J. A.	Mason, H. G. R.	Howard
Fraser	McCombs	Parry.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the 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 fifty-four minutes after three of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 24th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

253. Emergency Expenditure Account, Statement of Accounts issued out of the, for the Period 12th September, 1926, to 22nd June, 1927. B.–4.

254. United Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Department): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st August, 1927.

255. Sawmillers' Mutual Accident Insurance Company: Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st July, 1927.

256. Victoria Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 30th June, 1927.

257. Farmers' Co-operative Insurance Association of New Zealand, Limited (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1927.

258. Southern Union General Insurance Company of Australasia, Limited (Accident Business): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1927.

259. New Zealand Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Branch): Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st May, 1927.

260. Yorkshire Insurance Company, Limited: Returns for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

261. County Council Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1925. [Castlepoint.]

262. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1926. [Castlepoint, Egmont, Eketahuna, Inangahua, Malvern, Matamata, Rangitikei, Stratford, Selwyn, Tawera, Waimea, Wairoa, Whangarei.]

263. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1926. [Gisborne, Marton, Nelson.]

264. County Councils' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. [Castlepoint, Egmont, Eketahuna, Makara, Malvern, Manukau, Mount Herbert, Patea, Selwyn, Springs, Stratford, Tawera, Waimea, Whangarei.]

265. Municipal Corporations' Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1927. [Alexandra, Gisborne, Marton, Shannon, Temuka, Upper Hutt, West Harbour.]

Ordered, That Paper No. 253 be printed.

2. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill, and on the Petitions of Te Amo Koukou Paparatu, Maora Mawhata, Wiremu Henare Paati and another, and Gustav Adolph Hirschberg; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Wiremu Henare Paati and another, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Te Amo Koukou Paparatu and Maora Mawhata, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

3. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

4. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Girling, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Dr. R. M. Beattie, together with the minutes of evidence thereon; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

The Legislative Council does not insist upon its amendment in the Bill intituled the Local Legislation Act, 1927.

6. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Mr. Dickie, 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.

Sir George Hunter, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Muriel Lavington Glyde and C. H. Greenhead; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Education Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Education Committee on the Education Amendment Bill do lie upon the Table.

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

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

9. *Message.*—The Right 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. 72.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies, and to validate certain Transactions," with the following amendments:—

Clause 3, subclause (1): To omit the words "Section 9, Block IX, Cambridge Survey District, comprised in certificate of title, Volume 91, folio 163, Auckland Registry," and to substitute the words "Allotment 249, Parish of Hautapu, comprised in certificate of title, Volume 91, folio 163, Auckland Registry, now called Section 11, Block IX, Cambridge Survey District, shown on a plan lodged in the Land Transfer Office at Auckland under No. 4865A."

To insert, under the heading "*City and Borough Councils*," the following new clauses:—

"29A. Whereas the Greytown Borough Council was duly authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the seventeenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty, to raise a loan of ten thousand pounds under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913: And whereas part of such loan—namely, the sum of two thousand pounds—was to be used for the purpose of extending and constructing drainage works, and the balance of such loan—namely, the sum of eight thousand pounds—was to be used for the purpose of providing advances to owners of lands and buildings within the said borough for the construction of private drains, the supply of sanitary appliances, and for all work and material in connection therewith: And whereas the said Council has raised out of the said sum of eight thousand pounds the sum of four thousand pounds and made advances for the purpose aforesaid to owners of lands and buildings, of which advances there has been repaid to the said Council the sum of one thousand two hundred and eighty-nine pounds five shillings and twopence: And whereas it is desirable to authorize the said Council to expend out of such sum of one thousand two hundred and eighty-nine pounds five shillings and twopence aforesaid the following sums—namely, an amount of three hundred pounds for the purpose of constructing drains and drainage works in addition to and in extension of the present drainage works within the said borough, and an amount of seven hundred pounds in reconstructing and renewing certain drains and drainage works now found to be defective in the said borough: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or in any other Act, it shall be lawful for the Greytown Borough Council to expend out of the said sum of one thousand two hundred and eighty-nine pounds five shillings and twopence an amount of three hundred pounds for the purpose of constructing drains and drainage works in addition to and in extension of the present drainage works within the said borough, and an amount of seven hundred pounds in reconstructing and renewing certain drains and drainage works now found to be defective within the said borough.

"29B. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section twenty of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Eketahuna Borough Council shall, save as provided in the next succeeding subsection, take, within one month after presentation to it of a requisition in that behalf, a special poll of the electors of the Borough of Eketahuna to determine the statutory closing-day in the borough under the said Act.

"(2) The Council shall not take such special poll unless—

"(*a*) The requisition is signed by not less than two-fifths of the total number of electors of the borough, and is presented to the Council not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight; and

"(*b*) Security, to the satisfaction of the Council, is given for the payment to it of the actual cost of taking the poll.

"(3) The provisions of subsections eight to eleven of section twenty of the said Act shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to the special poll taken under this section.

"(4) Any day appointed as the statutory closing-day pursuant to such special poll shall continue to be the statutory closing-day for the borough until another day is appointed in accordance with section twenty of the said Act.

"29C. The expenditure of nineteen pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence by the Newmarket Borough Council on the official opening of the new railway overbridge in Victoria Crescent, in the said borough, during the month of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully incurred.

"29D. Whereas the lands hereinafter described form part of the Auckland Domain, and are held by the Corporation of the City of Auckland upon the trusts created by the Auckland Domain Vesting Act, 1893: And whereas it is desirable that the same should be leased to the Auckland Bowling Club for the extension of the club's greens: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything contained in the Auckland Domain Vesting Act, 1893, or in any other Act, the Corporation of the City of Auckland may, with the prior consent of the Governor-General and upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, grant a lease or leases to the Auckland Bowling Club (Incorporated) of all that area of land in the North Auckland Land District, situated in Block VIII, Rangitoto Survey District, and being a part of the Auckland Domain, containing by admeasurement one acre and twenty-three perches, more or less: Bounded—commencing at a point being the north-eastern corner of Allotment 1 of Section 18 of the Suburbs of Auckland; and bounded, by other part of Auckland Domain by lines 161° 38′, 7·83 links; 154° 55′, 65·15 links; 217° 24′, 15·2 links; 154° 30′, 246 links; 209° 02′, 371·2 links; 308° 27′, 260·9 links; and by Allotment 1 of Section 18, Suburbs of Auckland, 29° 02′, 530·3 links, to the point of commencement; for such term or terms not exceeding twenty-one years, at such rentals, and upon such conditions as the Auckland City Council shall think fit; and such conditions may include a provision for the payment of compensation for improvements upon determination of any such lease or leases.

"29E. The Greymouth Borough Council is hereby authorized to contribute a sum not exceeding fifty pounds towards any fund administered by the Public Trustee, and established for or towards the relief of the dependants of persons who lost their lives in the Dobson Mine disaster of 1926.

"29F. The payment by the Akaroa Borough Council during the financial year ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, of the sum of fifty pounds, in purchasing panoramic photographs of Akaroa and the surrounding district is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

"29G. Whereas in or about the year eighteen hundred and forty-six the owner of the piece of land firstly described in subsection three hereof purported to set aside the same as a public road or street: And whereas in Crown grants of adjoining lands issued subsequently the said piece of land was described as a public road, but doubts have arisen as to whether the said land was legally dedicated: And whereas the land firstly described in subsection three hereof and the lands secondly and thirdly described in that subsection have together for many years past been used as a private way: And whereas the said private way has been properly formed and constructed by the owners thereof or frontagers thereto: And whereas the parties interested in the said lands and the local authority of the district, the New Plymouth Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) are desirous that the same should be declared a public street, but the Council has no power so to do: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Council may, by special order under section one hundred and eighty-six of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, declare the lands described in subsection three hereof to be a public street notwithstanding that the said lands do not comply with the provisions of the said section, and upon the passing of such special order the said lands shall become a street vested as such in the Corporation of the Borough of New Plymouth.

"(2) With respect to the said street the provisions of section one hundred and eighty-nine of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, shall be read as if the words "thirty-three feet" and "sixty-six feet" in that section were respectively "a specified distance, being not greater than fifty feet," and "a specified distance, being not greater than one hundred feet."

"(3) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"Firstly, all that piece of land being part of Section 4 on the public maps of the Fitzroy District, Block V, Paritutu Survey District, and being part of the land comprised in Crown grant registered number 2318, recorded in Register-book Number 8, folio 99, Taranaki Deeds Registry, the said piece of land and the linkages thereof being particularly delineated on the enlarged plan of right-of-way endorsed upon the plan deposited in the Land Transfer Office at New Plymouth as Number 1517, and thereon coloured brown.

"Secondly, all that piece of land being part of subdivision numbered 9, part of Section 4, Fitzroy District, Block V, Paritutu Survey District, and also that piece of land, containing nine and six-tenths perches, being also part of Section 4 aforesaid, both the said pieces of land being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 43, folio 124, Taranaki Register, and being particularly delineated on the enlarged plan of right-of-way hereinbefore referred to, but not coloured.

"Thirdly, all that piece of land, containing twenty-two and one-tenth perches, being part of Section 4, Fitzroy District, Block V, Paritutu Survey District, being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 104, folio 199, Taranaki Register, and being particularly delineated on the enlarged plan of right-of-way hereinbefore referred to, and thereon coloured pink.

"29H. Whereas the New Brighton Borough Council, duly authorized in that behalf, has decided to erect a new road-and-tramway bridge over the River Avon in the line of a street within the said borough known as Sea View Road: And whereas the Borough of New Brighton lies within five miles of the City of Christchurch, and is largely frequented by residents of the said city as a holiday and seaside resort: And whereas the cost of the said bridge is being contributed by the New Brighton Borough Council, the Christchurch City Council, and the Heathcote County Council in shares fixed by Order in Council under the Public Works Act, 1908, dated the twenty-fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and the contribution thereby required of the said City Council is seventeen and one-half per centum of the total cost—namely, the sum of one thousand two hundred and seventy-seven pounds: And whereas the plans of the proposed bridge provide for a maximum clearance under the bridge above the level of the water at ordinary high tides of four feet: And whereas the Christchurch City Council, being desirous of having certain alterations made in the level and construction of the said bridge and the approaches thereto with a view to providing a clearance under the bridge of six feet six inches, instead of four feet as shown in the original plan of the said bridge, has applied to the Borough Council of New Brighton to allow of such alterations being made, and the said Borough Council has consented thereto, provided that no part of the extra cost occasioned by such alteration shall be borne by the said Borough Council and that the said Council shall be indemnified against all claims (if any) for compensation for damage to property alleged to be caused by such alteration to the level and approaches of the said bridge, and the Christchurch City Council has agreed to the aforesaid conditions: And whereas to pay its share of such additional cost and to meet any such claims for compensation the further sum of three thousand five hundred pounds will be required, and it is expedient that the Christchurch City Council be empowered to obtain the said sum of three thousand five hundred pounds as well as the original contribution of one thousand two hundred and seventy-seven pounds by means of a loan of four thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven pounds in the manner hereinafter set forth: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) It shall be lawful for the Christchurch City Council to increase its original contribution to the cost of the said bridge in manner aforesaid, and to pay the said additional money as well as the said original contribution out of a loan to be raised for that purpose.

"(2) The Christchurch City Council is hereby empowered to raise a loan of four thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven pounds for the above-mentioned purposes as a special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, by special order of the said Council and without complying with the requirements of sections nine to thirteen of the said Act.

"291. Whereas by the Auckland (Symonds Street) Cemeteries Act, 1908, the lands hereinafter referred to (being part of a Jewish cemetery) became vested in the Corporation of the City of Auckland for the purposes of that Act: And whereas a request has been made to the Auckland City Council to return a certain portion of the said land by causing it to be vested in trustees for the Hebrew community of Auckland: And whereas it is desirable to empower the Auckland City Council in its discretion to give effect to such request: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Corporation of the City of Auckland is hereby empowered to transfer to the Auckland Beth Israel Trust Board, incorporated under the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, such part (not exceeding twenty perches) of the land, containing one acre, originally granted to John Israel Montefiore and David Nathan by Crown grant dated the twenty-fourth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and now vested in the said Corporation, as the Auckland City Council may by resolution determine, to be held by the said Trust Board for such purposes of the said Hebrew community, and subject to such limitations as the said Council fixes in such resolution."

To insert, under the heading "*Electric-power Boards*," the following new clauses:—

"47A. Whereas the Tauranga Electric-power Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) purchased from the Tauranga County Council and also partly erected an eleven-thousand-volt transmission-line: And whereas the demand for power within the said area is now such that it is found necessary to convert that portion of the said transmission-line between the Te Puke Substation and the Omanawa Power-station to one of thirty-three thousand volts, and, if advisable, to extend such thirty-three thousand volt line to McLaren's Falls Power-station: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Tauranga Electric-power Board is hereby empowered by resolution of the Board, and without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, to raise a special loan or loans under that Act, not exceeding in the agrgeate the sum of four thousand five hundred pounds, for the purpose of paying the costs of and incidental to converting such portion of the present eleven-thousand-volt line as is erected between the Te Puke Substation and the Omanawa Power-station to one of thirty-three thousand volts, and, if it considers it advisable so to do, of erecting an extension of such converted line to McLaren's Falls Station.

"(2) As security for the repayment of the said loan or loans and for the payment of the interest and sinking fund thereon the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to make and levy a special rate on all rateable property within the inner area of the Board's district, as described in the First Schedule to the Proclamation defining the Tauranga Electric-power District in the *New Zealand Gazette* dated the fourteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, sufficient to meet the annual charges on the said sum of four thousand five hundred pounds, plus ten per centum additional of such annual charges.

"(3) Subject to the approval of the Public Trust Office Investment Board, the Public Trustee is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to lend to the Tauranga Electric-power Board an amount or amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of four thousand five hundred pounds upon such terms and conditions as the said Investment Board directs.

"47B. Whereas the Opunake Electric-power Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) was on the sixteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, duly authorized by the ratepayers of the Opunake Electric-power District to raise a loan of seventy thousand pounds for the purpose of generating and distributing electric energy throughout the said district and outer area: And whereas the Board paid out of the said loan interest and sinking-fund charges thereon amounting to four thousand two hundred and sixty pounds for the financial year ended the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five: And whereas the said payment was not made in conformity with the requirements of section sixty-eight of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925: And whereas it is expedient to validate the said payment: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The payment by the Opunake Electric-power Board out of the said loan of seventy thousand pounds, of the said interest and sinking-fund charges amounting to four thousand two hundred and sixty pounds, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

"47C. Whereas the Otago Central Electric-power Board was on the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, duly authorized by its ratepayers to raise a special loan of twenty-five thousand pounds for (*a*) the construction of a high-tension transmission-line from the Teviot Power-station, including a step-down station and reticulation of the inner area to consumers' premises; and (*b*) payment of preliminary expenses incurred in connection with the scheme for which the special loan was sought to be raised: And whereas a further area was added to the Otago Central Electric-power District by Proclamation dated the twenty-ninth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and published in the *Gazette* of the fourth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-four: And whereas the said Board was on the twenty-sixth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, duly authorized by its ratepayers to raise a special loan of twenty-five thousand pounds for the construction of transmission-lines to, and the reticulation of, the said added area and the payment of preliminary expenses in connection with the scheme for which the said special loan was raised: And whereas on the twenty-fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the said Board was duly authorized by its ratepayers to raise a special loan of ten thousand pounds for the purpose of completing the reticulation of the whole of the district of the Board, and for providing assistance to consumers in the said district in connection with the supply of electrical current and the necessary appliances for that purpose: And whereas all the said loans have been raised, but have been found insufficient to complete the undertaking in respect of which they were raised, and the said Board desires to borrow a further sum of six thousand pounds, being one-tenth of the combined amount of the two loans of twenty-five thousand pounds first and secondly hereinbefore mentioned and the loan of ten thousand pounds, without taking a further poll of ratepayers: And whereas the said Board has no authority pursuant to section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, to borrow the sum of one-tenth of either of the loans of twenty-five thousand pounds hereinbefore mentioned, and doubts have arisen as to whether the said Board has authority under the said section nineteen to borrow the sum of one-tenth of the loan of ten thousand pounds hereinbefore mentioned: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The said Otago Central Electric-power Board is hereby empowered, by resolution of the Board, and without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, to raise a special loan of a sum not exceeding six thousand pounds for the purpose of completing the undertaking and purposes, or any of them, for which the said two loans of twenty-five thousand pounds and the said loan of ten thousand pounds, or any of them, were raised.

"(2) The said Board is further empowered, by resolution of the Board, to make and levy such special rate on the capital value of the rateable

property in the Otago Central Electric-power District as in the opinion of the Board may be necessary as security for the said loan and for the payment of the interest and other charges in respect of such loan.

"(3) Such special rate may be levied as a part of or in addition to any special rates made and levied in respect of the original loans hereinbefore mentioned."

To insert, under the heading "*Drainage Boards*," the following new clause:—

"50A. Whereas it is provided, *inter alia*, by section six of the Land Drainage Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), as amended by section ten of the Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1913, that the Returning Officer of every Drainage Board shall on or before the thirty-first day of August in every year make out a list, to be called the "ratepayers list," containing the name of every person whose name appears on the valuation roll made under the Valuation of Land Act, 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the valuation roll), as the occupier of any property within the district liable to be rated under the said Act (hereinafter referred to as liable property), and shall insert on such ratepayers list opposite the name of each person therein the amount at which his property is valued on the valuation roll: And whereas in the case of each of the drainage districts mentioned in subsection four hereof the Returning Officer prepared the ratepayers list for the year now current by inserting therein the name of every occupier of property within the district the whole or any part of which is liable to be rated under the said Act, and the total capital or unimproved value, as the case may be, as appearing on the valuation roll of the whole of that property (hereinafter referred to as the rateable property), and in certain cases a proportionate valuation of the liable property (hereinafter referred to as the proportionate valuation): And whereas in certain cases a proportionate valuation has not been made in accordance with the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act, 1925, but was made in manner following: that is to say, the Returning Officer estimated a valuation of the liable property bearing to the value of the rateable property the same proportion as the area of the liable property bears to that of the rateable property: And whereas in the case of each of the said drainage districts mentioned in subsection four hereof, excepting the Te Rapa Drainage District, the ratepayers list prepared as aforesaid was signed by a Magistrate pursuant to section eight of the said Act, and accordingly became the roll of ratepayers for the district: And whereas in the case of the Te Rapa Drainage District the ratepayers list prepared as aforesaid was submitted to a Magistrate, but the Magistrate determined that the said list should contain a valuation of the classified areas made in accordance with the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act, 1925, and in certain cases where objections had been lodged he altered the valuations as appearing on that list: And whereas as a result of the said determination of the said Magistrate doubts have arisen as to the validity of the ratepayers lists prepared in the case of the drainage districts mentioned in subsection four hereof, and, as the case may be, of the rolls of ratepayers of those districts, and it is desirable to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The ratepayers list prepared as aforesaid for the current year in respect of each of the drainage districts mentioned in subsection four hereof shall be deemed to have been properly prepared in accordance with section six of the said Act, and accordingly, after having been signed by a Magistrate pursuant to section eight of the said Act, shall become or be deemed to have become the roll of ratepayers for such district.

"(2) Such roll shall be conclusive evidence of the persons named therein being ratepayers of the district and of the correctness of all valuations of their properties appearing thereon.

"(3) Any rate made or levied by the Board of each of the said drainage districts shall not be called in question by reason only of the fact that the ratepayers list of that district was prepared in the manner aforesaid.

"(4) The drainage districts to which this section relates are as follows: Aka Aka, Eureka, Freshfield, Hillside, Hungahunga, Kirikiriroa, Mangawara, Moutoa, Te Rapa, Uapoto, Waiatarua, Waitoa, and Woodlands Drainage Districts.

"50B. (1) The authority conferred on the Minister of Internal Affairs by subsection five of section three of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22, to fix the limits of the power to borrow by way of bank overdraft in the case of local authorities constituted after the commencement of that Act is hereby extended so as to enable that Minister to fix the limits of the power of the Mangapu Drainage Board to borrow by way of bank overdraft until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

"(2) In the case of the said Drainage Board the limits imposed by subsection two of the aforesaid section three shall not apply with respect to any year prior to the year beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine."

To insert, under the heading "*River Boards*," the following new clauses:—

"51A. Whereas the Mangawara River Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) was duly authorized on the twenty-third day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, to borrow the sum of twelve thousand pounds for the purpose of carrying out improvement-works on the Mangawara Stream from its junction with the Tauhei Stream up-stream to the 'Confiscation Line': And whereas one of the proposals submitted to the ratepayers—namely, a proposal to borrow the sum of two thousand pounds for generally improving the Mangawara Stream from Littlewood's Landing to the junction of the Tauhei Stream—was rejected, and it became necessary for the Board to construct such works out of revenue, thereby causing considerable delay: And whereas it was expedient to avoid such delay, and a sum of two thousand pounds, all recoverable, was accordingly appropriated out of the Public Works Fund for the financial year ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, as a loan to the Board for the construction of such last-mentioned works: And whereas the Minister of Public Works agreed, subject to appropriation by Parliament, to a subsidy being granted towards the Board's river-improvement works: And whereas by agreement dated the twelfth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four (hereinafter referred to as the original agreement), between the said Minister, for and on behalf of His Majesty the King, and the Board, provisions were made with respect to the loan and repayment of the said sum of two thousand pounds and the appropriation of the said subsidy: And whereas the said agreement was amended by further agreement between the said parties dated the twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven (hereinafter referred to as the amending agreement): And whereas there is doubt of the validity of the proposals, conditions, and provisions contained in the original agreement and the amending agreement: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the original agreement and the amending agreement (the said agreements being recorded on file numbered P.W. 48/174 in the Department of Public Works at Wellington), and the proposals, conditions, and provisions therein contained, are hereby validated and shall be binding on the parties thereto.

"(2) The Mangawara River Board may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, make and levy in any year a separate rate of such amount as may be necessary to provide the portion of the said sum of two thousand pounds repayable in that year pursuant to the said agreements or any instalment of interest thereon.

"51B. Whereas by virtue of an award made under section six of the River Boards Amendment Act, 1910, on the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven (hereinafter referred to as the said award), certain liabilities of the Waikato River Board (hereinafter referred to as the River Board) were taken over by the County of Franklin upon conditions requiring the Counties of Waikato and Raglan to contribute towards the

discharge of the said liabilities: And whereas no provision exists whereby a loan could be raised to discharge such liabilities: And whereas it is desirable that provision be made in manner hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The County Councils of Franklin, Raglan, and Waikato may raise a loan in the manner provided by the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), for a sum not exceeding nine thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, as a joint loan under Part II of the said Act, without further authority than this section, and without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of the said Act.

"(2) Each of the said County Councils shall be deemed to have taken all the steps required to raise a joint loan under Part II of the said Act over that portion of its district (which is hereby declared to be a special-rating area) situated within the boundaries of the Waikato River District as it existed before the issue of the Proclamation extending the boundaries of the said district, dated the fourth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and gazetted on the tenth day of the same month (hereinafter referred to as the river district), and to have agreed to the raising of the said loan in the proportions of forty per centum to Waikato County Council, twenty-four per centum to Raglan County Council, and thirty-six per centum to Franklin County Council, and to the appointment of the Franklin County Council as the principal local authority.

"(3) The loan hereby authorized, and interest thereon, may, at the discretion of the principal local authority, be repaid by half-yearly instalments over such term of years not exceeding fifty as may be agreed upon by the principal local authority and the lender, and in such case paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of section sixty-two of the said Act shall not apply.

"(4) The principal local authority, upon receipt of the principal moneys hereby authorized to be raised, shall apply the same in the manner following, and not in the manner set out in paragraph (*h*) of section sixty-four of the said Act:—

"(*a*) In repayment of the loan of six thousand pounds advanced to the River Board by the Australian Mutual Provident Society, with interest and expenses incurred by that society:—

"(*b*) In payments of the amounts due to the National Bank of New Zealand for advances and interest on the River Board's General Account, and on its Development and Flood-prevention Loan Account:

"(*c*) In payment of the general debts and liabilities of the River Board, including payment to the County Councils thereto entitled of the amounts to credit of any special interest or trust account as at the date of the abolition of the river district.

"(*d*) In part-payment, to the extent of one hundred and seventy-seven pounds four shillings and fivepence, with interest thereon from the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, of the debt to the National Bank of New Zealand for advances to the Maungatawhiri Loan Account.

"(5) For the purpose of meeting further liabilities imposed upon the Franklin County Council by the said award, that Council may raise a loan, not exceeding one thousand six hundred and fifty pounds, over the Maungatawhiri Subdivision of the river district under the provisions of the said Act, but without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen thereof, and without further authority than this section; and shall apply the proceeds thereof in repayment of the debentures of the loans of five hundred pounds and seven hundred and twenty pounds over the Maungatawhiri Subdivision, and interest thereon to the date of repayment.

"(6) For the purpose of meeting further liabilities imposed upon it by the said award, the Franklin County Council may raise a loan, not exceeding one thousand one hundred pounds, over the Koheroa Subdivision of the river

district under the provisions of the said Act, but without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen thereof, and without further authority than this section; and shall apply the proceeds thereof in repayment of the debentures of the Koheroa loan of six hundred and twenty-five pounds and interest thereon to the date of repayment, and in repayment to the extent of two hundred and twenty pounds and ten shillings, with interest thereon from the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, of the amount due to the National Bank of New Zealand for advances to the Maungatawhiri Loan Account.

"(7) The Franklin County Council may, by resolution gazetted, decide to pay the interest and sinking fund for the first year out of the proceeds of the several loans hereby authorized.

"(8) Each of the County Councils of Franklin, Raglan, and Waikato, shall be deemd to have over that portion of the Counties of Franklin, Raglan, and Waikato respectively which was included in the river district all the powers of a River Board pertaining to the classification of lands and the levying of rates, save that the power to levy a River Board general rate shall be exercised only to provide funds for the maintenance of works carried out by the River Board; and such general rates may be made and levied in the same manner as the general rates of a County Council are made and levied.

"(9) Each of the County Councils of Franklin, Raglan, and Waikato may annually transfer to its General Account from the Interest Account kept by it in respect of each of the several loans raised as aforesaid such sum as in the opinion of the Audit Office represents the office, clerical, legal, and other expenses of the Council, of any nature whatsoever, in carrying into effect the terms of the said award and of this section."

To insert, after clause 54, the following new heading and clause:—

Tramway Boards.

"54A. Whereas the New Brighton Borough Council desires to construct a bridge over the River Avon in line with Seaview Road, New Brighton, and Page's Road, Bexley, in lieu of the bridge now there existing: And whereas the arrangement made in connection with the construction of such proposed new bridge included the apportionment under the provisions of section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908, of the cost of construction of such new bridge among the New Brighton Borough Council, the Christchurch City Council, and the Heathcote County Council: And whereas it has subsequently been agreed by and between the said New Brighton Borough Council, Christchurch City Council, and Heathcote County Council that such proposed new bridge should be contructed at a higher level than originally proposed: And whereas it is proposed that the Christchurch Tramway Board (hereinafter called the Board) should contribute to the extra cost of constructing such bridge at such higher level the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds, but no legislative provision exists authorizing such contribution: And whereas it is desirable that authority should be given to the Board to make such contribution: And whereas it will be necessary for the Board to expend further moneys in removing its tramway-line at and about the existing bridge and laying a double line at a different level to conform to the requirements of the proposed new bridge: And whereas it is desirable that the Board should be authorized to borrow the moneys required for all such purposes by special order and without taking the steps described in sections nine to thirteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Board is hereby authorized to contribute to the extra cost occasioned by the contruction at a higher level of the bridge proposed to be constructed over the River Avon in line with Seaview Road, New Brighton, and Page's Road, Bexley, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred pounds.

"(2) It shall be lawful for the Board, by special order and without taking the steps described in sections nine to thirteen of the Local Bodies' Loans

Act, 1926, to raise a special loan for the purpose of making such contribution, and of removing its existing tram-line and laying a double line at a different level to conform to the requirements of the proposed new bridge.

"(3) For the purposes of such loan a special-rating area may be created by the Board, consisting of a part of the Christchurch Tramway District defined for that purpose, and such loan may be raised in respect of such defined part of the said district.

"(4) The account of the special-rating area shall be kept separate and distinct from the accounts of the general tramway undertaking of the Board, and the interest and sinking fund in connection with the said special loan may be paid out of the special rate made and levied for the purposes of the said special loan without any reference to the accounts of the general undertaking of the Board."

To insert, under the heading "*Education Authorities*," the following new clauses:—

"57A. Whereas the New Plymouth High School Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) constituted under the New Plymouth High School Act, 1889 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), controls the Boys' High School and the Girls' High School at New Plymouth: And whereas there is also a school, known as the New Plymouth Technical School, carried on under a Board of Managers, the Education Board of the District of Taranaki being the controlling authority thereof: And whereas it is desirable that the work of the three schools should be carried on under the Board reconstituted as hereinafter set out: And whereas it is also desirable that the other arrangements as hereinafter set out should be carried into effect: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Act or any other Act, the Board shall after the commencement of this Act consist of ten members, appointed or elected as follows:—

"Three members appointed by the Governor-General:

"Two members elected by the parents of the children attending the schools under the control and management of the Board:

"One member appointed by the Education Board of the District of Taranaki:

"One member appointed by the New Plymouth Borough Council:

"One member appointed by the Taranaki County Council:

"One member elected by associations of employers in local industries:

"One member elected by associations of employees in local industries.

"(2) The Governor-General shall be Order in Council prescribe the terms for which the several members shall be appointed or elected as aforesaid, and may in such Order fix a shorter or longer term for the first period of office than for the subsequent periods.

"(3) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, fix the dates for the making of appointments or the holding of elections and prescribe the manner of conducting the elections and any other matters necessary or expedient for giving effect to the provisions of this section.

"(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this section the members of the Board at present in office shall continue in office until the appointment or election of their successors hereunder, and their terms of office shall then be deemed to be terminated.

"(5) At the first meeting of the new Board constituted as provided herein a chairman shall be elected, and thereafter the election shall be held as provided by the said Act.

"(6) Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

"(7) Any vacancy which may arise from death, resignation, or otherwise under section six of the said Act in the office of any member of the Board shall be filled in the same manner as the office was originally filled, and the person appointed or elected to the vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired remainder of the term for which his predecessor was appointed or elected.

"(8) Notwithstanding the variation of its constitution effected pursuant to this section, the New Plymouth High School Board shall at all times hereafter continue to be the same body corporate as that constituted by the said Act.

"(9) The New Plymouth Technical School is hereby placed under the control of the Board, which is hereby declared the controlling authority thereof in lieu of the Education Board of the District of Taranaki, and the corporation of the Board of Managers of the said Technical School is hereby dissolved.

"(10) All property of the said Board of Managers shall vest in the Board, and all rights and liabilities of the Board of Managers shall become the rights and liabilities of the Board.

"(11) The Governor-General may by Order in Council direct what property of the Education Board of the District of Taranaki held or used in respect of the said Technical School as the former controlling authority thereof, and what rights and liabilities of the said Education Board in respect of the said school, shall pass to or vest in the Board, and such property shall vest in and such rights and liabilities shall pass to the Board as from a date to be named in the Order in Council.

"(12) The Governor-General may by the same or any other Order in Council authorize and empower the Board to have the use and control of the buildings used for the purposes of the Technical School, and of any equipment, plant, and other chattels used or connected therewith, for such term or terms and upon such terms and conditions as are set out in the Order in Council; and the Education Board of the District of Taranaki shall give effect to such Order in Council accordingly.

"(13) The New Plymouth High School Act, 1889, is hereby amended by repealing sections four and five thereof.

"57B. Whereas the land hereinafter described was acquired by the Hastings Borough Council, the Hawke's Bay County Council, and the Havelock North Town Board pursuant to the authority conferred by section thirty-one of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, and was vested in the Education Board of the District of Hawke's Bay as a site for a technical high school, which school was duly established: And whereas in the interests of education in the district it was deemed advisable to replace the technical high school by a secondary school: And whereas the Minister of Education, with the approval of those concerned, and in exercise of his powers under the Education Act, 1914, disestablished the technical high school and established a secondary school under a governing body known as the Hastings High School Board, which school is being carried on in the buildings and on the site formerly used for the technical high school: And whereas it is desirable that the site of the school should be vested in the Hastings High School Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The land hereinafter described is hereby vested without further assurance and transfer, as from the date of the passing of this Act, in the Hastings High School Board constituted under the Education Act, 1914, freed from any trust for technical-high-school purposes, as a site for a secondary school.

"(2) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All those pieces of land in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, situate in the Borough of Hastings, containing in the aggregate nineteen acres one rood thirty-eight and eight-tenths perches, be the same a little more or less, being, firstly, all that parcel of land situate as aforesaid in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, containing by admeasurement five acres three roods fourteen perches, be the same a little more or less, being part of the Heretaunga Block 28N, and being Suburban Section 38 on the plan of the Town of East Hastings deposited in the office of the Registrar of Deeds at Napier under Number 83A; secondly, all that parcel of land situate as

aforesaid, containing by admeasurement eleven acres and twelve and three-tenths perches, be the same a little more or less, being Farm Lot or Section 42 on the plan of East Hastings, deposited as aforesaid under Number 83B; thirdly, all that parcel of land situate as aforesaid, containing by admeasurement two acres two roods twelve and one-half perches, more or less, being part of Suburban Section 39 on the said deposited plan numbered 83A: bounded towards the north-west by said Section 38 firstly above described, 578·3 links; towards the north-east by Section 36 on said plan, 450·7 links; towards the south-east by other part of said Section 39, 567 links; and towards the south-west by part of the land secondly above described, 450·7 links: the above-described pieces of land being all those lands comprised in deeds of conveyance dated respectively the thirtieth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty, and the second day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty, and registered in the Deeds Register Office at Napier under numbers 58453 and 58460 respectively."

To insert, under the heading "*Affecting two or more Classes of Local Authorities*," the following new clauses:—

"60A. Whereas a petition has been presented to the Orakei Road Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board), signed by a majority of the electors within the Orakei Road District (hereinafter referred to as the district), praying that the district be united with the City of Auckland (hereinafter referred to as the city): And whereas the district comprises an area of land now or heretofore owned by the Crown, known as the Orakei Garden Suburb, such area being more particularly described in subsection eleven hereof: And whereas the Auckland City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) and the Board have each resolved that such union should take place, subject to certain conditions as hereinafter set out: Be it therefore enacted as as follows:—

"(1) On receipt of petitions, under the seals of the respective Corporations, from the Council and from the Board praying that the city and the district be constituted one united borough, under the name of the City of Auckland, the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, unite the city and district accordingly in terms of section one hundred and thirty-five of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, in all respects as if a poll of the electors of the district had been taken on such proposal and had resulted in favour thereof; and in such case one member of the Board (to be chosen by the Board) shall be a Councillor of that city until the next general election of Councillors thereof.

"(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, after the union of the city and the district any special rates heretofore or hereafter made by the Council as security for, or for the payment of the annual charges on, any loan or loans shall not be levied on the area comprised in the district until fifty per centum of the saleable land in the Orakei Garden Suburb, excluding roads and reserves, has been sold by the Crown and possession thereof given to the purchasers, but otherwise such area may be rated in all respects as an integral part of the city.

"(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection nine hereof, the Minister of Lands shall, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare the date on which the said fifty per centum of land was sold and possession thereof given.

"(4) On the publication in the *Gazette* of the notice aforesaid the area now comprising the district shall become liable for the levy of all special rates made by the Council and which would have been leviable on such area but for the provision of subsection two hereof, including a proportion for the unexpired portion of the then current year, as from the date mentioned in such notice.

"(5) On the publication in the *Gazette* of the notice aforesaid, the Crown shall be deemed to have lent to the Council, and the Council shall be deemed to have lawfully borrowed from the Crown, the sum of two hundred thousand pounds, and with respect thereto the following provisions shall apply:—

"(*a*) Such loan shall be deemed to have been lawfully raised by the Council in terms of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, and the provisions of that Act shall, with the necessary modifications, apply thereto. The rate of interest payable on such loan shall be five and one-quarter per centum per annum, the term thereof shall be thirty years, and the Council shall provide a sinking fund of one and one-quarter per centum per annum.

"(*b*) For the purpose of securing the repayment of the said loan, the Council shall appropriate and pledge a special rate in terms of section twenty of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, and may in manner provided by that Act make and levy a special rate to provide for the payment of interest, or of interest and sinking fund, as the case may be (or the Council may pay the same out of a special rate made under section seven of the Auckland City Loans Consolidation and Empowering Act, 1921).

"(*c*) All payments to be made to the Crown by the Council shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue of the North Auckland Land District, and shall be paid by the Receiver to the Public Account to the credit of the Native Land Settlement Account.

"(6) The Crown shall with all reasonable despatch carry out and complete at its own cost the following works and undertakings:—

"(*d*) The formation and completion of a road from the road known as the Waterfront Road to Whakatakataka Bay, and thence through the district to connect with an existing main road in the district:

"(*e*) The formation and completion of a road from the Waterfront Road to the eastern boundary of the Crown's property at Mission Bay along the sea-front:

"(*f*) The formation and completion of all roads shown on the subdivisional plan of the Orakei Model Suburb up to the standard usually required by the Council, including provision of sewerage and water:

"(*g*) The erection and completion of a new bridge across the Orakei Channel, towards the cost of which the Council shall pay and contribute one-half.

"(7) The plans and specifications for the works mentioned in paragraphs (*d*), (*e*), and (*g*) of the last preceding subsection shall be such as are agreed upon between the Minister of Lands and the Council, or, in the event of their being unable to agree, as may be fixed by a Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor-General on the request of either the said Minister or the Council, in terms of and in accordance with the provisions of sections one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908, which section shall, with the necessary modifications, extend and apply accordingly.

"(8) For the purpose of providing the amount to be paid by the Council as its half of the cost of the erection of the aforesaid new bridge over the Orakei Channel, the Council may raise a special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, but without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of that Act, over the whole or any portion of its district.

"(9) The notice mentioned in subsection three hereof shall not be given or published until the works and undertakings mentioned in subsection six hereof have been duly completed or a sum of not less than two hundred and fifty thousand pounds has been expended by the Crown upon the same.

"(10) It shall be lawful for the Minister of Lands and the Council to agree to modifications of the agreements and provisions herein contained, and to enter into and carry out supplementary agreements for such purpose, or to provide for any matters incidental to or arising out of these provisions.

"(11) The area of land comprising the Orakei Garden Suburb is more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District bounded towards the north generally by the Waitemata Harbour from Hobson Bay to the north-western corner of Section 40A, Parish of Waitemata, Rangitoto Survey District;

thence towards the east by the said Section 40A and Section 39A to Purewa Creek; thence towards the south generally by Purewa Creek and Orakei Creek; and towards the west generally by Hobson Bay aforesaid.

"60B. Whereas the bridge over the Manawatu River on the Foxton–Shannon Main Highway was destroyed by flood: And whereas it was deemed necessary to proceed with the erection of a new bridge to take its place without waiting for the provisions of section seven of the Main Highways Amendment Act, 1925, and of section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908, to be complied with: And whereas the construction of the new bridge has been commenced and new approach roads thereto have been located (the said approach roads being more particularly delineated on plan P.W.D. 70268, deposited in the office of the Main Highways Board at Wellington, and thereon coloured red), and the Manawatu County Council, the Horowhenua County Council, the Foxton Borough Council, and the Shannon Borough Council have agreed to contribute towards the cost of the said bridge and approach roads in manner hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The cost of the said bridge shall be borne in the following proportions:—

"(*a*) By the Main Highways Board, (i) one-half of such cost up to ten thousand pounds, (ii) three-fifths of so much of the cost as exceeds ten thousand pounds but does not exceed twenty thousand pounds, (iii) two-thirds of so much of the cost as exceeds twenty thousand pounds.

"(*b*) The balance of the cost shall be borne by the Foxton Borough Council, the Shannon Borough Council, and the Manawatu and Horowhenua County Councils, in the proportions of one-twelfth, one-twelfth, five-twelfths, and five-twelfths respectively: Provided that if the local authorities' proportions of the cost of the bridge exceed ten thousand two hundred pounds such excess shall be borne equally by the Manawatu and Horowhenua County Councils.

"(2) The cost of the new approach road situate within the Manawatu County shall be provided in manner as follows: Main Highways Board, fifty per centum; Manawatu County Council, fifty per centum.

"(3) The cost of the new approach road situate within the Horowhenua County shall be provided in manner as follows: Main Highways Board, fifty per centum; Horowhenua County Council, fifty per centum.

"(4) The cost of the new approach road situate within the Shannon Borough shall be borne in manner as follows: Shannon Borough Council, five hundred pounds; Horowhenua County Council, seven hundred and twenty-four pounds; the Main Highways Board, the balance of such cost in excess of the sum of these two amounts.

"(5) The Main Highways Board shall be the constructing authority in respect of the new bridge and the new approach road situate within the Horowhenua County and the Shannon Borough.

"(6) The Manawatu County Council shall be the constructing authority in respect of the new approach road situate within the said county.

"(7) Any contribution hereby required to be made as aforesaid by the said Councils shall be paid out of the funds of the said Councils into the Construction Fund of the Main Highways Board within a period of one month after demand in writing made by or on behalf of the said Board.

"(8) This section shall have the same effect as, and shall be deemed to be, a warrant under section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908, and the provisions of that section shall apply accordingly."

To insert, under the heading "*Miscellaneous*," the following new clause:—

"61A. Whereas by notice published in the *Otago Provincial Gazette* of the nineteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the land described in subsection three hereof was reserved for the use of the Winton Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and is now held by the said association in trust for the purposes for which it was established: And whereas the said

land is not wholly suitable for show purposes, and it is desirable that it should be sold and the proceeds expended in effecting such improvements to the Winton Domain as may be approved by the Winton Domain Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agricultural and Pastoral Societies Act, 1908, or in any other Act, the Winton Agricultural and Pastoral Association may sell the land described in subsection three hereof, and may expend the proceeds of such sale in effecting such improvements to the Winton Domain as may be approved by the Winton Domain Board.

"(2) The land shall be sold by public auction, either in lots or as a whole, and upon such terms and subject to such conditions as to payment or otherwise as the association thinks fit; and the said association is hereby authorized to transfer the same to a purchaser or purchasers, and for the purposes aforesaid may, if it thinks fit, subdivide the said land into lots for sale.

"(3) The land hereby authorized to be sold is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres one rood twenty-seven perches, more or less, being Section 6, Block VI, Town of East Winton, and being all the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume XLVI, folio 250, Southland Registry.

"61B. Whereas the Waikato Agricultural and Pastoral Association is registered as proprietor of an estate in fee-simple in all that piece of land, containing twelve acres three roods twenty-two and a half perches, more or less, being Lot 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under number 15061 of the Subdivision of Allotment 216A and parts of Allotments 215 and others, of the Parish of Kirikiriroa, and being part of the land comprised and described in certificate of title, Volume 135, folio 87, Auckland Registry: And whereas the said association desires to transfer the said land by way of gift to the Corporation of the Borough of Hamilton: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Waikato Agricultural and Pastoral Association is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer the said land by way of gift to the Corporation of the Borough of Hamilton, to be held in trust for the purposes of a recreation reserve."

And on His Majesty's behalf recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 24th November, 1927.

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 amendments in the Bill to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies and to validate certain Transactions.

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

10. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Local Legislation Bill stand referred to the Local Bills Committee.

11. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill;

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

12. *Waimakariri River Improvement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment Bill;

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

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

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

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill, the Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment Bill, and the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

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

"5A. Section one hundred and fifty-four of the principal Act, as amended by section thirteen of the Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby further amended as from the passing of the last-mentioned Act by adding to subsection five thereof the following paragraph:—

"'(*g*) Any agreement made between an Electric-power Board or other authority or person licensed to supply electricity and a purchaser or prospective purchaser of electricity, in so far as such agreement relates to the sale and purchase of electricity or to the sale and purchase of electric fittings, equipment, or appliances, or the installation thereof.'" (*Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.*)

To report the Bill with amendment.

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16. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Electric-power Boards 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 Electric-power Boards Act, 1925."

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

17. *Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Waimakariri River Improvement 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 Waimakariri River Improvement Act, 1922."

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

18. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Stamp Duties 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 Stamp Duties Act, 1923."

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

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

Friday, the 25th Day of November. 1927.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

267. Post and Telegraph Department: Schedule of Regulations.

3. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee, to whom was referred the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill, have the honour to report that the Bill is a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders in connection therewith were suspended by the House.

The Committee have carefully considered the Bill and taken evidence thereon, and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a final Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee has during the session held twenty-five meetings, the average attendance being six Members at each meeting. Twenty-eight Local Bills and the Local Legislation Bill were referred to the Committee, all of which were reported upon to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee, also brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Local Bills Committee wish to place on record their hearty appreciation of the excellent work done by the clerk, Mr. W. N. Wood, during the session; the Committee desire that this Resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Linklater, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman, and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to record its sincere appreciation of the capable, courteous, and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Sir George Hunter, has presided over its deliberations during the session; and that the Committee further desires that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and also that it be reported to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

4. *Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

5. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Horn, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Girling, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. Litt; 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 A. W. M. Salaman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Hirini Waiti and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Hirini Waiti and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, from the Native Affairs Committee, also brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Howard, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Motor-vehicles Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

10. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Coal-mines Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

11. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill be considered next sitting-day.

12. *Education Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Education Committee on the Education Amendment Bill do lie upon the Table.

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

13. *Education Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Education Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

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

15. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

16. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill;

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by reading of a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

17. *Message.*—The Right 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. 73.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Renting and Exhibition of Cinematograph Films, and to impose a Film-hire Tax," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th November, 1927.

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 regulate the Renting and Exhibition of Cinematograph Films, and to impose a Film-hire Tax.

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

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

18. *Cinematograph Films Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Cinematograph Films Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

19. *Message.*—The Right 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. 74.*

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, 25th November, 1927.

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 Public Works Act, 1908.

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

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

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

21. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

22. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

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 presently.

24. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

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

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25. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Education Reserves Amendment Bill, the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, the Native Lands Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill, and the Government Railways Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

26. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill:*

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

Under the heading "*North Auckland Land District*,"—

"12A. Whereas about the year nineteen hundred and six a wharf was, with the consent of the Auckland Harbour Board, constructed by the Crown for the use of the Pacific Cable Board on land belonging to the said Harbour Board: And whereas pursuant to a direction contained in the Auckland Harbour Board, Devonport Borough Council, and Devonport Domain Board Empowering Act, 1918, the Auckland Harbour Board, by deed of conveyance dated the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and registered as Number 325364 in the Deeds Register Office, at Auckland, has since conveyed the said land together with other land to the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport: And whereas it has been found expedient for the land on which the said wharf is erected together with certain adjoining land (being part of Queen's Parade in the said borough) to be vested in the Crown: And whereas the Devonport Borough Council has agreed to such vesting: Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

"(1) The land described in the next succeeding subsection is hereby declared to be no longer vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport but to be vested in His Majesty the King freed and discharged from any trusts or limitations heretofore affecting it, and the Registrar of Deeds for the Deeds Registration District of Auckland is hereby empowered and directed to make such entries in the Register as may be rendered necessary by this subsection.

"(2) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area containing by admeasurement seventeen and sixty-seven hundredths perches, more or less, being portion of Foreshore Reserve: bounded on the north generally by the area described in subsection four hereof; on the north-east by a line bearing 107° 32′ 30″ a distance of 143·98 links; on the south-east by a line bearing 195° 46′ a distance of 51·54 links; and on the south-west by a line bearing 287° 32′ 30″ a distance of 270·58 links: as the same is delineated on the plan numbered M.D. 6431, and deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works, at Wellington, and thereon coloured pink.

"(3) That part described in the next succeeding subsection of the street known as Queen's Parade, in the Borough of Devonport, is hereby closed and the land comprised therein is hereby declared to be no longer vested in the Corporation of the said borough but to be vested in His Majesty the King.

"(4) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the North Auckland Land District containing by admeasurement four and fifty-six hundredths perches, more or less, being portion of a public street known as Queen's Parade: bounded on the north-west by a line commencing on the old mean high-water mark of the Waitemata Harbour, and bearing 17° 32′ 30″ for a distance of 51·51 links; on the north-east by a line bearing 107° 32′ 30″ a distance of 125 links; and on the south generally by the said old mean high-water mark: as the same is delineated on the said plan numbered M.D. 6431, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

"(5) The Minister of Public Works, for and on behalf of His Majesty, is hereby authorized to lease any land vested in His Majesty as aforesaid, or any part of such land, for such purposes and for such term or terms and subject to such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the said Minister and the lessee."

Under the heading "*Auckland Land District*,"—

"17A. Whereas by paragraph (*a*) of subsection one of section ten of the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910, the Minister of Public Works is authorized to carry out certain works without payment of any compensation for severance or loss of riparian or other rights: And whereas in pursuance of the power conferred upon him by the said paragraph the Minister constructed a canal from the Hikutaia Stream to the Waihou River through portions of McGaskill's Grant, No. 19F, Block VIII, Waihou Survey District: And whereas the said canal completely severed portions of the said land from access to other portions thereof, thereby causing genuine hardship to the owners: And whereas the said Minister authorized the construction of a bridge across the said canal to give access to the severed portions of the said land, and such bridge has been constructed: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the Minister to authorize such construction: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The said bridge is hereby declared to have been lawfully constructed, and the cost thereof may be charged against the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account established by the said Act as if it had been a work authorized by the said Act.

"17B. Whereas by reason of the drainage operations carried on pursuant to the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910, certain portions of the old bed of the Omeheu Stream have become dry: And whereas the said stream and the road along a portion of the western bank thereof form the title boundaries to the parcels of land described in subsection four hereof: And whereas it is desirable that the boundaries of the said parcels of land should be amended so as to provide suitable fencing-lines: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Chief Drainage Engineer at Auckland and the owners and all other persons having any registered interest in the lands described in subsection four hereof may enter into an agreement or agreements as to amendment of the boundaries of the said lands, and may embody in such agreement or agreements any special conditions in regard to payments to be made by the parties to such agreement.

"(2) Any land owned by the Crown adjacent to the said parcels of land may be included in any scheme of boundary-adjustments notwithstanding the limitations or restrictions imposed by any Act, and any moneys to be paid to the Crown in this behalf shall be allocated by the Minister of Lands to the accounts entitled thereto.

"(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Auckland is hereby empowered, upon production to him of an agreement or agreements pursuant to this section, and upon the deposit of a plan showing the boundaries as agreed upon, accompanied by a written request from the Chief Drainage Engineer at Auckland, together with payment of all necessary fees and surrender of existing certificates of title, to cancel the said existing certificates of title and issue in lieu thereof new certificates with boundaries as delineated upon such deposited plan, and such new certificates shall be subject to the same restrictions, charges, and encumbrances (if any) as those to which the relative cancelled certificates of title were subject.

"(4) The lands to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:—

"(*a*) Portion of Allotment 73, Parish of Matata, containing one hundred and fifty acres, and being all the land on deposited plan 4901, and the whole of the land in certificate of title, Volume 170, folio 211, Auckland Registry.

"(*b*) Portion of Allotment 73, Parish of Matata, containing one hundred and forty-three acres one rood six perches, being the residue of the land in certificate of title, Volume 170, folio 212, Auckland Registry, after registration of Proclamation No. 5199.

"(*c*) Portion of Allotment 74, Parish of Matata, containing two hundred and ninety-one acres two roods fourteen perches, being the whole of the land in certificate of title, Volume 436, folio 209, Auckland Registry.

"(*d*) Allotment 137A, Parish of Matata, containing four hundred and eighty-three acres three roods thirty-one and seven-tenths perches, being the residue of the land in certificate of title, Volume 230, folio 285, Auckland Registry, after registration of Proclamations Nos. 5199 and 5249.

"(*e*) Allotment 141A, Parish of Matata, containing two hundred and seventy-three acres and nine perches, being the residue of the land in certificate of title, Volume 241, folio 226, Auckland Registry, after registration of Proclamation No. 5249.

"17C. (1) The land described in the next succeeding subsection, being parts of Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, mentioned in the Second Schedule to the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, is hereby excluded from that Schedule.

"(2) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement three roods and twenty and one-tenth perches, more or less, being parts Sections 2 and 2A of the Hamilton West Belt: bounded on the north-east by portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council amending the description of the Hamilton Domain, dated the twenty-seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and published in *Gazette* of the fourth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, 124·4 links; on the south-east by parts Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, 705·4 links; on the south-west by Seddon Road, 124·4 links; and on the north-west by other parts of Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt aforesaid, 704·1 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less: as the same is delineated on plan marked L. and S. 1/178, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

"(3) The land described in the next succeeding subsection (being the land hereinbefore described, together with certain other land) is hereby declared to be subject to section two of the Hamilton Domains Act, 1911, and the First Schedule to that Act is hereby extended by incorporating therein a reference to that land.

"(4) The land to which the last preceding subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre, more or less, being parts Sections 2 and 2A of the Hamilton West Belt and portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council amending the description of the Hamilton Domain, dated the twenty-seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and published in *Gazette* of the fourth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-six: bounded on the north-east by Sections 216 and 217, Town of Hamilton West, 124·4 links; on the south-east by parts Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, and portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council aforesaid, 805·4 links; on the south-west by Seddon Road, 124·4 links; and on the north-west by other parts of Sections 2 and 2A, Hamilton West Belt, and other portion of the area thirdly described in the Schedule to the Order in Council aforesaid, 804·1 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/178, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red."

Under the heading "*Westland Land District*,"—

"28A. Whereas by Order in Council issued under the provisions of the Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870, and published in *Gazette* of the twenty-second day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the management of Reserves 94 and 95, Town of Greymouth, was vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Greymouth for the purpose of recreation-grounds, subject nevertheless to the conditions and restrictions set forth in the said Order in Council: And whereas under the provisions of section sixty-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, portion of the aforesaid Reserve 95, together with a certain area of closed street adjoining, was reserved as a site for a technical school and vested in the Education Board of the District of Canterbury: And whereas portion of Raleigh, Buccleugh, and Shakespeare Streets have been and are being used as portion of the recreation-ground reserves, and action is being taken to close the said portions of the streets named with a view to the land comprised therein being added to the said reserves: And whereas it is desirable that the said reserves should be brought under the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, as a public domain under the control and management of the Greymouth Borough Council acting as a Domain Board, and the said Council is desirous of raising a loan for the purpose of effecting improvements to such public domain and to the land comprised in

such portions of the streets hereinbefore referred to as may be closed and added thereto: And whereas the land described in subsection five hereof is vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Greymouth, and it is desirable to empower the said Council to transfer the said land to the Crown in order that it may be dealt with in the same manner as the recreation-ground reserves and the portions of Raleigh, Buccleugh, and Shakespeare Streets hereinbefore referred to: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, revoke the vesting pursuant to the provisions of the Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870, of the management of the recreation-ground reserves described in subsection four hereof in the Corporation of the Borough of Greymouth, and may, by the same or a subsequent Order in Council, declare the said lands to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, as a public domain under the control of the Greymouth Borough Council, and the said Council shall thereupon for all purposes be the Greymouth Domain Board as if it had been so appointed pursuant to section forty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(2) Upon the vesting of the control as aforesaid of the recreation-ground reserves described in subsection four hereof in the Greymouth Borough Council as the Greymouth Domain Board, the said Council shall have authority to raise as for a public work under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, a special loan of a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, and in its capacity as the Greymouth Domain Board to expend the proceeds of such loan in effecting such improvements on the said domain, and on any land which may be added thereto, as may be mentioned in the proposal to raise such loan submitted to the ratepayers of the Borough of Greymouth pursuant to the said Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, aforesaid.

"(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Greymouth Borough Council may transfer to the Crown the land described in subsection five hereof, and upon such transfer being completed the said land shall for all purposes be deemed to be a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

"(4) The recreation-ground reserves to which subsections one and two hereof relate are particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement one acre one rood twenty perches, more or less, being part of Reserve 95, Town of Greymouth; bounded on the north-west by High Street, 225 links; on the north-east by Section 368, Town of Greymouth, 250 and 100 links, and Raleigh Street, 250 links; on the south-east by Shakespeare Street, 325 links; and on the south-west by that portion of said Reserve 95 reserved for a site for a technical school under the provisions of section sixty-seven of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, 500 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less.

"Also all that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement five acres two roods one and six-tenths perches, more or less, being Reserve 94, Town of Greymouth: bounded on the north-west by High Street, 1102 links; on the north-east by Buccleugh Street, 500 links; on the south-east by Shakespeare Street, 1102 links; and on the south-west by Raleigh Street, 500 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less.

"(5) The land which may be transferred to the Crown as aforesaid by the Greymouth Borough Council is particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement one rood, more or less, being Section 368, Town of Greymouth: bounded on the north-west by High Street, 100 links; on the north-west by Raleigh Street, 250 links; on the south-east by Reserve 95, 100 links; and on the south-west by said Reserve 95, 250 links; be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: To insert, in the Schedule under the heading "Nelson Land District," the following new item:—

No.	Description of Land.	Purpose for which reserved.	Instrument of Reservation.
	Nelson Land District.		
15A	Section 76, Block XIV, Motupiko Survey District, in the Nelson Land District, containing 64 acres 3 roods 29 perches	Accommodation of travelling cattle, &c.	Notice dated 6th September, 1865, and published in the *Nelson Provincial Gazette* of the 16th of that month.

(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

27. *Government Railways Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In paragraph (*a*), to insert the words "or the Minister" after the words "the Governor-General." *(Mr. Howard.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following proviso:—

"Provided that no appointment shall be made under the provisions of this section unless and until the permanent head shall have certified to the Minister that there is no member who is qualified to fill the position." *(Mr. Veitch.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to omit the words "whenever practicable." *(Mr. Veitch.)*

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subclause (3). *(Mr. Veitch.)*

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), line 21, to omit the words "Government Railways," and insert the word "appeal" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Veitch.)*

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: To add to the subclause the words "and every such appeal shall be referred to the Appeal Board within three months after the date of the lodging of such notice." *(Mr. Veitch.)*

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 15 read and agreed to.

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

"3A. No person other than a member of the Department shall be appointed to any position or office therein unless in the opinion of the appointing authority no member then in the service of the Department and available for appointment to that position or office is fully qualified for appointment to that position or office and capable of efficiently carrying out the duties thereof." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

28. *Education Reserves Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Education Reserves 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 Education Reserves Act, 1908.

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

29. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Reserves and other Lands Disposal 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, and to validate certain Transactions."

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

30. *Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment 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 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.

31. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly 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, 1926."

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

32. *Local Bills Committee.*—Sir George Hunter, from the Local Bills Committee (with the leave of the House), brought up a Report on the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Local Legislation Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

33. *Local Legislation Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Local Legislation Bill be considered next sitting-day.

34. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right 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 ten minutes after one of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Saturday, the 26th Day of November, 1927.

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

268. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Ohakune Fire Board for Years ended 30th June, 1926 and 1927.

269. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Invercargill Fire Board for Year ended 30th June, 1927.

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

270. Cattle, Return of, in the Dominion on the 31st January, 1927. (Return to an Order dated 19th October, 1917.)

3. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Sir John Luke, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and also a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Horn, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

5. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Local Legislation Bill, and the amendment thereto made by the Local Bills Committee;

On motion of the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Local Bills Committee be not agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Maui Pomare, *Ordered*, That the amendments as originally proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Local Legislation Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

6. *Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill;

The Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed next sitting-day.

7. *Message.*—The Right 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. 75.*

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, 1928, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th November, 1927.

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Public Service Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Rent Restriction Continuance Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

9. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill be considered next sitting-day.

10. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

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

Monday, the 28th Day of November, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Horn (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, on account of urgent public and private business.

2. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented, and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

271. Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, Notice of the Change of Purpose of the Reservation over Reserve 958, Block VI, Rangiora Survey District, Canterbury Land District, under the.

3. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House do adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

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

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

4. *Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment 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 presently.

5. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill ;

The same was accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendment be disagreed with, and that Mr. Fraser, Mr. J. Mason, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the said Bill.

6. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Coal-mines Amendment Bill ;

The same was accordingly read.

The Honourable Mr. Anderson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill be agreed to.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. Martin, *Ordered*, That the Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed next sitting-day.

7. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill ;

The same was accordingly read.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams, *Ordered*, That the amendment be disagreed with, and that Mr. Armstrong, Mr. A. Hamilton, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the said Bill.

8. *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 forthwith.

9. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill and the Public Works Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

10. *Insurance Companies Deposits Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) For the purposes of this Act a person, firm, or company shall be deemed to be the agent of an underwriter if such person, firm, or company acts in New Zealand as the agent or servant of a person, firm, or company carrying on business out of New Zealand as the agent of an underwriter." *(Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to omit the words "who in New Zealand," and insert the words "in New Zealand who" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following subclauses:—

"(4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Act shall impose an obligation to make a deposit under this section on any person who, in negotiating or attempting to negotiate any contract of insurance, acts as the servant or authorized agent of an agent or underwriter by whom a deposit has been made under this section in respect of the class of insurance business represented by such contract.

"(5) Every cover-note, and every receipt or other document acknowledging the receipt of a premium in respect of a contract of insurance, issued by any agent or underwriter required to make a deposit under this section in respect of the class of insurance business represented by such contract, or issued by any person acting as the servant or agent of any such agent or underwriter, at any time after such deposit is required to be made, shall bear on the face thereof the name of the agent or underwriter by whom the deposit has been made, together with a statement to the effect that a deposit has been so made and is available as security for the contract of insurance evidenced by such cover-note, receipt, or other document as aforesaid. Every person who issues any such cover-note, receipt, or other document as aforesaid that does not conform to the requirements of this subsection commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty pounds. *(Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: To insert, after the words "the business of fire insurance," in line 34, the words "(but not to the exclusion of any other class of insurance business)." *(Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

11. *Public Works Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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12. *Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Insurance Companies' Deposits 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 Insurance Companies' Deposits Act, 1921–22."

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

13. *Public Works Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Public Works 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 Public Works Act, 1908."

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

14. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 31, and Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 for Local Bills, be postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 5 for Local Bills.

15. *Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill;

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

16. *Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill.*—On motion of Mr. J. Mason (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Loan Bill be discharged, and the Bill be withdrawn.

17. *Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill;

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

18. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill and the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

19. *Napier Harbour Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In line 40, to omit the words "and to use in the completion, construction, and execution of such works any material the cost of which has, prior to the passing of this Act, been paid for out of the money borrowed as aforesaid." *(Mr. J. Mason.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To insert, after the word "commission" in line 45, "And if such fees, costs, charges, and expenses shall already have been paid by the Board, then with such unexpended balance as far as it will go to recoup the fund or funds out of which such payments shall have been made." *(Mr. J. Mason.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: To delete the words "the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926," where it occurs the second time, and insert the words "that Act." *(Mr. J. Mason.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

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

"10. (1) It shall be lawful for the Board to borrow such a sum or respective sums of money, not exceeding in the whole twelve thousand three hundred pounds, at a rate of interest not exceeding six pounds per centum per annum, as shall be required to enable the Board to defray all costs, outlay, and expenses incurred and to be incurred by the Board in and about and incidental to the raising by the Board of loans for the purpose of the redemption of loans of the Board falling due on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

"(2) Any premium which shall be received by the Board upon the raising of the loan hereinafter mentioned in section eleven hereof shall be applied by the Board in and towards such costs, outlay, and expenses.

"(3) Moneys authorized to be borrowed as aforesaid may, if the Board thinks fit, but not to the exclusion of other lawful ways, be raised in the manner described by section thirty-two of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, as if the Board were a local authority and the Napier Harbour Rating District were a 'district' within the meaning of that Act.

"(4) The certificate under the common seal of the Board that the amount therein mentioned is within the limits of the amount authorized to be borrowed as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence to the lenders and to all other persons that the Board is authorized to borrow that amount, and no persons lending moneys under the authority of these provisions shall be concerned to see or to inquire as to the application or be responsible for the misapplication thereof.

"(5) The securities for all moneys borrowed under the authority of these provisions shall rank *pari passu* as between themselves though borrowed at different times.

"(6) These provisions shall be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Loans Board Act, 1926.

"11. The Board having raised in London a loan of two hundred and sixty-five thousand pounds, being seven hundred pounds in excess of the aggregate of the sums of one hundred and fifty-five thousand eight hundred pounds and one hundred and eight thousand five hundred pounds sanctioned by the Local Government Loans Board, as appearing in Orders in Council published in the *New Zealand Gazette* number seventy-nine, of the seventeenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the said loan is hereby validated in respect of such excess, and the Board is hereby authorized to give the same security for such excess and the interest and sinking fund in respect of the same as for the remainder of the said loan, and shall apply such excess towards defraying the costs, outlay, and expenses referred to in subclause one of the last preceding section." *(Mr. J. Mason.)*

First, Second, and Third Schedules read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

Title read. Amendment proposed: To insert, after the words "to enable the Board," the words "to borrow moneys and to enable the Board." *(Mr. J. Mason.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Title as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

20. *Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill.* — On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Palmerston North Library Empowering Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Palmerston North Borough Council to erect a Building for a Library, and to include therein Shops and Offices."

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

21. *Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill.*— Mr. Hockly also reported that the Committee had gone through the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein, and had also directed him to report an amendment to the Title of the 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 increase the Membership of the Napier Harbour Board to enable the Board to borrow Moneys and to enable the Board to execute and construct certain Harbour and other Works, and to expend certain Moneys on such Works."

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

22. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after three of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

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

Tuesday, the 29th Day of November, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Message.*—The Right 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. 76.*

The Bills intituled—

The Police Offences Act, 1927,

The Justices of the Peace Act, 1927,

The Rural Intermediate Credit Act, 1927,

The Motor-spirits Taxation Act, 1927,

The Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1927,
The Property Law Amendment Act, 1927,
The Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Act, 1927,
The Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1927,
The Seeds-importation Act, 1927,
The Petone and Lower Hutt Gas-lighting Amendment Act, 1927,
The Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1927,
The Lower Hutt Borough Council Empowering Act, 1927,
The Napier Foreshore Act, 1927, and
The Newmarket Borough Council Vesting and Empowering Act, 1927,

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, 29th November, 1927.

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

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Local Legislation Act, 1927. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1927, the Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1927, and the Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

4. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

1. The amendments do not afford sufficient relief to the tenant.
2. The time fixed for the expiration of the Act does not permit of the question being dealt with by a new Parliament.

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.

5. *British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1923; 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 next sitting-day, and to be printed.

6. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

272. Mental Hospitals: Report on Visits of Inspection to Various Institutions in Great Britain, America, and the Continent, by Dr. Theo. G. Gray, Inspector-General of Mental Hospitals. Part I.

Ordered, That Paper No. 272 be printed.

7. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Hockly, from the Lands Committee, brought up a final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Defence Committee.*—Mr. Potter, from the Defence Committee, brought up a final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Jordan, from the Defence Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. J. S. Dickson, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of H. McCabe; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of H. McCabe, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. J. S. Dickson, from the Railways Committee, also brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Nash, from the Railways Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. J. McC. Dickson, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Seddon, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

11. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Girling, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of L. C. Williamson and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table

Mr. Girling, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, also brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macmillan, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *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.

Sir Joseph Ward, from the Public Accounts Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

13. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. J. Mason, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

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.

14. *Education Committee.*—Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. R. Wilson; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. R. Wilson, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Hudson, from the Education Committee, also brought up a final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sidey, from the Education Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

15. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of N. C. Andrew,

J. Aggers and others, M. J. Coyle and others, J. Chulav, D. K. Hannan, J. Egan, and J. Elder; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of M. J. Coyle, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of N. C. Andrew, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry.

Mr. Bitchener, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie the Table.

Mr. Harris, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

16. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report on the Petitions of M. Muncaster, J. T. Johnson, and C. A. Macdonald; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of M. Muncaster, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. Rhodes, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, also brought up a special Report *re* the clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Horn, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

17. *Reporting Debates and Printing Committee.*—Mr. Rhodes, from the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee, brought up a special and a final Report; and the same were read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee desire to record their high appreciation of the capable and efficient manner in which the clerk, Mr. H. K. Hawken, carried out his duties. And the Members of the Committee further desire that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and also that it be reported to the House.

I have the honour to report that the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee, consisting of ten Members, has during the session held three meetings, with an average attendance of four Members at each meeting. The Committee considered all Papers not ordered to be printed by the House, and ordered seven Papers to be printed.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Girling, from the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the services of the Chairman; and the same was read, as follows:—

I have the honour to report that the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the ability and tact displayed by the Chairman, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, in the conduct of the business of the Committee during the session; and further desire that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and reported to the House.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

18. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Coal-mines Amendment Bill be agreed to;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson (with the unanimous consent of the House), the motion "That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill be agreed to" was withdrawn.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill be disagreed with, and that Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Horn, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for diagreeing with their amendment in the said Bill.

19. *Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,204 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £235 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prime Minister's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £88 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £232 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,214 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,726 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £445 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,446 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,400 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,488 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of External Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,246 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £156 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Industries and Commerce Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,008 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Justice Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,076 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £51 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,318 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,648 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £992 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,843 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Internal Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,316 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,054 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Health Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,595 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,390 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,778 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,499 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £234 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Labour Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,385 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands and Survey Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,804 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,353 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to allow the Right Honourable Mr. Coates to make a statement, and had been further directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, having made a statement;

The Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,769 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Agricultural Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £775 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourist and Health Resorts Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,446 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £825 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scientific and Industrial Research Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,397 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railway Construction for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Health, and Hospital Institutions for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works Roads Maintenance for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,332 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands for Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £508 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands for Settlements Account (Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered next sitting-day.

Mr. Hockly also reported that he had been directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next sitting-day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 30th Day of November, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1927, the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1927, the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927, the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1927, and the Public Works Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

2. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the Coal-mines Amendment Bill, brought up the following reasons :—

1. The object of clause 2 of the Coal-mines Amendment Bill is to protect the wages of men employed in coal-mines.

2. The amendment made in subclause (2) of this clause will largely defeat that object by delaying and possibly preventing the payment of the wages of coal-miners.

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 amendment.

3. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Williams, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill, brought up the following reason :—

That it would be a hardship on owners of motor-vehicles plying for hire by rendering them liable to plying-for-hire fees charged by local authorities in a district where no garages of such owners are situated.

Ordered, That the reason be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the reason be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with the Bill and amendment.

4. *Unemployed Workers Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for Unemployed Workers, including Insurance; 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 next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented, and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act:—

273. Fire Board: Balance-sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1926. [Kaiapoi.]

6. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Licensing Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 4 as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (2), and insert the following new subclause in lieu thereof:—

"(2) Simultaneously with every general election for members of Parliament held while a determination in favour of national prohibition is in force there shall be submitted for the determination of the electors of each electoral district the questions whether national prohibition shall continue, or, in the alternative, whether licenses to sell intoxicating liquor shall be restored in New Zealand:

"Provided that a poll shall not be taken under this section on the occasion of any general election if on such occasion a licensing poll would not have been taken under the principal Act if national prohibition had not been carried." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (13), to omit the words "not less than fifty-five per centum," and to insert the words "more than one-half" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (15), paragraph (*d*), to insert, after the words "restoration of licenses and" in line 23, the words "except as provided in the next succeeding paragraph"; and to insert, after the words "one thousand" in line 25, the words "five hundred." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (15), to insert, after the proviso to paragraph (*d*), the following new paragraph:—

"(*e*) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the last preceding paragraph, if a proposal in favour of national restoration is carried at the first poll taken after the poll at which the proposal in favour of national prohibition was carried, the following provisions shall apply, namely:—

"(i) No licenses shall be granted in a former no-license district unless the determination of the electors of that district at a poll taken in accordance with the next succeeding section is in favour of the restoration of licenses therein; and

"(ii) The number of publicans' licenses to be granted in any other licensing district or in any borough situated within such licensing district shall not exceed the number of such licenses in force in such district or in such borough, as the case may be, immediately prior to the coming into force of the determination in favour of national prohibition." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), paragraph (*b*), to omit the word "bar" before the word "other," in line 11, and substitute the words "part of licensed premises"; and to omit the words "and includes any part of licensed premises" in line 12. *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 17 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 18 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clauses 19 to 23 read and agreed to.

Clause 24 read. Amendments proposed: To omit the words "created by section one hundred and forty-six of the principal Act," in lines 2 and 3; to insert, after the word "district" in line 4, the words "or within an area proclaimed by the Governor-General under section two hundred and seventy-two of the principal Act"; to insert, after the word "district" in line 5, the words "or area"; and to add at the end of the clause the words "or from an area proclaimed as aforesaid." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 27 read and agreed to.

Clause 28 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (3), to insert, after the words "the principal Act" in line 12, the words "or for any individual in his own home or in any room or premises to which he is entitled for the time being to exclusive possession." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 29 to 32 read and agreed to.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee presently.

7. *Message.*—The Right 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. 77.*

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 November, 1927.

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 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. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill (No. 2), which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendments in the Bill intituled the Rent Restriction Continuance Act, 1927, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

10. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendments in the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows :—

The amendments are proposed for the purposes—(*a*) Of ensuring the long contemplated end to the special legislation on this subject ; (*b*) of mitigating as far as possible the effect upon the tenants.

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. Fraser, Mr. J. Mason, 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 Rent Restriction Continuance Bill, and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the time and place for the meeting of the Conference.

11. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee on the Licensing Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 33 read. Amendments proposed : To insert, after the word "hotel" in line 4, the words "or chartered club" ; to omit the words "or other officer of police in charge of a district" in lines 5 and 6 ; to insert in line 6, after the word "district," the words "of police for the district or by any other responsible officer of police authorized in that behalf by the Commissioner" ; to insert, after the word "licensee" in line 6, the words "or secretary to the chartered club as the case may be" ; to insert, after the word "persons" in line 9, the words "or by the members of such chartered club" ; to insert, after the word "association" in line 11, the words "or club" ; to omit the words "to the same or any other licensee" in line 12 ; and to insert, after the word "association" in line 13, the words "or club." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 34 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clauses 35 and 36 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"5A. (1) At the first poll taken after a proposal in favour of national prohibition has been carried there shall, in addition to a poll taken as provided in the last preceding section, be submitted to the electors of every no-license district the question whether licenses shall be restored in that district.

"(2) Every such poll shall be taken in the manner prescribed by sections eight to eleven of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910:

"Provided that if at any poll taken under this section the total number of valid votes recorded in favour of the proposal to restore licenses in the district is more than one-half of the total number of valid votes recorded at the poll the proposal that licenses be restored in that district shall be deemed to be carried.

"(3) If the determination at any poll taken under this section is in favour of the proposal that licenses be restored in any no-license district, such decision shall have no effect unless the determination at the poll taken under the last preceding section is in favour of national restoration. If the determination at the last-mentioned poll is in favour of national restoration, and the determination of the electors of any no-license district is in favour of restoration in that district, licenses shall be granted in that district in accordance with the provisions of section eleven of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"35A. (1) After the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, no male person shall be employed as a barman in any licensed premises, and no such person other than the licensee or his son shall have authority to serve liquor in any bar or private bar, unless he is registered as a barman pursuant to this section.

"(2) Application for registration as a barman shall be made in writing in the prescribed form to the Commissioner of Police, or to such other officer of Police as the Commissioner may from time to time appoint for the purpose of receiving such applications.

"(3) Every application for registration as a barman shall be accompanied by not less than two certificates signed by reputable persons to the effect that, in the opinion of the person giving such certificate, the applicant is of good character and repute.

"(4) On receipt of an application for the registration of any person as a barman under this section, the Commissioner shall cause inquiries to be made with respect to the character of the applicant, and if he is satisfied that the applicant is a person of good character and repute shall cause his name to be entered in a Register of Barmen to be kept by him. Every person whose name is entered in such register shall be entitled, on application, to receive a certificate of registration.

"(5) If any person registered as a barman under this Act is at any time convicted of any offence under the principal Act the Court before which such person is so convicted may, in addition to any other penalty that it may impose,—

"(*a*) Suspend his registration for such time as the Court thinks fit; or

"(*b*) Cause particulars of the conviction to be endorsed on the certificate of registration, and to be entered in the register to be kept pursuant to this section.

"(6) If any person is employed as a barman contrary to the provisions of this section, such person, and also the licensee of the premises in which he is so employed, shall be severally guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten pounds for every day on which such offence is committed.

"(7) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make such regulations as may in his opinion be necessary for the purposes of this section, and may in such regulations prescribe fees, not exceeding five shillings in any case, in respect of the issue of certificates of registration hereunder." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

And the Question being put, That the new clause be read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 51.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Macmillan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bell	Henare	Mason, J.	Sykes
Bellringer	Holland, H.	Nash	Tapley
Burnett	Hunter, Sir George	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Campbell	Jones, D.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Walter
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jones, W.	Potter	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Dickie	Kyle	Ransom	Wilford
Dickson, J. McC.	Lee, E. P.	Reid	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Field	Linklater	Rhodes	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Glenn	Luke, Sir John	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, A.	Lysnar	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, J. R.	McLennan	Samuel	Bitchener
Harris	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Seddon	Dickson, J. S.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Fraser	McKeen	Sidey
Atmore	Holland, H. E.	Martin	Veitch.
Bartram	Horn	Mason, H. G. R.	*Tellers.*
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jordan	Parry	Howard
Elliott	Lee, J. A.	Savage	Sullivan.
Forbes	McCombs		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

New clause read a second time, and added to the Bill.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"36A. (1) Nothing in this Act or in any former Licensing Act shall be deemed to repeal or supersede the provisions of sections eight to ten of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, and those provisions shall continue to apply at all times before a determination of the electors of New Zealand in favour of national prohibition has come into force.

"(2) Section nine of the said Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "three-fifths," and substituting the words "fifty-five per centum." *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"6A. (1) With respect to every area proclaimed by the Governor-General under section two hundred and seventy-two of the Licensing Act, 1908, or the corresponding provisions of any former Licensing Act, and in force on the passing of this Act, a poll shall be taken of the European and Maori electors in such areas simultaneously with the licensing poll to be taken next after the passing of this Act to determine the question whether liquor shall be sold within that area or not.

"(2) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, make regulations prescribing the mode of taking such poll, the form in which the question shall be submitted, how the result shall be declared, how disputes as to the result of the poll shall be determined, and generally for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

"(3) The proposal that liquor shall be sold within the area mentioned shall not be deemed to be carried unless three-fifths of the votes cast shall be in favour of such proposal.

"(4) If the determination is in favour of the proposal that liquor shall be sold within any such area, such area shall be deemed to be a licensing district under the principal Act, and a Licensing Committee shall be constituted

in accordance with the principal Act, save that the first election of the elective members of that Committee shall take place on a day appointed by the Governor-General in that behalf, and succeeding periodical elections shall take place on the corresponding day in every third year thereafter.

"(5) At the first annual meeting of the Licensing Committee so constituted in any district, and thereafter from time to time, licenses of the descriptions which may be granted under the principal Act shall be granted in accordance with that Act, and the Committee shall exercise in respect of such licenses all the powers vested in a Licensing Committee by the principal Act:

"Provided that such first annual meeting of the Committee shall not be held until after the next ensuing session of Parliament.

"(6) The number of publicans' licenses so granted shall not exceed one for every complete five hundred electors of the district at the date of the coming into force of the determination, and shall not be less (if a sufficient number of such licenses is duly applied for) than one for every complete one thousand electors of the district at the date aforesaid:

"Provided that every application for a license shall, notwithstanding anything herein, be subject to all the provisions of section eighty-three to section one hundred and five of the principal Act." *(Mr. J. C. Rolleston.)*

Mr. McCombs raised the point of order that the new clause involved an appropriation, and therefore was not in order.

The Chairman ruled that the clause did not involve an appropriation.

Motion made and Question proposed, To report progress in order to take Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point. *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Motion agreed to, and progress reported.

And the Committee, having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1927.

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. 216, p. 675), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

New clause 6A ruled out of order, as involving an appropriation.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"22B. Section one hundred and twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the word "months" in line three, and substituting the word "years"; and by adding, at the end of the section, the words "except by reason of sickness, death, or other special reason." *(Mr. Glenn.)*

Second reading negatived.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"22A. Section one hundred and twenty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection four, and substituting the following subsection:—

"'(4) That upon a requisition of ten per centum of the electors in a town district or borough having a population of not less than one thousand persons situated in a licensed electorate, and in which town district or borough no licensed premises exist, the Licensing Committee of such electorate shall proceed to take a poll with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the electors of such town district or borough with regard to the granting of a license or licenses therein. If the result of such poll is that a majority of the votes cast declares in favour of a license or licenses being granted in such town district or borough in a licensed electorate then the Licensing Committee shall grant a license or licenses in such town district or borough as aforesaid;

and, for the purposes of this clause only, such Licensing Committee shall have power to permit the removal of a license or licenses to such town district or borough by the licensee or licensees of the nearest licensed hotel or hotels making application for such removal.'" *(Mr. Macmillan.)*

New clause ruled out of order, as involving an appropriation.

The following new clauses were read a first time:—

"*A.* No premium-money or other valuable consideration shall be paid or given for the goodwill on the granting of a transfer or removal of a lease of licensed premises. Any person receiving any such consideration shall be liable to a fine of five hundred pounds, and on the second offence the license for the hotel shall be cancelled.

"*B.* Any person paying such premium or purchase-money or giving any valuable consideration for such goodwill shall have the right to recover the same or the value thereof by action at law. The Court shall have full power to decide whether the payment of premium or consideration was either directly or indirectly in the nature of a provision or payment for goodwill.

"*C.* All leases or licenses to occupy licensed premises shall, before becoming operative, have the consent of a Chairman of a Licensing Committee; and in considering the granting or refusal of such consent the Chairman of the Licensing Committee shall take into consideration the general terms of the lease, and decide if the terms are reasonable or unduly oppressive, and shall refuse his consent to any lease which in his opinion makes provision constituting the premises a tied house as defined by the Licensing Act, 1908. If the lease is not strictly within the meaning of the Act, but is obviously in avoidance of the system against which the Act is directed, the Chairman shall have power to refuse his consent.

"*D.* There shall be appointed under section two hundred and thirty-seven of the Licensing Act, 1908, special inspectors for the purpose of preventing and detecting violations of the Act in connection with the adulteration of liquor. A general inspector of licensed premises, together with sub-inspectors under his control, shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of the inspectors to make constant and complete inspections of all parts of licensed premises for the purpose of seeing—

"(*a*) That the provisions of the Licensing Act are strictly observed, that the general standard of accommodation is in keeping with the tariff charged, and that all liquors on the premises are of proper quality:

"(*b*) That the premises are reasonably required and used for public accommodation:

"(*c*) That sufficient information as to the guests who sleep on licensed premises shall be kept by the licensee so as to enable the inspector to judge whether the licensed premises are actually required for public accommodation.

"*E.* It shall be lawful for the chief Police Officer of the district to grant a special permit with regard to the extension of the hours during which liquor may be consumed on club premises on special occasions: each such extension to be granted for a particular room in the club, but no permits exceeding six in number shall be granted in the case of any one club in any one year.

"*F.* The provisions in the Licensing Act applying to the consumption of liquor at social gatherings in halls shall also apply to restaurants on the same terms and conditions, and provided a permit is first obtained from the chief Police Officer of the town or district for this purpose.

"*G.* Before granting a license for any licensed premises under this Act to any person, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Licensing Committee to apply to the Licensed Victuallers' Association or other organization of the liquor trade to furnish to the Chairman of any Licensing Committee a certificate of character of any applicant for a license.

"*H.* Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the Licensing Committee to hold its meetings in any public building which is centrally situated in order to avoid the inconvenience which is now caused by holding these meetings of necessity in the Courthouse, where the Courthouse is inconveniently situated.

"*I*. After six months of the coming into operation of this Act no man shall, unless he is a licensee of the premises, act as barman without a license granted by a Licensing Committee. All convictions for breaches of the Licensing Act recorded against a barman shall be endorsed on his license, and his license shall be cancelled after three endorsements.

"*J*. It shall be illegal to serve any woman with intoxicating liquor in a bar to which the public have access, or in any room opening on to such bar.

"*K*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the principal Act, it shall be lawful for the Licensing Committee, where in its opinion the needs of the population would be better served by removing any licensed premises from one locality to another part of the same district, to consent to the removal of such license to another part of the same district, providing a majority of the electors within a radius of one mile of the site upon which it is proposed to locate such licensed premises shall have been first obtained. Such consent shall be obtained either in writing or by a poll of the electors, as may be provided by regulation by Order in Council, or, failing such regulation, as the Licensing Committee may direct. *(Mr. Lysnar.)*

Second reading negatived on the voices.

The following new clauses were read a first time :—

"Section one hundred and ninety-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by striking out the word 'ten,' and inserting the word 'twenty.'" *(Mr. Fraser.)*

"Section one hundred and ninety-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by striking out the word 'five,' and inserting 'fifteen.'" *(Mr. Fraser.)*

Second readings negatived on the voices.

The following new clauses were read a first time :—

"Section nine, subsection six, of the Sale of Liquor Restriction Act, 1917, is hereby amended by the insertion of the word 'may,' in lieu of the word 'shall,' in the second last line thereof." *(Mr. J. Mason).*

Section two hundred and sixty-two of the Licensing Act, 1908, is hereby amended by the addition to subsection three thereof of the following proviso :—

"'Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the consumption of liquor upon the premises of a chartered club between the hours of six o'clock and eleven o'clock in the evening upon the occasion of social gatherings held in such clubs; provided that on every occasion of the holding of such social gatherings leave shall be applied for in writing by the secretary of the club, and such leave shall be obtained from and under the hand of the Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the district; and provided, further, that such leave shall be granted on not more than twelve occasions in any one year to any one chartered club.'" *(Mr. J. Mason).*

Second readings negatived on the voices.

The following new clause was read a first time :—

"Section sixteen of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1914, is hereby amended as follows—that is to say, by inserting the words 'or the manufacture of another holder of a wine-maker's license' after the words 'his own manufacture'; and by inserting the words 'or in quantities of not less than one quart to any one person at any one time as may be decided by the Magistrate upon the granting of the license' after the words 'at any one time'; and by striking out the words 'from one place only as specified in the license,' and inserting in their place the words 'from such place or places as the Magistrate upon the granting of the license may determine, and in the event of there being more than one place specified the minimum amount to be sold to any one person at any one time need not necessarily be the same at each place specified in the license'; and by adding to subsection ten the words 'provided that this subsection shall not apply to the sale of wine from one holder of a wine-maker's license to another holder of a wine-maker's license; and by striking out the word 'the' where it first appears in subsection fifteen, and substituting the word 'any.'" *(Mr. H. G. R. Mason.)*

Second reading negatived on the voices.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Licensing Amendment Bill, and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Mr. E. P. Lee moved (the Right Honourable Mr. Coates having intimated his intention not to do so), and the Question was proposed, That the Licensing Amendment Bill be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 39.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hunter, Sir George	Macmillan	Sullivan
Bellringer	Jones, D.	Martin	Sykes
Burnett	Jones, W.	Mason, H. G. R.	Tapley
Dickie	Jordan	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Waite
Dickson, J. McC.	Kyle	Potter	Walter
Fraser	Lee, E. P.	Ransom	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Hamilton, J. R.	Linklater	Reid	Young, Hon. J. A
Harris	McCombs	Rhodes	*Tellers.*
Holland, H.	McKeen	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	Bitchener
Howard	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Hamilton, A.

NOES, 32.

Armstrong	Forbes	Lysnar	Seddon
Atmore	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Veitch
Bartram	Henare	Mason, J.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Bell	Hockly	Nash	Wilford
Buddo, Hon. D.	Holland, H. E.	Parry	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Campbell	Horn	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	*Tellers.*
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lee, J. A.	Rolleston, J. C.	Dickson, J. S.
Eliott	Lake, Sir John	Savage	Glenn.
Field			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Licensing Act, 1908."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

12. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Palmerston North Library Empowering Act, 1927, and the Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

13. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Fraser, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *Ordered*, That the amendment be disagreed with, and that Mr. Eliott, Mr. Wilford, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with their amendment in the said Bill.

14. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendment in the Bill intituled the Motor-vehicles Amendment Act, 1927, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reason for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendment.

15. *Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reason assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendment in the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, as follows :—

The amendment expresses in clearer language that which was apparently intended to be effected by the original section 12.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Motor-vehicles Amendment Bill be 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.

16. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendment in the Bill intituled the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1927, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendment.

17. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendment in the Coal-mines Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows :—

The amendment appears necessary to prevent undue continuance of the charge, and also to prevent the legislation operating retrospectively.

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 amendment in the said Bill, and that Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Horn, and the Mover be the Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House desires a Conference on the subject of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Coal-mines Amendment Bill, and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the time and place for the meeting of the Conference.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after three of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 1st Day of December, 1927.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions.*—A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)

2. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill ;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

To report progress, and move for leave to sit again.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had made progress in the 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.

3. *Message.*—The Right 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. 78.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendment in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

"45. Section seventy-seven of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, is hereby amended, as from the date of the passing of that Act, by omitting from subsection one the words 'whose length of service exceeds fifteen years and.'"

Government House,
Wellington, 1st December, 1927.

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. 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 the amendment in the Bill to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other matters.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the said Resolution, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

4. *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 Amendment Act, 1927.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of half after five of the clock on Thursday, the first day of December, and Committee-room No. 28 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council agrees to a Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of the amendment made by the Council in the Bill intituled the Rent Restriction Continuance Act, 1927.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of half after five of the clock on Thursday, the first day of December, and Committee-room No. 33 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Contributory Negligence Act, 1927, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

5. *Contributory Negligence Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to alter the Law of Contributory Negligence 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.

6. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Act, 1927, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. F. J. Rolleston, *Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has agreed to their amendment in the said Bill.

8. *Messages.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the report of the Conference on the Bill intituled the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1927. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the report of the Conference on the Bill intituled the Rent Restriction Continuance Act, 1927.

9. *Coal-mines Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson brought up the Report of the Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendment in the Coal-mines Amendment Bill; and the same was read, as follows:—

> The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the Coal-mines Amendment Bill on behalf of the House of Representatives have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed to conduct the same on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that they have come to the following agreement:—
>
> That the amendment made by the Council at the end of subclause (2) of clause 2—viz., "other than any mortgages, charges, or encumbrances existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act"—be not insisted upon by the Council.

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 said Report.

10. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Anderson brought up the Report of the Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Rent Restriction Continuance Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

> The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the Rent Restriction Continuance 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:—
>
> The House agrees to the amendments made by the Council, with the exception that in clauses 2, 3, and 4 the word "May" be substituted for the word "February," to which the Council has agreed.

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 said Report.

11. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.*—Mr. Fraser, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill, brought up the following reasons :—

1. For the reason that it is not in the interest of those concerned that the powers provided under paragraph (c) of clause 6 of the original Bill should be given to the Board; and

2. For the reason that the amendment dealing with the acquisition of land other than that described in the Schedule is the result of a compromise agreed to between the City Council, the Member in charge of the Bill, the objectors to the Bill, and the Members of the Local Bills Committee of the House of Representatives.

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.

12. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until eleven of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after one of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Friday, the 2nd Day of December, 1927.

The House met this day at eleven of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Paper.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency :—
274. Tokelau (Union) Islands, a Medical Survey of the, by A. F. McKay, M.B., B.Ch. (N.Z.), of the Samoan Medical Service. A.–4D.

Ordered, That Paper No. 274 be printed.

2. *Postponment of Orders of the Day.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

3. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Finance Bill (No. 2);

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Finance Bill (No. 2) be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted (with the leave of the House) to receive a Message from the Legislative Council.

4. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendments in the Bill intituled the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Act, 1927, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

5. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendments in the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows :—

(1) It is inconsistent with the object and intention of this Bill that the Board should not have the same powers and discretions in the acquisition of necessary land as Parliament has granted to every municipal and county authority.

(2) The whole watershed of the Hutt River and its tributaries is placed by the Bill under the authority of the Board, and it is desirable that all the powers of the Board should be applicable to all parts of that watershed.

(3) Without the Council's amendments the Bill suggests that Parliament expresses distrust of the Board in which, at the same time, Parliament vests a great area of Crown land.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *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. Wilford, Mr. Eliott, 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 Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill, and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the time and place for the meeting of the Conference.

6. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Finance Bill (No. 2) 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 presently.

7. *Message.*—The Right 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. 79.*

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, 1928.

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd December, 1927.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to the Committee of Supply presently.

8. *Message.*—The Right 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. 80.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled the Public Works Amendment Act, 1927, with the following amendment, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly :—

"11. Section nineteen of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby amended by repealing subsection one, and substituting the following subsection :—

"'(1) For the purposes of this section the term "motor-vehicle" has the same meaning as in the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, and the term "motor-lorry" includes every motor-vehicle (other than a private motor-car as defined by the last-mentioned Act) which, with its maximum load, exceeds two tons in weight.'"

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd December, 1927.

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 amendment in the Bill to amend the Public Works Act, 1908.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

9. *Public Works Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams, *Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Public Works Amendment 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 Public Works Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

10. *Supply (Imprest).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

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 of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Hockly accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million two hundred and eighty-four thousand 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-eight.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hockly 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.

11. *Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. 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, 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-eight,—

(*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 two hundred and forty-one thousand 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 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-eight.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	500,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	200,000
Electric Supply Account	100,000
Separate Accounts—	
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	10,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	10,000
State Coal-mines Account	20,000
Westport Harbour Account	1,000
Working Railways Account	400,000
	£1,241,000

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	700
The State Fire Insurance Account	4,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	700
The Public Trustee's Account	20,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,200
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	4,200
Advances to Workers Branch	1,000
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	100
Rural Advances Branch	100
Miscellaneous Business Branch	1,000
	£43,000

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart and the Honourable Mr. Nosworthy do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

Mr. Hockly 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.

12. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 6).*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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-eight; which was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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. 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 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-eight."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

13. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Finance Bill (No. 2).

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 17 read and agreed to.

Clause 18 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill. it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clauses 19 to 28 read and agreed to.

Clause 29 read.

Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to insert, after the words "sum of one," the word "half." *(Honourable Mr. McLeod.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 41 read and agreed to.

Clause 42 read. Amendment proposed: To insert the letters "I.S.O." after the words "William Stonham Short, Esquire" in subclause (2). *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 43 and 44 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time and added to the Bill:—

"45. Section seventy-seven of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, is hereby amended, as from the date of the passing of that Act, by omitting from subsection one the words "whose length of service exceeds fifteen years and." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair Mr. Hockly reported that the Committee had gone through the Finance Bill (No. 2), and had made amendment therein.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1927.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill (No. 2) 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.

14. *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, 1927 (No. 6), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-Gentral in the Bill intituled the Public Works Amendment Act, 1927.

15. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until ten of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, adjourned.

Saturday, the 3rd Day of December, 1927.

The House met this day at ten of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Imperial Conference, 1926: Summary of Proceedings.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That Parliamentary Paper A.-6, Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference, 1926, be referred to the Government for consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by reading of Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

2. *Message.*—The Right 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. 81.*

The Bills intituled—

The Main Highways Amendment Act, 1927,
The Valuation of Land Amendment Act, 1927,
The Howard Estate Amendment Act, 1927,
The Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1927,
The Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1927,
The Ashley River Improvement Amendment Act, 1927,
The Public Service Amendment Act, 1927,
The Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1927,
The Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1927,
The Waimakariri River Improvement Amendment Act, 1927,
The Greytown Trust Lands Trustees Empowering Act, 1927, and
The Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Act, 1927,

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, 2nd December, 1927.

3. *Message from the Legislative Council.*—Message 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 amendments made by the Council in the Bill intituled the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Act, 1927.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of five minutes after one of the clock p.m. on Saturday, this 3rd day of December, and Committee-room No. 28 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1927, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.* — On motion of the Honourable Mr. Williams, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill be considered presently.

5. *Message from the Legislative Council.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Licensing Amendment Act, 1927, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

6. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. E. P. Lee, *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill be considered presently.

7. *Imperial Conference, 1926 : Summary of Proceedings.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That Parliamentary Paper A.–6, Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference, 1926, be referred to the Government for consideration.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, the Debate was adjourned in order to consider certain other business.

8. *Licensing Amendment Bill.* — The House, according to Order, considered the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill.

The same were accordingly read.

On motion of Mr. E. P. Lee, *Resolved*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill be agreed to, with the exception of new clause 1A, the amendments made in clauses 3, 4, and 5, and the new clauses 16A and 16B, to which this House disagrees.

On motion of Mr. E. P. Lee, *Ordered*, That Mr. Bellringer, Mr. Ransom, and Mr. McCombs be appointed a Committee to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with such amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill.

9. *Electric-power Boards Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, considered the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Electric-power Boards Amendment 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.

10. *Imperial Conference, 1926 : Summary of Proceedings.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That Parliamentary Paper A.–6, Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference, 1926, be referred to the Government for consideration.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

11. *Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill.*—Mr. Fraser brought up the Report of the Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments in the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Bill, and the same were read, as follows:—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply 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:—

The House of Representatives accepts the amendment made by the Legislative Council, except that the first proviso to paragraph (*c*) of clause 6 remains, and the Legislative Council agrees to accept that first proviso.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *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 said Report.

12. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Bellringer, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be assigned to the Legislative Council for disagreeing with certain of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill, brought up the following reasons:—

That the proposal to substitute a six-year poll for the three-year poll is objected to on the grounds that the extension of the period on which the poll is taken is a serious curtailment of the power of the people to control the granting of licenses.

That the proposal to substitute an artificial majority for the present law of decision by bare majority, which has been in existence for nine years, is not warranted, on the grounds:—

(1) There has been no expression of public opinion that there should be any curtailment of the popular will;

(2) That at none of the three general elections held since the enactment of bare majority in 1918 has there been any mandate for an alteration in the present law which provides for decision by an absolute majority.

That the proposal to alter the law to allow wine-shops to sell wine up to 40 per cent. proof spirit is distinctly retrograde. It would in effect turn a wine license into a spirit license.

On motion of Mr. Bellringer, *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 said Report.

13. *Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee.*—Mr. E. P. Lee, from the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was read, as follows:—

The Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Lagaaia and 144 other chiefs and orators of Western Samoa, praying for amendment of certain features of the administration of the territory, has the honour to report as follows:—

1. That the Committee received the departmental report and thereupon deemed it necessary to forward a copy of the Petition to His Excellency the Administrator of Western Samoa for his report and comment thereon.

2. That at the hearing of the Petition Mr. D. R. Hoggard, LL.B. (for Sir John Findlay, K.C.), and with him Mr. R. E. Harding, appeared for the petitioners, acting under instructions from Mr. O. F. Nelson, one of the petitioners; and Mr. M. Myers, K.C., appeared on behalf of the New Zealand Government.

3. That the Committee resolved that counsel should state the case for the petitioners, and call such evidence in support thereof as was available in New Zealand; that counsel for the Crown should state the case for the New Zealand Government and the Samoan Administration; and that should it then appear necessary to obtain the evidence of witnesses resident in Samoa, such further inquiry should be held in Samoa.

4. That the Committee then heard the opening address of counsel for the petitioners, and proceeded to take the evidence of Mr. O. F. Nelson, one of the petitioners.

5. That during the hearing of the evidence of Mr. Nelson the Committee were officially advised that it was the intention of the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to proceed to Samoa and inquire into the matters in dispute.

6. That the Committee thereupon decided to complete the hearing of the evidence of Mr. Nelson, and at the conclusion of his examination to take no further evidence.

7. That the report of the Administrator of Western Samoa on the subject-matter of the Petition was received by the Committee on the 1st September, 1927, and copies thereof were made available to the Members of the Committee.

8. That the Committee further resolved that, inasmuch as only counsel for the petitioners and one witness for the petitioners had been heard, such address and evidence and all documents

produced should remain confidential in the custody of the Committee, but that printed copies thereof should be supplied to the Royal Commission on Samoan Affairs for the confidential information of the members of the Commission.

9. That, as a Royal Commission has been set up to inquire into the matters in dispute, it is not necessary for this Committee to further consider the subject-matter of the Petition, and it therefore has no recommendation to make.

Mr. E. P. Lee moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by reading of Messages from the Legislative Council.

14. *Messages from the Legislative Council.*—Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2), without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Report of the Conference on the Bill intituled the Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Act, 1927. Also,—

The Legislative Council insists upon its amendments in the Bill intituled the Licensing Amendment Act, 1927, to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and transmits herewith its reasons for so insisting, together with the Bill and amendments.

15. *Licensing Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the reasons assigned by the Legislative Council for insisting on its amendments in the Licensing Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, as follows:—

(1) The majority proposed by the Council is a reasonable substitution for the issue of State control, which this Bill excludes from future ballot-papers on the licensing question.

(2) During the nine years referred to in the reasons presented by the House the issue of State control has been included in the ballot-papers. The existing law does not provide for an absolute majority on two issues.

(3) With regard to the amendments providing an extension of the period between licensing polls, the Council considers that whichever party succeeds on the two issues now proposed as the sole issues that party should have a longer interval than the present law allows from disturbances of its position.

(4) With respect to the new clauses 16A and 16B, those clauses do not permit a new or higher percentage of proof spirit in New Zealand wine than is authorized by the existing law.

On motion of Mr. Bellringer, *Resolved*, That the reasons be disagreed with, and that a Conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the subject of certain of their amendments in the said Bill, and that Mr. Ramsom, Mr. McCombs, 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 certain of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill, and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number and to name the time and place for the meeting of the Conference.

16. *Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee do lie upon the Table.

Debate interrupted (with the leave of the House) by reading a Message from the Legislative Council.

17. *Message.*—Message 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 amendments made by the Council in the Bill intituled the Licensing Amendment Act, 1927.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of forty minutes after five of the clock p.m. on Saturday, this 3rd day of December, and Committee-room No. 28 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference.

18. *Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee do lie upon the Table.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

19. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—The Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order 69 be suspended in order that the Debate on the Report of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee, interrupted by the half after five of the clock p.m. adjournment, may be continued this evening.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

20. *Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee.*—And the question being again proposed, That the Report of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee do lie upon the Table;

The House resumed the Debate interrupted by the half after five of the clock p.m. adjournment.

Debate interrupted by reading of Report of Conference on the Licensing Amendment Bill.

21. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Bellringer, from the Conference with the Legislative Council, on the subject of the amendments made by the Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill brought up the following Report:—

The Managers appointed to conduct the Conference upon the Licensing Amendment Bill on behalf of the House of Representatives have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed to conduct the same on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that they have failed to come to an agreement.

On motion of Mr. Bellringer (for Mr. E. P. Lee), *Ordered*, That a second Conference with the Legislative Council be requested, and that Mr. Harris, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. E. P. Lee 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 second Conference on the subject of certain Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill, and has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of this House, and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a similar number, and to name the hour and place for the meeting of the Conference.

22. *Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee do lie upon the Table.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. E. P. Lee, from the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee, brought up a Report *re* the services of the Chairman, and a Report *re* the services of the clerk, and the same were read as follows:—

I have the honour to report that at the final meeting of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th November, 1927, the following Resolution was agreed to, *nemine contradicente*, namely:—

"That the Members of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee desire to record their sincere appreciation of the manner in which the Hon. Sir James Allen, G.C.M.G., K.B.E., M.L.C., as Chairman conducted the business of the Committee; and, further, that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and also that it be reported to both Houses of the General Assembly."

I have the honour to report that the Members of the Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee desire to express their cordial appreciation of the decorous and diligent manner in which Mr. George C. Black carried out his duties as clerk to the Committee; and, further, that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and also that it be reported to both Houses of the General Assembly.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

23. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council agrees to a second Conference with the House of Representatives upon the subject of the amendments made by the Council in the Bill intituled the Licensing Amendment Act, 1927.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Committee of three Managers to conduct the same on behalf of the Council, and has named the hour of half after nine of the clock p.m. on Saturday, this 3rd day of December, and Committee-room No. 28 of the Legislative Council, as the time and place of meeting of the Conference.

24. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 10 struck out by the Labour Bills Committee.

Clause 11 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clause 12 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clause 13 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clause 14 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clauses 15 and 16 struck out by the Labour Bills Committee.

Clause 17 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clause 18 struck out by the Labour Bills Committee.

Clause 19 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clause 20 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause struck out.

Clause 21 struck out by the Labour Bills Committee.

The following new clause was read a first and a second time, and added to the Bill:—

"11A. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, no award relating to any agricultural, pastoral, or dairying operations, or to any other work effected on a farm, or to the manufacture or production of butter, cheese, or other products of milk, or to persons engaged (whether as employees or workers) on a farm or in such manufacture or production shall, after the passing of this Act, be made at any time before the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

"(2) Nothing in the last preceding subsection shall operate in any manner to terminate any award in force on the passing of this Act, and every such award shall continue in force as if this section had not been passed, save that no such award shall be in any manner amended or extended before the said first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight." *(Honourable Mr. Anderson.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly 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 Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

25. *Suspension of Standing Order.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order 54 be suspended in order to allow the House to meet at eleven of the clock a.m. on Monday next.

26. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until eleven of the clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-three minutes after nine of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Monday, the 5th Day of December, 1927.

The House met this day at eleven of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—Mr. E. P. Lee, from the second Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendments made by the Council in the Licensing Amendment Bill, brought up the following Report, which was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

The Managers appointed to conduct the second Conference upon the Licensing Amendment Bill on behalf of the House of Representatives have the honour to report that they have met the Managers appointed to conduct the same on behalf of the Legislative Council, and that they have failed to come to an agreement.

2. *Land Act, 1924: Reservation of certain Lands as Endowments for Primary Education, Gisborne and Otago Land Districts.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Resolved*, That this House approves, pursuant to section 362 of the Land Act, 1924, of the proposal to reserve certain lands in the Gisborne and Otago Land Districts as endowments for primary education, as set forth in Parliamentary Paper No. 33.

3. *Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Change of Purpose of Reservation over certain Land in the Canterbury Land District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Resolved*, That this House assents to the proposed change of purpose, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, of the reservation over certain land in the Canterbury Land District, as set forth in Parliamentary Paper No. 271.

4. *Land Act, 1924: Reservation of certain Lands as Endowments for Primary Education in North Auckland and Otago Land Districts.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Resolved*, That this House approves, pursuant to section 362 of the Land Act, 1924, of the proposal to reserve certain lands in North Auckland and Otago Land Districts as endowments for primary education, as set forth in Parliamentary Paper No. 211.

5. *Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908: Change of Purpose of Reservation over certain Lands in the North Auckland, Nelson, Canterbury, and Southland Land Districts.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. McLeod, *Resolved*, That this House assents to the proposed change of purpose, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, of the reservation over certain lands in the North Auckland, Nelson, Canterbury, and Southland Land Districts, as set forth in Parliamentary Papers Nos. 35, 212, and 229.

6. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from State Forest Reservation of certain Areas in Pihanga Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw from State forest reservation an area of 700 acres in State Forest No. 52, Blocks IV and VIII, Pihanga Survey District; also an area of 710 acres in State Forest No. 52, Blocks VII, VIII, XI, and XII, Pihanga Survey District.

7. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal of certain Area from State Forest Reservation in Mangahao Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw an area of 847 acres, Section 37, Block I, Sections 19 and 26, Block II, Mangahao Survey District, from State forest reservation.

8. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal of certain Area from Permanent State Forest in Mangakahia Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw an area of approximately 163 acres in Blocks VII and VIII, Mangakahia Survey District, from a permanent State forest.

9. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal of certain Reserves from State Forest Reservation in Mairaki Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw Reserves Nos. 1737, 1738, 1739, and 1740, Blocks III, IV, VII, and VIII, Mairaki Survey District, from State forest reservation.

10. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal of certain Reserves from State Forest Reservation in Mairaki Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw Reserve No. 1839, Blocks II, III, VI, and VII, Mairaki Survey District, from State forest reservation.

11. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal of Area from State Forest Reservation in Oteramika Hundred.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw an area of 440 acres in Blocks VII and X, Oteramika Hundred, from State forest reservation.

12. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest certain Lands in the Maramarua Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw from permanent State forest certain lands in the Maramarua Survey District.

13. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal of certain Area from State Forest Reservation, Oteramika Hundred.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hawken, *Ordered*, That leave be granted, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, to withdraw an area of 490 acres in Blocks VII and X, Oteramika Hundred, from State forest reservation.

14. *Education Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Reports of the Education Committee on the Petition of E. J. Hunter Brown and others, and the Petition of T. L. Lancaster and others, *re* the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill, do lie upon the Table.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

15. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee on the Petition of H. Barrett do lie upon the Table.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

16. *Native Affairs Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Native Affairs Committee on the Petition of Tamaiwhiua Rawiri and others do lie upon the Table.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

17. *Lands Committee.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Lands Committee on the Petition of W. J. McBurney do lie upon the Table.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

18. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. S. Dickson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Mr. Uru, on account of a bereavement in his family.

19. *Message from Legislative Council.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1927, without amendment.

20. *Papers.*—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency:—

275. Public Service Commissioner, Fifteenth Report of the. H.–14.

276. League of Nations, International Labour Conference: Draft Convention and Recommendation adopted by the Conference at its Eighth Session, 26th May to 5th June, 1926.

277. League of Nations, International Labour Conference: Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the Conference at its Ninth Session, 7th to 24th June, 1926.

278. League of Nations, International Labour Conference: Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the Conference at its Tenth Session, 25th May to 16th June, 1927.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House :—

281. Administration Expenses of Education Boards, Secondary School Boards, Technical School Boards, and Native Schools. Return to an Order dated 17th October, 1927, replacing Paper No. 245, laid on the Table 8th November.

282. New Zealand Railways, Number of Accidents that have occurred on. Return to an Order dated 24th November, 1927.

283. Parliament Buildings, Cost of repairing and maintaining the Lift at Rear of, and Cost of installing an Electric Lift. Return to an Order dated 17th November, 1927.

The following Papers were presented and laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—

279. Teachers' Superannuation Fund : Actuarial Examination for the Period commencing 1st January, 1920, and ending 31st January, 1924. E.–8A.

280. Coal-mines Act, 1925 : Assignment of all Interest in Coal Lease No. 10/25, Greymouth, from T. MacNeill to Briandale Collieries, Limited.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 275, 279 be printed.

21. *Petitions Classification Committee.*—Mr. Harris, from the Petitions Classification Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows :—

I have the honour to report that the Petitions Classification Committee, consisting of ten Members, has during the session had 301 Petitions referred to it by the House. The same were found to be in compliance with the Standing Orders, and were classified for distribution among the several Committees of the House as follows : Public Health Committee, 3 ; Goldfields and Mines Committee, 5 ; Public Petitions A to L Committee, 45 ; Public Petitions M to Z Committee, 48 ; Education Committee, 56 ; Labour Bills Committee, 6 ; Lands Committee, 19 ; Native Affairs Committee, 49 ; Defence Committee, 19 ; Railways Committee, 11 ; Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, 2 ; Industries and Commerce Committee, 38 : total, 301.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harris, from the Petitions Classification Committee, also brought up a special Report, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

22. *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. Williams,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account (Main Highways Revenue Fund) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account (Main Highways Construction Fund) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,748 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £13,002 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £13,623 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,485 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £51 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustees' Account for the Financia Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,223 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £655 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £84 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £87,286 7s. 2d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorized Expenditure Account for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1927.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £580,615 16s. 1d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Sums irrecoverable by the Crown, or Value of Stores, &c., written off Departmental Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1927.

To report the Resolutions.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hockly 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 follow:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £79,993 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,356 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prime Minister's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £36,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,563 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £55,218 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £93,013 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,393,627 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Minister of Public Works, Public Buildings, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,383 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government and other Domains for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £115,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,666 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,925 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of External Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £56,215 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £34,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Industries and Commerce Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £130,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Justice Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £82,383 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,904 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £422,113 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £165,946 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £34,749 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £315,463 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Internal Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,527 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,886 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £235,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £281,534 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £255,871 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £493,326 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £464,995 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £176,899 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £118,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £60,452 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Labour Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £169,532 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands and Survey Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £49,421 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £360,086 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £76,235 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,003,474 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £46,004 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £39,995 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account, Minister of Lands, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,441 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account, Minister of Lands, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,629 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account (Main Highways Revenue Fund) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,605 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £291,317 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £236,391 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £52,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,571,945 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account, Minister of Railways, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £233,529 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,215 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account, Native Minister, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £106,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £34,111 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £16,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £66,923 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account, Minister of Finance, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £138,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways Construction for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railways, Additions to Open Lines, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £328,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Timber-supply and Sawmills for Public Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Acquisition and Operation of Quarries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses and Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £842,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Construction, Maintenance, and Supervision of Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £750,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Contingent Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £117,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £83,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Transfer to Main Highways Account Construction Fund in terms of section 16 (*b*), Main Highways Act, 1922, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,340,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electric Supply Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £64,000 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £600,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account Construction Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,050,000 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £350,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,204 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £235 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prime Minister's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £88 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £232 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,214 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,726 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post and Telegraph Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £445 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,446 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,400 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,488 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of External Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,246 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Cook Islands Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £156 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Industries and Commerce Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,008 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Justice Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,076 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £51 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,318 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,648 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £992 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,843 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Internal Affairs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £101 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,316 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,054 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Health Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,595 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,390 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,778 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,499 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £234 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Labour Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,385 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands and Survey Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,804 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scenery Preservation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,353 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £26,769 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £775 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Tourist and Health Resorts Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £33,446 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £825 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Scientific and Industrial Research Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,397 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railway Construction or the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings, Health, and Hospital Institutions for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Harbour Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1927.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Roads Maintenance, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,332 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £508 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, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account (Main Highways Revenue Account) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account (Main Highways Construction Fund) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,748 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £13,002 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £13,623 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,485 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £51 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £11,223 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £655 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £84 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Education Loans Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1928.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £87,286 7s. 2d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorized Expenditure Account for the Financial Year 1926–1927.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £580,615 16s. 1d. be granted to His Majsety to defray the costs and charges of Sums irrecoverable by the Crown, or Value of Stores, &c., written off Departmental Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1927.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House concurs 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.

23. *Committee of Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart 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. Downie Stewart, *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-eight, the following sums may be issued and applied: Out of the Consolidated Fund, ten million three hundred and nine thousand one hundred and ninety-six pounds, and in addition the sum of one million eight hundred and fifty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty-five pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid; out of the Public Works Fund, five million six hundred and forty-eight thousand nine hundred and seventeen pounds, and in addition the sum of eight hundred and forty-two thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid; out of the separate accounts, eight million six hundred and sixty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds, and in addition the sum of one million and forty-six thousand two hundred and twenty-two 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 ninety-seven thousand one hundred and one pounds, and in addition the sum of twenty-five thousand seven hundred and five 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. Hockly 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-eight, the following sums may be issued and applied: Out of the Consolidated Fund, ten million three hundred and nine thousand one hundred and ninety-six pounds, and in addition the sum of one million eight hundred and fifty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty-five pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid; out of the Public Works Fund, five million six hundred and forty-eight thousand nine hundred and seventeen pounds, and in addition the sum of eight hundred and forty-two thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid; out of the separate accounts, eight million six hundred and sixty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds, and in addition the sum of one million and forty-six thousand two hundred and twenty-two 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 ninety-seven thousand one hundred and one pounds, and in addition the sum of twenty-five thousand seven hundred and five pounds as credits-in-aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits-in-aid.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Mr. Coates and the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

24. *Appropriation Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, 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-eight, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Present Session.

The same was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time presently, and to be printed.

25. *Message.*—The Right 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. 82.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "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-eight, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Present Session," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

"11. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Service Act, 1912, payments may lawfully be made by way of commission to any officer of the National Provident Fund Office:

"Provided that no such payment by way of commission shall be made to the administrative head of such Office.

"(2) The moneys paid under this section out of any fund or account shall not exceed such amount as may be appropriated by Parliament for payment out of that fund or account in accordance with the estimates as approved by the House of Representatives for the current financial year.

"12. The Minister of Finance is hereby empowered, without further appropriation than this section, to transfer any sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate five hundred thousand pounds from the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund to the Public Works Fund to be issued and applied for the purposes and services provided for in this Act.

"13. The number of steamer tickets which any member of the General Assembly is entitled to receive pursuant to section twenty-two of the Finance Act, 1924, for the purpose of travelling between any port in the South Island and Wellington may, during the current financial year, be increased to such extent as the Minister of Finance may direct.

"14. The moneys appropriated in the Appropriation Act, 1926, or in this Act, to defray the charges out of the Working Railways Account shall be deemed to be and to have been available for repaying to the Public Works Fund the cost of assets worn out, abandoned, destroyed, or obsolete in the service of the Government Railways Department.

"15. The provisions of the Legislature Act, 1908, shall not apply to any payments which, under the authority of any appropriation now or hereafter made by Parliament, are received by the Honourable Vernon Herbert Reed, Member of the Legislative Council, by way of remuneration for services rendered by him as a member of a Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, appointed on the eighteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, by the Governor-General in Council to inquire into and report as to alleged grievances with respect to confiscated Native lands."

Government House,

Wellington, 5th December, 1927.

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 amendments in the 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-eight, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Present Session.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

26. *Appropriation Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Appropriation Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hockly 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-eight, 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.

27. *Message.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Appropriation Act, 1927, which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

28. *Appropriation Bill.*—Mr. Speaker left the Chair to wait upon His Excellency the Governor-General with the Appropriation Bill.

And being returned ;

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.

29. *Schedule of Business.*—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the Schedule of Business of the House of Representatives and of the Bills passed and lapsed in both Houses during the session.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, the same was ordered to be printed.

30. *Message.*—The Right 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. 83.*

The Bills intituled—

The Palmerston North Library Empowering Act, 1927,

The Napier Harbour Board Empowering, Loan, and Constitution Amendment Act, 1927,

The Wellington City and Suburban Water-supply Act, 1927,
The Local Legislation Act, 1927,
The Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1927,
The Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1927,
The Government Railways Amendment Act, 1927,
The Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927,
The Motor-vehicles Amendment Act, 1927,
The Public Works Amendment Act, 1927,
The Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1927,
The Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Act, 1927,
The Rent Restriction Continuance Act, 1927,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1927 (No. 6),
The Electric-power Boards Amendment Act, 1927,
The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1927,
The Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2), and
The Appropriation Act, 1927,

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, 5th December, 1927.

31. *Adjournment.*—The Right 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, 34.

Anderson, Hon. G. J.	Hamilton, A.	McLeod, Hon. A. D.	Waite
Bellringer	Hawken, Hon. O. J.	Nosworthy, Hon. W.	Walter
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Burnett	Holland, H. E.	Reid	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Horn	Rhodes	Young, Hon. J. A.
Dickson, J. McC.	Hudson	Rolleston, Hon. F. J.	
Dickson, J. S.	Hunter, Sir George	Rolleston, J. C.	*Tellers.*
Forbes	Lake, Sir John	Smith	Bartram
Forsyth	McLennan	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Seddon.

NOES, 26.

Armstrong	Howard	Martin	Sullivan
Buddo, Hon. D.	Jones, W.	Mason, H. G. R.	Veitch
Dickie	Jordan	Mason, J.	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph.
Eliott	Kyle	Nash	
Field	McCombs	Potter	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, J. R.	McKeen	Savage	Jones, D.
Harris	Macmillan	Sidey	Lysnar.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-four minutes after five of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

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 fifteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, 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 December, 1927.

M. POMARE,
Acting Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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