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FOURTH SESSION—TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT—1931.

SPEAKER—HON. SIR CHARLES STATHAM, KT.

NAME.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.
ANSELL, ALFRED EDWARD	Chalmers.
ARMSTRONG, HUBERT THOMAS	Christchurch East.
ATMORE, Hon. HARRY	Nelson.
BARNARD, WILLIAM EDWARD	Napier.
BITCHENER, JOHN	Waitaki.
BLACK, GEORGE CHARLES CECIL	Motueka.
BODKIN, WILLIAM ALEXANDER	Central Otago.
BROADFOOT, WALTER JAMES	Waitomo.
BURNETT, THOMAS DAVID	Temuka.
CAMPBELL, HUGH MCLEAN	Hawke's Bay.
CARR, Rev. CLYDE LEONARD	Timaru.
CHAPMAN, CHARLES HENRY	Wellington North.
CLINKARD, CECIL HENRY	Rotorua.
COATES, Right Hon. JOSEPH GORDON	Kaipara.
COBBE, Hon. JOHN GEORGE	Oroua.
DE LA PERRELLE, Hon. PHILIP ALDBOROUGH	Awarua.
DICKIE, HAROLD GALT	Patea.
DONALD, Hon. JAMES BELL	Auckland East.
ENDEAN, WILLIAM PHILLIPS	Parnell.
FIELD, WILLIAM HUGHES	Otaki.
FLETCHER, JOHN SHEARER	Grey Lynn.
FORBES, Right Hon. GEORGE WILLIAM	Hurunui.
FRASER, PETER	Wellington Central.
HALL, ARTHUR WILLIAM*	Hauraki.
HAMILTON, ADAM	Wallace.
HARRIS, ALEXANDER	Waitemata.
HAWKE, RICHARD WILSON	Kaiapoi.
HEALY, EDWARD FRANCIS	Wairau.
HENARE, TAU	Northern Maori.
HOGAN, JAMES THOMAS	Rangitikei.
HOLLAND, HENRY	Christchurch North.
HOLLAND, HENRY EDMUND	Buller.
HOWARD, EDWIN JOHN	Christchurch South.
JONES, DAVID	Mid-Canterbury.
JORDAN, WILLIAM JOSEPH	Manukau.
JULL, ALBERT EDWARD	Waipawa.
KYLE, HERBERT SETON STEWART	Riccarton.

* Died 18th April, 1931.

Name.	Electoral District.
Langstone, Frank	Waimarino.
Linklater, Joseph	Manawatu.
Lye, Frederick	Waikato.
Lysnar, William Douglas	Gisborne.
McCombs, James	Lyttelton.
McDonald, Colonel Thomas William	Wairarapa.
McDougall, David	Mataura.
McKeen, Robert	Wellington South.
Macmillan, Charles Edward de la Barca	Tauranga.
Macpherson, John Andrew	Oamaru.
Makitanara, Tuiti	Southern Maori.
Martin, William Lee	Raglan.
Mason, Henry Greathead Rex	Auckland Suburbs.
Massey, John Norman	Franklin.
Munns, George Charles	Roskill.
Munro, James Wright	Dunedin North.
Murdoch, Hon. Alfred James	Marsden.
Nash, James Alfred	Palmerston.
Nash, Walter	Hutt.
Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana Turupa, Kt.	Eastern Maori.
O'Brien, James	Westland.
Parry, William Edward	Auckland Central.
Polson, William John	Stratford.
Ransom, Hon. Ethelbert Alfred	Pahiatua.
Rushworth, Harold Montague	Bay of Islands.
Samuel, Albert Moeller	Thames.
Savage, Michael Joseph	Auckland West.
Semple, Robert	Wellington East.
Smith, Hon. Sydney George	New Plymouth.
Stallworthy, Hon. Arthur John	Eden.
Statham, Hon. Sir Charles Ernest, Kt.	Dunedin Central.
Stewart, Hon. William Downie	Dunedin West.
Sullivan, Daniel Giles	Avon.
Sykes, George Robert	Masterton.
Taverner, Hon. William Burgoyne	Dunedin South.
Te Tomo, Taite	Western Maori.
Veitch, Hon. William Andrew	Wanganui.
Waite, Fred	Clutha.
Ward, Vincent Aubrey	Invercargill
Wilkinson, Charles Anderson	Egmont.
Williams, Kenneth Stuart	Bay of Plenty.
Wright, Robert Alexander	Wellington Suburbs.
Young, James Alexander	Hamilton.

III.—Schedule of Petitions presented to the House of Representatives, Session I, 1931.

From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
3. Amos, C., and 8 others ..	Mar. 11, 1931	For review of valuations and reduction of rents of Weraroa Experimental Farm sections	9	Mr. Field ..	Lands	Held over.
7. Connell, J. A.	Mar. 12, 1931	For inquiry into the administration of the Department of Agriculture	1	Mr. Martin ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock	Held over.
11. Cotton, N. W. J.	Mar. 16, 1931	For relief on account of an accident received while in the employ of the Hutt Valley Electric-power Board	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
12. Ellis, F.	Mar. 16, 1931	For a compassionate allowance on account of loss of arm through being struck by a railway-tablet apparatus	1	Hon. Mr. Veitch ..	Railways	Held over.
16. Garnaut, M.	April 23, 1931	For a refund of petrol duty	1	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
5. Headley, L. H.	Mar. 11, 1931	That legislation be passed enabling his name to be placed on the Dental Register	1	Mr. Endean ..	Public Health ..	Held over.
15. Houghton, Mary H.	April 14, 1931	For separation and children's allowances and pension on account of husband's war service	1	Mr. H. E. Holland	Defence	Held over.
9. McKinnon, C.	Mar. 13, 1931	For consideration on account of disability contracted in the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Held over.
1. Morgan, W. J.	Mar. 11, 1931	For a compassionate allowance in respect of an injury received while Range Warden of the Penrose Rifle Range	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Held over.
10. Smithson, Ellen M.	Mar. 13, 1931	That a settlement in connection with a land transaction be set aside	1	Mr. Munns ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
8. Taare Mete	Mar. 12, 1931	For the return of 3 acres belonging to the Rangataua Reserve ..	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
14. Te Horo Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., and 36 others	April 10, 1931	For legislation to remove the Customs duties on stock-foods and wheat	37	Mr. Field ..	Industries and Commerce	Held over.
4. Timmings, W. E.	Mar. 11, 1931	That an order cancelling memoranda of transfer of a Crown lease be agreed to	1	Mr. Semple ..	Lands	Held over.
2. Tomkies, E. A.	Mar. 11, 1931	That a break between his service in the Defence Department and on joining the Railways Department be treated as leave without pay	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
6. Warner, E. J.	Mar. 12, 1931	For a compassionate allowance in lieu of the blind pension ..	1	Mr. Broadfoot ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Held over.
13. Wooding, M. E.	Mar. 17, 1931	For consideration on account of war services	1	Mr. Munns ..	Defence	Held over.
17. Yule, F. C.	April 23, 1931	For refund of deposit paid on Tarawera Hotel site	1	Colonel McDonald	Lands	Held over.

IV.—Schedule of Select Committees appointed by the House of Representatives, Session I, 1931.

Subject.	Members' Names.	Date of Appointment.	Remarks.
Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.—Consisting of ten Members, to which shall be referred for consideration and report the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Ansell, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Endean, Mr. Jull, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Polson, Hon. Mr. Ransom, Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	April 9, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill referred, April 9; Report and minutes of evidence, April 23.

V.—Schedule of Public Bills, Session I, 1931.

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.
Expiring Laws Continuance	Right Hon. Mr. Forbes	Mar. 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Finance	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Mar. 16	Mar. 17 Mar. 18 Mar. 19 Mar. 20	Mar. 23 Mar. 28 Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Mar. 20, 23, 28, 31. Instruction moved, Mar. 23. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Mar. 31.
Finance (No. 2)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Apl. 16	Apl. 21 Apl. 22 Apl. 23	Apl. 23	Apl. 23	Apl. 23	Apl. 23	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Apl. 23. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Apl. 23.
Government Railways Amendment ..	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Apl. 13	Apl. 14 Apl. 15 Apl. 16 Apl. 17	Apl. 17 Apl. 20	Apl. 20	Apl. 20	Apl. 20	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Apl. 17, 20. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Apl. 17.
Hawke's Bay Earthquake	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Mar. 27	Apl. 8 Apl. 9	Apl. 27	Apl. 27	Apl. 27	Apl. 27	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to special Committee, Apl. 9; Report and minutes of evidence, Apl. 23. Governor-General's Message recommending provision be made in accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Apl. 27.
Immigration Restriction Amendment ..	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Apl. 13	Apl. 13	Apl. 13	Apl. 13	..	Apl. 13	Apl. 15	Apl. 15	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Apl. 13.
Mortgagors Relief	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Mar. 18	Apl. 9 Apl. 10	Apl. 10 Apl. 13	Apl. 13	Apl. 13	Apl. 13	Apl. 16	Apl. 16	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Messages forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Apl. 10, 13. Amendments of L.C., breach of privilege. Privileges waived, Apl. 16.
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VI.—Schedule of Private Bills, Session I, 1931.

Short Title.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Referred to Committee of Selection.	Report of Committee of Selection.	Report of Committee on Bill.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	Remarks.
Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering ..	Hon. Mr. Stallworthy	Apl. 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Standing Orders relating to Private Bills partially suspended and Bill to proceed as a Public Bill, Apl. 17. *Lapsed.*

VII.—Schedule of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table, Session I, 1931.

(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.
Mar. 27	1	Financial Statement for Eleven Months ended 28th February, 1931, by the Right Hon. G. W. Forbes. (By leave)	B.–6A.
Apl. 20	2	Bread, Cost of Distribution in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. (By leave)	H.–44A.
Apl. 20	3	Flour-milling Industry in New Zealand. (By leave)	H.–44B.
Apl. 27	4	Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, Regulations under the. (By Act.)	

VIII. Number of Sitting-days and Length of Session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Return showing the Number of Sitting-days and Length of each Session from 1875 to 1930.

Session.	Date commenced.	Date ended.	Total Days occupied.	Days of Meeting.	Hours sat before Midnight.	Hours sat after Midnight.	Total Number of Hours sat.	Daily Average.
					H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1875	20 July ..	21 October ..	94	59	..	..	418 15	7 5
1876	15 June ..	31 " ..	139	85	..	..	853 10	10 28
1877	19 July ..	10 December ..	145	97	..	..	..	..
1878	26 " ..	2 November ..	100	64	..	..	415 0	7 0
*1879	24 September..	19 December ..	87	55	..	..	413 0	7 30
1880	28 May ..	1 September ..	97	64	..	..	524 0	8 20
1881	9 June ..	24 " ..	108	72	..	..	565 0	7 50
1882	18 May ..	15 " ..	121	78	..	..	609 0	7 48
1883	14 June ..	8 " ..	86	58	..	..	432 0	7 27
*1884	7 August ..	10 November ..	96	56	..	..	376 0	6 42
1885	11 June ..	22 September ..	104	69	..	..	395 0	5 43
1886	13 May ..	18 August ..	98	65	..	..	476 0	7 19
*1887	6 October ..	22 December ..	78	27	..	..	193 15	7 9
1888	10 May ..	30 August ..	113	68	444 0	110 30	554 30	8 9
1889	20 June ..	16 September ..	89	53	326 0	151 0	477 0	9 0
1890	19 " ..	17 " ..	91	57	432 0	73 0	505 0	8 45
1891	11 " ..	25 " ..	107	67	440 0	110 0	550 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	330 36	75 17	405 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	26 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
*1928	28 " ..	9 October ..	104	62	402 57	50 24	453 21	7 19
1929	27 " ..	9 November ..	136	82	468 16	62 11	530 27	6 28
1930	26 " ..	25 October ..	122	71	449 15	66 13	515 28	7 16

* 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, 29th 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; 1923, 9th April to 13th April, 7 days; 1923, 7th to 27th February, 11 days; 1928, 4th to 14th December, 11 days; 1931, 11th March to 28th April, 49 days.

† House adjourned from 4th August to 19th August after formation of National Cabinet.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, 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, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the twenty-second day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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 5th day of November, 1930.

E. A. RANSOM,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Further Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, 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 twenty-second day of the month of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

WHEREAS on the fifth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty, the General Assembly of New Zealand was prorogued to the twenty-second day of the month of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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 twenty-sixth day of March 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 13th day of January, 1931.

E. A. RANSOM,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Meeting of the General Assembly for the Despatch of Business.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, 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 twenty-sixth day of the month of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

WHEREAS the Meeting of the General Assembly stands prorogued to the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one: And whereas for certain causes and considerations, I have thought fit to convene such meeting for a date earlier than the said date: Now, therefore, know ye that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, are hereby commanded and by the tenor of these presents enjoined to be and appear personally for the DESPATCH of BUSINESS, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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 13th day of February, 1931.

GEO. W. FORBES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

JOURNALS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

FOURTH SESSION.—TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

Wednesday, the 11th Day of March, 1931.

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 13th day of February, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Summons to attend His Excellency.*—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. *Election.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter:—

SIR,— Office of the Clerk of the Writs, Wellington, 28th October, 1930.

Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (*a*) of section 186, Electoral Act, 1927, I forward herewith the writ for the election of a Member of Parliament to serve in the House of Representatives for the Western Maori Electoral District, and by the endorsement on such writ it appears that Taite te Tomo has been duly elected to serve as the Member for the said district.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. P. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Writs.

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

3. *Member sworn.*—Taite te Tomo, Esquire, Member for Western Maori, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

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

5. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Munns, *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Ward, on account of absence from the Dominion.

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

7. *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 affords me much pleasure to meet you again in Parliament assembled.

On the advice of my Ministers, I have convened this special session in order that your earnest consideration may be given to matters of urgent national importance arising out of the present economic situation as it affects this Dominion.

Since I last had the opportunity of addressing you, the external markets for our products have experienced a world-wide depression, and the values of our wool, frozen meat, dairy-produce, and other primary products, upon which our national prosperity preponderantly depends, have, after continuous depreciation over a considerable period, reached so low a level as materially to affect, directly or indirectly, the economic well-being of all sections of the community. Here, as in other countries, depression of trade and industry has inevitably increased unemployment. Although the measures adopted by my Government, in co-operation with local authorities, have afforded substantial relief, the solution of this pressing problem continues to receive their anxious and sympathetic consideration.

Notwithstanding the exercise of strict care and economy in expenditure, the public accounts of the Dominion seem likely to show a deficit for the current financial year—a deficit which my Advisers consider will be largely increased during the subsequent financial year, unless, with your authority, remedial measures are promptly undertaken.

Faced with the prospect of a falling revenue and the possible continuance of relatively low export values for our primary products, my Ministers desire to stress the urgent necessity for rigid economy in all public and private undertakings. Although by no means pessimistic regarding the future of New Zealand, in view of its exceptional natural advantages and the characteristic energy and determination of its people, my Ministers are convinced that the difficulties now confronting the Dominion can only be effectually overcome by considerable sacrifices on the part of all sections of the population. Past experience has shown that where such sacrifices are rendered imperative in the interests of national welfare the people of this country have responded patriotically to the call. My Advisers are strongly of opinion that a spirit of co-operation and mutual sympathy will prove a potent factor in enabling the Dominion to overcome the temporary check in its prosperity.

It is with the deepest regret that I refer to the disastrous earthquake which recently occurred in Napier and Hastings and the surrounding district, causing serious loss of life, physical injury, and widespread destruction of property. I desire to associate myself with you and all our people throughout the Dominion in expressing our heartfelt sympathy with those who have been bereaved or injured by this disaster, or who have suffered thereby material loss. You will be asked to consider the best means of solving certain urgent problems which have arisen in connection with the devastated area and its population.

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

The grave economic crisis which this country, in common with most other countries of the world, is called upon to face has occasioned financial difficulties for our farmers, a widespread restriction of trade, and considerable stringency in national finance, involving, unless prompt action be taken, a heavy budgetary shortage in the forthcoming financial year. The difficulties of the present situation have also been accentuated by the catastrophe in Hawke's Bay.

You will be asked to consider forthwith measures for dealing with this problem. Proposals will be placed before you for effecting an alteration in the rate of remuneration of the Public Service, for amending the law which governs the powers of the Arbitration Court, for providing for certain increases in taxation, and for the establishment of a Board to administer the railways, as well as other proposals designed to assist in surmounting the difficulties of the present situation. Legislative measures rendered necessary by the recent earthquake will also be submitted for your consideration. No additional provision for Supply will be necessary during this special session of Parliament, but you will be furnished with information relating to the finances of the Dominion for the first eleven months of the current financial year.

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

At the Imperial Conference which took place in London last year the Dominion was represented by my Prime Minister and my Attorney-General. You will have an opportunity of discussing the transactions of that Conference on papers to be laid before you during your ordinary session later in the year. During this special session my Ministers do not propose to submit for your consideration any legislation other than that of an urgent character.

I earnestly pray that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations, to the lasting benefit of this country and all classes of its people.

8. *Death of the Honourable Mr. John Barr, M.L.C.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved, nemine contradicente,* That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable John Barr, a Member of the Legislative Council, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

9. *Death of the Honourable Mr. Thomas Shailer Weston, M.L.C.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved, nemine contradicente,* That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Honourable Thomas Shailer Weston, a Member of the Legislative Council, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

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

11. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable John Barr, M.L.C.; the late Honourable Thomas Shailer Weston, M.L.C.; and the late Mr. George Hutchison.

And then the House, having continued to sit until one minute after four of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, the 12th Day of March, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Sittings of House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That for the present session the House do sit for the transaction of Government business only on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and continuing to sit until 5.30 p.m. (unless previously adjourned), when Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees shall interrupt the business then proceeding and the sitting shall be suspended until 7.30 p.m., and the House shall then continue to sit until 12 midnight (unless previously adjourned) and no longer, with an interruption of the sitting from 9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Saturday, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet at 10.30 a.m., and shall continue to sit until 1 p.m. and no longer. The House shall proceed to Orders of the Day at the hour fixed for the commencement of each sitting.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That ten days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Samuel, on account of illness.

4. *Order of Business.*—By leave of the House, consideration of business preceding Notices of Motion was postponed.

5. *Address in Reply.*—Mr. Jull moved, seconded by Mr. Macpherson, 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.

Mr. H. E. Holland moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, That the Question be amended by the following addition being made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House or of the people of the country'."

And the Question and amendment being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

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

Friday, the 13th Day of March, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

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. Jull*); and the amendment proposed thereto, That the following addition be made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House or of the people of the country'" (*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 following addition be made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House or of the people of the country'," the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 50.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Rushworth
Bitchener	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Black	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Linklater	Sykes
Burnett	Lysnar	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	McDonald	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Wilkinson
Dickie	Makitanara	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Massey	Wright
Endean	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Field	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hall	Polson	Munns.

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.

Mr. McCombs moved, seconded by Mr. Jordan, That the Question be amended by the following addition being made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our

duty to represent to Your Excellency that in the opinion of this House the proposals contained in Your Excellency's Speech to reduce wages and salaries to meet the fall in revenue are inequitable, as such proposals cannot be applied to other persons whose incomes are derived from business, professional, or other sources; and is further of the opinion that in lieu thereof additional revenue be raised by a direct graduated tax upon individual incomes irrespective of their source'."

The Question and amendment being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

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

4. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

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

Monday, the 16th Day of March, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

3. *Urgency accorded under Standing Order 309.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Address in Reply.

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

AYES, 44.

Ansell	Hall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Rushworth
Bitchener	Harris	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Black	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Lye	Sykes
Burnett	McDonald	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	McDougall	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macpherson	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Wilkinson
Dickie	Massey	Williams.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Fletcher	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Carr	McCombs	Parry
Chapman	McKeen	Savage.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Address in Reply.

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 (*Mr. Jull*); and the amendment proposed thereto, That the following addition be made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that in the opinion of this House the proposals contained in Your Excellency's Speech to reduce wages and salaries to meet the fall in revenue are inequitable, as such proposals cannot be applied to other persons whose incomes are derived from business, professional, or other sources; and is further of the opinion that in lieu thereof additional revenue should be raised by a direct graduated tax upon individual incomes irrespective of their source'" (*Mr. McCombs*).

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

And the Question being put, That the following addition be made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that in the opinion of this House the proposals contained in Your Excellency's Speech to reduce wages and salaries to meet the fall in revenue are inequitable, as such proposals cannot be applied to other persons whose incomes are derived from business, professional, or other sources; and is further of the opinion that in lieu thereof additional revenue should be raised by a direct graduated tax upon individual incomes irrespective of their source'," the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fletcher	Mason	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 45.

Ansell	Hamilton	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Black	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Lye	Sykes
Burnett	McDonald	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	McDougall	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macpherson	Wilkinson
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Williams
Dickie	Massey	Wright.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.
Hall		

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.

Mr. Savage moved, seconded by Mr. Chapman, That the Question be amended by the following addition being made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that, in the opinion of this House, definite action should be taken for the protection of farmers and others who,

owing to trade depression, are unable to meet their obligations arising out of mortgages and other financial agreements. This House is further of the opinion—(*a*) That a provisional moratorium should be declared for the purpose of preventing foreclosure pending an investigation of the circumstances of each case by a tribunal which would be representative of the interests involved, and presided over by a Supreme Court Judge, such tribunal to have power, with the consent of the Minister of Finance, to adjust all claims under any financial agreement; (*b*) that, in order to increase production, definite action should be taken by the Government to ensure that ample supplies of fertilizers will be available to all *bona fide* producers at low rates and easy conditions of payment'."

And the Question and amendment being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

TUESDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

And the Question being put, That the following addition be made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that in the opinion of this House definite action should be taken for the protection of farmers and others who, owing to trade depression, are unable to meet their obligations arising out of mortgages and other financial agreements. This House is further of the opinion—(*a*) That a provisional moratorium should be declared for the purpose of preventing foreclosure pending an investigation of the circumstances of each case by a tribunal which would be representative of the interests involved, and presided over by a Supreme Court Judge, such tribunal to have power, with the consent of the Minister of Finance, to adjust all claims under any financial agreement; (*b*) that, in order to increase production, definite action should be taken by the Government to ensure that ample supplies of fertilizers will be available to all *bona fide* producers at low rates and easy conditions of payment'," the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fletcher	Mason	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers,*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 40.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hall	Polson
Bitchener	Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Black	Harris	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Hawke	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	Linklater	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Wright.
Dickie	Makitanara	
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

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.

Mr. McKeen moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, That the Question be amended by the following addition being made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that in the opinion of this House the proposal contained in Your Excellency's Speech for amending the law which governs the powers of the Arbitration Court will lay the foundation for repudiation of agreements which have been freely and honourably entered into by employers and employees, and will have the effect of destroying public confidence in constitutional and peaceful means of settling industrial disputes'."

And the Question and amendment being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, That the following addition be made to such motion: "and that the following words be added to such Address—namely, 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that in the opinion of this House the proposal contained in Your Excellency's Speech for amending the law which governs the powers of the Arbitration Court will lay the foundation for repudiation of agreements which have been freely and honourably entered into by employers and employees, and will have the effect of destroying public confidence in constitutional and peaceful means of settling industrial disputes'," the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 37.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Black	Harris	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Waite
Dickie	Macpherson	Williams.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the 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 appreciate the circumstances which have necessitated convening Parliament at this critical time in the affairs of the Dominion.

We unite with Your Excellency in expressing the deepest regret at the disastrous earthquake which recently occurred in Napier and Hastings and the

surrounding district, and in tendering heartfelt sympathy to those who have been bereaved or injured by this catastrophe or who have suffered thereby material loss.

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 lasting benefit of this country and all classes of its people.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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.

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

6. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Adjustment of Public Expenditure, and to empower the Court of Arbitration on Account of Economic and Financial Conditions affecting Trade and Industry in New Zealand to amend Awards, Industrial Agreements, and Apprenticeship Orders in relation to Rates of Wages," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th March, 1931.

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

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

AYES, 38.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Black	Harris	Polson
Bodkin	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macmillan	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.

(In the Committee.)

The Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

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

AYES, 37.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Polson
Black	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macmillan	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams.
Field	Makitanara	
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall	Nash, J. A.	Healy.
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report the Resolution.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 Adjustment of Public Expenditure, and to empower the Court of Arbitration on Account of Economic and Financial Conditions affecting Trade and Industry in New Zealand to amend Awards, Industrial Agreements, and Apprenticeship Orders in relation to Rates of Wages.

And the Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put, That the Resolution be agreed to, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Black	Harris	Polson
Bodkin	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macmillan	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Resolution was accordingly agreed to.

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

8. *Finance Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill, and moved and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

AYES, 38.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Black	Harris	Polson
Bodkin	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. J. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macmillan	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

9. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House will, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until nineteen minutes after seven of the clock a.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned accordingly.

Tuesday, the 17th Day of March, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 7.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That six days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Endean, on account of a bereavement in his family.

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

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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 Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

Wednesday, the 18th Day of March, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to confer Jurisdiction to grant Relief to Mortgagors in certain Cases," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 18th March, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 Jurisdiction to grant Relief to Mortgagors in certain Cases.

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

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

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

4. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Finance Bill be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

On motion of the Reverend Mr. Carr, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

Thursday, the 19th Day of March, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Finance Bill be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to substituting the following words in lieu thereof: "this House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which fails to meet the Dominion's financial obligations by means of a graded system of payment by citizens in accordance with their ability to pay."

And the Question and amendment being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 20th Day of March, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Finance Bill be now read a second time; and the amendment proposed thereto, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to substituting the following words in lieu thereof: "this House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which fails to meet the Dominion's financial obligations by means of a graded system of payment by citizens in accordance with their ability to pay."

(Urgency.)—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That urgency be accorded the second reading of the Finance Bill.

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

AYES, 50.

Ansell	Hawke	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Barnard	Jordan	Rushworth
Black	Langstone	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Munro	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Nash, W.	Howard
Harris	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Hogan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That urgency be accorded the second reading of the Finance Bill.

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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

SATURDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

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, 46.

Ansell	Hawke	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Sykes
Burnett	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Young.
Field	Makitanara	
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

AYES, 47.

Ansell	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Field	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Massey	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

3. *Sitting of House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-three minutes after four of the clock on Saturday morning, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Monday, the 23rd Day of March, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Urgency accorded under Standing Order 309.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That urgency be accorded the Committee stage of the Finance Bill and the proceedings incidental thereto.

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

AYES, 45.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Kyle	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Ward
Endean	McDougall	Wright
Field	Macmillan	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hall	Makitanara	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Harris		

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That urgency be accorded the Committee stage of the Finance Bill and the proceedings incidental thereto.

3. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, That it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole on the Finance Bill that it hath power to make provision in the Bill for ensuring that the cost of living, including food, clothing, and rent, be lowered simultaneously with, and in proportion to, the amount of reduction in the salaries of the Public Service employees as specified in Part I of the Bill, and simultaneously with, and in proportion to, the amount of reduction in wages as ordered from time to time by the Arbitration Court under Part II of the Bill.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

TUESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

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

AYES, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 46.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bodkin	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Jull	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Lysnar	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Ward
Endean	McDougall	Williams
Field	Macmillan	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	
Hall	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read.

The Chairman left the Chair at 7.0 a.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at 2.30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

Amendment proposed: To delete the word "Finance," and substitute the words "Salary and Wage Reduction" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Langstone.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

And the Question being put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 41.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Ward
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Williams
Hall	Massey	Wright
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Polson	Healy
Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress in order that Mr. Speaker's decision might be taken regarding a ruling given by the Chairman. *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on a decision given by the Chairman in Committee.

(Ruling of Mr. Speaker).—Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 227, p. 490), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment proposed: To delete the word "Finance," and substitute the words "Salary and Wage Reduction" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Langstone.)*

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

AYES, 28.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Ward.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

NOES, 18.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To insert, after the word "Finance," the words "and Public Expenditure Adjustment." *(Mr. McKeen.)*

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, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 41.

Ansell	Hall	Makitanara
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Massey
Bitchener	Hawke	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Henare	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Burnett	Hogan	Polson
Campbell	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Clinkard	Jull	Rushworth
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Dickie	Lye	Te Tomo
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Endean	McDonald	*Tellers.*
Field	McDougall	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To insert, after the word "Finance," the words "and Industrial and Arbitration Conciliation Amendment." *(Mr. Chapman.)*

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, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 51.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Polson
Bitchener	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Waite
Dickie	McDonald	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Williams
Endean	Macmillan	Wright
Field	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Massey	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Harris		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 52.

Ansell	Hawke	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Jones	Sykes
Campbell	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Kyle	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Ward
Dickie	McDonald	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Williams
Endean	Macmillan	Wright
Field	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	
Hall	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "commission" in line 15, the words "income taxable under the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923." *(Mr. Martin.)*

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, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 53.

Ansell	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Henare	Rushworth
Broadfoot	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Holland, H.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Jones	Sykes
Clinkard	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Waite
Dickie	Lysnar	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Wilkinson
Endean	McDougall	Williams
Field	Macmillan	Wright
Fletcher	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Massey	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of four hundred pounds." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

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, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Rushworth
Bodkin	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Jull	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Ward
Dickie	Lysnar	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Williams
Endean	McDougall	Wright.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hall	Makitanara	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of three hundred and fifty pounds." *(Mr. Howard.)*

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, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 50.

Ansell	Harris	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Rushworth
Black	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Kyle	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Ward
Dickie	McDonald	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Williams
Endean	Macmillan	Wright
Field	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the word "in excess of three hundred and twenty pounds." *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

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, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wright.
Fletcher	Mason	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 52.

Ansell	Harris	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Rushworth
Black	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Ward
Dickie	McDougall	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Young.
Field	Makitanara	
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of three hundred pounds." *(Mr. Jordan.)*

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

THURSDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

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, 23.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wright.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 38.

Ansell	Henare	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Polson
Bitchener	Jull	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Sykes
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Waite
Endean	Macmillan	Ward
Field	Macpherson	Young,
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Massey	Healy
Hawke	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of two hundred and seventy-five pounds." *(Mr. O'Brien.)*

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

Motion made, and Question proposed, To amend the amendment by adding the following words: "and ask for leave to sit again." *(Mr. Fraser.)*

The Chairman left the Chair at 7.0 a.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at 9.0 a.m.

Motion to report progress lapsed.

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, 25.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Wright
Chapman	Mason	Young.
Fletcher	Munro	
Fraser	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Howard
Jordan	Parry	Sullivan.

NOES, 45.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Kyle	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Waite
Dickie	McDonald	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Wilkinson
Endean	Macmillan	Williams.
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hamilton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of two hundred and fifty pounds." *(Rev. Mr. Carr.)*

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve o' the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

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, 26.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Kyle	Savage
Black	Langstone	Semple
Carr	McCombs	Sykes
Chapman	McKeen	Wright
Fraser	Martin	Young.
Harris	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 39.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Polson
Broadfoot	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Lye	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Lysnar	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hamilton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of two hundred and twenty-five pounds." *(Mr. Semple.)*

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

The Chairman left the Chair at 7.0 a.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at 9.0 a.m.

Motion to report progress lapsed.

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, 24.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Wright
Chapman	Munro	Young.
Fletcher	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	O'Brien	Jordan
Hogan	Parry	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

NOES, 40.

Ansell	Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Williams.
Dickie	McDougall	
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Endean	Makitanara	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of two hundred and ten pounds." *(Mr. Parry.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Finance Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House will, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

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

Friday, the 27th Day of March, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 7.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That leave be given to lay a Paper upon the Table.

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House, and ordered to be printed :—

Financial Statement, by the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, Minister of Finance. B.–6A.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled " An Act to make Provision for various Matters arising out of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th March, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 various Matters arising out of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake.

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

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

4. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

5. *Sitting of House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House will, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of ten of the clock a.m. to-morrow.

6. *Standing Orders : Proposal to amend.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That the following Notice of Motion for amendment of the Standing Orders be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow : That the Standing Orders be amended by inserting after Standing Order 205 the following new Standing Order :—

" 205A. (1) After a Question (except a Question already barred from debate under the Standing Orders) has been proposed from the Chair either in the House or in a Committee of the whole House, a Motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, ' That the Question be now put,' and the Motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

" (2) When a Motion ' That the question be now put ' has been carried, and the Question consequent thereon has been decided, any further Motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any Question already proposed from the Chair ; and also if an amendment or amendments have been proposed to a Motion, clause, section, subsection, schedule, or other matter under consideration, when the Motion ' That the Question be now put ' is carried, such amendment or amendments, together with the Original Question, shall, subject to the provisions of Standing Order 155, be put forthwith and decided without further amendment or debate.

"(3) An affirmative vote of not less than twenty Members shall be necessary to carry any Motion under this Standing Order."

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

AYES, 49.

Ansell	Hamilton	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Williams
Dickie	Macmillan	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Young.
Endean	Makitanara	
Field	Massey	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Saturday, the 28th Day of March, 1931.

The House met this day at ten of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 10 a.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Mr. Samuel, on account of illness.

3. *Urgency accorded under Standing Order 309.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, That urgency be accorded to Notice of Motion No. 1, and to the passing of the Finance Bill.

Mr. Speaker having divided the Question into two parts;

The Question was put, That urgency be accorded to Notice of Motion No. 1, and the House divided, the names being taken down as follow :—

AYES, 44.

Ansell	Harris	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams
Field	Makitanara	Wright.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fraser	Martin	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Mason	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That urgency be accorded to Notice of Motion No. 1.

And the Question being put, That urgency be accorded to the passing of the Finance Bill, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 47.

Ansell	Harris	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams
Field	Makitanara	Wright.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fraser	Martin	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Mason	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

4. *Standing Orders : Proposal to amend.*—The Order of the Day being read ;

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, That the Standing Orders be amended by inserting after Standing Order 205 the following new Standing Order :—

"205A. (1) After a Question (except a Question already barred from debate under the Standing Orders) has been proposed from the Chair either in the House or in a Committee of the whole House, a Motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, 'That the Question be now put,' and the Motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

"(2) When a Motion 'That the Question be now put' has been carried, and the Question consequent thereon has been decided, any further Motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any Question already proposed from the Chair; and also if an amendment or amendments have been proposed to a Motion, clause, section, subsection, schedule, or other matter under consideration, when the Motion 'That the Question be now put' is carried, such amendment or amendments, together with the Original Question, shall, subject to the provisions of Standing Order 155, be put forthwith and decided without further amendment or debate.

"(3) An affirmative vote of not less than twenty Members shall be necessary to carry any Motion under this Standing Order."

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "the Standing Orders be amended by inserting after Standing Order 205," with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the House is of the opinion that the amendment of the Standing Orders at the present time is neither necessary nor desirable, but recommends to the Government that the whole question of a revision of the Standing Orders should be considered by a Committee of the House, and that such Committee should take into consideration the advisability of adopting."

A debate arose thereupon.

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, 44.

Ansell	Hall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Hawke	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Jones	Sykes
Broadfoot	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	Kyle	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Williams
Dickie	Macpherson	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Endean	Massey	*Tellers.*
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being again proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Langstone, seconded by Mr. Parry, moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by omitting the words "and whether"

in line 6, with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "but not while"; and by the omission of the words "or not" in line 7.

And the Question being put, That the words "and whether" proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until the hour of twelve of the clock midnight, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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And the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Monday having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted in lieu thereof be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "or not," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by inserting, after the word "and" in line 7, the words "unless it shall appear to the Chair that such motion is an abuse of the rules of the House or an infringement of the rights of the minority."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "made" in line 11 the words "the consent of the Chair as aforesaid not being withheld"; by inserting after the word "proposed" in line 13 the words "or given notice of"; by inserting after the word "when" in line 14 the words "subject to the consent of the Chair as aforesaid not being withheld"; and by the omission in lines 15 and 16 of the words "together with the Original Question."

And the Question being put, That the words "the consent of the Chair as aforesaid not being withheld," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 29.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Barnard	Jordan	Semple
Black	Langstone	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Carr	McCombs	Sykes
Chapman	McKeen	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Martin	Wright
Fraser	Mason	Young.
Hall	Munro	*Tellers.*
Harris	Nash, W.	Howard
Hogan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Nash, J. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Polson
Bodkin	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Williams.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Endean	Makitanara	Healy
Field	Massey	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words " or given notice of," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Harris	Munro	Sullivan.
Hogan		

NOES, 49.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Burnett	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Campbell	Lye	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Williams
Dickie	Macpherson	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Endean	Massey	
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Hall	Polson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words " subject to the consent of the Chair as aforesaid not being withheld," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 29.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Barnard	Jordan	Semple
Black	Langstone	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Carr	McCombs	Sykes
Chapman	McKeen	Wilkinson
Dickie	Martin	Wright
Fletcher	Mason	Young.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Harris	Nash, W.	Howard
Hogan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 43.

Ansell	Hawke	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Polson
Bitchener	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Campbell	Lye	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Williams.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	
Endean	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Massey	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

AYES, 45.

Ansell	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Campbell	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	McDougall	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wright
Endean	Massey	Young.
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Hall	Polson	Munns.
Hawke		

NOES, 27.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Kyle	Parry
Carr	Langstone	Semple
Chapman	McCombs	Sykes
Dickie	McKeen	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Harris	Munro	Sullivan.
Hogan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Division-list corrected.—Mr. H. E. Holland drew attention to the fact that in the division taken in the House this day on the Question "That the words 'the consent of the Chair as aforesaid not being withheld,' proposed to be inserted, be so inserted," his name did not appear on the division-list as having voted.

Mr. H. E. Holland having stated that he had voted with the Ayes, both Tellers came to the Table and corrected the division-list accordingly.

Mr. W. Nash, seconded by Mr. Chapman, moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "twenty members" in line 18, with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "forty-one members voting in the majority"; and that the following words be added to the Question: "Provided that this Standing Order shall be enforced only when the House is in Committee."

And the Question being put, That the words "twenty members" stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 50.

Ansell	Hamilton	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Jull	Sykes
Campbell	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Ward
Dickie	McDougall	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Wright
Endean	Macpherson	Young.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Harris	Munro	Sullivan.
Hogan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

And the Question being put, That the following words be added to the Question—" Provided that this Standing Order shall be enforced only when the House is in Committee "—the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Armstrong	Hogan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Black	Jordan	Parry
Carr	Langstone	Semple
Chapman	McCombs	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Martin	Howard
Harris	Mason	Sullivan.

NOES, 50.

Ansell	Hamilton	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Jull	Sykes
Campbell	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Ward
Dickie	McDougall	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Wright
Endean	Macpherson	Young.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. McKeen, seconded by Mr. Semple, moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following proviso to the Question: " Provided always that this Standing Order shall be put in force only when the Speaker or Chairman of Committees is in the Chair."

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, 22.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Barnard	Jordan	Parry
Black	Langstone	Semple
Carr	McCombs	Wright.
Chapman	McKeen	
Fraser	Martin	*Tellers.*
Harris	Mason	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 47.

Ansell	Hall	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Young.
Endean	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Massey	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Young, moved, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words: "That this Standing Order shall operate during the currency of the Twenty-third Parliament and no longer."

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

AYES, 43.

Ansell	Hall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Harris	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Hawke	Sykes
Broadfoot	Healy	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	Holland, H.	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Kyle	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Williams
Dickie	Massey	Wright.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Endean	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Campbell
Field	Nash, J. A.	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	

NOES, 6.

Black	Lysnar	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Makitanara.	McDonald
		McDougall.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, That the Standing Orders be amended by inserting after Standing Order 205 the following new Standing Order—

"205A. (1) After a Question (except a Question already barred from debate under the Standing Orders) has been proposed from the Chair either in the House or in a Committee of the whole House, a Motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, but not while any other Member is addressing the Chair, 'That the Question be now put,' and unless it shall appear to the Chair that such Motion is an abuse of the rules of the House, or an infringement of the rights of the minority, the Motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

"(2) When a Motion 'That the Question be now put' has been carried, and the Question consequent thereon has been decided, any further Motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any Question already proposed from the Chair; and also if an amendment or amendments have been proposed to a Motion, clause,

section, subsection, schedule, or other matter under consideration, when the Motion 'That the Question be now put' is carried, such amendment or amendments, together with the Original Question, shall, subject to the provisions of Standing Order 155, be put forthwith and decided without further amendment or debate.

"(3) An affirmative vote of not less than twenty Members shall be necessary to carry any Motion under this Standing Order.

"(4) This Standing Order shall operate during the currency of the Twenty-third Parliament and no longer,"

the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 48.

Ansell	Hamilton	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Burnett	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Campbell	Lye	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Williams
Dickie	Macpherson	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Endean	Massey	*Tellers.*
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Munns.
Hall		

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Semple.
Chapman	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Martin	Howard
Harris	Mason	Sullivan.
Hogan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

5. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of ten of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-one minutes after two of the clock on Tuesday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 31st Day of March, 1931.

The House met this day at ten of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 10 a.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive.

2. *Urgency accorded under Standing Order 309.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That urgency be accorded to the passing of the Finance Bill.

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

AYES, 42.

Ansell	Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Jull	Te Tomo
Campbell	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	McDonald	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Wright.
Dickie	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Massey	Healy
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.		

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

3. *Finance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Finance Bill ;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 2. Amendment proposed : In subclause (1), to insert, after the word " sums " in line 1, page 2, the words " in excess of two hundred and ten pounds." *(Mr. Parry.)*

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, 27.

Armstrong	McCombs	Rushworth
Barnard	McKeen	Savage
Black	Martin	Semple
Carr	Mason	Wilkinson
Chapman	Massey	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Hogan	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Howard
Jordan	Parry	Sullivan.
Langstone		

NOES, 42.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Williams.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Field	Makitanara	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hall		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "but not including wages of married men or single men with dependants in receipt of four pounds and eightpence per week or less." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

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, 30.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Massey	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 41.

Ansell	Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams.
Endean	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Field	Makitanara	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of two hundred pounds." *(Mr. Parry.)*

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, 30.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Massey	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 41.

Ansell	Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams.
Endean	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Field	Makitanara	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of one hundred and ninety pounds." *(Mr. W. Nash.)*

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, 30.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Massey	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 42.

Ansell	Hawke	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Ward
Endean	Macpherson	Williams.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.
Hamilton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "but not any sum less than the basic wage of four pounds and eightpence per week." *(Mr. O'Brien.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Question be now put. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 48.

Ansell	Hawke	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wright
Endean	Makitanara	Young.
Field	Massey	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.
Hamilton		

NOES, 26.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Barnard	Jordan	Parry
Black	Langstone	Rushworth
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple
Fletcher	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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, 29.

Armstrong	Jordan	Rushworth
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Sykes
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Mason	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.

NOES, 46.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams.
Endean	Macpherson	
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress in order to take Mr. Speaker's ruling as to the procedure to be adopted under Standing Order 205A. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on a decision given by the Chairman in Committee.

(Ruling of Mr. Speaker).—Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 227, p. 675), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of one hundred and eighty pounds." *(Mr. Munro.)*

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, 29.

Armstrong	Jordan	Rushworth
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Sykes
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Mason	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Lysnar	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Ward
Endean	McDougall	Williams.
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of one hundred and seventy pounds." *(Mr. Barnard.)*

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, 30.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Massey	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 45.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	McDonald	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Ward
Endean	Macmillan	Williams.
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hamilton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of one hundred and sixty pounds." *(Mr. Mason.)*

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, 30.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Massey	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 43.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Waite
Endean	McDougall	Ward.
Field	Macmillan	
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hall	Makitanara	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "sums" in line 1, page 2, the words "in excess of one hundred and fifty pounds." *(Mr. Armstrong.)*

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, 30.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Massey	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 42.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Polson
Broadfoot	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Endean	McDougall	Waite
Field	Macmillan	Ward.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hall	Makitanara	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hawke		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to delete the words "to whom this Part of this Act applies." *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 47.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Linklater	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Waite
Endean	Macmillan	Ward
Field	Macpherson	Wright
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Young.
Hall	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fraser	Martin	
Harris	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to delete all the words after the word "applies" in line 2, page 2. *(Mr. Fraser.)*

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

AYES, 45.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Ward
Endean	Macmillan	Wright
Field	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.
Hawke		

NOES, 25.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Sykes
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Mason	
Harris	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to strike out the words "person in such manner as the Minister of Finance directs," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "persons by a tribunal consisting of one representative of such persons, one representative of the Government, and a Chairman to be agreed upon by the parties concerned." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 47.

Ansell	Henare	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Linklater	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Waite
Endean	Macmillan	Ward
Field	Macpherson	Wright
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Young.
Hall	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 25.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Barnard	Jordan	Parry
Black	Langstone	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Martin	
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "reduced," the following words: "according to a graduated scale." *(Mr. Savage.)*

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, 31.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Macmillan	Sykes
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Mason	Wright
Fraser	Massey	Young.
Harris	Munro	
Hogan	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Howard
Jordan	Parry	Sullivan.

NOES, 43.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Ward.
Endean	McDougall	
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following words:—

"Provided that any such reduction of the amount of combined salary and benefits shall not exceed the reduction to which a salary of an equivalent amount without any such benefits would be subject." *(Mr. Jordan.)*

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

AYES, 29.

Armstrong	Jordan	Rushworth
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Sykes
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Mason	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Hawke	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Polson
Broadfoot	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Endean	McDougall	Waite
Field	Macmillan	Ward.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hall	Makitanara	Healy
Hamilton	Massey	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause 2, to omit paragraph (*a*). *(Mr. Black.)*

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

AYES, 48.

Ansell	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Linklater	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams
Endean	Makitanara	Wright
Field	Massey	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.
Hawke		

NOES, 27.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Kyle	Parry
Carr	Langstone	Rushworth
Chapman	McCombs	Savage
Fletcher	McKeen	Semple
Fraser	Martin	Sullivan.
Harris	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Black
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Wilkinson.
Howard		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to add the following new paragraph:—

"(*c*) Any salary, wages, or other emolument which is not subject to income-tax." *(Mr. W. Nash.)*

And the Question being put, That the new paragraph proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Hogan	Munro	Sullivan.

NOES, 50.

Ansell	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Rushworth
Bitchener	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Linklater	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Waite
Endean	Macmillan	Ward
Field	Macpherson	Williams
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Wright
Hall	Massey	Young.
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hawke	Polson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to add the following new paragraph:—

"(*c*) Any person paid under the authority of the Pensions Act, 1926, any pension paid under the authority of the War Pensions Act, 1915, and its amendments, or any payment under the authority of the Family Allowances Act, 1920." *(Mr. Jordan.)*

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

AYES, 26.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Barnard	Jordan	Parry
Black	Langstone	Rushworth
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple
Fletcher	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 49.

Ansell	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. J. A.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hawke	Polson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to add the following new paragraph:—

"(*c*) Any sum paid as a bonus, grant, or allowance in recognition of length of service to any person to whom this Part of this Act applies." *(Mr. McKeen.)*

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

AYES, 25.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Rushworth
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Mason	
Harris	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 48.

Ansell	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.
Hawke		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That clause 2 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 49.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Harris	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: To strike out paragraph (*h*). *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Question be now put. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 47.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams
Endean	Makitanara	Wright
Field	Massey	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 25.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Barnard	Jordan	Parry
Black	Langstone	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Martin	
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the paragraph proposed to be struck out stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 48.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams
Endean	Makitanara	Wright
Field	Massey	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.
Harris		

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To delete paragraph (*i*). *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

And the Question being put, That the paragraph proposed to be deleted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 49.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Harris	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fletcher	Martin	
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To delete from paragraph (*j*) the words "and all employees." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 49.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Harris	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 23.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Hogan	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To delete paragraph (*k*). *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

And the Question being put, That the paragraph proposed to be deleted stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 47.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Field	Macpherson	Wright
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Young.
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Harris	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 23.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Hogan	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

"(2) If the Minister of Finance is satisfied that the terms of any agreement or arrangement hereafter entered into between the General Manager of Railways, on behalf of the Minister of Railways, and any society or association of employees of the Second Division of the Government Railways Department would effect a reduction of expenditure in respect of the salaries or wages of those employees not less than the reduction that would be effected therein by this Act, he may, by order in writing, exclude the members of such society or association from the operation of this Act. Any such order may at any time be revoked or cancelled, and thereupon the members of the society or association shall again become subject to this Act, save that in any such case, in computing the reduction to be made at any time from the rate of remuneration of any such member, all reductions effected pursuant to the terms of any agreement or arrangement as aforesaid shall be taken into account. *(Right Honourable Mr. Coates.)*

Amendment agreed to.

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, 48.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Williams
Endean	Makitanara	Wright
Field	Massey	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.
Harris		

NOES, 23.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.
Barnard	Jordan	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Hogan	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1931.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following paragraph:—"(*c*) All those married male servants of the Crown in receipt of three hundred pounds per annum or less and whose wives are not employed for gain." *(Captain Rushworth.)*

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

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sullivan
Chapman	Mason	Wright.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Fletcher
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Rushworth.
Howard		

NOES, 43.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Young.
Field	Makitanara	
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following new paragraph:—"(*c*) Any married male worker in receipt of a salary of two hundred and sixty pounds or under and whose wife is not engaged in a profession or occupation for gain." *(Mr. Fletcher.)*

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

AYES, 26.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sullivan
Chapman	Mason	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Hogan	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Fletcher
Howard	O'Brien	Rushworth.

NOES, 36.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Williams.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Munns.
Hall		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following new paragraph :—

"(c) Persons employed as charwomen." *(Mr. Fraser.)*

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Question be now put. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 38.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Ward
Dickie	McDougall	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Wright
Field	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

AYES, 25.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Wilkinson
Chapman	Martin	Wright.
Fraser	Mason	
Hall	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 38.

Atmore, Hon. H.	de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Hamilton
Bitchener	Dickie	Hawke
Broadfoot	Donald, Hon. J. B.	Holland, H.
Clinkard	Endean	Jones
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Field	Jull
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Linklater

Lye	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Lysnar	Polson	Ward
McDonald	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Williams
McDougall	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Young.
Macmillan	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Macpherson	Taverner, Hon. W. B.	Healy
Makitanara	Te Tomo	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That clause 4 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Polson
Bitchener	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	McDonald	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Williams
Endean	Macmillan	Wright
Field	Macpherson	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hall	Massey	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hawke		

NOES, 23.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress. *(Mr. Armstrong.)*

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

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple
Chapman	Mason	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Lysnar	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Williams
Endean	McDougall	Wright
Field	Macmillan	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hall	Makitanara	Healy
Hamilton	Massey	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to delete the word "April" in line 8, and insert the word "December" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Semple.)*

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

AYES, 44.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Lysnar	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Ward
Endean	McDougall	Williams
Field	Macmillan	Wright
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	Young.
Hall	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Massey	Healy
Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert, after the word "reduced" in line 9, the following words:—

"(*a*) Where the rate of remuneration at the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, exceeded two hundred and fifty pounds per annum, the rate of reduction shall be as follows:—

"(i) Where the rate of remuneration exceeded three thousand pounds per annum, the rate of reduction shall be thirty-three and one-third per centum.

"(ii) Where the rate of remuneration exceeded one thousand nine hundred pounds but did not exceed three thousand pounds, the rate of reduction shall be twenty-five per centum.

"(iii) Where the rate of remuneration exceeded one thousand two hundred pounds but did not exceed one thousand nine hundred pounds, the rate of reduction shall be twenty per centum.

"(iv) Where the rate of remuneration exceeded nine hundred and fifty pounds but did not exceed one thousand two hundred pounds, the rate of reduction shall be seventeen and one-half per centum.

"(v) Where the rate of remuneration exceeded seven hundred pounds but did not exceed nine hundred and fifty pounds, the rate of reduction shall be fifteen per centum.

"(vi) Where the rate of remuneration exceeded four hundred pounds but did not exceed seven hundred pounds, the rate of reduction shall be twelve and one-half per centum.

"(vii) Where the rate of remuneration exceeded two hundred and fifty pounds but did not exceed four hundred pounds, the rate of reduction shall be ten per centum." *(Mr. W. Nash.)*

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, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Black	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 41.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Ward
Field	McDougall	Williams
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	Wright
Hall	Makitanara	Young.
Hamilton	Massey	*Tellers.*
Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hawke	Polson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (1), line 9, to delete the words " ten per centum of the rates," and insert the following words in lieu thereof : " seven and one-half per centum of the rates where the salary is two hundred and seventy pounds and over, ten per centum of the rates where the salary is three hundred and ninety pounds and over, and fifteen per centum of the rates where the salary is eight hundred and twenty-four pounds and over." *(Mr. Hogan.)*

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

AYES, 42.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Field	Macpherson	Wright
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Young.
Hall	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hawke	Polson	Munns.
Holland, H.		

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	Rushworth
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Sullivan.
Fraser	Mason	
Harris	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Hogan
Howard	Parry	Wilkinson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (1), to add the following proviso : " That the ten-per-centum reduction shall not apply so as to reduce the total salary or wages below one hundred and fifty pounds per annum." *(Mr. Howard.)*

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

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Wright
Fraser	Martin	Young.
Harris	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

NOES, 35.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Jull	Polson
Bodkin	Kyle	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Clinkard	Linklater	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Te Tomo.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Field	Macmillan	Ward.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hall	Makitanara	Healy
Hamilton	Massey	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided that in the case of married men or others with dependants the ten-per-centum cut shall not apply so as to reduce the total salary or wages paid to below two hundred and fifty pounds per annum." *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

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

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Kyle	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Wright
Fraser	Martin	Young.
Harris	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 33.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Ward.
Endean	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Massey	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hall		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided that in the case of married men or others with dependants the ten-per-centum cut shall not apply so as to reduce the total salary or wages paid below four pounds per week." *(Mr. Fraser,* for *Mr. O'Brien.)*

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

AYES, 26.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Kyle	Parry
Black	Langstone	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Wright
Fraser	Martin	Young.
Harris	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 39.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	McDougall	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Ward
Endean	Macpherson	Williams.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Hamilton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following proviso :—

"Provided that such amount shall be modified in the following way in respect of persons with incomes not exceeding three hundred pounds: a person with one child, seven and one-half per centum of the said rates of pay; a person with two children, five per centum of the said rates of pay; a person with three children, two and one-half per centum of the said rates of pay; a person with more than three children, no deduction whatsoever." *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 26.

Armstrong	Jordan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Kyle	O'Brien
Black	Langstone	Parry
Carr	McCombs	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple
Dickie	Martin	Young.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Harris	Massey	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Sullivan.

NOES, 36.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Ward
Endean	Macmillan	Williams.
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Polson	Munns.
Hamilton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided that half of such reduction shall be deferred until such time as the 'all groups' cost-of-living figure is ten per centum below the figure for the 'all groups' cost of living for the first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one." *(Mr. Martin.)*

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

AYES, 25.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Wright
Chapman	Martin	Young.
Fraser	Mason	
Harris	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 38.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	McDonald	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Ward
Endean	Macmillan	Williams.
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided the ten-per-centum reduction shall not apply so as to reduce the total salary or wages paid below two hundred and ten pounds per annum." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

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

AYES, 25.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Wright
Chapman	Martin	Young.
Fraser	Mason	
Harris	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 37.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Polson
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	McDonald	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDougall	Williams.
Endean	Macmillan	
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to add the following words: "but in no case shall such overtime rates be less than the overtime rates of payment paid under any award of the Arbitration Court or any industrial agreement for similar work." *(Rev. Mr. Carr.)*

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

AYES, 18.

Armstrong	McCombs	Parry
Barnard	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Langstone		

NOES, 42.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Field	Macpherson	Wright
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Young.
Hall	Massey	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Harris	Polson	Munns.
Hawke		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To delete subclause (3). *(Mr. Jordan.)*

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

AYES, 40.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Jones	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Jull	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Ward
Dickie	McDougall	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wright
Endean	Makitanara	Young.
Field	Massey	
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hall	Polson	Healy
Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Langstone	O'Brien
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Mason	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That clause 6 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 40.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Kyle	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Polson	Healy
Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: To strike out subclause (1). *(Mr. McKeen.)*

And the Question being put, That subclause (1) stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 37.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Jones	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Bodkin	Jull	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Kyle	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Ward
Dickie	McDougall	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Massey	
Hall	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy
Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Chairman left the Chair at seven of the clock a.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at nine of the clock a.m.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to omit the words " section nine of the Appropriation Act, 1916, or any enactment extending or modifying the provisions of that section, or." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

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

AYES, 32.

Ansell	Hall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Hawke	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Campbell	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	McDougall	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Massey	Wright.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 18.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple.
Carr	Macmillan	*Tellers.*
Chapman	Munro	Howard
Fraser	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That clause 7 as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 36.

Ansell	Hall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Hawke	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	McDonald	Te Tomo
Campbell	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	Macmillan	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Massey	Wright.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Field	Polson	Munns.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.		

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Barnard	Jordan	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple.
Carr	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Chapman	Munro	Howard
Fraser	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8, 9, and 10 read and agreed to.

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed : In subclause (1), line 50, to delete the words " lawfully altered ", and insert in lieu thereof the following words : " thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and no longer." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 41.

Ansell	Clinkard	Field
Atmore, Hon. H.	Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.
Bitchener	Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Hall
Broadfoot	de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Hamilton
Burnett	Dickie	Hawke
Campbell	Donald, Hon. J. B.	Jull

Lye	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
McDonald	Polson	Waite
McDougall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Ward
Macmillan	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Wright
Macpherson	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Makitanara	Sykes	*Tellers.*
Massey	Taverner, Hon. W. B.	Healy
Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Te Tomo	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That clause 11 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Sykes
Burnett	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Campbell	McDonald	Te Tomo
Clinkard	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macpherson	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Wright
Dickie	Massey	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Munns.
Hall		

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 12 read: Consideration postponed.

Clause 13 read. And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 43.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jones	Sykes
Burnett	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Campbell	Linklater	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Wright
Dickie	Macpherson	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	
Field	Massey	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hall	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Motion agreed to.

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

And the Committee having continued to sit until thirteen minutes after eleven of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Bodkin reported progress, and moved for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the sitting be suspended until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. this day in order that Mr. Speaker may present the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.

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

5. *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 has 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 has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech which I delivered on the occasion of the opening of the Fourth Session of the Twenty-third Parliament of New Zealand. I thank you for this Address, and for the assurance that your most careful consideration will be given to the various matters to which my Speech referred.

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

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendment in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Adjustment of Public Expenditure, and to empower the Court of Arbitration on Account of Economic and Financial Conditions affecting Trade and Industry in New Zealand to amend Awards, Industrial Agreements, and Apprenticeship Orders in relation to Rates of Wages," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Clause 12, subclause (1): To insert in line 15, after the words "adjustment of anomalies" the words "or for the relief of cases of hardship".

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 make Provision for the Adjustment of Public Expenditure and to Empower the Court of Arbitration on Account of Economic and Financial Conditions affecting Trade and Industry in New Zealand to amend Awards, Industrial Agreements, and Apprenticeship Orders in relation to Rates of Wages.

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. *Finance Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 15 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, 47.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Rushworth
Bitchener	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wright
Endean	Makitanara	Young.
Field	Massey	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hall	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 23.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Wilkinson.
Chapman	Mason	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided that no reduction shall be made in the salary or wages of workers with four pounds per week or less." *(Mr. Armstrong.)*

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

AYES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Harris	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wright
Endean	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Field	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hall	Polson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided further that the Court shall not reduce the remuneration of any such workers to a lower wage than will in the opinion of the Court enable such worker to maintain a fair standard of living." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Question be now put. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	McDonald	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Ward
Dickie	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Nash, J. A.	Young.
Endean	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Field	Polson	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.
Hall		

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

AYES, 23.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Wright.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 40.

Ansell	Hall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Dickie	Makitanara	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	
Endean	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That clause 16 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 42.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	McDonald	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Ward
Dickie	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Nash, J. A.	Young.
Endean	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Field	Polson	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.
Hall		

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18 read and agreed to.

Clause 19 read. And the Question being put, That clause 19 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 40.

Ansell	Hall	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	McDonald	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Ward
Dickie	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Nash, J. A.	
Endean	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Field	Polson	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendment proposed : In subclause (1), line 40, to delete the word "April," and insert the word "December" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Jordan.)*

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

AYES, 41.

Ansell	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Lye	Sykes
Campbell	McDonald	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Waite
Dickie	Massey	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright
Endean	Nash, J. A.	Young.
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Healy
Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (1), line 41, to delete the word "December," and insert the word "August" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Jordan.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

And the Question being put, That clause 20 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 43.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	McDonald	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Ward
Dickie	Massey	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Endean	Nash, J. A.	
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	Healy
Hall	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Postponed clause 12 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to insert in line 15, after the words "adjustment of anomalies," the words "or for the relief of cases of hardship." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

And the Question being proposed, That the Report be agreed to;

Mr. H. E. Holland, moved, seconded by Mr. Howard, and the Question was proposed, 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 Bill be recommitted."

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

THURSDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 1931.

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, 40.

Ansell	Hall	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bitchener	Jones	Sykes
Bodkin	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Te Tomo
Campbell	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	McDougall	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Wright
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Massey	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	
Endean	Polson	*Tellers.*
Field	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Report was accordingly read and agreed to.

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, 39.

Ansell	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Bitchener	Kyle	Sykes
Bodkin	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Broadfoot	McDonald	Te Tomo
Clinkard	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Massey	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Field	Polson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy
Hall	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.
Harris		

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Black	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Adjustment of Public Expenditure, and to empower the Court of Arbitration on Account of Economic and Financial Conditions affecting Trade and Industry in New Zealand to amend Awards, Industrial Agreements, and Apprenticeship Orders in relation to Rates of Wages."

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

8. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 8th day of April.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-nine minutes after two of the clock on Thursday morning, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 8th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill;

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

Mr. Barnard, moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, and the Question was proposed, 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: "it be a recommendation to the Government to take into immediate consideration—(1) The urgent necessity for obtaining and publishing an estimate of the total loss sustained in the earthquake area; (2) the taking authority this session to borrow a sum of £4,000,000 for the purpose of completing the rehabilitation of the earthquake area; (3) the question of reopening negotiations with the Council of Fire Underwriters' Association with a view to obtaining the co-operation of the fire-insurance companies in the work of ascertaining losses and making financial assistance available, and thereby facilitating the help which is so urgently required; (4) the immediate completion by the Public Works Department of the work of demolishing ruins and removing debris in Napier, the cost of such work to be a charge upon the moneys to be provided under Part II of the Bill; (5) acceptance of the general rule that homes and household goods which have been destroyed or damaged shall be restored by way of free grant to the full extent of the loss sustained; (6) the question of assisting local authorities in the earthquake area by way of grant as well as by loans; and (7) the question of making recommendations to the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board and the Napier Harbour Board, and/or directing or controlling the activities of either body, with a view to securing the fullest possible co-ordination in the task of restoring the earthquake area, and Napier and Hastings in particular."

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 9th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Black, on account of illness.

3. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill be now read a second time (*Right Honourable Mr. Forbes*); and the amendment proposed thereto, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "it be a recommendation to the Government to take into immediate consideration—(1) The urgent necessity for obtaining and publishing an estimate of the total loss sustained in the earthquake area; (2) the taking authority this session to borrow a sum of £4,000,000 for the purpose of completing the rehabilitation

of the earthquake area; (3) the question of reopening negotiations with the Council of Fire Underwriters' Association with a view to obtaining the co-operation of the fire-insurance companies in the work of ascertaining losses and making financial assistance available, and thereby facilitating the help which is so urgently required; (4) the immediate completion by the Public Works Department of the work of demolishing ruins and removing debris in Napier, the cost of such work to be a charge upon the moneys to be provided under Part II of the Bill; (5) acceptance of the general rule that homes and household goods which have been destroyed or damaged shall be restored by way of free grant to the full extent of the loss sustained; (6) the question of assisting local authorities in the earthquake area by way of grant as well as by loans; and (7) the question of making recommendations to the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board and the Napier Harbour Board, and/or directing or controlling the activities of either body, with a view to securing the fullest possible co-ordination in the task of restoring the earthquake area, and Napier and Hastings in particular" (*Mr. Barnard*).

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

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

And the 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.

4. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to which shall be referred for consideration and report the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill; the Committee to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Ansell, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Endean, Mr. Jull, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Polson, the Honourable Mr. Ransom, and the Mover.

5. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill be referred to the Committee appointed to consider the Bill.

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

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 10th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

3. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That leave be given the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That two days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Young, on account of illness in his family.

5. *Mortgagors Relief Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Mortgagors Relief Bill be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

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.

6. *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 Finance Act, 1931, without amendment.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to prohibit the Issue of Trading-coupons," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd March, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 prohibit the Issue of Trading-coupons.

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

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

8. *Trading-coupons Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle, according to Order, presented the Trading-coupons Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *Mortgagors Relief Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mortgagors Relief Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read. Motion made and Question proposed, To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Mortgagors Relief 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.

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to confer Jurisdiction to grant Relief to Mortgagors in certain Cases," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 1, subclause (2): To omit the words "come into force on a date to be appointed for the commencement thereof by Proclamation," in lines 12 and 13, and to substitute the words "be deemed to have come into force on the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one,"; and to omit the words "the same or any subsequent" in line 15.

Clause 3, paragraph (*b*): To omit the word "passing" in line 27, and to substitute the word "commencement".

Clause 4, paragraph (*a*): To insert after the word "exercise" in line 33, the following words: "(except in respect of property which the mortgagor has abandoned)".

Clause 4, paragraph (*b*): To omit the words "against any property or any interest therein over which security is granted by any such mortgage", in lines 36 and 37; and to omit the word "passing" in line 42, and to substitute the word "commencement".

Clause 4: To insert, after paragraph (*b*), the following: "or

"(*c*) To file a bankruptcy petition against the mortgagor in respect of any debt arising out of any covenant, condition, or agreement expressed or implied in the mortgage,"

Clause 4: To add the following new subclause:—

"(2) For the purposes of this Act, the exercise of a power of sale shall be deemed to be completed when the vendor becomes bound by an agreement or contract of sale, and the onus of proving that any property has been abandoned by a mortgagor shall rest upon the mortgagee."

Clause 5, subclause (1): To add to this subclause the following words: "after the expiration of one calendar month or such shorter period (to be specified in the notice) as may be fixed under subsection two A hereof."

Clause 5: To insert after subclause two the following new subclause:—

"(2A) A mortgagee who desires to give notice under this section for a shorter period than one calendar month may, before giving such notice, apply to the Registrar of the Supreme Court nearest to the place where the land or other property to which the application relates is situated to fix a shorter period for such notice, and thereupon the Registrar may, if he considers the circumstances render it necessary, fix for such notice such period shorter than one month as he thinks fit. Nothing in section thirteen of this Act shall apply with respect to any application under this subsection."

Clause 5, subclause (3): To insert, after the word "month" in line 1, the following words: "or such shorter period as may be fixed under the last preceding subsection,"; and to insert, after the word "month" in line 5, the words "or shorter period, as the case may be,".

Clause 10, subclause (1): To omit the word "passing" in line 17, and to substitute the word "commencement".

Clause 13, subclause (1): To omit the words "five hundred" in line 37, and to substitute the words "one thousand".

Government House,
Wellington, 10th April, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 amendments in the Bill to confer Jurisdiction to grant Relief to Mortgagors in certain Cases.

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. *Mortgagors Relief Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mortgagors Relief Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Amendments proposed: In subclause (2), to omit the words "come into force on a date to be appointed for the commencement thereof by Proclamation" in lines 12 and 13, and substitute the words "be deemed to have come into force on the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one," in lieu thereof; and to omit the words "the same or any subsequent" in line 15. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause (2) as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In paragraph (*b*), to omit the word "passing" in line 27, and substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In paragraph (*a*), to insert, after the word "exercise" in line 33, the following words: "(except in respect of property which the mortgagor has abandoned)". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In paragraph (*b*), to omit the words "against any property or any interest therein over which security is granted by any such mortgage" in lines 36 and 37, and to omit the word "passing" in line 42, and substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To insert, after paragraph (*b*), the following words: "or (*c*) To file a bankruptcy petition against the mortgagor in respect of any debt arising out of any covenant, condition, or agreement expressed or implied in the mortgage." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following new subclause:—"(2) For the purpose of this Act the exercise of a power of sale shall be deemed to be completed when the vendor becomes bound by any agreement or contract of sale, and the onus of proving that any property has been abandoned by a mortgagor shall rest upon the mortgagee." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Consideration postponed.

Motion made and Question proposed, To report progress and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Mortgagors Relief 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.

12. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

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. Forbes, adjourned.

Monday, the 13th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That leave be given the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee to sit during the present sitting of the House.

3. *Mortgagors Relief Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Mortgagors Relief Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 6, 7, 8, and 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause 1, to omit the word "passing" in line 17, and to substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 read and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, To report progress and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Mortgagors Relief Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, 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 Immigration Restriction Act, 1908," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd March, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 Immigration Restriction Act, 1908.

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

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

5. *Immigration Restriction Amendment Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Immigration Restriction Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency).—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded under Standing Order 309 to the passing of the Immigration Restriction Amendment 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. Bodkin 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 Immigration Restriction Act, 1908."

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

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 8.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to confer Juris-

diction to grant Relief to Mortgagors in certain Cases," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly :—

Clause 5: To omit this clause, and to substitute the following new clause :—

"5. (1) A mortgagee before proceeding to do any such act or exercise any such power as is defined in the last preceding section shall give to the mortgagor notice in writing of his intention to do such act or exercise such power.

"(2) Such notice shall contain an address for service, and shall be signed by the mortgagee or by some duly authorized attorney or agent of the mortgagee, and shall be deemed to be duly given if delivered to the mortgagor personally, or if posted by registered letter addressed to the mortgagor at his last known place of abode in New Zealand. A notice so posted shall be deemed to have been given at the time when the registered letter would in the ordinary course be delivered.

"(3) If the mortgagor does not within one calendar month after the giving of any such notice of intention to exercise any power or issue any process of execution in respect of land, or to file a bankruptcy petition, or within seven days after the giving of any such notice of intention to exercise any power or issue any process of execution in respect of chattels, make an application to the Supreme Court for relief as hereinafter provided, and serve a copy of such application on the mortgagee, the mortgagee may on the expiration of the said calendar month or seven days, as the case may be, proceed to do such act or exercise such power as aforesaid.

"(4) If the mortgagor makes such application and serves a copy thereof in accordance with the last preceding subsection, the mortgagee shall not do such act or exercise such power until such application has been disposed of by the Supreme Court, or otherwise than subject to and in accordance with any order made by the Supreme Court as hereinafter provided."

Clause 13: To omit this clause, and to substitute the following new clause :—

"13. (1) Where the principal moneys remaining due and unpaid under the provisions of any mortgage do not exceed two thousand pounds, a Magistrate shall have in respect of such mortgage, and the doing of any act or the exercise of any power by the mortgagee, the same jurisdiction, powers, and discretions as are by this Act conferred upon the Supreme Court.

"(2) In the case of any such mortgage, unless inconsistent with the context, all the provisions of this Act shall apply and be read and interpreted as if the words 'a Magistrate' were substituted for the words 'the Supreme Court', and the words 'the Magistrate' for the words 'the Court'.

"(3) No appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court from an order of a Magistrate under this Act."

Government House,
Wellington, 13th April, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 Jurisdiction to grant Relief to Mortgagors in certain Cases.

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. *Mortgagors Relief Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mortgagors Relief Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 13 read. And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 14 read and agreed to.

Postponed clause 5 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:—

"5. (1) A mortgagee before proceeding to do any such act or exercise any such power as is defined in the last preceding section shall give to the mortgagor notice in writing of his intention to do such act or exercise such power.

"(2) Such notice shall contain an address for service, and shall be signed by the mortgagee or by some duly authorized attorney or agent of the mortgagee, and shall be deemed to be duly given if delivered to the mortgagor personally, or if posted by registered letter addressed to the mortgagor at his last known place of abode in New Zealand. A notice so posted shall be deemed to have been given at the time when the registered letter would in the ordinary course be delivered.

"(3) If the mortgagor does not within one calendar month after the giving of any such notice of intention to exercise any power or issue any process of execution in respect of land, or to file a bankruptcy petition, or within seven days after the giving of any such notice of intention to exercise any power or issue any process of execution in respect of chattels, make an application to the Supreme Court for relief as hereinafter provided, and serve a copy of such application on the mortgagee, the mortgagee may on the expiration of the said calendar month or seven days, as the case may be, proceed to do such act or exercise such power as aforesaid.

"(4) If the mortgagor makes such application and serves a copy thereof in accordance with the last preceding subsection, the mortgagee shall not do such act or exercise such power until such application has been disposed of by the Supreme Court, or otherwise than subject to and in accordance with any order made by the Supreme Court as hereinafter provided.

"13. (1) Where the principal moneys remaining due and unpaid under the provisions of any mortgage do not exceed two thousand pounds, a Magistrate shall have in respect of such mortgage, and the doing of any act or the exercise of any power by the mortgagee, the same jurisdiction, powers, and discretions as are by this Act conferred upon the Supreme Court.

"(2) In the case of any such mortgage, unless inconsistent with the context, all the provisions of this Act shall apply and be read and interpreted as if the words 'a Magistrate' were substituted for the words 'the Supreme Court', and the words 'the Magistrate' for the words 'the Court'.

"(3) No appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court from an order of a Magistrate under this Act." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to confer Jurisdiction to grant Relief to Mortgagors in certain Cases."

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

8. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, 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 Government Railways Act, 1926, to make Better Provision for the Control and Management of the Government Railways, and for the Carrying-on of the Business thereof," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 13th April, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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, to make Better Provision for the Control and Management of the Government Railways, and for the Carrying-on of the Business thereof.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, the 14th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

3. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That leave be given the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee to sit during the present sitting of the House.

4. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Government Railways Amendment Bill;

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

Mr. Wilkinson, moved, seconded by Mr. Black, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now", with a view to adding at the end of the Question the words "this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 15th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That leave be given the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee to sit during the present sitting of the House.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That six days' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Hall, on account of illness.

4. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be now read a second time, and the amendment proposed thereto, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end of the Question the words "this day six months."

And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

Debate interrupted by the reading of a Message from the Legislative Council.

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 Immigration Restriction Amendment Act, 1931, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

6. *Immigration Restriction Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Immigration Restriction Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the amendment 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 amendment in the said Bill.

7. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—Debate resumed.

And then the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 16th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Adjournment moved under Standing Order 129.*—Mr. H. E. Holland moved the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 129 for the purpose of discussing the question of unemployment.

And the Question being 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 hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

3. *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 Mortgagors Relief Act, 1931, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Mortgagors Relief Bill be considered presently.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 10.*

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, 16th April, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters.

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

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

5. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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.

6. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be now read a second time, and the amendment proposed thereto, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end of the question the words "this day six months";

And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted, with the leave of the House, in order to consider the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Mortgagors Relief Bill.

7. *Mortgagors Relief Bill (Privilege).—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Mortgagors Relief Bill be considered forthwith.

Mr. Speaker, having drawn the attention of the House to the fact that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill are a breach of the privileges of this House in so far as they may affect moneys and property belonging to the Crown;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Mortgagors Relief Bill are a breach of the privileges of this House in so far as they may affect moneys and property belonging to the Crown; but that such privileges be waived, and that the House agree to the said amendments in this instance, provided that such waiver shall not be drawn into a precedent.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them of this Resolution.

8. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be now read a second time, and the amendment proposed thereto, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end of the Question the words "this day six months."

And the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 17th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Suspension of Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—The Honourable Mr. Stallworthy moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Standing Orders on Private Bills be so far suspended as to allow the Private Bill intituled "The Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Act, 1931," to be introduced on motion forthwith and to be proceeded with and passed through all its stages in accordance with the procedure prescribed for Public Bills instead of that prescribed for Private Bills, provided that such suspension shall not excuse the payment of the fees prescribed by Standing Order on Private Bills 5 or any of the expenses of printing ordinarily payable by the promoters of a Private Bill.

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

AYES, 62.

Ansell	Henare	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Parry
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Polson
Bodkin	Holland, H. E.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Savage
Burnett	Jordan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Carr	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Chapman	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Langstone	Sullivan
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Te Tomo
Dickie	McKeen	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Waite
Endean	Macpherson	Ward
Fletcher	Makitanara	Williams
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Mason	Wright
Fraser	Munro	Young.
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Nash, J. A.	Harris
Healy	Nash, W.	Munns.

NOES, 9.

Armstrong	Martin	*Tellers.*
Howard	O'Brien	Black
Lysnar	Rushworth	Wilkinson.
McDougall		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

3. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill, and that the Honourable Mr. Stallworthy do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Government Railways Amendment Bill.

5. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Government Railways Amendment Bill be now read a second time, and the amendment proposed thereto, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end of the Question the words "this day six months";

And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

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, 49.

Ansell	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Burnett	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Dickie	Macpherson	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wright
Endean	Massey	Young.
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.
Harris	Polson	

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Carr	Langstone	Rushworth
Chapman	Lysnar	Savage
Fletcher	McKeen	Sullivan.
Fraser	Martin	
Hogan	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Black
Howard	O'Brien	Wilkinson.

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, 49.

Ansell	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Burnett	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Dickie	Macpherson	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wright
Endean	Massey	Young.
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Harris	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Black	Langstone	Rushworth
Carr	Lysnar	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Martin	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 11.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1926, to make Better Provision for the Control and Management of the Government Railways, and for the Carrying-on of the Business thereof," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 1: To add the following as subclause (2):—

"(2) Except as provided in section twenty-three hereof this Act shall come into force on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-one."

Clause 2, subclause (2): To omit from line 1 on page 2 the words "three persons", and substitute the words "five persons".

Clause 2, subclause (4): To omit this subclause, and substitute the following:—

"(4) Of the first members of the Board other than the Chairman, two shall be appointed for a period of two years and two shall be appointed for a period of three years from the date of their respective appointments, and thereafter every such member of the Board shall be appointed for a period of two years from the date of his appointment."

Clause 4: To omit paragraph (*b*).

Clause 10, subclause (1): To omit this subclause, and substitute the following:—

"(1) Payments at the rate of one thousand pounds per annum in the case of the Chairman and at the rate of five hundred pounds per annum in the case of each other member shall be made in each year to members of the Board as remuneration for their services."

Clause 11, subclause (1): To omit from lines 51 and 52 the words "and concurred in by at least two members", and substitute the words "by a majority of the votes recorded in respect of such resolution".

Clause 11, subclause (2): To omit from line 1 on page 4 the words "two members", and substitute the words "three members".

Clause 11: To insert after subclause (2) the following new subclause:—

"(2A) At any meeting of the Board the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote, and in the case of an equality of votes shall also have a casting vote."

Clause 12, subclause (1): To omit from line 18 the words "all three", and substitute the words "not fewer than four".

Clause 15, subclause (2): To omit this subclause, and substitute the following:—

"(2) Nothing in the last preceding subsection shall—

"(*a*) Be deemed to transfer to the Board the powers conferred on the Minister by, or be deemed to require to be read as a reference to the Board any reference to the Minister in, subsection two of section forty, section

sixty-six, section sixty-seven, or section one hundred and twenty-four of the principal Act, or section fifteen of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1927 (as amended by section eight of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1928); or

"(*b*) Be deemed to require to be read as a reference to the Board the reference to the General Manager in subsection one of section ninety-nine of the principal Act; or

"(*c*) In any way affect the operation of any provision of this Act conferring or imposing any power, duty, or function on the Minister, or transferring any power, duty, or function of the Minister to the Minister of Finance, or making provision with respect to the General Manager."

Clause 18, subclause (1): To omit from line 17 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement".

Clause 18, subslause (2): To omit from lines 25 and 27 the word "passing", and in each case substitute the word "commencement".

Clause 19: To omit from line 38 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement".

Clause 23, subclause (1): To omit from paragraph (*a*) the words "eight million one hundred thousand pounds", and substitute the words "reduced by the sum of eight million one hundred thousand pounds".

Clause 24, subclause (1): To omit from line 41 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement"; to omit from line 44 the words "and the General Manager", and substitute the words "the General Manager and the Permanent Head"; to insert in line 45, after the words "the principal Act", the words "or any other Act"; to insert in line 48, after the words "and increments", the words "and the grading and regrading of positions and offices"; and to omit from the first proviso (line 3, page 8) the words "and until".

Clause 25, subclause (2): To omit from line 35 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement".

Clause 29: To omit from lines 17 and 20 the word "passing", and in each case substitute the word "commencement".

Government House,
Wellington, 16th April, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to amend the Government Railways Act, 1926, to make Better Provision for the Control and Management of the Government Railways and for the Carrying-on of the Business thereof.

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. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Government Railways Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) Except as provided in section twenty-three thereof, this Act shall come into force on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-one." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

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, 33.

Ansell	Linklater	Sykes
Broadfoot	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Waite
Dickie	Nash, J. A.	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Williams
Endean	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Wright.
Field	Smith, Hon. S. G.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Holland, H.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Munns.
Jones		

NOES, 14.

Black	Lysnar	Savage
Fletcher	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	O'Brien	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Langstone.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit, in line 1 on page 2, the words "three persons", and to insert in lieu thereof the words "five persons". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit subclause (4), and to insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"(4) Of the first members of the Board other than the Chairman two shall be appointed for a period of two years and two shall be appointed for a period of three years from the date of their respective appointments, and thereafter every such member of the Board shall be appointed for a period of two years from the date of his appointment." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: To omit paragraph (*b*). *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 9 read and agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (1), and substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

"(1) Payments at the rate of one thousand pounds per annum in the case of the Chairman and at the rate of five hundred pounds per annum in the case of each other member shall be made in each year to members of the Board as remuneration for their services." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to

Clause 11 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to omit from lines 51 and 52 the words "and concurred in by at least two members", and substitute the words "by a majority of the votes recorded in respect of such resolution" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to omit from line 1 on page 4 the words "two members", and substitute the words "three members" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To insert after subclause (2) the following new subclause:—

"(2A) At any meeting of the Board the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote and in the case of an equality of votes shall also have a casting vote". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 12 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to omit from line 18 the words "all three", and substitute the words "not fewer than four" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 read and agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (2), and substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

"(2) Nothing in the last preceding subsection shall—

"(*a*) Be deemed to transfer to the Board the powers conferred on the Minister by, or be deemed to require to be read as a reference to the Board any reference to the Minister in, subsection two of section forty, section sixty-six, section sixty-seven, or section one hundred and twenty-four of the principal Act, or section fifteen of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1927 (as amended by section eight of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1928); or

"(*b*) Be deemed to require to be read as a reference to the Board the reference to the General Manager in subsection one of section ninety-nine of the principal Act; or

"(*c*) In any way affect the operation of any provision of this Act conferring or imposing any power, duty, or function on the Minister, or transferring any power, duty, or function of the Minister to the Minister of Finance, or making provision with respect to the General Manager". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 16 and 17 read and agreed to.

Clause 18 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to omit from line 17 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1), to omit the words "both Houses of Parliament" in line 23 and the words "both such Houses" in line 24, and insert the words "the House of Representatives" in line 23 and the words "such House" in line 24 in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Black.)*

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

SATURDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 1931.

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

AYES, 32.

Broadfoot	Linklater	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Nash, J. A.	Ward
Endean	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Williams
Field	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Wright.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Smith, Hon. S. G.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.	Munns.

NOES, 13.

Fletcher	Langstone	Savage.
Fraser	Lysnar	
Hogan	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Black
Howard	O'Brien	Wilkinson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), to omit from lines 25 and 27 the word "passing", and in each case substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Government Railways Amendment Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

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

8. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

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

Monday, the 20th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 and 7.

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

2. Bread: Cost of Production and Distribution in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. H.–44A.

3. Flour-milling Industry in New Zealand, Report on. H.–44B.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 2 and 3 be printed.

3. *Death of Mr. Arthur William Hall, M.P.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Mr. Arthur William Hall, a Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

4. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do now adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this evening as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur William Hall, M.P.

The House adjourned accordingly.

And the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

5. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Government Railways Amendment Bill.

6. *Government Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Amendment Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 18. Another amendment proposed: To omit subclause (2). *(Mr. Black.)*

And the Question being put, That subclause (2), proposed to be omitted, stand part of the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 35.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Linklater	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Williams
Dickie	Nash, J. A.	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Young.
Field	Polson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	McDonald
Harris	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.

NOES, 17.

Barnard	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Munro	Sullivan
Fletcher	Nash, W.	Wilkinson.
Fraser	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Black
Langstone	Savage	Lysnar.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To insert after subclause (2) the following new subclause:—

"(2A) At any time within one year after the commencement of this Act the Board may submit to the Minister a report on any railway or part of a railway then under construction (being a railway or part of a railway the construction of which was begun before the commencement of this Act) recommending that the work of construction be not further proceeded with or that it be carried out to such extent only as is recommended by the Board. The Minister shall as soon as practicable after receiving such report cause the same to be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and if both such Houses pass a resolution approving the recommendation of the Board no further work in connection with the construction of such railway or part of a railway shall thereafter be carried out save in accordance with the recommendation of the Board." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

And the Question being put, That the new subclause proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 35.

Ansell	Henare	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Barnard	Jones	Sykes
Broadfoot	Linklater	Te Tomo
Campbell	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Nash, J. A.	Wright
Dickie	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Polson	*Tellers.*
Field	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	McDonald
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.

NOES, 16.

Black	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Makitanara	Semple.
Healy	Munro	
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Langstone	O'Brien	Fraser
Lysnar	Parry	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That clause 18 as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 34.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Sykes
Broadfoot	Linklater	Te Tomo
Campbell	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Nash, J. A.	Wright
Dickie	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Polson	
Field	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Smith, Hon. S. G.	McDonald
Henare	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

NOES, 17.

Barnard	Lysnar	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Makitanara	Semple.
Healy	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Fraser
Langstone	O'Brien	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 19 read. Amendment proposed: To omit in line 38 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 20 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, 36.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Linklater	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Williams
Dickie	Nash, J. A.	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Young.
Field	Polson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	McDonald
Healy	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.
Henare		

NOES, 16.

Barnard	McKeen	Semple
Black	Munro	Wilkinson.
Chapman	Nash, W.	
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Langstone	Parry	Fraser
Lysnar	Savage	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 1931.

Clauses 21 and 22 read and agreed to.

Clause 23 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause 1, to omit from paragraph (*a*) the words "eight million one hundred thousand pounds", and substitute the words "reduce by the sum of eight million one hundred thousand pounds" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 24 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1), to omit from line 21 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement"; to omit from line 44 the words "and the General Manager", and substitute the words "the General Manager and the Permanent Head"; to insert in line 45, after the words "the principal Act", the words "or any other Act"; to insert in line 48, after the words "and increments", the words "and the grading and regrading of positions and officers"; and to omit from the first proviso in line 3, page 8, the words "and until". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (4), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided that such rates of remuneration and conditions of employment shall be at least equal to those provided for in the Classification List." *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 16.

Barnard	Munro	Wilkinson
Black	Nash, W.	Young.
Chapman	O'Brien	
Holland, H. E.	Parry	*Tellers.*
Langstone	Savage	Fraser
McKeen	Semple	Sullivan.

NOES, 35.

Ansell	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Lye	Sykes
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitarana	Ward
Dickie	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Nash, J. A.	Wright.
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Polson	McDonald
Healy	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 25 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit from line 35 the word "passing", and substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 26, 27, and 28 read and agreed to.

Clause 29 read. Amendment proposed: To omit from lines 17 and 20 the word "passing", and in each case substitute the word "commencement" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.
Clause as amended agreed to.
Clause 30 read and agreed to.
Schedule read and agreed to.
To report the Bill with amendments.

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

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

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

AYES, 33.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Linklater	Te Tomo
Campbell	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright
Dickie	Nash, J. A.	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Field	Polson	McDonald
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.
Harris		

NOES, 15.

Black	Munro	Semple
Chapman	Nash, W.	Wilkinson.
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Langstone	Parry	Fraser
Lysnar	Savage	Sullivan.
McKeen		

And 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 Government Railways Act, 1926, to make Better Provision for the Control and Management of the Government Railways, and for the Carrying-on of the Business thereof."

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-three minutes after one of the clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. this day.

Tuesday, the 21st Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That leave be given the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee to sit during the present sitting of the House.

3. *Adjournment moved under Standing Order 129.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 129 for the purpose of discussing the question of supply of fertilizers to farmers.

And the Question being 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 hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

4. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Finance Bill (No. 2);

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 22nd Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 and 8 and limiting Order of Business No. 8 to consideration of Papers Nos. 2 and 3.

2. *Portrait of the late Honourable Sir James Carroll.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter he had received from Messrs. Sandeman and Chamberlain, Barristers and Solicitors, of Wairoa:—

DEAR SIR,— Wairoa, Hawke' Bay, 16th April, 1931.

We are requested by Messrs. G. C. Ormond and A. T. Carroll to respectfully ask that the House of Representatives will accept a portrait of the late Sir James Carroll for hanging in a suitable and conspicuous place in the House to be selected by you. The portrait is given by the European and Native friends of the late Sir James Carroll resident in the Wairoa district.

We understand that the portrait has already been forwarded to you at Wellington, and we are asked to express the regrets of Messrs. Carroll and Ormond for the delay in making this application.

Yours faithfully,

SANDEMAN AND CHAMBERLAIN
per C. V. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Honourable the Speaker, House of Representatives, Wellington.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That this House expresses its high appreciation of the gift of the portrait of the late Honourable Sir James Carroll, and tenders its sincere thanks to the donors.

3. *Papers for Consideration.*—Papers for consideration being called on;

With the leave of the House, Papers Nos. 2 and 3 were taken together for the purpose of discussion.

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That Papers Nos. 2 and 3 be referred to the Government for consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. H. E. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Government," with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "and that it be a recommendation from this House that a special Committee be set up to investigate and report upon the problems of wheat production, prices, and duties, and the production, distribution, and price of flour and bread, with a view to cheapening both wheat, flour, and bread to the consumers, while ensuring standard wages to the wheat-farm employees and an adequate return to the wheat-farmer."

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 hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

4. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Finance Bill (No. 2) be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

And then the hour of twelve of the clock midnight having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 23rd Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 and 9.

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

3. *Death of Mr. Arthur William Hall, M.P.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following telegram he had received from the Registrar, Wellington:—

Wellington, 20th April, 1931.

I HAVE to advise that the death of Mr. Arthur William Hall, M.P., Hauraki, was registered this day.

PALETHORPE, Registrar.

Speaker, House of Representatives, Wellington.

4. *Issue of Writ for Hauraki.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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 Hauraki in the room of Mr. Arthur William Hall (deceased).

5. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee.*—Mr. Jull, from the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill Committee, brought up a Report on the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill, together with minutes of evidence, and the Report was read, as follows:—

The Special Committee to which was referred the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the Bill, and heard evidence thereon, which was taken down and is presented with this report. The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

The Committee also makes the following recommendations to the Government:—

(1) That favourable consideration be given to the question of making grants of the earthquake relief funds in cases where workers have been injured or killed by reason of the earthquake, but compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922, is not payable or cannot be recovered, so as to place such workers or their dependants in the same position as if such compensation had been payable, and that the various committees administering relief funds be directed accordingly.

(2) That members of the Committee referred to in clause 41 shall not be directly or indirectly interested in any of the matters which may from time to time come before the Committee, unless, in the opinion of the Minister, such interest is not likely to affect the judgment of such member.

(3) That regulations for the restriction and regulation of rents be made forthwith in pursuance of clause 78, subclause (1), of this Bill; that such regulations be retrospective to the 3rd February, 1931, and, in particular, cover the question of liability for rent of premises rendered untenantable as a result of the earthquake or of fire.

(4) That copies of all regulations made pursuant to clause 78 of the Bill be deposited and open to inspection at some public place in each centre of the earthquake area, and that notice of such deposit be given in the local newspapers.

(5) That, without the Rehabilitation Committee being in any way fettered, but with the object of expediting rehabilitation and giving to the people an indication of assured and definite help, the Rehabilitation Committee be empowered (before final investigations in respect to damage have been completed, and having regard to the probable amount of funds available and to payments made out of any other fund) to authorize by way of grant the restoration of homes to a reasonable degree. And further, that the Rehabilitation Committee may recommend to the Minister of Finance the payment of a grant to persons or classes of persons in the case of damage to businesses or other forms of damage, based upon insured values or on any other basis which may appear to the Rehabilitation Committee to be equitable.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the minutes of evidence, do lie upon the Table.

6. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Finance Bill (No. 2).

8. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Finance Bill (No. 2) be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: To omit from paragraph (*b*) subsection (1A), and insert the following new subsection in lieu thereof:—

"(1A) If at any time during any financial year the Minister of Finance is satisfied that the operations of the Post Office Savings-bank or the other operations of the Department, as the case may be, in respect of any period of that

year have resulted in a profit being made for that period, he may authorize and direct payment of the whole or any part of the amount of such profit to be made out of the Post Office Account into the Public Account to the credit of the Consolidated Fund." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit all the words down to and including the words "Be it therefore enacted as follows" in line 10. *(Mr. Mason.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the words "and in each succeeding year" in lines 12 and 13. *(Mr. Mason.)*

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

AYES, 43.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	Kyle	Te Tomo
Campbell	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	Lye	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Endean	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	
Field	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Jordan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Langstone	O'Brien
Black	McCombs	Rushworth
Chapman	McKeen	Savage
Dickie	Martin	Semple.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Massey	Howard
Hogan	Munro	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the words "the Government Insurance Account" in line 15. *(Mr. Mason.)*

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

AYES, 35.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Linklater	Sykes
Clinkard	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Williams.
Field	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hawke	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 27.

Ansell	Jones	Nash, W.
Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McKeen	Rushworth
Campbell	Macmillan	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Dickie	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Massey	Howard
Hogan	Munro	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the words "the State Fire Insurance Account" in lines 15 and 16. *(Mr. Mason.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 1931.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso: "Provided that this reduction shall not operate for more than one year." *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Langstone	O'Brien
Black	McKeen	Parry
Chapman	Macmillam	Savage.
Fraser	Martin	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Mason	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Sullivan.

NOES, 37.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Broadfoot	Jull	Te Tomo
Burnett	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Campbell	Lysnar	Waite
Clinkard	McDonald	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Massey	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Endean	Nash, J. A.	
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy
Harris	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That clause 6 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 38.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Hawke	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	Jull	Te Tomo
Campbell	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	Lysnar	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Massey	Wright
Endean	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Field	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

NOES, 19.

Armstrong	Jordan	Nash, W.
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McKeen	Savage.
Chapman	Macmillan	
Fraser	Martin	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Mason	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 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, 30.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Campbell	Lye	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy
Harris	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.
Hawke		

NOES, 26.

Barnard	Holland, H.	Nash, J. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Black	Jordan	Parry
Burnett	Kyle	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Williams
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Martin	Wright.
Dickie	Mason	*Tellers.*
Field	Massey	Howard
Fraser	Munro	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 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, 36.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Broadfoot	Jull	Te Tomo
Burnett	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	Lysnar	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Williams
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Nash, J. A.	Young.
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy
Hamilton	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.
Harris		

NOES, 16.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McKeen	Savage.
Black	Martin	
Chapman	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Fraser
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to strike out the words "four pounds instead of the sum of". *(Mr. J. A. Nash.)*

The Acting-Chairman ruled the amendment out of order as it involved an appropriation.

Motion made, and Question proposed, To report progress in order to take Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point. *(Mr. Mason.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Broadfoot reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on a decision given by the Acting-Chairman in Committee.

(Ruling of Mr. Speaker.) Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Volume 227, page 1264) the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

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, 27.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bodkin	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Ward.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.
Hamilton		

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	Savage
Barnard	McKeen	Williams
Black	Martin	Wright
Chapman	Mason	Young.
Harris	Nash, J. A.	
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Jordan	O'Brien	Fraser
Kyle	Parry	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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, 30.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	Ward.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.
Hamilton		

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McKeen	Savage
Black	Martin	Williams
Chapman	Mason	Wright.
Holland, H. E.	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Jordan	Nash, W.	Fraser
Kyle	O'Brien	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 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, 29.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jull	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDonald	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Ward.
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Kyle	Savage
Barnard	Langstone	Williams
Black	McKeen	Wright
Chapman	Martin	Young.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Mason	
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Fraser
Jordan	Parry	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 31 read and agreed to.

Clause 32 read. Amendment proposed : In subclause (2), to insert, after the word "shall" in line 37, the words "subject to confirmation by the Minister." *(Mr. Barnard.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 33 and 34 read and agreed to.

Clause 35 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, 27.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Te Tomo
Broadfoot	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	McDonald	Williams
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Nash, J. A.	Young.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy
Field	Smith, Hon. S. G.	Munns.
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.		

NOES, 15.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McKeen	Parry.
Black	Martin	*Tellers.*
Chapman	Mason	Fraser
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Savage.
Jordan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 36 to 39 read and agreed to.

Clause 40 read. Amendment proposed : In subclause (1), to insert the words "and in each succeeding financial year thereafter" after the words "thirty-one" in line 25 ; and that the words "that year" in line 25 be deleted, and the words "any of those years" be inserted in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Barnard.)*

The amendments were, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair at ten minutes after eight of the clock a.m. (Friday).

The Chairman resumed the Chair at half after two of the clock p.m.

Clauses 41 and 42 read and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed to report progress and move for leave to sit again. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Finance Bill (No. 2), and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. *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 Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment.

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 12.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters"; and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

To insert in Part II, after clause 37, the following new clauses:—

"37A. Whereas secondary schools in the City of Nelson, being Nelson College, founded by the Deed of Foundation set out in the Schedule to the Nelson College Act, 1858, and the Nelson Girls' College, established under the Nelson College Act 1858 Amendment Act, 1882, are governed by a Council of Governors (hereinafter referred to as the Council), the said Governors being incorporated under the said Nelson College Act, 1858: And whereas in the City of Nelson there is also a school known as the Nelson Technical School carried on under a Board of Managers: And whereas it is desirable that the work of the technical school and the work of the aforesaid Nelson College and Nelson Girls' College should be combined: And whereas it is also desirable that 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 Acts hereinbefore mentioned, or any other Act, or in the said Deed of Foundation, the Council shall, after the passing of this Act, consist of thirteen Governors appointed or elected as follows:—

"Five Governors (of whom at least one shall be a woman) appointed by the Governor-General:

"Two Governors elected by the parents of the children attending the schools under the control and management of the Council:

"Two Governors elected by associations of employers in local industries:

"Two Governors elected by associations of employees in local industries:

"One Governor appointed by the Education Board of the District of Nelson:

"One Governor appointed by the Nelson Agricultural and Pastoral Association (Incorporated).

"(2) The Governor-General may by Order in Council prescribe the terms for which the several Governors 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 the manner in which extraordinary vacancies shall be filled, 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 Governors in office on the passing of this Act shall continue in office until the appointment or election of their successors under this section, and their term of office shall then be deemed to be terminated.

"(5) At the first meeting of the new Council constituted as provided in this section a Chairman shall be elected, and thereafter the election shall be held as provided by Order in Council in that behalf.

"(6) Five Governors shall constitute a quorum.

"(7) Any vacancy which may arise in the office of Governor, whether by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, 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 Corporation of Nelson College shall at all times hereafter continue to be the same body corporate as that constituted by the Nelson College Act, 1858.

"(9) The Nelson Technical School is hereby placed under the control of the Council, 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 Corporation of Nelson College, and all rights and liabilities of the Board of Managers shall become the rights and liabilities of that Corporation.

"(11) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations relating to the maintenance, administration, staffing, and salaries of staffs of the schools to which this section relates.

"(12) The Acts hereinbefore mentioned and every other Act relating to Nelson College and the said Deed of Foundation shall hereafter be read subject to the provisions of this section and any Order in Council and regulations made hereunder.

"37B. Whereas the Napier High School Board constituted under the Napier High School Act, 1882 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), controls the Boys' High School and the Girls' High School at Napier: And whereas there is also a school known as the Napier Technical School carried on under a Board of Managers: And whereas it is desirable that the work of the technical school and the work of the aforesaid boys' and girls' high schools should be combined: And whereas it is also desirable that other arrangements as hereinafter set out should be carried into effect: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) As from the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, the Napier High School Board shall be known by the name of the Napier Secondary Education Board, and all references in the said Act or any other Act to the Napier High School Board shall be read as references to the Napier Secondary Education Board (hereinafter called the Board).

"(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Act or any other Act, the Board shall consist of thirteen members appointed or elected as follows:—

"Four members (of whom at least one shall be a woman) appointed by the Governor-General:

"Three members elected by the parents of the children attending the schools under the control and management of the Board:

"Two members elected by associations of employers in local industries:

"Two members elected by associations of employees in local industries:

"One member appointed by the Education Board of the District of Hawke's Bay:

"One member appointed by the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Association (Incorporated).

"(3) The Governor-General may by 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.

"(4) 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 the manner in which extraordinary vacancies shall be filled, and any other matters necessary or expedient for giving effect to the provisions of this section.

"(5) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this section, the members of the Board in office on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, shall continue in office until the appointment or election of their successors under this section, and their term of office shall then be deemed to be terminated.

"(6) At the first meeting of the new Board constituted as provided in this section a Chairman shall be elected, and thereafter the election shall be held as provided by the said Act.

"(7) Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

"(8) Any vacancy which may arise in the office of any member of the Board, whether by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, 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.

"(9) Notwithstanding the change of name and the variation of its constitution effected pursuant to this section, the governing body of the said boys' high school and the said girls' high school shall at all times hereafter continue to be the same body corporate as that constituted by the said Act.

"(10) The Napier Technical School is hereby placed under the control of the Board, and the Corporation of the Board of Managers of the said technical school is hereby dissolved.

"(11) Save in so far as the same are expressly excepted by the Governor-General by Order in Council gazetted, 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. All property, rights, or liabilities so excepted as aforesaid shall be vested or otherwise dealt with in such manner as the Governor-General by the same or a subsequent Order in Council directs, and every such Order in Council shall have effect according to its tenor.

"(12) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations relating to the maintenance, administration, staffing, and salaries of staffs of the said boys' and girls' high schools and technical school.

"(13) The Napier High School Act, 1882, is hereby amended by repealing sections seven and eight and eleven to fifteen thereof. Section twenty of the said Act shall be read subject to any regulations made under the last preceding subsection."

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd April, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters.

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

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, together with the said Resolution, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

11. *Finance Bill (No. 2).*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Finance Bill (No. 2).

(In the Committee.)

Clause 43 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 12 and 13, to delete the words "or of his having continued to hold at any time before the passing of this Act"; also, in lines 13 and 14, to delete the words "after the same became vested in him"; and in line 14, to insert the word "has" before the word "ceased". *(Mr. Barnard.)*

Amendments negatived on the voices.

Another amendment proposed: In line 14, to insert, after the words "vested in him", the words "or in any prior trustee holding under the same trust". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 44 and 45 read and agreed to.

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

"37A. Whereas secondary schools in the City of Nelson, being Nelson College, founded by the Deed of Foundation set out in the Schedule to the Nelson College Act, 1858, and the Nelson Girls' College, established under the Nelson College Act 1858 Amendment Act, 1882, are governed by a Council of Governors (hereinafter referred to as the Council), the said Governors being incorporated under the said Nelson College Act, 1858: And whereas in the City of Nelson there is also a school known as the Nelson Technical School carried on under a Board of Managers: And whereas it is desirable that the work of the technical school and the work of the aforesaid Nelson College and Nelson Girls' College should be combined: And whereas it is also desirable that 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 Acts hereinbefore mentioned, or any other Act, or in the said Deed of Foundation, the Council shall, after the passing of this Act, consist of thirteen Governors appointed or elected as follows:—

"Five Governors (of whom at least one shall be a woman) appointed by the Governor-General:

"Two Governors elected by the parents of the children attending the schools under the control and management of the Council:

"Two Governors elected by associations of employers in local industries:

"Two Governors elected by associations of employees in local industries:

"One Governor appointed by the Education Board of the District of Nelson:

"One Governor appointed by the Nelson Agricultural and Pastoral Association (Incorporated).

"(2) The Governor-General may by Order in Council prescribe the terms for which the several Governors 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 the manner in which extraordinary vacancies shall be filled, 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 Governors in office on the passing of this Act shall continue in office until the appointment or election of their successors under this section, and their term of office shall then be deemed to be terminated.

"(5) At the first meeting of the new Council constituted as provided in this section a Chairman shall be elected, and thereafter the election shall be held as provided by Order in Council in that behalf.

"(6) Five Governors shall constitute a quorum.

"(7) Any vacancy which may arise in the office of Governor, whether by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, 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 Corporation of Nelson College shall at all times hereafter continue to be the same body corporate as that constituted by the Nelson College Act, 1858.

"(9) The Nelson Technical School is hereby placed under the control of the Council, 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 Corporation of Nelson College, and all rights and liabilities of the Board of Managers shall become the rights and liabilities of that Corporation.

"(11) The Governor-General may from time to time by Order in Council make regulations relating to the maintenance, administration, staffing, and salaries of staffs of the schools to which this section relates.

"(12) The Acts hereinbefore mentioned and every other Act relating to Nelson College and the said Deed of Foundation shall hereafter be read subject to the provisions of this section and any Order in Council and regulations made hereunder.

"37B. Whereas the Napier High School Board constituted under the Napier High School Act, 1882 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), controls the Boys' High School and the Girls' High School at Napier: And whereas there is also a school known as the Napier Technical School carried on under a Board of Managers: And whereas it is desirable that the work of the technical school and the work of the aforesaid boys' and girls' high schools should be combined: And whereas it is also desirable that other arrangements as hereinafter set out should be carried into effect: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) As from the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, the Napier High School Board shall be known by the name of the Napier Secondary Education Board, and all references in the said Act or any other Act to the Napier High School Board shall be read as references to the Napier Secondary Education Board (hereinafter called the Board.)

"(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Act or any other Act, the Board shall consist of thirteen members appointed or elected as follows:—

"Four members (of whom at least one shall be a woman) appointed by the Governor-General:

"Three members elected by the parents of the children attending the schools under the control and management of the Board:

"Two members elected by associations of employers in local industries:

"Two members elected by associations of employees in local industries:

"One member appointed by the Education Board of the District of Hawke's Bay:

"One member appointed by the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Association (Incorporated).

"(3) The Governor-General may by 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.

"(4) 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 the manner in which extraordinary vacancies shall be filled, and any other matters necessary or expedient for giving effect to the provisions of this section.

"(5) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this section, the members of the Board in office on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, shall continue in office until the appointment or election of their successors under this section, and their term of office shall then be deemed to be terminated.

"(6) At the first meeting of the new Board constituted as provided in this section a Chairman shall be elected, and thereafter the election shall be held as provided by the said Act.

"(7) Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

"(8) Any vacancy which may arise in the office of any member of the Board, whether by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, 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.

"(9) Notwithstanding the change of name and the variation of its constitution effected pursuant to this section, the governing body of the said boys' high school and the said girls' high school shall at all times hereafter continue to be the same body corporate as that constituted by the said Act.

"(10) The Napier Technical School is hereby placed under the control of the Board, and the Corporation of the Board of Managers of the said technical school is hereby dissolved.

"(11) Save in so far as the same are expressly excepted by the Governor-General by Order in Council gazetted, 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. All property, rights, or liabilities so excepted as aforesaid shall be vested or otherwise dealt with in such manner as the Governor-General by the same or a subsequent Order in Council directs, and every such Order in Council shall have effect according to its tenor.

"(12) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations relating to the maintenance, administration, staffing, and salaries of staffs of the said boys' and girls' high schools and technical school.

"(13) The Napier High School Act, 1882, is hereby amended by repealing sections seven and eight and eleven to fifteen thereof. Section twenty of the said Act shall be read subject to any regulations made under the last preceding subsection." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

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.

12. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until six minutes after four of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Monday, the 27th Day of April, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Orders of the Day at 2.30 p.m., postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 and 7.

2. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table pursuant to Act :—
4. Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, Motor-drivers' Regulations, 1931, issued under the.

3. *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 Finance Act, 1931 (No. 2), without amendment.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 13.*

The Governor-General recommends the House of Representatives to make provision in accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.

Government House,
Wellington, 24th April, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 to make provision in accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Hawke's Bay Earthquake 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.

5. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Bill;
The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

With the unanimous consent of the Committee the amendments made by the Select Committee on the Bill were read into and form part of the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 26 read and agreed to.

Clause 27 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (6), to omit the words "subject to the provisions of subsection four A hereof" in line 46, and to insert the same words after the word "whereupon" in line 45. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 28 to 43 read and agreed to.

Clause 43A read. Amendments proposed: To omit the word "income" before the word "years" in line 19; and also to omit the words "nineteen hundred and thirty-one" in line 20, and to substitute the words "nineteen hundred and thirty-two" in lieu thereof; and also to omit the words "nineteen hundred and thirty-five" in line 21, and to substitute the words "nineteen hundred and thirty-six" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 44 to 53 read and agreed to.

Clauses 54 to 68 read. And the Question being put, That the clauses stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clauses omitted.

Clauses 69 to 78 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read and agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Provision for various Matters arising out of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake."

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

6. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake: Appreciation of Services rendered by Navy.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That the thanks of this House be tendered to Rear-Admiral Blake, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., and the officers and men of the New Zealand Division of the British Navy under his command, for the signal services rendered by them in connection with the recent disastrous earthquake in the Hawke's Bay District.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do communicate this Resolution to Rear-Admiral Blake with a request that he signify the same to the officers and men under his command.

7. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of twelve of the clock mid-day to-morrow.

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

Tuesday, the 28th Day of April, 1931.

The House met this day at twelve of the clock noon.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at twelve noon was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *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 Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, without amendment.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 14.*

The Bills intituled—

The Finance Act, 1931,
The Immigration Restriction Amendment Act, 1931,
The Mortgagors Relief Act, 1931,
The Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931,
The Finance Act, 1931 (No. 2), and
The Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931,

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, 28th April, 1931.

4. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

5. *Adjournment.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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, 26.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Bitchener	Harris	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Hawke	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Jull	Waite
Clinkard	Lye	Ward
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macpherson	Young.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Endean	Munns	Howard
Forbes, Rt. Hon. G. W.	Munro	McDonald.

NOES, 31.

Ansell	Hogan	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Barnard	Holland, H.	O'Brien
Black	Kyle	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Linklater	Sykes
Chapman	McCombs	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	McKeen	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macmillan	Wright.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Martin	
Field	Massey	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Nash, J. A.	Jones
Healy	Nash, W.	Lysnar.

So it passed in the Negative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fourteen minutes after one of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, 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, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, 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 eleventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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 May, 1931.

JOHN G. COBBE,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

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III—Schedule of Petitions presented to the House of Representatives, Sessions 1928, 1929, 1930, and Session I, 1931, and dealt with during Session II, 1931.

From Whom Presented.	Date of Presentation.	Abstract of Prayer.	No. of Signatures.	By Whom Presented.	Committee Referred to.	Date of Report.
344. Ani Kane Roki and another ..	Oct. 1, 1928	*Re* Te Araroa Township	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct)..	Aug. 20, 1931.
288. Heuheu Turei and another ..	Sept. 25, 1928	*Re* Te Araroa Township	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
256. Pohatu, John, and 30 others ..	Sept. 4, 1928	*Re* Te Kuri No. 1 and other blocks	31	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
297. Riria Pohe and 7 others ..	Sept. 27, 1928	*Re* Te Araroa Township	8	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct)..	Aug. 20, 1931.
123. Tahuhu, M. H.	July 24, 1928	*Re* Wharekauri Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
418. Barlow, Sophia	Nov. 4, 1929	For an inquiry into the title of certain land at Mangere ..	1	Mr. Mason ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
410. Hone H. Kingi and 5 others ..	Oct. 31, 1929	For the restitution of Tauheremikau No. 4 Block	6	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
72. Mahunui Hemi and 2 others ..	July 9, 1929	For reinvestigation of the title to the Te Araroa Native Township	3	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
57. Rawinia Hauiti and 4 others ..	July 4, 1929	For reinvestigation of the title to the Te Araroa Township ..	5	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
381. Roka Merehana and 3 others ..	Oct. 18, 1929	For legislation enabling the redetermination of relative interests in the Reureu Nos. 2 and 3 Blocks	4	Mr. Henare (for Hon. Sir Maui Pomare)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
96. Roka Tamihere and 4 others ..	July 16, 1929	For reinvestigation of the title to the Te Araroa Native Township	5	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
361. Wi Katene Puoho	Oct. 9, 1929	For relief subject to petition No. 56 of 1928, petitioners having further evidence to submit.	1	Mr. Makitarara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
169. Cameron, F.	Sept. 3, 1930	For relief in respect of disability caused through illness contracted during the South African campaign	1	Mr. Broadfoot ..	Defence	Sept. 2, 1931.
225. Fitzherbert, P. B.	Oct. 6, 1930	For compensation for loss of license to practise his profession of barrister and solicitor at Western Samoa	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Sept. 2, 1931.
201. Haereiti te One	Sept. 23, 1930	For legislation to re-enact the powers conferred by section 40 of Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927, in respect of Hauturu East 1E, Section 3	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct)	Held over.
112. Heighway, A. J.	Aug. 7, 1930	For removal of import duties on cereal and vegetable stock-foods	1	Captain Rushworth	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock	Brought up, Sept. 17, 1930; interrupted by 5.30 adjournment. Lapsed.
134. Hemi Mahunu	Aug. 20, 1930	For a reinvestigation of the ancestral rights to the Wairapirapi Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
135. Henare Ahuriri and another ..	Aug. 20, 1930	For a redistribution of shares in the Hauturu No. 2 Block ..	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
123. Hiria Ahuriri	Aug. 13, 1930	For relief in connection with the determination of relative interests in the Wharekahika Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
202. Hiria Ahuriri	Sept. 23, 1930	For redetermination of relative interests in connection with the Wharekahika Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct)	Aug. 20, 1931.
45. Hoariri Paerata, Te, and 34 others	July 3, 1930	That the Native School at Mokai, on Tuai Block, be still set apart as a Native school	35	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.

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46. Hoera Rewa and 3 others ..	July 3, 1930	For relief in connection with the estate of Heni Parekuta Ahuroa (deceased)	4	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 27, 1931.
240. Mayr, H.	Oct. 23, 1930	For investigation into various grievances at the hands of certain people, and for compensation	1	Mr. Sykes ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 9, 1931.
143. Nelson, O. F.	Aug. 26, 1930	That the tenth report on the administration of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa be not accepted in its present form	1	Mr. Endean ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 2, 1931.
235. Ngapōpi Reweti and 16 others ..	Oct. 15, 1930	For inquiry into transactions affecting Orakei Block	17	Mr. Mason ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
210. Pagan, J.	Sept. 25, 1930	For inquiry and relief in respect of a discharged soldier's farm at Golden Downs, lately held by him	1	Hon. Mr. Atmore (for Mr. Black)	Lands	Report brought up, Oct. 22, 1930; laid on, Sept. 9, 1931.
223. Pitama, Elsie M.T., and 4 others	Oct. 2, 1930	For inclusion in the list of beneficiaries of the Palmerston North Native Reserve	5	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct)..	Aug. 20, 1931.
87. Reweti T. Kohere and 14 others	July 25, 1930	For relief in connection with the Hahau Block	15	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
91. Tamati te Patu and another ..	July 30, 1930	For relief in connection with the estate of Herei te Hokowhitu ..	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
238. Timmings, W. E.	Oct. 17, 1930	For the cancellation of the registration of certain land-transfer documents	1	Mr. Semple ..	Lands (direct) ..	Sept. 17, 1931.
167. Tipiwai Haukamau and 7 others	Sept. 2, 1930	For relief in connection with the Wharekahika Block	8	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
168. Tipiwai Haukamau and 6 others	Sept. 2, 1930	For relief in connection with the Wharekahika Block	7	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
61. Tiwai Pomare	July 8, 1930	That the Native Land Court be empowered to inquire into the allocation of his late father's estate	1	Mr. Mahitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
203. Tupito Marnera and 21 others ..	Sept. 23, 1930	For relief in connection with Crown Grant 3789, Patea, Taranaki District	22	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs (direct)..	Oct. 29, 1931.

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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.
3. Amos, C., and 8 others ..	Mar. 11, 1931	For review of valuations and reduction of rents of Weraroa Experimental Farm sections	9	Mr. Field ..	Lands	Oct. 8, 1931.
7. Connell, J. A.	Mar. 12, 1931	For inquiry into the administration of the Department of Agriculture	1	Mr. Martin ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock	Sept. 9, 1931.
11. Cotton, N. W. J.	Mar. 16, 1931	For relief on account of an accident received while in the employ of the Hutt Valley Electric-power Board	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 2, 1931.
12. Ellis, F.	Mar. 16, 1931	For a compassionate allowance on account of loss of arm through being struck by a railway tablet apparatus	1	Hon. Mr. Veitch ..	Railways	Aug. 27, 1931.
16. Garnaut, M.	April 23, 1931	For a refund of petrol duty	1	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 20, 1931.
5. Headley, L. H.	Mar. 11, 1931	That legislation be passed enabling his name to be placed on the Dental Register	1	Mr. Endean ..	Public Health ..	Sept. 9, 1931.
15. Houghton, Mary H.	April 14, 1931	For separation and children's allowances and pension on account of husband's war service	1	Mr. H. E. Holland	Defence	Aug. 18, 1931.
9. McKinnon, C.	Mar. 13, 1931	For consideration on account of disability contracted in the Zealand Division of the Royal Navy.	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Sept. 17, 1931.
1. Morgan, W. J.	Mar. 11, 1931	For a compassionate allowance in respect of an injury received while Range Warden of the Penrose Rifle Range	1	Mr. Jordan ..	Defence	Aug. 20, 1931.
10. Smithson, Ellen M.	Mar. 13, 1931	That a settlement in connection with a land transaction be set aside	1	Mr. Munns ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 9, 1931.
8. Taare Mete	Mar. 12, 1931	For the return of 3 acres belonging to the Rangataua Reserve ..	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
14. Te Horo Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., and 36 others	April 10, 1931	For legislation to remove the Customs duties on stock-foods and wheat	37	Mr. Field ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock	Sept. 9, 1931.
4. Timmings, W. E.	Mar. 11, 1931	That an order cancelling memoranda of transfer of a Crown lease be agreed to	1	Mr. Semple ..	Lands	Sept. 17, 1931.
2. Tomkies, E. A.	Mar. 11, 1931	That a break between his service in the Defence Department and on joining the Railways Department be treated as leave without pay	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 20, 1931.
6. Warner, E. J.	Mar. 12, 1931	For a compassionate allowance in lieu of the blind pension ..	1	Mr. Broadfoot ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 2, 1931.
13. Wooding, M. E.	Mar. 17, 1931	For consideration on account of war services	1	Mr. Munns ..	Defence	Aug. 18, 1931.
17. Yule, F. C.	April 23, 1931	For refund of deposit paid on Tarawera Hotel site	1	Colonel McDonald	Lands	Aug. 20, 1931.

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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.
110. Abbott, Armstrong, and Howie, and 21 others	Aug. 21, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	22	Mr. Fletcher ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
33. Ah Quoy, Mary	July 7, 1931	That her husband (Ah Quoy) may be licensed to return to Samoa, and there reside with his wife and family	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 2, 1931.
143. Aika, E. M., Te, and 105 others..	Sept. 19, 1931	For the restoration of their treaty and tribal fishing-rights according to the reservations in the Ngaitahu or Kemp's Deed	106	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
3. Aldis, M.	June 25, 1931	For amendment of the constitution of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind	1	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 21, 1931.
157. Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of New Zealand	Oct. 7, 1931	Asking to be heard re compulsory retirement on superannuation..	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Railways	Nov. 7, 1931.
91. Apera Pukenui and 24 others ..	Aug. 18, 1931	For inquiry into the ownership of Horomonga Islands, Port Levy	25	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
59. Applegarth, E. L.	July 22, 1931	For inquiry into alleged irregularities in connection with the delivery of his mails	1	Mr. Dickie ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 7, 1931.
178. Aputa Ihakara and 29 others ..	Oct. 15, 1931	*Re* Maori fishing-rights	30	Mr. Te Tomo ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Held over.
49. Aranata Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., and 108 other dairy companies	July 15, 1931	For removal of Customs duties on stock-foods and wheat ..	1,887	Mr. Wilkinson ..	Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock	Sept. 9, 1931.
112. Arnold and Sons and 18 others ..	Aug. 25, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill..	19	Mr. W. Nash ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
58. Atkinson, A. R., and 8 others ..	July 22, 1931	That the Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill be not passed, and that the petitioners may be heard	9	Mr. Fraser ..	Education	Nov. 7, 1931.
17. Barber, Norah V.	June 30, 1931	For an increased pension from the Teacher's Superannuation Fund	1	Mr. Clinkard ..	Education	Nov. 7, 1931.
151. Bailey, E. A.	Oct. 2, 1931	For compensation on account of an alleged motor accident ..	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 7, 1931.
95. Barry, P.	Aug. 18, 1931	For inquiry and reinstatement in the Public Service	1	Mr. McKeen. ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 7, 1931.
9. Bartlett, A. E.	June 26, 1931	For payment of arrears of military pension	1	Mr. W. W. Massey	Defence	Oct. 28, 1931.
82. Bedell, Margaret	Aug. 6, 1931	For a compassionate allowance owing to alleged loss suffered by her late husband in farming operations at Murchison	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Lands	Aug. 18, 1931.
47. Bicknell, J. T.	July 15, 1931	For relief in respect of alleged loss on a dairy-farm in the Wairarapa	1	Colonel McDonald..	Lands	Sept. 9, 1931.
120. Bidwell, Mary M.	Aug. 26, 1931	For a soldier's widow's pension	1	Mr. Dickie ..	Defence	Aug. 20, 1931.
15. Blandford, C. E. G.	June 30, 1931	For increased superannuation allowance or compassionate grant for long service in the Post Office	1	Mr. Harris ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 17, 1931.
135. Boddy, R., and 2 others ..	Sept. 16, 1931	For relief in connection with the Puketiti 2A Block	3	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931. Oct. 29, 1931.
55. Bond, L. A...	July 17, 1931	That he be appointed to the permanent staff of the Printing and Stationery Department and past services taken into account	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 20, 1931.
14. Bongard, W., and 285 others ..	June 26, 1931	For an amendment to the Mining Act to allow a certain area of land to be thrown open for free mining	286	Mr. Samuel ..	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 17, 1931.
57. Braggins, Emily C.	July 21, 1931	For a compassionate allowance owing to the death of her husband while in the employ of the Railways Department	1	Hon. Mr. Ransom	Railways	Sept. 17, 1931.
115. Broderick, D., and 75 others ..	Aug. 25, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	76	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.

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165. Brown, J., and 34 others ..	Oct. 13, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	35	Mr. O'Brien ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
62. Bryant, C., and 883 others ..	July 22, 1931	That they be heard in opposition to certain proposals contained in the Transport Licensing Bill	884	Mr. Campbell ..	Transport Licensing Bill	Aug. 18, 1931.
154. Burt, F. J., and another ..	Oct. 6, 1931	For validation and inquiry into certain Native land titles ..	2	Mr. Macmillan ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Nov. 7, 1931.
69. Callaghan, Maria	July. 28, 1931	For a compassionate allowance on account of alleged loss on the sale of a farm	1	Mr. Ansell ..	Lands	Aug. 20, 1931.
107. Clarke, A.	Aug. 20, 1931	For employment under Scheme No. 5 of the Unemployment Board	1	Mr. Waite ..	Labour Bills.. ..	Oct. 21, 1931.
159. Clements, L. A.	Oct. 8, 1931	For an increased superannuation allowance	1	Mr. Burnett ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 28, 1931.
119. Coleman, D. W., and 8,399 others	Aug. 25, 1931	That work on the Waikokopu-Gisborne Railway be resumed ..	8,400	Mr. Lysnar ..	Railways (direct) ..	Nov. 7, 1931.
117. Cooper, W. S.	Aug. 25, 1931	For reinstatement in the Public Service or other relief ..	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions A to L	Brought up and referred back, Oct. 21; 2nd Rep., Nov. 7, 1931.
50. Costar, H. W.	July 15, 1931	For the remission of succession duties assessed against an estate of which he is executor and trustee	1	Captain Rushworth	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 20, 1931.
145. Crichton, J.	Oct. 2, 1931	For compensation on account of alleged loss when his estate was administered by the Public Trustee	1	Mr. Dickie ..	Lands (direct) ..	Held over.
113. Cronk, W. H., and 23 others ..	Aug. 25, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	24	Mr. Semple ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
24. Dalhousie, R. H.	July 1, 1931	For compensation for injuries received when thawing gelignite by a method which debarred him from the benefits of the Workers' Compensation Act	1	Mr. Campbell ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 8, 1931.
141. Davidson, J.	Sept. 17, 1931	For a referendum for the formation of an elective Executive ..	1	Hon. Mr. Smith ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 7, 1931.
19. de Chateau, F. A.	June 30, 1931	For inquiry into alleged wrongful sale of property in Wellington	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
149. Denton, P. N.	Oct. 2, 1931	For a refund of income-tax alleged to have been overpaid ..	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 7, 1931.
53. de Santa, O.	July 15, 1931	For monetary redress in respect of an alleged injury received when employed in the State Coal-mine	1	Mr. H. E. Holland	Goldfields and Mines ..	Sept. 17, 1931.
25. Doolan, J.	July 1, 1931	That service with the Midland Railway Co. count for superannuation	1	Mr. Howard ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 9; Referred back, Sept. 9; 2nd Rep., Oct. 8.
43. D'Oridant, W. A. P.	July 10, 1931	For a compassionate grant in respect of an alleged miscarriage of justice	1	Mr. Howard ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 2, 1931.
134. Dyson, H. N. C.	Sept. 16, 1931	That provision be made enabling him to practise dentistry under supervision	1	Mr. Barnard ..	Public Health ..	Nov. 7, 1931.
108. Edwards, Avis	Aug. 20, 1931	For reduction in capital value of land at Henderson	1	Mr. Mason ..	Lands	Oct. 29, 1931.
30. Edwards, J. H.	July 2, 1931	For further inquiry into his dismissal from the Post and Telegraph Department	1	Mr. Endean ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 20, 1931.
41. Farr, T.	July 8, 1931	For reinstatement in the Defence Forces, or other relief ..	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Defence	Oct. 27, 1931.
5. Fitzherbert, S. W.	June 25, 1931	That he be granted leave to explain to a Committee of the House his proposals for a new system of finance	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 7, 1931.

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76. Fletcher and Maddocks and 111 others	July 31, 1931	For legislation for closing petrol-filling stations at Auckland on Sundays and certain other times	112	Mr. Mason ..	Labour Bills ..	Sept. 17, 1931.
97. Floyd, P., and 5 others ..	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	6	Hon. Mr. Stallworthy	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
147. Foggin, A. H., and 34 others ..	Oct. 2, 1931	That an area of closed street at Rotorua be permanently reserved for recreational purposes	35	Mr. Clinkard ..	Local Bills (direct) ..	Nov. 7, 1931.
51. Fryday, N. B.	July 15, 1931	For an inquiry into the cost of ammunition	1	Mr. Polson ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 29, 1931.
64. Fryday, N. B.	July 24, 1931	For amendment of the law relating to public hospitals ..	1	Mr. Polson ..	Public Health ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
128. Furness, J. E., and 5 others ..	Sept. 2, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	6	Mr. Wright ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 29, 1931.
67. Galvin, Haki	July 24, 1931	For the repeal of section 4 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
6. Golding, C., and 345 others ..	June 25, 1931	For the abolition of capital punishment	346	Rev. Clyde Carr ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 2, 1931.
31. Greenhead, C. H.	July 3, 1931	That a recommendation of the Public Petitions A to L Committee, that petitioner be afforded an open inquiry, be granted	1	Mr. J. N. Massey ..	Public Petitions A to L	Brought up and referred back, Oct. 21: 2nd Rep., Nov. 7, 1931.
104. Greensill, Mabel J.	Aug. 19, 1931	For inquiry into alleged loss of her position in the Public Service	1	Mr. Healy ..	Public Petitions A to L	Held over.
102. Guest, Gertrude A., and 4 others	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	5	Mr. Jordan ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
175. Hannah, W., and 6,000 others..	Oct. 14, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	6,001	Mr. Munns ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
67. Haki Galvin	July 24, 1931	For the repeal of section 4 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
11. Hales, F. J.	June 26, 1931	For inquiry into alleged unlawful detention and for relief ..	1	Mr. Parry ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 21, 1931.
28. Harata Pohe	July 2, 1931	For relief in *re* mineral royalties from the Ketenikau Block ..	1	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
152. Hati te Atu, Te, and 16 others	Oct. 2, 1931	For relief in connection with the Pahou Block	17	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
85. Hayes, H., and 500 others ..	Aug. 7, 1931	For the rejection of the Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill	501	Hon. Mr. Donald ..	Education	Nov. 7, 1931.
99. Hayman and Co., P., and 12 others	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	13	Mr. Endean ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
20. Henare Matanuku	June 30, 1931	For relief in connection with the Herupara No. 1 Block ..	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 7, 1931.
21. Henare Matanuku and 2 others	June 30, 1931	For a further hearing in connection with Herupara No. 1 Block ..	3	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Nov. 7, 1931.
140. Hirena Kaka Pohe and another	Sept. 16, 1931	For rehearing in connection with the will of Piripi Pohe (deceased)	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
189. Hirini Heremaia and 11 others	Nov. 7, 1931	For relief *re* Kohuwhata 29c Block	12	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata (for Mr. Henare)	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
35. Hodge, W.	July 7, 1931	For inquiry into alleged grievances	1	Mr. H. Holland ..	Railways	Aug. 27, 1931.
156. Hodsen, W. F.	Oct. 7, 1931	Protesting against the Railways Board's recommendation to cease construction work on the South Island Main Trunk Railway	1	Mr. Healy ..	Railways	Nov. 7, 1931.

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54. Hogg, C. H.	July 16, 1931	For compensation for alleged injuries received while in the employment of the Post and Telegraph Department	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 2, 1931.
92. Hohua Makitanara and 26 others	Aug. 18, 1931	That legislation be enacted enabling the Native Land Court to inquire into and redefine ownership of Section 49A, Block XII, Gore Survey District	27	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
80. Horne, Shack, and 199 others ..	Aug. 5, 1931	That his two sons (Gordon Shack Horne and Albert Shack Horne) be permitted to remain in New Zealand	200	Rev. Mr. Carr ..	Public Petitions A to L	Sept. 9, 1931.
191. Hunt, F. E...	Nov. 11, 1931	That section 14 of the Finance Act, 1931, be amended regarding superannuation	1	Mr. Wright ..	Railways	Held over.
4. Hunter, Louisa	June 25, 1931	That she be granted a pension	1	Mr. Mason ..	Public Petitions A to L	Oct. 28, 1931; Petition withdrawn.
81. Hurihia Tongaporutu ..	Aug. 5, 1931	For relief in connection with the grant of probate of the will of the late Timi Riira	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
150. Ibell, J. H., and 346 others ..	Oct. 2, 1931	For a reduction in interest-rates on existing mortgages ..	347	Mr. W. Nash ..	Public Petitions A to L	Nov. 7, 1931.
136. Irwin, Ella E.	Sept. 16, 1931	For compassionate allowance on account of the death of her husband in a railway accident near Christchurch	1	Mr. Armstrong ..	Railways (direct) ..	Nov. 10, 1931.
60. Jamieson, Ivy	July 22, 1931	For refund of penalty on land-tax	1	Mr. Burnett ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 20, 1931.
125. Janson Bros., and 10 others ..	Sept. 2, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	11	Mr. Fraser ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
127. Jennings, J. G., and 20 others..	Sept. 2, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	21	Mr. Wright ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
86. Jensen, L. P., and 29 others ..	Aug. 7, 1931	For the opening and settlement of Crown lands at Omanawa, Tauranga	30	Mr. Macmillan ..	Lands (direct) ..	Held over.
63. Jones, L. R., and 128 others ..	July 22, 1931	That they be relieved of local taxation for the upkeep of the highways through the County of Waitomo	129	Mr. Broadfoot ..	Highways Finance ..	Nov. 4, 1931.
26. Karerehu Mihaka, Te, and 65 others	July 1, 1931	For the free and undisturbed right to fish in certain of the rivers and lakes of the Canterbury Province	66	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
48. Kawa te Huia and 24 others ..	July 15, 1931	For relief in connection with their lands under timber-cutting licenses to the Taupo Totara Timber Co., Ltd.	25	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
188. Kelly, Rhoda J.	Nov. 3, 1931	For a compassionate grant owing to deaths of her husband and daughter in a railway-crossing accident	1	Mr. McDougall ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 7, 1931.
72. Kerei Tame and 34 others ..	July 29, 1931	For free and undisturbed fishing-rights in rivers and lakes in Marlborough Province	35	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Aug. 20, 1931.
2. King, Emma M.	June 25, 1931	For remission of death duties	1	Mr. Howard ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 20, 1931.
98. Kohn Ltd., A., and 21 others ..	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	22	Mr. Parry ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
181. Laing, R. F.	Oct. 21, 1931	That he may be granted a war pension or compassionate allowance	1	Mr. Barnard ..	Defence	Nov. 7, 1931.
168. Landells, W. H.	Oct. 14, 1931	For inquiry into his claim to being the inventor of the buffer-plate punch	1	Mr. Kyle ..	Railways	Nov. 7, 1931.
111. Langford Bros. and 10 others ..	Aug. 21, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	11	Mr. Fletcher ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
7. Linthorne, E. A. and 27 others	June 25, 1931	That certain royalties due to the State Forests Department be remitted	28	Mr. Langstone ..	Public Petitions A to L	Aug. 20, 1931.

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126. Logan, J. A., and 12 others ..	Sept. 2, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	13	Mr. Wright ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
38. McAllum, A. L.	July 7, 1931	That a war pension be granted to his wife and family ..	1	Hon. Mr. Smith ..	Defence	Sept. 2, 1931.
131. McCubbin, H. J.	Sept. 10, 1931	For payment for stores supplied to men engaged on construction works on Glenhope-Murchison Railway	1	Mr. Black ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 29, 1931.
56. McCulloch, Agnes G. ..	July 21, 1931	For a compassionate allowance in respect of her late husband's service in the Pensions Department	1	Mr. Semple ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1931.
132. McDougall, J. J. P.	Sept. 16, 1931	For redress on account of alleged injustice	1	Mr. Fletcher ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 29, 1931.
116. McFarlane, J., and 41 others ..	Aug. 25, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill..	42	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
8. McKenna, A. P.	June 25, 1931	For payment for fencing done on a property now in possession of the Crown	1	Mr. Langstone ..	Lands	Sept. 17, 1931.
142. McNabb, W. N., and 18 others	Sept. 18, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	19	Mr. H. E. Holland	Industries and Commerce	Held over.
148. McWilliam, P.	Oct. 2, 1931	That provision be made enabling him to practise dentistry under supervision	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Health ..	Nov. 7, 1931.
92. Makitanara Hohua and 26 others	Aug. 18, 1931	That legislation be enacted enabling the Native Land Court to inquire into and redefine ownership of Section 49A, Block XII, Gore Survey District	27	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
123. Manning and Dorreen, Ltd., and 300 others	Aug. 28, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	301	Mr. H. Holland ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
179. Matene Whaanga	Oct. 20, 1931	For relief in connection with the Rangataua Reserve	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
18. Mattocks, Elsie A. M. ..	June 30, 1931	For reconsideration of her application for war pension on account of her husband's death	1	Hon. Mr. Stallworthy	Defence	Aug. 20, 1931.
158. Meikle, J. J.	Oct. 8, 1931	That several recommendations of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee be given effect to	1	Mr. Munns ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Oct. 20, 1931.
144. Meldrum, D.	Oct. 2, 1931	That the Waitemata County Council or the Public Works Department be compelled to fulfil an alleged undertaking	1	Mr. Mason ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 20, 1931.
139. Mersa Wikiriwhi and 22 others..	Sept. 16, 1931	For relief in connection with gold revenue obtained from their lands in the Coromandel and Hauraki Mining Districts	23	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
13. Miller, J.	June 25, 1931	For amendment of the law relating to land-agents	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Brought up, Oct. 9; laid on, Oct. 14, 1931.
121. Milne, Bremner, Ltd., and 11 others	Aug. 27, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	12	Mr. Ansell ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
12. Milroy, W.	June 26, 1931	For payment in lieu of accrued leave alleged to be due by the Defence Department	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Defence	Aug. 18, 1931.
75. Miri o Raukawa, Te	July 30, 1931	For relief in connection with Ngati-Whakaue lands comprising the Township of Rotorua	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
88. Mitchell, H. Tai, and another ..	Aug. 12, 1931	For adjustment of the ownership of Native land in the Town of Rotorua	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
163. Mitchinson, F. E., and another..	Oct. 13, 1931	That money borrowed from the Raetihi Bush Fire Relief Fund be written off and securities released	2	Mr. Langstone ..	Lands (direct) ..	Held over.

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124. Mouat Bros. and 14 others ..	Sept. 2, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	15	Mr. Fraser ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
16. Munro, R. D.	June 30, 1931	For compensation in connection with a railway accident ..	1	Mr. Lysnar ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1931.
65. Murdoch, A., and another ..	July 24, 1931	For the restoration of remote allowances to school-teachers ..	2	Mr. Polson ..	Education	Nov. 7, 1931.
90. Murray, A. T.	Aug. 14, 1931	That he be allowed to practise prosthetic dentistry	1	Mr. Hogan ..	Public Health ..	Sept. 9; 2nd Rep., Nov. 7, 1931.
177. New Zealand Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association	Oct. 15, 1931	For an amendment to the law relating to superannuation of members of the association	1	Hon. Mr. Young ..	Railways	Nov. 7, 1931.
182. New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association	Oct. 22, 1931	For an amendment to the law relating to superannuation of members of the association	1	Mr. Veitch ..	Railways	Nov. 7, 1931.
106. Ngahoki P. Rikihana ..	Aug. 20, 1931	*Re* Awakino No. 11 Block	1	Mr. Te Tomo ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Nov. 7, 1931.
184. Old, E. J., and 6,389 others ..	Oct. 22, 1931	For the derating of lands used for farming purposes	6,390	Captain Rushworth	Highways Finance ..	Nov. 4, 1931.
40. O'Regan, P. J.	July, 8, 1931	For enactment of legislation making shipowners liable for damages in respect of injury to sea-travelling passengers	1	Mr. McKeen ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1931.
109. Pepene Eketone and 2 others ..	Aug. 21, 1931	*Re* Taborakarowarewa and other blocks	3	Mr. Te Tomo ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Held over.
44. Pilling, Mary	July 10, 1931	For the enacting of legislation giving her the right to reopen certain Court proceedings	1	Hon. Mr. Donald ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 9, 1931.
114. Plant, S. J., and 4 others ..	Aug. 25, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	5	Mr. Semple ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
130. Pointon, Christina	Sept. 10, 1931	That access destroyed by Murchison Earthquake, 1929, be restored or, alternatively, that compensation be paid	1	Mr. Black ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 29, 1931.
27. Power, M.	July 1, 1931	For reinstatement in the Police Force, and compensation ..	1	Hon. Mr. Murdoch	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 9, 1931.
103. Price, T. E., and 14 others ..	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	15	Mr. Savage ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
169. Pullan, J. S.	Oct. 14, 1931	For readmission to the Public Service, or other alternative ..	1	Mr. Fraser ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Nov. 7, 1931.
118. Raniera Erihana	Aug. 25, 1931	For relief in connection with his lands	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
137. Rankin, J. H.	Sept. 16, 1931	That auctioneers' commission be paid him by State Advances Superintendent for sale of property at Motueka	1	Mr. Black ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 29; 2nd Rep., Nov. 7, 1931.
70. Redmond, Margaret	July 28, 1931	For a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's meritorious services in the Defence Forces	1	Mr. Harris ..	Defence	Sept. 8, 1931.
162. Reid, H. F. C.	Oct. 13, 1931	For compensation for an alleged injury received while in the employ of the Railways Department	1	Mr. Parry ..	Railways (direct) ..	Held over.
138. Reweti T. Kohere and 7 others	Sept. 16, 1931	For relief in connection with the Pohautea Block	8	Hon. Sir Apirana Nagta	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
166. Richardson, Mrs. J., and 816 others	Oct. 13, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	817	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Industries and Commerce	Held over.
89. Richmond, S. H. G.	Aug. 14, 1931	For reduction of mortgage on farm	1	Mr. Williams ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
71. Rehe, Tame H., and 56 others ..	July 29, 1931	That legislation be passed in respect of Rangitutahi and other islands	57	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.

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23. Rihitoto Mataia and 83 others..	June 30, 1931	For payment of mining-rights revenue derived from goldfield lands owned by them between Te Aroha and Moehau	84	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
29. Ripi Wi Hongi and 29 others ..	July 2, 1931	For relief in connection with Parahirahi C Block	30	Mr. Henare ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
74. Robbie, Sarah L.	July 29, 1931	For immediate payment of separation allowance on account of her husband's war service	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Defence	Sept. 8, 1931.
22. Rongowhakaata Pere and another	June 30, 1931	For relief in connection with Waihirere Block	2	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
172. Rostern, Mrs. E., and 7 others	Oct. 14, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	8	Mr. H. E. Holland	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
174. Samuel, E., and 18 others ..	Oct. 14, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	19	Mr. Black ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
78. Savident, D.	July 31, 1931	For compensation for expenses incurred whilst Harbourmaster at Kaipara	1	Right Hon. Mr. Coates	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 2, 1931.
52. Scurr Ltd., T.	July 15, 1931	For refund of legacy duty	3	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 20, 1931.
160. Shirriffs, Janet McN... ..	Oct. 8, 1931	For amendment of the Family Protection Act..	1	Mr. Howard ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Nov. 7, 1931.
68. Simon Tutu..	July 24, 1931	For relief in connection with the Awa-o-fotara Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
87. Skews, J., and 440 others ..	Aug. 7, 1931	That they be heard in opposition to certain proposals contained in the Transport Licensing Bill	441	Mr. Campbell ..	Transport Licensing (direct)	Aug. 18, 1931.
84. Smeeton, Ltd., A., and 212 others	Aug. 6, 1931	That electric-power Boards be restrained from trading in radio sets and equipment	213	Hon. Mr. Donald ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 9, 1931.
100. Smith, J., and 10 others ..	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	11	Mr. Endean ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
187. Smith, J. W. M.	Nov. 3, 1931	For alteration in the method of computing his superannuation allowance	1	Mr. Wright ..	Railways (direct) ..	Nov. 7, 1931.
79. Sommers, H. J.	Aug. 4, 1931	That he be granted a military pension, owing to disability alleged to be due to war service	1	Mr. Dickie ..	Defence	Sept. 8, 1931.
173. Snow, G. H., and 6 others ..	Oct. 14, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	7	Mr. H. E. Holland	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
146. Stewart, J., and 19 others ..	Oct. 2, 1931	For amendment of the Christchurch Drainage Board's boundaries	20	Mr. Sullivan ..	Local Bills (direct) ..	Oct. 20, 1931.
45. Stratford, W. G.	July 10, 1931	For inquiry into his reduced status as a Meat Inspector ..	1	Mr. Campbell ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Sept. 2, 1931.
164. Sutherland, B., and 4,584 others	Oct. 13, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	4,585	Mr. McKeen ..	Industries and Commerce	Held over.
185. Talbot, R. E., and 193 others ..	Oct. 27, 1931	For the derating of lands used for farming purposes	194	Captain Rushworth	Highways Finance (direct)	Nov. 4, 1931.
133. Tamati Tana and 2 others ..	Sept. 16, 1931	For relief in connection with the Otorohanga Block	3	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
71. Tame H. Rehe and 56 others ..	July 29, 1931	That legislation be passed in respect of Rangitutahi and other islands	57	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
72. Tame Kerei and 34 others ..	July 29, 1931	For free and undisturbed fishing-rights in rivers and lakes in Marlborough Province	35	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
32. Tansey, Frances M. M. ..	July 7, 1931	For compensation and return of moneys paid in respect of a forfeited farm	1	Mr. Langstone ..	Lands	Sept. 9, 1931.

SCHEDULE OF PETITIONS—*continued.*

FROM WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	NO. OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO.	DATE OF REPORT.
36. Tapp, T. L.	July 7, 1931	For institutional treatment for alleged war disabilities ..	1	Mr. H. Holland ..	Defence	Sept. 9, 1931.
186. Taranaki Electric-power Board	Nov. 3, 1931	For inquiry into issue of a license to New Plymouth Borough Council to supply electric-power to certain districts	2	Mr. Wilkinson ..	Public Petitions M to Z (direct)	Nov. 7, 1931.
46. Teale, A.	July 14, 1931	For a compassionate allowance in respect of an accident received while employed by the Railways Department	1	Mr. Howard ..	Railways	Nov. 7, 1931.
75. Te Miri o Raukawa	July 30, 1931	For relief in connection with Ngati-Whakaue lands, comprising the Township of Rotorua	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
77. Teoti Karetai and 8 others ..	July 31, 1931	That legislation be enacted authorizing the Native Land Court to investigate Section 4, Block XLIV, Princes Street, Dunedin	9	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
183. Templeton, M. G.	Oct. 22, 1931	For payment of an amount of a judgment given against him in connection with the building of the Porirua Nurses' Home	1	Mr. Wright ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Nov. 7, 1931.
167. Teroturu Hamahona and 76 others	Oct. 13, 1931	*Re* Tamanuka Nos. 1, 1A, 2, and 3 Blocks	77	Mr. Te Tomo ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Held over.
101. Thompson Bros. and 8 others ..	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	9	Mr. Jordan ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
171. Thorpe, F., and 16 others ..	Oct. 14, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	17	Mr. H. E. Holland	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
153. Tipiwai Houkamau and 7 others	Oct. 2, 1931	For relief in connection with the shares awarded to the "Mataotaos" in Matakaoa Block	8	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
170. Trembath, R., and 15 others ..	Oct. 14, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	16	Mr. H. E. Holland	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
122. Tupito Maruera and another ..	Aug. 28, 1931	That legislation be enacted empowering the Native Land Court to inquire and report on lands set aside by the Fox Commission, 1882	2	Mr. Makitanara ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Held over.
1. Turkington, S.	June 25, 1931	For inquiry into alleged misrepresentation and issue of false deeds	1	Mr. Savage ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1931.
180. Tutere Wi Ripa and 10 others ..	Oct. 20, 1931	For relief in connection with the Waikawa No. 2 Block ..	11	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
68. Tutu, Simon	July 24, 1931	For relief in connection with the Awa-o-totara Block	1	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
176. Vincent, Mrs. L. J., and 6,255 others	Oct. 14, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters.	6,256	Mr. Kyle ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Held over.
161. Wairoa Racing Club (Incorporated)	Oct. 9, 1931	For the remission of taxation and penalties owing to the State ..	2	Mr. Campbell ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Oct. 29, 1931.
73. Walker and Hall and 15 others	July 29, 1931	That a Select Committee be appointed to hear evidence in respect of certain matters relating to the use of trading-coupons and advantages to be derived therefrom	16	Mr. Endean ..	Industries and Commerce	Oct. 29, 1931.
94. Warner, Margaret	Aug. 18, 1931	For compensation for alleged loss of position in Education Department	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Education	Nov. 7, 1931.
66. Wataraihi te Paki and 7 others	July 24, 1931	For inclusion into the title to the Palmerston North Native Reserve	8	Hon. Sir Apirana	Native Affairs ..	Oct. 29, 1931.
129. Watchman Bros. and 14 others..	Sept. 2, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	15	Mr. Wright ..	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
10. Waters-Callingham, T. H. ..	June 26, 1931	That he be allowed to practise his profession of an optician or be granted a compassionate allowance	1	Captain Rushworth	Public Health ..	Aug. 20, 1931.

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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.
61. West, T., and 4 others ..	July 22, 1931	For inquiry into the subject of work for rations demanded by North Canterbury Hospital Board	5	Mr. Armstrong ..	Public Health ..	Sept. 9, 1931.
105. Whatanui Takiwa	Aug. 20, 1931	*Re* Tehoi 4A, 4B, and 4C Blocks	1	Mr. Te Tomo ..	Native Affairs (direct)	Held over.
42. Williams, S. F. G.	July 8, 1931	For a statement from the Lands Department in respect of an alleged debt owing on a discharged soldier's farm	1	Mr. J. N. Massey ..	Lands	Aug. 20, 1931.
155. Win, B. L., and 15 others ..	Oct. 7, 1931	For legislation making it illegal to impose conditions on the resale of foodstuffs and other matters	16	Mr. O'Brien ..	Industries and Commerce	Held over.
83. Wīrīmu Kingi Atetini and 7 others	Aug. 6, 1931	For relief in connection with the Arikikapakapa Reserve ..	8	Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata	Native Affairs ..	Held over.
190. Wood, A., and 8 others ..	Nov. 9, 1931	For the maintenance of the banks of the Mangaore Stream and the bridges erected thereon by the Public Works Department	9	Mr. Linklater ..	Public Petitions A to L (direct)	Held over.
39. Wooding, T. P.	July 8, 1931	For refund of overpaid land-tax	1	Mr. Barnett ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1931.
34. Woodley, E. M.	July 7, 1931	For compensation for loss of her husband	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1931.
96. Woods and Co., H., and 27 others	Aug. 19, 1931	For amendment of the Trading-coupons Bill	28	Hon. Mr. Stallworthy	Industries and Commerce (direct)	Oct. 29, 1931.
93. Wright, F. E.	Aug. 18, 1931	For compensation of alleged deterioration of property through construction of ramp over railway	1	Mr. W. Nash ..	Railways	Sept. 17, 1931.
37. Wright, F. W., and another ..	July 7, 1931	For refund of land-tax paid in error	2	Mr. Chapman ..	Public Petitions M to Z	Aug. 20, 1931.

IV.—Schedule of Select Committees appointed by the House of Representatives, Session II, 1931.

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; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Burnett, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Lye, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. W. W. Massey, Mr. Polson, Hon. Mr. Murdoch.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Murdoch.	Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 27; Report, Oct. 21. (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. Barnard, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Healy, Mr. Jordan, Colonel McDonald, Mr. McDougall, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Waite, Hon. Mr. Cobbe.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cobbe.	(For Reports, *vide* I.–12.)
Education.—Consisting of ten 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. Black, Mr. Bodkin, Rev. Clyde Carr, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. Holland, Colonel McDonald, Hon. Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Young, Hon. Mr. Atmore.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Atmore.	Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill referred, July 31; Report, Nov. 7. New Zealand Institute of Architects Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 11; No Report. (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 mining; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Black, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hawke, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Martin, Mr. Munns, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Waite, Hon. Mr. Murdoch.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Murdoch.	Mining Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 30; Report, Nov. 4. (For Reports, *vide* I.–4.)
Highways Finance.—Consisting, by leave, of eleven Members, to examine into and report on all matters relating to highways finance, including the allocation of portion of the petrol-taxation to local authorities; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	*Mr. Ansell*, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Clinkard, *Mr. Hamilton*, Mr. Healy, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Martin, Hon. Mr. Ransom, Captain Rushworth, Hon. Mr. Taverner.	July 28, on motion of Hon. Mr. Ransom (for Hon. Mr. Taverner).	The name of Mr. Hamilton discharged, and the name of Mr. Ansell substituted, July 28. Paper No. 171 (H.–44c) referred, Oct. 21; Report, Nov. 4. (For Reports, *vide* I.–15.)
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. Bitchener, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Savage, Hon. Mr. Smith, Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	July 21, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	No Report.
Industries and Commerce.—Consisting of ten Members, to deal with all matters in connection with industries and commerce; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Ansell, *Hon. Mr. Cobbe*, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Munns, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sullivan, *Mr. Ward*, Mr. Wilkinson, Hon. Mr. de la Perrelle.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. de la Perrelle.	The name of Hon. Mr. Cobbe discharged, and the name of Mr. Ward added, July 23. Licensing Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 4; Report, Oct. 29. Trading-coupons Bill referred, Aug. 11; Report, Oct. 8. Honey Local-marketing Board Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Oct. 8. (For Reports, *vide* I.–13.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Joint on Bills.—To act together with a similar Select Committee of the Legislative Council, as a Joint Committee, which shall 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. Ansell, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Lye, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Bodkin.	July 21, on motion of Mr. Bodkin.	No Report.
Joint on Standing Orders on Private Bills.	Mr. Barnard, Mr. Black, Mr. Field, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Bodkin.	July 21, on motion of Mr. Bodkin.	No Report.
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. Armstrong, Mr. Clinkard, Mr. Endean, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Jull, Mr. Polson, Hon. Mr. Veitch, *Hon. Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Hamilton.*	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Smith.	Painters and Decorators' Health Protection Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report brought up and referred back, Sept. 17; second Report, Oct. 21. Painters and Decorators Registration Bill referred, Aug. 19; Report, Sept. 17. The name of Mr. Smith discharged, and the name of Hon. Mr. Hamilton substituted, Oct. 14. (For Reports, *vide* I.–9.)
Lands.—Consisting, by leave of the House, of fourteen 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 recommend 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 and papers and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Healy, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. J. N. Massey, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Polson, Mr. Savage, Hon. Mr. Ransom.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Ransom.	Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 12; Report, Aug. 20. Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 12; Report, Aug. 20. Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 26; Report, Aug. 27. Wellington City Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 9. Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Sept. 17; Report, Oct. 9. Stoke Water-supply Bill referred, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 29. Land Laws Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 4; Report, Nov. 5. Education Reserves Amendment Bill referred, Nov. 4; Report, Nov. 5. Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill referred, Nov. 3; Report, Nov. 5. Local Legislation Bill referred, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 7. Governor-General's amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill referred, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 7. (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. Broadfoot, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Waite, Hon. Mr. Atmore.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Atmore.	Annual Report of Chief Librarian (H.–32), Nov. 7. Special Report *re* presentation by His Excellency the Governor-General of a drawing, Nov. 7. (For Reports, *vide* Paper H.–32 and Journals.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
Local Bills.—Consisting of ten Members, to whom all Local Bills shall stand referred after the first reading; the Committee to report whether the Standing Orders have been complied with, whether the rights or prerogatives of the Crown are in any way affected by the provisions of the Bills, and to recommend 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. Bitchener, *Hon. Mr. Hamilton*, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Macmillan, *Colonel McDonald*, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Munns, *Mr. Ward*, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. de la Perelle.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. de la Perrelle.	The name of Colonel McDonald discharged, and the name of Mr. Ward added, July 23. Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill referred, June 26; Report, Aug. 12. Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill referred, July 14; Report, Aug. 4. Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill referred, July 23; Report, Aug. 12. Wellington City Empowering Bill referred, July 28; Report, Sept. 2. Stoke Water-supply Bill referred, July 29; Report, Oct. 27. Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill referred, July 29; Report, Aug. 12. Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill referred, July 29; Report, Aug. 12; Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill referred, July 30; Report, Aug. 26. Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 17. Christchurch Estuary and Rivers Conservancy Bill referred, Aug. 4; No Report. Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 2. Building Construction Bill referred, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 17. South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 5; Report, Aug. 26. Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill referred, Aug. 5; Report, Aug. 18. Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill referred, Aug. 6; Report, Sept. 2. Local Legislation Bill referred, Oct. 30; Report, Nov. 5. New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill referred, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 9. Governor-General's Amendments to Local Legislation Bill referred, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 7. Number of Committee increased by leave to eleven Members and the name of Hon. Mr. Hamilton added, Oct. 30. (For Reports, *vide* I.-16.)
Native Affairs.—Consisting, by leave, of fifteen Members, to consider all Petitions, Reports, returns, and other documents relating to affairs especially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Clinkard, Right Hon. Mr. Coates, Mr. Healy, Mr. Henare, Mr. Howard, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. Martin, Mr. O'Brien, Captain Rushworth, Mr. te Tomo, Mr. Waite, Mr. Williams, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Veitch (for Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata).	Paper No. 71 referred, July 28; Report, Oct. 29. Paper No. 147 referred, Sept. 18; Report, Oct. 29. Native Land Bill referred, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 20. Native Purposes Bill referred, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 27. Paper No. 163 referred, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 29. (For Reports, *vide* I.-3.)
Privilege.—To inquire into a breach of privilege—namely, a letter dated 9th July, 1931, addressed to Mr. F. Lye, Member for Waikato, by Bond and Bond, Limited, Auckland, and signed for the company by Mr. H. V. Coe, Manager, and to report its opinions and recommendations thereon to the House; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Barnard, and Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	July 10, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	Advertisement appearing in *New Zealand Herald* newspaper on Friday, July 10, held to be a breach of privilege. Matter referred to Committee, July 21; Report, Aug. 18; Report considered, Aug. 19; instruction to Committee to consider Standing Orders in respect of breaches of privilege, Aug. 19. Special Report *re* Chairman, Aug. 18. (For reports, *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.	Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Endean, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Howard, Mr. Lysnar, *Mr. W. W. Massey*, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. McCombs, Mr. J. A. Nash, *Mr. W. Nash*, Mr. Sullivan, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	October 20, on motion of Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.	Number of Committee increased by leave to twelve Members and the names of Mr. W. Nash and Mr. W. W. Massey added, Oct. 30. No Report.

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued.*

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
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. Clinhard, Mr. Endean, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Healy, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. Munro, Mr. Parry, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Young, Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.	(For Reports, *vide* L.-7.)
Public Petitions A to L.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider all petitions from A to L that may be referred to it, 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; three to be a quorum.	Mr. Ansell, Mr. Chapman, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Healy, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. McDougall, Mr. W. W. Massey, Mr. O'Brien, Hon. Mr. Donald.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Donald.	Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Bill referred, Sept. 2; No Report. Committee revived, Nov. 9. (For Reports, *vide* L.-1.)
Public Petitions M to Z.—Consisting of ten Members, to consider all petitions from M to Z that may be referred to it; 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; three to be a quorum.	Rev. Clyde Carr, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Lye, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. J. N. Massey, Colonel McDonald, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Semple, Hon. Mr. Taverner.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Atmore (for Hon. Mr. Taverner).	(For Reports, *vide* L.-2.)
Railways.—Consisting of ten Members, to examine and report upon questions relating to railways; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum.	Right Hon. Mr. Coates, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Munns, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. W. Nash, Hon. Mr. Taverner, Hon. Mr. Veitch.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Veitch.	(For Reports, *vide* L.-6.)
Selection (Private Bills)	Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Field, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Bodkin.	July 21, on motion of Mr. Bodkin.	Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill referred, July 29; Report, Aug. 12. Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill referred, Sept. 10; Report, Sept. 16. (For Reports, *vide* Journals).
Standing Orders.—Consisting, by leave of the House, of twelve Members, to which may be referred all matters arising in regard to the Standing Orders of this House.	Hon. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Hon. Mr. Smith, Right Hon. Mr. Coates, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. McCombs, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Mason, Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	July 28, on motion of Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.	That it be an instruction to consider the question of the arrangement on the Order Paper of Private Members' dropped orders and the Standing Orders and procedure on Private Members' Bills and business generally, July 28; Report, Nov. 7. (For Report, *vide* Journals.)

SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES—*continued*.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
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. Barnard, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Field, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Mason, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilkinson, Hon. Mr. Cobbe.	July 21, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cobbe.	Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill referred, July 23; Report, Aug. 18. Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill (No. 2) referred, July 23; no Report. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Bill referred, July 23; Report, Nov. 5. Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill referred, July 23; No Report. Reprint of Statutes Bill referred, July 28; Report, Aug. 4. Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill referred, July 31; Report, Aug. 26. Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill referred, Sept. 2; Report, Oct. 27. Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill referred, Oct. 22; Report, Nov. 5. Law Practitioners Bill referred, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 6. (For Reports, *vide* I.–11.)
Transport Licensing Bill.—Consisting of ten Members, to which shall stand referred for consideration and report the Transport Licensing Bill.	*Mr. Ansell*, Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Clinkard, *Mr. Hamilton*, Mr. Harris, Mr. Healy, Mr. Jull, Mr. Mason, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Williams, Hon. Mr. Veitch.	July 14, on motion of Hon. Mr. Veitch.	Transport Licensing Bill referred, July 14; Report, Aug. 18. The name of Mr. Ansell discharged and the name of Mr. Hamilton added, July 28. (For Reports, *vide* I.–17.)

V.—SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BILLS, SESSION II, 1931.

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.
Air Navigation	By Message (Hon. Mr. Cobbe)	Oct. 14	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	..	Oct. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Appropriation	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	..	Nov. 10	..	..	Urgency accorded, Nov. 10. Governor-General's Message recommending provision be made in accordance with clauses 12, 13, 14, and 15; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Nov. 10.
Amusements-tax Amendment	Mr. Barnard	July 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment	Hon. Mr. Stallworthy ..	July 23	Aug. 27	Aug. 27 Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 23; Report, Aug. 12.
Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering	Mr. Parry	Aug. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 17. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 17; Report, Oct. 9. Standing Order 370 suspended, Nov. 7.
Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment	Hon. Mr. Donald ..	Aug. 6	Sept. 3	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	Nov. 7	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 6; Report, Sept. 2. Standing Order 370 suspended, Nov. 7.
Bank of New Zealand Amendment ..	Mr. Langstone ..	July 22	Aug. 5 Sept. 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	*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.
British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Amendment	Mr. Fraser	Oct. 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Broadcasting	By Message (Hon. Mr. Donald) (Hon. Mr. Hamilton)	Sept. 3	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Introduced in Committee. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Nov. 2 and Nov. 4.
Building Construction	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Aug. 4	Aug. 4 *pro forma*	Oct. 22 Oct. 28	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 17. Governor-General's Message recommending provision be made in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Bills Committee; same read and agreed to, and referred to Committee on the Bill, Oct. 22. *Lapsed.*
Cameron and Soldiers Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering	Mr. Sykes	July 29	Aug. 27	Aug. 27 Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 29; Report, Aug. 12. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 12; Report, Aug. 20.
Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition ..	Legislative Council ..	July 30	Sept. 2 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Public Petitions A to L Committee, Sept. 2; no Report. *Lapsed.*
Chattels Transfer Amendment	Legislative Council ..	Oct. 21	Oct. 22 *pro forma*	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Oct. 22; Report, Nov. 5.
Christchurch District Drainage Amendment	Mr. Howard	Aug. 4	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 4; Report, Sept. 2. Governor-General's Message recommending provision be made; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Sept. 3.
Christchurch Estuary and Rivers Conservancy	Mr. McCombs.. ..	Aug. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 4; no Report. *Lapsed.*
Christchurch Tramway District Amendment..	Mr. Howard, for Mr. McCombs	July 14	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	..	Aug. 27	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 14; Report, Aug. 4. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Companies Empowering Amendment ..	Hon. Mr. Smith ..	Sept. 10	Oct. 9	Oct. 9	Oct. 9	..	Oct. 9	..	..	..
Counties Amendment	Hon. Mr. Hamilton ..	Oct. 29	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	..	..
Crimes Amendment	Mr. Mason	June 26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Customs Acts Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Nov. 2	Nov. 4	Nov. 4	Nov. 4	..	Nov. 4	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Nov. 4. Resolution of Committee of Ways and Means referred to Committee on the Bill, Nov. 4.
Currency	Mr. Mason	June 26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment	Mr. Mason	June 26	July 23 *pro forma*							Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 23; no Report. *Lapsed.*
Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment (No. 2)	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	July 22	July 23 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 23; no Report. *Lapsed.*
Defence Amendment	Hon. Mr. Cobbe ..	July 22	Aug. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	..	Sept. 8	..	..	..
Distress and Replevin Amendment ..	Mr. Fraser	June 30	July 23 *pro forma*	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 23; Report, Aug. 18. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment	Mr. Mason	June 26	July 23 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 23; Report, Nov. 5. *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.
Education Reserves Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Ransom)	Nov. 4	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	..	Nov. 6	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 4; Report, Nov. 5.
Electoral Amendment	Mr. Clinkard	June 26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Expiring Laws Continuance	Right Hon. Mr. Forbes	June 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Finance (No. 3)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	..	Aug. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Aug. 28.
Finance (No. 4)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Nov. 7	Nov. 9	Nov. 9 Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Nov. 10. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Nov. 10.
Gaming Amendment	Mr. Armstrong ..	June 26	Oct. 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. Speaker ruled Bill contained an appropriation, Oct. 9. *Lapsed.*
Gold Bounty	Mr. Black	July 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds ..	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Introduced in Committee.
Honey Local-marketing Board	Mr. Jordan	Aug. 11	Aug. 19 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Industries and Commerce Committee, Aug. 19; Report, Oct. 8. *Lapsed.*
Imprest Supply	Right Hon. Mr. Forbes	June 26	June 26	June 26	June 26	..	June 26	..	..	Message from His Excellency, recommending provision be made, referred to Committee of Supply, and Resolution reported and agreed to; Resolution referred to Committee of Ways and Means; Report agreed to, June 26. Urgency accorded, June 26.
Imprest Supply (No. 2)	Right Hon. Mr. Forbes	July 29	July 29	July 29	July 29	..	July 29	..	..	Message from His Excellency recommending provision be made referred to Committee of Supply, and Resolution reported and agreed to; Resolution referred to Committee of Ways and Means; Report agreed to, July 29. Urgency accorded, July 29.
Imprest Supply (No. 3)	Right Hon. Mr. Forbes	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	Sept. 1	..	..	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. 1. Urgency accorded Sept. 1.
Imprest Supply (No. 4)	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Oct. 2	Oct. 2	Oct. 2	Oct. 2	..	Oct. 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, Oct. 2. Urgency accorded Oct. 2.
Imprest Supply (No. 5)	Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	..	Nov. 6	..	..	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, Nov. 6. Urgency accorded Nov. 6.
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment	Mr. Semple	Aug. 12	Sept. 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*

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Inspection of Machinery Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Cobbe)	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Nov. 10.
Invalid Pensions	Mr. Jordan, for Mr. O'Brien	July 15	Sept. 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. Speaker ruled Bill contained an appropriation, and could not proceed, Sept. 16. *Lapsed.*
Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports)	Mr. Savage, for Mr. Fraser	July 14	July 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	Sept. 2	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 31; Report, Aug. 26. *Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
Land and Income Tax Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Oct. 14.
Land and Income Tax (Annual)	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	Oct. 14	..	Oct. 14	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Oct. 14.
Land Laws Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Ransom)	Nov. 4	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	Nov. 6	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 4; Report, Nov. 5.
Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Sept. 2	Sept. 2 *pro forma*	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Sept. 2; Report, Oct. 27. Urgency accorded, Oct. 28.
Law Practitioners	Legislative Council ..	Nov. 5	Nov. 5 *pro forma*	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	..	Nov. 10	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 6. Urgency accorded, Nov. 10.
Licensing Amendment	Mr. Mason	July 15	Aug. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Industries and Commerce Committee, Aug. 4; Report, Oct. 29. *Lapsed.*
Licensing Poll Postponement	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Aug. 28.
Licensing Poll Postponement Amendment ..	Mr. Ward	Oct. 22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	June 26	June 26	June 26	June 26	..	June 26	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Local Authorities Loans (Rates of Interest)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	July 28	July 28	July 28	July 28	..	July 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, July 28.
Local Elections and Polls Amendment ..	Mr. Mason	June 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Local Elections and Polls Amendment (No. 2)	Mr. McCombs	Sept. 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Second Reading negatived on division, Sept. 16. *Lapsed.*
Local Legislation	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hamilton)	Oct. 30	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Oct. 30; Report, Nov. 5. Referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 7. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to, and referred to Local Bills Committee, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 7. Referred to the Committee on the Bill, Nov. 7.
Marriage Amendment	Mr. Mason	Aug. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Second Reading negatived on division, Sept. 2. *Lapsed.*
Meat-export Control Amendment	Mr. Lysnar	July 2	July 23 July 24 July 31 Aug. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Mining Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Jones)	Oct. 30	Oct. 30 *pro forma*	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	Nov. 7	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Goldfields and Mines Committee, Oct. 30; Report, Nov. 4.

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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.
Mortgagors Relief Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Nov. 10. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 11; Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Nov. 11.
Mountain Guides	By Message (Hon. Mr. Hamilton)	Nov. 2	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Introduced in Committee.
National Provident Fund Amendment ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Donald)	July 28	Aug. 5	Sept. 8	Sept 8	..	Sept. 8	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Native Land	By Message (Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Sept. 16	Oct. 9 *pro forma*	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	Nov. 4	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 9; Report, Oct. 20. Urgency accorded, Oct. 28; Nov. 10. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments, Nov. 9; agreed to, Nov. 10. Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 10; Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Nov. 10.
Native Purposes	By Message (Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata)	Oct. 14	Oct. 20 *pro forma*	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Native Affairs Committee, Oct. 20; Report, Oct. 27. Urgency accorded, Oct. 28.
New Lynn Sewerage Validation	Mr. Mason	Nov. 5	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	..	Nov. 10	..	..	Standing Orders relating to Local Bills partially suspended, Nov. 5. Referred to Local Bills Committee, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 9.
New Zealand Institute of Architects Amendment	Mr. Wright	Aug. 11	Aug. 11 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Education Committee, Aug. 11; no Report. *Lapsed.*
New Zealand Institute of Clerks of Works ..	Mr. Fraser	Oct. 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Painters and Decorators' Health Protection	Mr. Jordan	July 28	Aug. 19 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Aug. 19; Report brought up and referred back, Sept. 17; second Report, Oct. 21. *Lapsed.*
Painters and Decorators Registration ..	Mr. Jordan	July 28	Aug. 19 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Labour Bills Committee, Aug. 19; Report Sept. 17. *Lapsed.*
Petone Borough Council Empowering ..	Mr. W. Nash	Aug. 5	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	Aug. 27	..	Aug. 27	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 5; Report, Aug. 18. With leave, Bill passed through all stages, Aug. 27.
Public Hospitals Assisting	Mr. Black	July 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Rating Amendment	Mr. Mason	Aug. 4	Sept. 9 Sept. 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	Second Reading negatived. *Lapsed.*
Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling	Mr. H. Holland ..	July 1	July 31 *pro forma*	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Education Committee, July 31; Report, Nov. 7. *Lapsed.*
Rent Restriction Extension	Hon. Mr. Murdoch, for Hon. Mr. Smith	July 15	July 28	July 28	July 28	..	July 28	..	..	Urgency accorded, July 28.
Reprint of Statutes	Legislative Council ..	July 9	July 28	Aug. 5	Aug. 5	..	Aug. 5	..	..	Referred to Statutes Revision Committee, July 28; Report, Aug. 4.

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.
Reserves and other Lands Disposal ..	By Message (Hon. Mr. Ransom)	Nov. 3	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 3; Report, Nov. 5. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to, and referred to Lands Committee, Nov. 5; Report, Nov. 7. Referred to Committee on the Bill, Nov. 7.
Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering	Mr. Clinkard	June 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 27 Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, June 26; Report, Aug. 12. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 12; Report, Aug. 20. Governor-General's Message recommending provision be made; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, Aug. 27. Standing Orders partially suspended, Aug. 27.
Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment ..	Right Hon. Mr. Forbes	Sept. 2	Sept. 10	Oct. 8 Oct. 9	Oct. 9	Oct. 9	Oct. 9	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	..
Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Forbes)	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	Nov. 7	..	..	Introduced in Committee.
Shipping and Seamen Amendment ..	Mr. Mason	June 26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*Lapsed.*
Silver and Copper Coinage	Mr. Wilkinson ..	July 1	July 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. Speaker ruled Bill contained an appropriation, and could not proceed, July 31. *Lapsed.*
South Wairarapa River Board Empowering	Colonel McDonald ..	Aug. 5	Aug. 27	Aug. 27 Sept. 3	Sept. 3	..	Sept. 3	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, Aug. 5; Report, Aug. 28.
Stamp Duties Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart)	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	..	Oct. 28	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, Oct. 28. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendment; same read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, Nov. 2. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, Nov. 3.
Stoke Water-supply	Hon. Mr. Atmore ..	July 29	Nov. 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 29; Report, Oct. 27. Referred to Lands Committee, Oct. 27; Report, Oct. 29. *Lapsed.*
Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment	Hon. Mr. de la Perrelle (Hon. Mr. Hamilton)	Sept. 1	Sept. 10	Oct. 8 Oct. 9	Oct. 9	..	Oct. 9	..	..	..
Trading-coupons	By Message (Hon. Mr. de la Perrelle) (Hon. Mr. Hamilton)	Aug. 11	Aug. 11 *pro forma*	Oct. 20 Oct. 22	Oct. 22	Oct. 22	Oct. 22	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Industries and Commerce Committee, Aug. 11; Report, Oct. 8.
Transport Licensing	By Message (Hon. Mr. Veitch), (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	July 7	July 14 *pro forma*	Sept. 10 Sept. 17 Oct. 8	..	..	..	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Referred to Special Committee, July 14; Report, Aug. 18. *Lapsed.*
Transport Licensing (No. 2)	By Message (Right Hon. Mr. Coates)	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Introduced in Committee.
Unemployment Amendment	By Message (Hon. Mr. Smith)	July 2	July 3 July 7	July 8 July 9 July 10	July 10	July 10	July 10	..	..	Introduced in Committee. Urgency accorded, July 7, 8. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Bill, July 8. Governor-General's Message forwarding amendments; same read and agreed to; Message to Legislative Council, July 21. Message from Legislative Council agreeing, July 22.

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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 Ministers' Profits	Mr. McCombs	July 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. Speaker ruled Bill imposed taxation, and could not proceed, July 31. *Lapsed.*
Wellington City Empowering	Mr. Chapman ..	July 28	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	..	Nov. 7	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 28; Report, Sept. 2. Referred to Lands Committee, Sept. 2; Report, Sept. 9.
Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment ..	Mr. McKeen	July 29	Aug. 27	Nov. 7	..	..	..	..	..	Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 29; Report, Aug. 12. Referred to Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, Aug. 27; Report, Oct. 21. *Lapsed.*

VI.—SCHEDULE OF PRIVATE BILLS, SESSION II, 1931.

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.
Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering ..	Hon. Mr. Stallworthy ..	July 28	July 30 *pro forma*	Sept. 3 Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Oct. 22	Oct. 22	Standing Orders on Private Bills partially suspended and Bill to proceed as a Public Bill, July 28. Referred to Local Bills Committee, July 30; Report, Aug. 26. Referred to Lands Committee, Aug. 26; Report, Aug. 27. Governor-General's Message recommending provision be made, Aug. 28. Title amended, Sept. 8.

SHORT TITLE.	How and by Whom Introduced.	Introduction and First Reading.	Second Reading.	Referred to Committee of Selection.	Report of Committee of Selection.	Report of Committee on Bill.	Consideration of Report.	Third Reading and Passing.	Amendments of Legislative Council.	Amendments of Council agreed to.	REMARKS.
Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited	Legislative Council	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	..	Oct. 8	..	..	..
Wanganui Church Acre Amendment ..	Legislative Council	July 23	July 29	July 29	Aug. 12	Oct. 14	..	Aug. 19	..	..	..

VII.—Schedule of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table, Sessions 1 and 2, 1931.

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.	
July 14	25	Agricultural Labourers' Accommodation Act, 1908, Amending Regulations made 6th October, 1930, under the. (By Act.)	
		Agriculture:—	
Oct. 21	172	Canterbury Agricultural College, Annual Report on the Progress of the, and Statement of Accounts for Year 1930. (By Act.)	
Sept. 18	145	Department of: Annual Report for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By command)	H.–29.
July 28	67	Massey Agricultural College: Report on the Progress of the College during the Year 1930, together with Statement of Accounts for same Year. (By Act.)	
..	..	Air-mail Letters. (*Vide* Post and Telegraph Department.)	
..	..	Auckland Harbour Board. (*Vide* Local Authorities Superannuation Act.)	
		B.	
July 30	81	Banking and Currency in New Zealand, Report on, by Sir Otto Niemeyer, G.B.E., K.C.B., of the Bank of England. (By leave)	B.–3.
July 14	3	Bank of New Zealand: Balance-sheet for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	B.–15.
..	..	Barley, Duty on. (*Vide* Customs Amendment Act, 1921.)	
..	..	Bees. (*Vide* Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1928.)	
		Board of Trade Act, 1919:—	
Oct. 14	158	Order in Council making Trading-stamps Regulations, 1931, pursuant to. (By Act.)	
Oct. 14	157	Order in Council revoking Board of Trade's Trading-stamps Regulations, 1931, pursuant to. (By Act.)	
April 20	2 Sess. 1	Bread: Cost of Production and Distribution in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. (By leave)	H.–44A.
..	..	Budget. (*Vide* Financial Statement.)	
July 28	55	Building Regulations Committee, Report of. (By leave)	H.–21.
..	..	Buller County Council. (*Vide* Local Authorities Superannuation Act.)	
		C.	
..	..	Canada, Exports from. (*Vide* Customs Amendment Act, 1921.)	
Oct. 21	172	Canterbury Agricultural College: Report on the Progress of the College, and Statement of Accounts for Year 1930. (By Act.)	
Aug. 18	90	Canterbury Provincial Buildings Board: Statement of Accounts of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act.)	
..	..	Child-welfare. (*Vide* Education.)	
Nov. 3	183	Chinese and Indians arrived in New Zealand during Period from 1921 to 1931. (Return to an Order dated 22nd October, 1931.)	
..	..	Cinematograph Films. (*Vide* Customs Amendment Act, 1921.)	
July 29	77	Cinematograph Films Act, 1928, Regulations under the, in regard to Renters' Licenses. (By Act.)	
..	..	Close Settlement. (*Vide* Land for Settlement.)	
		Coal-mines Act, 1925, Assignments of Leases and Licenses under. (By Act):—	
July 28	68	R. Ritchie to Margaret S. Hayes.	
July 28	69	R. B. Bannerman (as Executor) to B. Lawrence.	
Nov. 11	210	Tyneside Proprietary, Ltd. (in Liquidation), to Ernest Gregory Pilcher.	
Nov. 11	209	Coal-mines Act, 1925: Amalgamation Coal Lease No. 742, Invercargill (Birchwood Coal Co., Ltd.), being Amalgamation of Coal-leases Nos. 43 and 741, Invercargill. (By Act.)	
July 28	66	Coal-mines, State, Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act) ..	C.–2A.
July 14	21	Cook and other Islands: Annual Report of the Cook Islands and Niue Administrations for Year ended 31st March, 1931 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper A.–3, 1930). (By command)	A.–3.
		County Councils' Accounts. (By Act):—	
Nov. 5	194	For Year 1927–28.	
July 14	2	For Years 1926–27, 1927–28, 1928–29, 1929–30, and 1930–31.	
Nov. 5	188	For Year 1929–30.	
Nov. 5	189	For Year 1930–31.	
Aug. 18	91	Crown Lands, Settlement of, Annual Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By command)	C.–1.
..	..	Currency. (*Vide* Banking.)	
Aug. 18	85	Customs and other Revenue, Cost of collecting, by the Customs Department for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By command)	B.–12.
		Customs Act, 1913:—	
July 14	52	Order in Council under the, Restricting the Importation of Poultry into New Zealand. (By Act.)	
July 29	73	Order in Council revoking the Prohibition of the Importation and Exportation of Silver Coin. (By Act.)	
July 14	51	Order in Council under the, regulating the Importation and Exportation of Silver Coin. (By Act.)	
Sept. 17	134	Order in Council under the, prohibiting the Importation of Dr. Joslin's Etheric Animator, also Advertising-matter relating thereto. (By Act.)	
July 14	50	Order in Council under the, prohibiting the Importation of Marlatt's Treatment for Gallstones and Advertising-matter in regard thereto. (By Act.)	
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..	..	POULTRY, IMPORTATION OF. (*Vide* CUSTOMS ACT, 1913.)	

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Date of Presentation.	Number of Paper.		Letter and Number of Printed Paper in Appendices.
..	..	PRIMARY EDUCATION. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)	
July 29	72	PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT, Annual Report of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By leave)	H.–36.
Aug. 18	103	PRISONS BOARD, Annual report of, for Year 1930. (By command)	H.–20A.
Aug. 18	100	PRISONS DEPARTMENT, Report of the, for Year 1930-31. (By command) ..	H.–20.
		PUBLIC ACCOUNTS :—	
Aug. 7	84	For Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon. (Hon. Mr. Speaker)	B.–1 [Pt.II].
July 30	79	For Financial Year, 1930-31. (By Act)	B.–1[Pt. I].
July 30	80	For Financial Year, 1930-31, also Statement showing the Public Debt of the Dominion. (By Act)	B.–1[Pt.III].
July 30	80	PUBLIC DEBT : Public Accounts for Financial Year 1930-31, and Statement showing the Public Debt of the Dominion. (By Act)	B.–1[Pt.III].
Aug. 8	86	PUBLIC DEBT COMMISSION, Report of the, on the Repayment of the Public Debt, with Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	B.–2.
		PUBLIC RESERVES, DOMAINS, AND NATIONAL PARKS ACT, 1928 :—	
Oct. 6	149	Notice of Intention to issue an Order in Council changing the Purpose of a Reserve in the Town of Hokitika, Westland Land District. (By Act.)	
Oct. 6	148	Notice of Intention to issue Orders in Council revoking the Reservation for Recreation Purposes of certain Areas in the Town of Miranui, Wellington Land District, and in Block XV, Wai-iti Survey District, Nelson Land District. (By Act.)	
..	..	(*Vide* also LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.)	
Aug. 5	83	PUBLIC SECURITIES held in the Dominion or Elsewhere as on the 31st March, 1931, Return of, together with an Account of all Securities purchased or received and of all Securities redeemed or otherwise disposed of during Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	B.–10.
Nov. 10	206	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER, Nineteenth Annual Report of the. (By command)	H.–14.
July 28	70	PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BOARD, Twenty-third Annual Report of the, with Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	H.–26.
		PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE :—	
Sept. 17	132	Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	B.–9A.
Sept. 17	131	Report of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	B.–9.
Nov. 2	182	PUBLIC WORKS STATEMENT, by the Right Hon. Mr. Coates, Minister of Public Works, together with Estimates of Expenditure. (By leave)	D.–1.
..	..	PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT. (*Vide* TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS AND PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT.)	
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..	..	RADIO TELEGRAPH. (*Vide* POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.)	
..	..	RAILWAYS BOARD. (*Vide* GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BOARD.)	
		RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT :—	
Aug. 25	110	Annual Statement by the Hon. Mr. Veitch, Minister of Railways, including the Annual Report of the General Manager of Railways. (By leave)	D.–2.
Nov. 4	184	Cost of Railway Marshalling Yards at Middleton. (Return to an Order dated 22nd October, 1931.)	
Aug. 18	87	Government Railways Superannuation Fund : Report of Board for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	D.–5.
Sept. 10	128	Report of the Government Railways Board. (By Act)	D.–3.
..	..	RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE. (*Vide* LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.)	
June 26	1	RETURNS OR STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW OR RESOLUTION TO BE LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE. (Return to an Order dated 18th August, 1893)	H.–13.
Aug. 18	85	REVENUE, CUSTOMS AND OTHER, Cost of collecting, by the Customs Department, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By command)	B.–12.
		ROADS CLOSED OR STOPPED (By Act) :—	
July 14	12	In various Districts.	
Aug. 25	112	In various Districts.	
Nov. 2	180	In various Districts.	
Nov. 2	181	In various Districts.	
		RURAL INTERMEDIATE CREDIT BOARD :—	
Nov. 6	201	Accounts for Year ended 30th June, 1931. (By Act.)	
Oct. 30	178	Report for Year ended 30th June, 1931. (By Act)	B.–14.
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Oct. 29	175	SAMOA, Eleventh Report of the Government of New Zealand on the Administration of, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By command)	A.–4.
..	..	SCENERY PRESERVATION. (*Vide* LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.)	
Oct. 15	162	SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, Annual Report of, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By leave)	H.–34.
..	..	SECONDARY EDUCATION. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)	
..	..	SECURITIES, PUBLIC. (*Vide* PUBLIC SECURITIES.)	
Nov. 10	207	SHEEP, Annual Return showing Number of, on 30th April, 1930 and 1931. (By command)	H.–23.
		SILVER COIN :—	
July 29	73	Order in Council revoking the Prohibition of the Importation and Exportation of. (By Act.)	
July 14	51	Order in Council regulating the Importation and Exportation of. (By Act.) (*Vide* CUSTOMS ACT, 1913.)	
July 14	37	SLAUGHTERING AND INSPECTION ACT, 1908, Regulations under the, amended in respect of Fees payable. (By Act.)	

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Date of Presentation.	Number of Paper.		Letter and Number of Printed Paper in Appendices.
..	..	SPECIAL SCHOOLS. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)	
..	..	STAMP DUTIES. (*Vide* HAWKE'S BAY EARTHQUAKE ACT.)	
		STATE ADVANCES OFFICE :—	
Sept. 1	116	Annual Report by Minister showing Applications for State-guaranteed Loans. (By Act.)	
July 28	57	Fishing Industry Promotion Account, Annual Report on, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act.)	
July 28	58	Fruit-preserving Industry: Annual Report for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act.)	
July 28	54	Report by the Superintendent of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	B.–13.
July 28	56	Statement of Moneys advanced from One Branch to Another, and Dates of Repayment. (By Act.)	
..	..	STATE CARE OF CHILDREN. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)	
July 28	66	STATE COAL-MINES, Report on the Working of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	C.–2A.
		STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE :—	
July 14	20	Accident Branch, Annual Report on the, for Year ended 31st December, 1930. (By Act)	H.–6A.
July 14	19	Annual Report of the General Manager for Year ended 31st December, 1930. (By Act)	H.–6.
..	..	STATE FOREST RESERVATIONS. (*Vide* FORESTS ACT, 1921–22.)	
July 14	15	STATE FOREST SERVICE: Annual Report of the Director of Forestry for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	C.–3.
		STOCK ACT, 1908 :—	
Sept. 1	118	Amending Regulations under the, for Prevention of the Introduction of Diseases affecting Stock. (By Act.)	
July 14	38	Amending Regulations under the, for the Prevention of the Spread of Ticks (*Ixodidæ*) among Stock. (By Act.)	
..	..	STOCK DISEASES. (*Vide* STOCK ACT, 1908.)	
Sept. 10	130	STORES CONTROL BOARD: Annual Report for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By leave)	H.–4.
..	..	SUPERANNUATION. (*Vide* GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS SUPERANNUATION, LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION, PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION, TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION.)	
..	..	SWAMP DRAINAGE, Report on. (*Vide* LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.)	
		T.	
..	..	TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)	
..	..	TECHNICAL AND MANUAL EDUCATION. (*Vide* EDUCATION.)	
Nov. 6	200	TE WERA ESTATE, Area of, Price paid for, Subdivision of, Cost of Improvements, and Number of Applicants for Sections. (Return to an Order dated 22nd October, 1931.)	
..	..	TICKS AMONG STOCK. (*Vide* STOCK ACT, 1908.)	
		TOWN-PLANNING :—	
Oct. 20	165	Regulations under the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, in regard to Napier Borough. (By Act.)	
July 28	59	Regulations under the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931. (By Act.)	
..	..	TRADE-UNIONS. (*Vide* FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS.)	
		TRADING-STAMPS REGULATIONS :—	
Oct. 14	157	Order in Council revoking Board of Trade Regulations, 1931. (By Act.)	
Oct. 14	158	Order in Council making Trading-stamps Regulations, 1931, pursuant to Board of Trade Act, 1919. (By Act.)	
Aug. 25	111	TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, Annual Report of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By leave)	H.–40.
Sept. 17	138	TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS AND PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT: Annual Report of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By command)	H.–2.
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..	..	UNEMPLOYED. (*Vide* LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.)	
Oct. 13	156	UNEMPLOYMENT: Statement by the Right Hon. Mr. Coates, Minister in Charge of Unemployment. (By leave)	H.–35A.
		UNEMPLOYMENT BOARD :—	
Nov. 5	197	Cost of, and Amounts paid out by. (Return to an Order dated 22nd October, 1931.)	
Aug. 25	109	Report of the. (By leave)	H.–35.
		V.	
July 14	16	VALUATION DEPARTMENT: Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By Act)	B.–17.
		W.	
..	..	WELLINGTON HARBOUR BOARD. (*Vide* LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION ACT.)	
Oct. 29	175	WESTERN SAMOA, MANDATED TERRITORY OF, Eleventh Report of the Government of New Zealand on the Administration of, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. (By command)	A.–4.

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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—			
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			28
2. PUBLIC BILLS—			
Received the Royal Assent	53		
Reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure	...		
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	40		
			93
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Received the Royal Assent			3
4. PETITIONS PRESENTED—			
From Europeans	152		
From Maoris	38		
			190
5. DIVISIONS—			
In the whole House	17		
In Committee	48		
			65
6. SITTINGS—			
Days of meeting			74
	h. m.		
Hours of sitting before midnight	397 0		
Hours of sitting after midnight	28 37	h. m.	
		425	37
Daily average		5	45
7. VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS—			
Questions asked of Ministers	240		
Entries in Journals	949		
		1,189	
Daily average			16
8. ORDERS FOR RETURNS			17
9. PAPERS LAID UPON THE TABLE—			
By command	33		
By leave	35		
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In return to Orders	10		
By Mr. Speaker	1		
			210
Papers ordered to be printed	99		
Papers not ordered to be printed	111		
			210
10. REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES—			
From the Public Petitions A to L Committee	38		
From the Public Petitions M to Z Committee	34		
From the Native Affairs Committee	38		
From the Defence Committee	19		
From the Lands Committee	26		
From the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee	6		
From the Goldfields and Mines Committee	6		
From the Labour Bills Committee	8		
From the Local Bills Committee	22		
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LIST OF ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND, SECOND SESSION, 1931.

PUBLIC ACTS.

Air Navigation.
Appropriation.

Broadcasting.

Chattels Transfer Amendment.
Companies Empowering Amendment.
Counties Amendment.
Customs Acts Amendment.

Defence Amendment.

Education Reserves Amendment.

Finance (No. 3).
Finance (No. 4).

Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds.

Imprest Supply.
Imprest Supply (No. 2).
Imprest Supply (No. 3).
Imprest Supply (No. 4).
Imprest Supply (No. 5).
Inspection of Machinery Amendment.

Land and Income Tax Amendment.
Land and Income Tax (Annual).
Land Laws Amendment.
Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay).
Law Practitioners.
Licensing Poll Postponement.
Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension.
Local Authorities Loans (Rates of Interest).
Local Legislation.

Mining Amendment.
Mortgagors Relief Amendment.
Mountain Guides.

National Provident Fund Amendment.
Native Land.
Native Purposes.

Rent Restriction Extension.
Reprint of Statutes.
Reserves and other Lands Disposal.
Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment.

Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment.
Stamp Duties Amendment.

Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment.
Trading-coupons.
Transport Licensing.

Unemployment Amendment.

LOCAL ACTS.

Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment.
Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering.
Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment.

Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering.
Christchurch District Drainage Amendment.

New Lynn Sewerage Validation.

Petone Borough Council Empowering.

Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering.

South Wairarapa River Board Empowering.

Wellington City Empowering.

PRIVATE ACTS.

Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering.

Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited.

Wanganui Church Acre Amendment.

LIST OF BILLS DROPPED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF.

PUBLIC BILLS DROPPED

Amusements-tax Amendment.

Bank of New Zealand Amendment.
British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Amendment.
Building Construction.

Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition.
Crimes Amendment.
Currency.

Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment.
Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment (No. 2).
Directors Protection.
Distress and Replevin Amendment.
Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment.

Electoral Amendment.
Expiring Laws Continuance.

Gaming Amendment.
Gold Bounty.

Honey Local-marketing Board.

Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment.
Invalid Pensions.

Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports).

Licensing Amendment.
Licensing Poll Postponement Amendment.
Local Elections and Polls Amendment.
Local Elections and Polls Amendment (No. 2).

Marriage Amendment.
Meat-export Control Amendment.

New Zealand Institute of Architects Amendment.
New Zealand Institute of Clerks of Works.

Painters and Decorators' Health Protection.
Painters and Decorators Registration.
Public Hospitals Assisting.

Rating Amendment.
Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling.

Shipping and Seamen Amendment.
Silver and Copper Coinage.

Transport Licensing.

War Ministers' Profits.

LOCAL BILLS DROPPED.

Christchurch Estuary and Rivers Conservancy.
Christchurch Tramway District Amendment.

Stoke Water-supply.

Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of SITTING-DAYS and LENGTH of each SESSION from 1875 to 1931.

Session.	Date commenced.	Date ended.	Total Days occupied.	Days of Meeting.	Hours sat before Midnight.	Hours sat after Midnight.	Total Number of Hours sat.	Daily Average.
					H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1875	20 July ..	21 October ..	94	59	..	..	418 15	7 5
1876	15 June ..	31 „ ..	139	85	..	..	853 10	10 28
1877	19 July ..	10 December	145	97	..	..	..	..
1878	26 „ ..	2 November..	100	64	..	..	415 0	7 0
*1879	24 September	19 December	87	55	..	..	413 0	7 30
1880	28 May ..	1 September	97	64	..	..	524 0	8 20
1881	9 June ..	24 „	108	72	..	..	565 0	7 50
1882	18 May ..	15 „	121	78	..	..	609 0	7 48
1883	14 June ..	8 „	86	58	..	..	432 0	7 27
*1884	7 August ..	10 November..	96	56	..	..	376 0	6 42
1885	11 June ..	22 September	104	69	..	..	395 0	5 43
1886	13 May ..	18 August ..	98	65	..	..	476 0	7 19
*1887	6 October ..	22 December	78	27	..	..	193 15	7 9
1888	10 May ..	30 August ..	113	68	444 0	110 30	554 30	8 9
1889	20 June ..	16 September	89	53	326 0	151 0	477 0	9 0
1890	19 „ ..	17 „	91	57	432 0	73 0	505 0	8 45
1891	11 „ ..	25 „	107	67	449 0	110 0	559 0	8 0
1892	23 „ ..	11 October ..	111	66	421 0	94 0	515 0	7 48
1893	22 „ ..	6 „ ..	107	68	468 55	136 2	604 57	8 53
1894	21 „ ..	24 „ ..	126	81	578 55	118 13	697 8	8 36
1895	20 „ ..	1 November..	135	86	602 25	127 14	729 39	8 29
1896	11 „ ..	17 October ..	129	78	567 15	147 58	715 13	9 10
*1897	23 September	21 December	90	51	368 50	150 16	619 6	10 10
1898	24 June ..	4 November..	134	80	569 12	214 54	784 6	9 48
1899	23 „ ..	23 October ..	124	74	497 31	117 18	614 49	8 18
1900	21 „ ..	20 „ ..	122	75	504 55	175 25	679 20	9 4
1901	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
*1928	28 „ ..	9 October ..	104	62	402 57	50 24	453 21	7 19
1929	27 „ ..	9 November..	136	82	468 16	62 11	530 27	6 28
1930	26 „ ..	25 October ..	122	71	439 5	61 38	500 43	7 3
*‡1931	25 „ ..	11 November..	140	74	397 0	28 37	425 37	5 45

* During these years there were two sessions, the short session being as follows: 1879, 11th July to 11th August, 31 days; 1884, 5th June to 24th June, 20 days; 1887, 26th April to 10th June, 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; 1925, 7th to 17th February, 11 days; 1928, 4th to 14th December, 11 days; 1931, 11th March to 28th April, 26 days.

† House adjourned from 4th August to 19th August after formation of National Cabinet.

‡ House adjourned from 22nd September to 2nd October after formation of Coalition Cabinet.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, 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, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, 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 eleventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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 May, 1931.

JOHN G. COBBE,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Meeting of the General Assembly for the Despatch of Business.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, 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 eleventh day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you: GREETING.

WHEREAS the Meeting of the General Assembly stands prorogued to the eleventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one: Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations I have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, so that neither you nor any of you, on the said eleventh day of June, at the City of Wellington, are to be held constrained to appear; commanding and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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 27th day of May, 1931.

GEO. W. FORBES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

JOURNALS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

FIFTH SESSION—TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

Thursday, the 25th Day of June, 1931.

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 28th day of May, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Summons to attend His Excellency.*—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. *Election.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter :—

SIR,— Office of the Clerk of the Writs, Wellington, 8th June, 1931.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 153 of the Electoral Act, 1927, I have now to enclose herewith a copy of a writ dated the 29th April, 1931, for the election of a Member of Parliament to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Hauraki, with an endorsement thereon that the name of the person elected for that electoral district pursuant to the writ is Walter William Massey.

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

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

3. *Member sworn.*—Walter William Massey, Esquire, Member for Hauraki, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.

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

5. *Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, a Bill intituled "An Act to continue the Operation of 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 affords me much pleasure to meet you again at the opening of another session of Parliament. During my visits to various parts of the Dominion since I assumed the office of Governor-General I have been impressed by the deep-seated loyalty of the people of this Dominion and gratified by the kindly welcome to myself.

The deliberations on constitutional questions of the Imperial Conference of 1930 resulted in the preparation of a draft Statute of Westminster to clarify the constitutional position and the powers of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and in the Dominions. It is proposed that this Statute should be passed by the Parliament of Westminster on the receipt of approving resolutions from the Parliament of each Dominion, and a suitable resolution will be placed before you for that purpose during this session. My Prime Minister believed himself to be interpreting the general view on this question in taking the position at the Conference that no desire existed in this Dominion for any alteration of its present constitutional position. In view, however, of the general desire of other Dominions for a formal recognition of alterations in their status and of the requirement that the necessary enabling legislation must be approved by the Parliament of each Dominion, my Ministers are of the opinion that the best interests of the British Commonwealth of Nations would be served by the approval of the draft Statute of Westminster, which will in any case, notwithstanding such a resolution, have no application to this Dominion until legislation applying it thereto has been passed by the New Zealand Parliament.

The failure of the Imperial Conference to arrive at any effective conclusion on the economic policy of the British Commonwealth and the reference of this vital subject to a future Economic Conference to be held at Ottawa have given my Advisers much concern. The subsequent postponement of this Economic Conference from the date originally suggested in August of this year until 1932, which will allow more time for the formation of public opinion upon the necessity of a common economic policy among all members of the Commonwealth, is not regarded by my Ministers as entirely disadvantageous.

On the 21st May, in common with other Governments of His Majesty, my Government notified their adherence to the General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, a convention formulated under the auspices of the League of Nations, by which all signatories bind themselves to refer any international dispute that may arise either to arbitration or to judicial settlement, as the case may be. In view of the undoubted improvement in international confidence resulting from the increasing acceptance of the General Act and other steps towards the peaceful solution of international disputes, my Ministers earnestly trust that the Disarmament Conference to be held next year by the League of Nations may result in some general and effective reduction in armaments, which are not only a menace to the peace of the world, but involve a heavy financial burden, and are, in the opinion of my Ministers, a factor in the present widespread depression.

In April, 1931, Colonel S. S. Allen resigned his appointment as Administrator of Western Samoa, and Brigadier-General H. E. Hart was, on the advice of my Ministers, appointed to this post. The marked improvement of conditions in the Territory indicates the success of Colonel Allen's administration.

The difficulty of disposing at a profitable rate of the Dominion's principal products was intensified last year by tariff alterations in Canada, which increased the import duty on New Zealand butter, formerly admitted into that Dominion in common with Australian butter at a rate of 1 cent. a pound, to 8 cents a pound. My Ministers have for the past twelve months been endeavouring to initiate negotiations by which this and other trade questions at issue between the two Dominions might be satisfactorily adjusted, but they have been unable to arrange for effective conversations. They have therefore been obliged to consider whether, in the present condition of the finances of this Dominion, they would be justified in continuing the admission of Canadian goods into New Zealand at British-preferential-tariff rates, which involve considerable remissions of duty on the entry of Canadian goods and which have facilitated an increase in Canadian importations into New Zealand to a value far exceeding that of New Zealand importations into Canada, even during the currency of its maximum trade in New Zealand butter. My Advisers have reluctantly been forced to the conclusion that in existing circumstances the benefit of British-preferential-tariff rates on Canadian goods must be suspended until arrangements can be made to ensure a more even balance of trade between the two Dominions. Action has been taken accordingly, but the matter is still the subject of communication with His Majesty's Government in Canada.

Prompt steps were taken by my Government to deal with the many problems arising out of the Hawke's Bay earthquake disaster. Moneys were made available immediately to ensure that proper provision was forthcoming for those in urgent need. A public fund for the relief of sufferers was opened, and a most generous response was made both in the Dominion and elsewhere. This fund, which is being administered by a Central Committee, is being used for the immediate relief of distress and the restoration of homes. The rehabilitation of the residential area is proceeding expeditiously, and practically the whole of the former population of the devastated area have returned. To assist in rebuilding the business area, the Government have obtained statutory authority to provide the sum of £1,250,000 for individuals and £250,000 for local bodies in need of assistance. A Rehabilitation Commission has been set up to consider applications for assistance and to make such recommendations as it sees fit. Many difficult problems will arise in adjusting the rights and liabilities of parties affected by the earthquake. The Government have accordingly set up, under statutory authority, an Adjustment Court which will have power to determine questions affecting such rights and liabilities, and to make such orders as seem equitable.

In almost every country the depression in trade and industry existing to-day appears to be unprecedented, and in consequence the problem of widespread unemployment has become more acute. The question of devising a practicable solution has been, and is still, engaging the close attention of statesmen and economists in all parts of the world. In this Dominion it has been possible, under the provisions of the Unemployment Act, 1930, materially to relieve the position, and in co-operation with local bodies and private individuals my Government have succeeded in ameliorating considerably the condition of a large number of persons who would otherwise have experienced great hardship.

The Unemployment Board is making every effort to cope with the problem, and as much work as possible is, in addition, being provided on public works and other State activities. It is evident, however, that increased funds must be placed at the disposal of the Board, and proposals to this end will be submitted for your urgent consideration.

With the great decrease in revenue, my Advisers were reluctantly compelled to impose reductions in the salaries and wages of public servants. The Court of Arbitration similarly decided that prevailing economic conditions necessitated the issue of a General Order reducing the minimum rates of pay prescribed by its awards. General reductions have also been made by public bodies and private employers. My Ministers are confident that the action

being taken will result in the retention in employment of a large number of workers who otherwise would have to be dispensed with owing to the substantial reduction in the income of employers and thus swell the ranks of the unemployed. The spirit of self-sacrifice displayed by all sections of the community is commendable.

When I last addressed you I indicated the intention of my Advisers to submit legislation constituting a Board to control the railways, and generally to manage the affairs of the Railways Department in accordance with business principles. Legislation was duly passed; the Board has since been constituted and has now commenced its duties. My Advisers are of the opinion that this action will result in improving materially the financial position of the railways and thus promoting the welfare of the Dominion.

The suspension of compulsory military training due to the necessity for a reduction of Defence expenditure enabled many members of the permanent Defence Force to retire on superannuation under the provisions of the Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2). My Advisers have recently approved of the reorganization of the Defence Forces on a voluntary basis. The organization of the Territorial Force will remain on the divisional basis which has proved satisfactory in the past, and will preserve the traditions of the units. It will provide for the training of approximately 10,000 men. In addition, every encouragement will be given to the training of cadets at secondary schools. The Government seek the co-operation of employers in making a success of the new scheme by encouraging their employees to enlist and carry out their training.

An Act was passed last year to promote the re-establishment in civil employment of disabled ex-members of the New Zealand Forces. Unfortunately, owing to the financial position of the Dominion, it was not possible for my Ministers to make arrangements to give immediate effect to the Act, but the necessary machinery is now being set up, which it is hoped will substantially benefit the large number of disabled ex-soldiers who are either wholly unemployed or have no regular employment.

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

The Dominion is still beset with great difficulties arising out of the world-wide fall in prices. As a direct result, notwithstanding the industry of our producers, the value of our exports for last financial year amounted only to £39,527,000, a decline of £17,626,000 in comparison with the financial year ending the 31st March, 1929. This immense fall in prices over so short a period has suddenly reduced the productive value of land, thereby placing many farmers in serious financial difficulty. Indeed, it has prejudicially affected the economic position of the whole community and brought about stagnation in business, the most disturbing and regrettable feature of which is the want and suffering resulting from the large increase in the number of persons who are unemployed. Every section of the community, however, is affected, and the problem is one that urgently demands national co-operation in order that the difficulties may be speedily overcome.

The public finances, although seriously affected only towards the end of the financial year, reflect the position with a deficit for the year of £1,639,000, which, while regrettable, was, under the circumstances, unavoidable. The full effect of the economic crisis on the nation's finance will be felt during the current financial year, and drastic measures involving considerable sacrifice on the part of the whole community are unfortunately necessary to enable the Budget to be balanced.

As the level of world prices lies beyond our control, my Ministers are satisfied that the only sound method of solving our local difficulties is to restore economic equilibrium by lowering overhead expenses and the cost of living. Consequent on legislation passed during the last session of Parliament, and with the co-operation of the business community, considerable progress has already been made in this direction.

Apart from the operation of the Mortgagors Relief Act in preventing special hardship in isolated cases, it is pleasing to record that the difficulties of our farmers are being largely mitigated by voluntary arrangements between the parties concerned aided, in many instances, by the Adjustment Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

As a further means of promoting national economy and assisting the primary producers in particular, it is proposed shortly to set up a Royal Commission to investigate the whole question of the incidence of Local Bodies taxation and the possibility of giving some measure of relief to rural ratepayers by a general reorganization of the system of Local Government.

It is recognized by my Advisers that, while it is essential for the national well-being that the Budget should be balanced, the burden of taxation should not be unduly increased. Accordingly, an Economy Committee has been engaged for some months past in carefully investigating every item of public expenditure with a view to effecting all possible reductions.

A loan of £4,000,000 was recently raised in London to provide additional capital for carrying on the programme of public works, and a further sum of £1,000,000 to provide for the redemption of certain maturing securities. In view of the unfavourable state of the London money-market, and the effects of the present high rates of exchange, the issue took the form of three-year bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent.

My Ministers recently obtained a report on the banking system of the Dominion from Sir Otto Niemeyer, of the Bank of England. This report will shortly be submitted for your consideration.

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

My Ministers have given close attention to the vital question of increasing the volume of the Dominion's primary products and of providing additional avenues for the employment of labour through the prosecution of an active land-settlement policy. Energetic endeavours have been made to bring into production idle Crown areas capable of successful development. As the result of the provisions of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, a large number of sections which had been abandoned by former tenants have been reselected, and numerous sections of virgin Crown land have been taken up. The system of granting financial help to the selectors of undeveloped areas has proved of material assistance to them.

The work of developing suitable blocks of Crown land prior to selection is proceeding steadily, and in connection particularly with the development of pumice land my Ministers are pleased to record that the operations already carried out give every promise of success.

The acquisition of private lands for closer settlement has also received attention, and almost all the subdivisions offered have been selected. A new feature of this policy has been the purchase of estates which afford scope for development work by the State prior to offering the land for selection.

My Ministers are confident that by placing large numbers of settlers on the land and providing reproductive employment for many others a substantial contribution will be made towards alleviating the problem of unemployment.

Satisfactory progress is being made in the development of Native lands. At the end of last financial year there were in active operation schemes affecting twenty areas in both Islands, while preparations were made to commence others affecting eleven areas. The Maori communities concerned have displayed the greatest interest in the schemes, which by providing much needed employment on productive work are assisting large numbers of them during a very difficult period.

Agricultural practice generally in the Dominion is keeping well abreast of modern methods, based upon the world's latest scientific knowledge, and the instructional and advisory services provided by the Government are extensively utilized by farmers in connection with all phases of primary production. It is satisfactory to note that the volume of output has been well maintained.

In connection with the dairying industry the continued fall in the market-price of New Zealand cheese has been receiving the earnest attention of the Government. Research now in progress, and its application, will, it is believed, lead to the removal of major defects in manufacture and to the production of a high-grade quality, which will restore New-Zealand-made cheese to the position which it formerly occupied in the British market. An extended trial has been given in recent years to the manufacture from high-testing milk of cheese of standardized fat content. This has proved unacceptable to buyers, and a strong prejudice has arisen against it. My Ministers consider it desirable that the manufacture of this type of cheese should cease entirely, as being calculated seriously to hamper successful marketing and to alienate the good will of British purchasers.

My Ministers have had under consideration the steps necessary to facilitate the more active development of the Dominion's industries, and their more effective co-operation with the scientific services provided by the State. Proposals for this purpose will be placed before you, including, in particular, provision for a greater measure of specialization in those Departments responsible for scientific research and for closer contact between both primary and secondary industries which they are designed to assist.

The question of the future prosecution of railway-construction work in connection with both old and new schemes has been referred for investigation to the Railways Board, whose reports will be duly laid before you.

The construction of the key stations for the supply of hydro-electric energy to all parts of the country, and their interconnections, will be proceeded with expeditiously, while transmission-lines will be extended as the demand expands.

The ideal of having a road capable of use under all weather conditions from the property of every producer to the nearest railway-station or port will still be pursued. While it may not be possible to proceed at the same rate with the programme of improvements which has of late years been followed on the roads, their maintenance, which is necessary to prevent dissipation of capital already expended, will be kept up to the present satisfactory standard.

Irrigation works to serve the regions in the South Island which cannot be otherwise fully developed and utilized will be continued, as will also other reclamation works involving drainage and river-control.

The inadequacy of existing legislation to regulate efficiently commercial road transport has been particularly emphasized during the present financial depression, and proposals will be placed before you with the object of providing suitable administrative machinery with this object, and especially to bring about, in the public interest, closer operating relationship with the national railway system. The financial loss which has occurred in railway-working has been in a large measure caused by an overlapping in transport facilities. Moreover, the unrestricted use of our road system is continuing to impose heavy burdens on the country ratepayers, and thus accentuating their financial difficulties. My Advisers are confident that their proposals, which in many respects have been framed on similar lines to those adopted in other countries, will effect considerable national economies without imposing hardship on any section of the community.

Consequent upon the destruction by earthquake and fire of the records of the Land Registry Offices at Napier, an amendment of the Land Transfer Act will be introduced to provide for the reconstruction of the Land Transfer Register for the Hawke's Bay District. A Building Construction Bill will also be introduced, imposing on local authorities an obligation to make by-laws for the design and construction of buildings, with a view to securing a better degree of resistance against earthquake.

Bills will also be laid before you dealing with air-navigation, defence, public works, hospital and charitable institutions, rural intermediate credit, trading-coupons, the National Provident Fund, and other subjects.

The various matters to which I have referred are commended to your careful consideration, and I earnestly pray that with Divine guidance your deliberations may promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this Dominion.

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

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

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

Friday, the 26th Day of June, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake: Appreciation of Services rendered by Navy: Resolution altered.*—The Resolution of the 27th day of April, 1931, being read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

"That the thanks of this House be tendered to Rear-Admiral Blake, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., and the officers and men of the New Zealand Division of the British Navy under his command, for the signal services rendered by them in connection with the recent disastrous earthquake in the Hawke's Bay district."

Mr. Speaker informed the House that it had been found that the term "The New Zealand Division of the British Navy" did not include the sloop "Veronica." He asked the permission of the House to substitute the words "His Majesty's ships on the New Zealand Station" in lieu thereof; also to strike out the letters "A.D.C.," as Rear-Admiral Blake had, on his promotion to Rear-Admiral, automatically relinquished his appointment as an Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King.

The Resolution would then read as follows:—

"That the thanks of this House be tendered to Rear-Admiral Blake, C.B., D.S.O., and the officers and men of His Majesty's Ships on the New Zealand Station under his command, for the signal services rendered by them in connection with the recent disastrous earthquake in the Hawke's Bay District."

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to make these alterations to the Resolution accordingly.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Munns, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for seven days be granted to the Honourable Mr. Taverner, on account of illness.

4. *Currency Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Issue and Control of Currency-notes; and that Mr. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Electoral Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, 1927; and that Mr. Clinkard do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1928; and that Mr. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

7. *Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to include in the Borough of Rotorua a Portion of the Bed of Lake Rotorua, to empower the Rotorua Borough Council to reclaim such Portion, and to authorize the Vesting of Lands so reclaimed; and that Mr. Clinkard do prepare and bring it in.

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

8. *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. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

9. *Gaming Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize, regulate, and control the Business of Bookmaking; and that Mr. Armstrong do prepare and bring it in.

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

10. *Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Deaths by Accidents Compensation Act, 1908; and that Mr. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

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

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

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

13. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, and ordered to be printed:—

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

14. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, 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, 1932.

Government House,
Wellington, 26th June, 1931.

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

15. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to extend the Operation of the Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Act, 1926," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th June, 1931.

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.

(Acting Chairman of Committees.)—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That Mr. Broadfoot be appointed Acting Chairman of Committees for this day.

Committee resumed.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Broadfoot 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 extend the Operation of the Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Act, 1926.

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

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

16. *Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency.)—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes having claimed, under Standing Order 309, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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. Broadfoot 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.

17. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded to the passing of the Imprest Supply Bill and proceedings preliminary thereto.

18. *Suspension of Standing Order 256.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 256 be suspended in order that Committees of Supply and Ways and Means may be set up to enable an Imprest Supply Bill to be passed this day.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

SATURDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Broadfoot accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three million two hundred and thirty-one thousand five 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 thirty-two.

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

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

20. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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. Broafdoot reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Broadfoot 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 thirty-two,—

(*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 thirty 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 three hundred and one 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 of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,000,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	750,000
Electric Supply Account	200,000
Separate Accounts—	
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account	5,000
Land for Settlements Account	2,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	150,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	100,000
Native Land Settlement Account	50,000
State Coal-mines Account	35,000
State Forests Account	30,000
Swamp Land Drainage Account	4,000
Westport Harbour Account	4,000
Working Railways Account	600,000
	£2,930,000

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Post-office Account	250,000
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	750
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	1,000
The Public Trustee's Account	25,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,500
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	5,000
Advances to Workers Branch	1,600
Advances of Local Authorities Branch	500
Rural Advances Branch	550
Miscellaneous Business Branch	600
	£301,500

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

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

21. *Imprest Supply Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 thirty-two; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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. Broadfoot 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 thirty-two."

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-one minutes after two of the clock a.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 30th Day of June, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Summary Distress for Rent and Recovery of Rent and Possession of Tenements; and that Mr. Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

4. *Death of Mr. Cecil Albert de Lautour.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Mr. Cecil Albert de Lautour, a former Member of the Otago Provincial Council and the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his relatives the assurance of its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

5. *Death of Dr. Frederick Fitchett, M.A., LL.D., C.M.G.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Dr. Frederick Fitchett, M.A., LL.D., C.M.G., a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

6. *Death of Mr. Arthur Pyne O'Callaghan.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, seconded by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House records its high sense of the faithful services rendered to New Zealand by the late Mr. Arthur Pyne O'Callaghan, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and respectfully tenders to his widow the assurance of its sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

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

8. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this day as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John Crawford Anderson; the late Mr. Cecil Albert de Lautour; the late Dr. Frederick Fitchett, M.A., LL.D., C.M.G.; the late Mr. Arthur Pyne O'Callaghan; and the late Mr. William Henry Hawkins.

The House adjourned accordingly.

And the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

9. *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 Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1931, which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

10. *Address in Reply.*—Mr. Lye moved, seconded by Mr. Broadfoot, 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 the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

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

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

Wednesday, the 1st Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

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

3. *Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Religious Instruction to be given in Public Schools in School Hours to the Children of those Persons who so desire; 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 22nd day of July, and to be printed.

4. *Silver and Copper Coinage Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to the Coinage of Silver and Copper and Legal Tender; and that Mr. Wilkinson do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *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. Lye)*;

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

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate; and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 2nd Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

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

3. *Meat-export Control Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Operations of the Meat-export Control Acts, 1921–22 and 1924; and that Mr. Lysnar do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Lysnar accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 23rd day of July, and to be printed.

4. *Gold Bounty Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Gold in New Zealand; and that Mr. Black do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *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. Lye)*:

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

Debate interrupted by a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, 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 Unemployment Act, 1930," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd July, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 Unemployment Act, 1930.

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

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

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

8. *Address in Reply.*—The House resumed the Debate on the question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech. *(Mr. Lye.)*

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

Friday, the 3rd Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House consideration of Order of Business Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive was postponed in order to consider Orders of the day.

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

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate and having, by leave, set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 7th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

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

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Williams, on account of urgent public business.

4. *Unemployment Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Unemployment Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

(Urgency.) The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes having claimed that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Unemployment Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

Debate interrupted by a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision for the Licensing and Control of Commercial Road Transport Services other than Tramways, and to provide for the Licensing and Control of Commercial Aircraft Services," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 7th July, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make Better Provision for the Licensing and Control of Commercial Road Transport Services other than Tramways, and to provide for the Licensing and Control of Commercial Aircraft Services.

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

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

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

7. *Unemployment Amendment Bill.*—The House resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Unemployment 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.

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

With the leave of the House, the Bill was set down as an Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. next sitting-day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after twelve of the clock a.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 8th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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. Forbes, 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:—

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

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Unemployment Act, 1930", and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 4, subclause (4): To insert the word "or" after the word "wages" in line 32, and to omit the words "or other income" in the same line.

Clause 6, subclause (2): To add to the subclause the following words: "For the purposes of this subsection instalments of the unemployment levy under the principal Act shall be treated as instalments of the general unemployment levy."

Clause 6, subclause (3): To omit the words "be conclusively" in lines 10 and 11, and substitute the words "unless and until he satisfies the Unemployment Board to the contrary, be".

Clause 6, subclause (4): To omit the words "liable in accordance with this Act", and substitute the words "who is not wholly exempt in accordance with this Act from liability"; to add to the subclause the following words: "All references in the principal Act to the levy thereby imposed shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as including references to the general unemployment levy imposed by this Act".

Clause 8, subclause (1): To omit the words "fourteen days" in lines 38 and 39, and also in line 42, and in each case substitute the words "one month"; to insert, after the words "elapses after the" in line 45, the words "expiration of one month from the".

Clause 9, subclause (3): To add the following words: "Every Order in Council issued under the corresponding provisions of section seven of the principal Act and in force on the passing of this Act shall continue in force as if it had been issued under this section in relation to the general unemployment levy".

Clause 10: To add the following subclause:—

"(4) In lieu of exercising the powers of exemption conferred on it by this section the Board, if in any case it thinks fit so to do, may postpone the due date of payment of any instalment, and may postpone such date notwithstanding that the due date as fixed by this Act may have passed."

Clause 12, subclause (1): To insert, after the words "employment or service" in line 22, the words "for any period after that date".

Clause 13: To omit the words "is liable" in line 41, and substitute the words "is not wholly exempt from liability".

Clause 13: To add the following subclause:—

"(2) Every person who is not wholly exempt from liability for the general unemployment levy as aforesaid, and who for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, has derived income from any source other than salary or wages (whether such income is derived from New Zealand or elsewhere), shall be liable, in respect of an amount equal to one-third of that income, for the emergency unemployment charge at the rate prescribed by section four hereof."

Clause 14, subclause (1): To insert, after the word "woman" in line 49, the words "ordinarily resident in New Zealand".

Clause 15, subclause (1): To insert, after the words "salary or wages" in line 23, the words "derived for the year ended the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one".

Clause 15: To insert, after subclause (1), the following subclause:—

"(1A) The emergency unemployment charge imposed in respect of income other than salary or wages derived for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, shall be due and payable on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-two".

Clause 16, subclause (1): To omit the words "fourteen days" in lines 34 and 35, and substitute the words "one month".

Clause 20, subclause (1): To insert, after the word "instalment" in line 22, the words "of the unemployment levy under the principal Act or"; to insert, after the word "levy" in line 23, the words "under this Act"; to omit the words "fourteen days" in line 24, and substitute the words "one month".

Clause 21: To add the following words: "or shall indicate in such other manner as may be prescribed that the charge has been paid".

Clause 26, subclause (2): To add the following words: "as from the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-one".

New Clauses.

To insert, after clause 14, the following new clause :—

"14A. (1) This section applies to every woman ordinarily resident in New Zealand who for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, furnishes to the Commissioner of Taxes a return under the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923, disclosing the receipt by her during that year of an amount of income from all sources (whether assessable income or not) of not less than two hundred and fifty pounds, and also applies to every woman who, being in a position to make such a return, fails to do so, but does not apply to any other woman.

"(2) Every woman to whom this section applies and who for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, has derived income from any source other than salary or wages (whether such income is derived from New Zealand or elsewhere) shall be liable, in respect of an amount equal to one-third of that income, for the emergency unemployment charge at the rate prescribed by section four hereof.

"(3) Subsection three of the last preceding section shall apply for the purposes of this section with the substitution of a reference to the year nineteen hundred and thirty-two for the reference therein to the year nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

"(4) For the purposes of this and the last preceding section the question with reference to any woman as to whether or not she is ordinarily resident in New Zealand shall be determined as the like question is determinable in the case of men."

To insert, after clause 27, the following new clause :—

"27A. (1) It shall be, and be deemed at all times heretofore to have been, lawful for any local authority to expend out of its general fund or account any sum or sums of money for the purpose of contributing towards the remuneration of the staff or other expenses of any local committee appointed under section eighteen of the principal Act, but nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the payment to any member of a local committee of any remuneration in respect of his services as such.

"(2) For the purposes of this section the term "local authority" means any local authority as defined by section one hundred and twenty-four of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, and includes any public body required by any Act to have its accounts audited by the Audit Office."

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd July, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to amend the Unemployment Act, 1930.

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

(Urgency.) The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes having claimed that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency ;

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General on Supplementary Order Paper No. 1 were read into and form part of the Bill.

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 Thursday morning;

THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1931.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Unemployment Amendment Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

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

With the leave of the House, the Bill was set down as an Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-one minutes after twelve of the clock a.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Thursday, the 9th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Munns, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to the Honourable Mr. Taverner, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Munns, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Colonel McDonald, on account of illness.

3. *Unemployment Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Unemployment Amendment Bill;

(Urgency.) The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, having claimed that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2 and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to delete paragraph (*a*). *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 43.

Ansell	Hamilton	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Hogan	Samuel
Burnett	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wright.
Endean	Makitanara	
Field	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Fletcher	Massey, W. W.	Healy
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

NOES, 23.

Armstrong	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	Martin	Semple
Carr	Mason	Sykes
Chapman	Munro	Young.
Fraser	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Howard
Jordan	Parry	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (2), paragraph (*b*), to delete all the words after the word "of" in line 22, and insert the following words in lieu thereof : "One pound or part of a pound where the income does not exceed four pounds per week ; twopence for every amount of a pound in excess of four pounds and up to six pounds per week ; threepence for every pound where the income exceeds six pounds per week." *(Mr. Langstone.)*

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

AYES, 46.

Ansell	Harris	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Samuel
Bitchener	Henare	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Black	Hogan	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Broadfoot	Jones	Sykes
Burnett	Kyle	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Wilkinson
Dickie	Macpherson	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Endean	Massey, J. N.	
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	Martin	Savage
Chapman	Mason	Semple.
Fraser	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (2) to add the following words to paragraph (*b*) : "but no person shall be liable to pay the charge

whose incomes does not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds, and that no income by reason of such charge shall be reduced below one hundred and fifty pounds." *(Mr. Howard.)*

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

AYES, 22.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple.
Chapman	Martin	
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 48.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Rushworth
Bitchener	Jones	Samuel
Broadfoot	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Linklater	Sykes
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Ward
Dickie	Makitanara	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Endean	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Field	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Polson	Munns.
Harris		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following words to paragraph (*b*): "but no person shall be liable to pay the charge whose income does not exceed one hundred and four pounds, and that no income shall by reason of this charge be reduced below one hundred and four pounds." *(Mr. O'Brien.)*

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

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Black	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Wright
Chapman	Mason	Young.
Fletcher	Munro	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Nash, W.	Howard
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 46.

Ansell	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Polson
Bitchener	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Rushworth
Burnett	Jull	Samuel
Campbell	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Waite
Dickie	Macpherson	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wilkinson.
Endean	Massey, J. N.	
Field	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following words to paragraph (*b*): "but no person shall be liable to pay the charge whose income does not exceed fifty-two pounds, and that no income by reason of such charge shall be reduced below fifty-two pounds." *(Mr. Parry.)*

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

AYES, 26.

Armstrong	McCombs	Savage
Barnard	McKeen	Semple
Carr	Martin	Sykes
Chapman	Mason	Te Tomo
Fletcher	Munro	Wright
Fraser	Nash, W.	Young.
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Jordan	Parry	Howard
Langstone	Samuel	Sullivan.

NOES, 45.

Ansell	Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Nash, J. A.
Bitchener	Hogan	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Polson
Burnett	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Campbell	Jull	Rushworth
Clinkard	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wilkinson.
Endean	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Massey, J. N.	Healy
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Munns.
Hamilton		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following words to paragraph (*b*): "but no married person shall be liable to pay the charge whose income together with the income of wife or husband does not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds, and that no such combined income shall be reduced below one hundred and fifty pounds." *(Mr. Mason.)*

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

AYES, 21.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Jordan		

NOES, 50.

Ansell	Hawke	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Rushworth
Broadfoot	Jones	Samuel
Burnett	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Linklater	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Waite
Dickie	Macpherson	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wilkinson
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Wright
Field	Massey, W. W.	Young.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following words to paragraph (*b*): "but no married person shall be liable to pay the charge whose income, together with the income of wife or husband, does not exceed one hundred and four pounds, and that no such combined income shall be reduced below one hundred and four pounds." *(Mr. Munro.)*

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

AYES, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Sykes.
Fletcher	Mason	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 35.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Makitanara	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Massey, J. N.	Wilkinson.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Harris	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following words to paragraph (*b*): "but no married person shall be liable to pay the charge whose income, together with the income of wife or husband, does not exceed fifty-two pounds, and that no such combined income shall be reduced below fifty-two pounds." *(Mr. McCombs.)*

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

AYES, 28.

Armstrong	Kyle	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Burnett	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Sykes
Chapman	Martin	Te Tomo
Dickie	Mason	Young.
Fletcher	Massey, W. W.	
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 35.

Ansell	Harris	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Broadfoot	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Campbell	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wilkinson.
Field	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, J. N.	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following new paragraph:—

"(*c*) Persons engaged on relief work shall be exempt from payment of the general unemployment levy and the emergency unemployment charge for such period as they are so engaged or unemployed." *(Mr. Parry.)*

Further consideration of the clause and of the proposed amendment postponed.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

Amendment proposed: In subclause (4) to add the words "or emergency charge." *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

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

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 46.

Ansell	Henare	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Samuel
Burnett	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Kyle	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macmillan	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Makitanara	Young.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, J. N.	
Hamilton	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hawke	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), paragraph (*b*), to add the following proviso:—

"Provided that any pensioner or other person in receipt of an income of less than the amount mentioned as sustenance payments in section twenty of the principal Act shall be granted such work or sustenance as, together with the pension or other income, shall be equal to the amount of sustenance payments so mentioned." *(Mr. Martin.)*

And the Question being put, That the proviso proposed to be added to subclause (1) be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 50.

Ansell	Henare	Polson
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Rushworth
Broadfoot	Jones	Samuel
Burnett	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Linklater	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Waite
Dickie	Macpherson	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wilkinson
Field	Massey, J. N.	Wright
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Young.
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to add the following new paragraph:—

"(*d*) Any payment received by a worker on account of compensation awarded under the Workers' Compensation Act shall not be liable to the emergency unemployment levy." *(Reverend Mr. Carr.)*

Amendment, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to add, after the word "hardship" in line 52, the following words: "and any exemption from the payment of the levy or charge on account of hardship shall not prevent such person being granted work or sustenance." *(Mr. Semple.)*

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

AYES, 21.

Armstrong	McCombs	Parry
Barnard	McKeen	Rushworth
Carr	Martin	Savage
Chapman	Mason	Semple.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Langstone		

NOES, 45.

Ansell	Hawke	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hogan	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Dickie	Macpherson	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Field	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Harris		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 24 read and agreed to.

Clause 25 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) that paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) be deleted, with a view to inserting the following in lieu thereof:—

"(*b*) Two persons to be elected by individual members of registered organizations of employers:

"(*c*) Two persons to be elected by individual members of registered organizations of employees." *(Mr. Fraser.)*

And the Question being put, That the paragraphs proposed to be deleted stand part of the subclause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 44.

Ansell	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Hogan	Rushworth
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Ward
Dickie	Makitanara	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Massey, J. N.	Young.
Field	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Nash, J. A.	Munns.

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 29 read and agreed to.

Clause 30 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to insert, after the word "Board" in line 35, the following words: "shall provide each worker registered as unemployed under the principal Act with work sufficient to enable him or her to earn an adequate living wage and". *(Mr. Chapman.)*

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, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Harris	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Dickie	Macpherson	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Field	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to insert, after the word "Board" in line 35, the following words: "Shall provide each worker registered as unemployed under the principal Act with work sufficient to enable him or her to earn at standard wages the amounts provided for sustenance payments in section twenty of the principal Act, and". *(Mr. Barnard.)*

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, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 44.

Ansell	Harris	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Clinkard	Linklater	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Dickie	Macpherson	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Young.
Field	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Healy
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to insert, after the word "Board" in line 35, the following words: "shall provide each worker registered as unemployed under the principal Act with work sufficient to enable him or her to earn the amounts provided for sustenance payments in section twenty of the principal Act, and". *(Mr. Jordan.)*

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, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Young.
Fraser	Mason	
Hogan	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 40.

Ansell	Hamilton	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Hawke	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Jones	Sykes
Campbell	Kyle	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Linklater	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Ward
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Wright.
Dickie	Macpherson	
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Massey, J. N.	Healy
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

"(3) That for purposes of this Act a single man or woman with persons totally dependent upon him or her shall be entitled to such work or sustenance as would be granted if such person were married and had a similar number of dependants." *(Mr. W. Nash.)*

And the Question being put, That the new subclause be added to the clause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 30.

Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Sullivan
Dickie	Mason	Sykes
Fraser	Massey, J. N.	Te Tomo
Harris	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Hogan	Munro	Young.
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Jordan	O'Brien	Armstrong
Kyle	Parry	Howard.
Langstone		

NOES, 33.

Ansell	Hamilton	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Ward.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Healy
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 31 and 32 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 10TH DAY OF JULY, 1931.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Unemployment Amendment Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

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

With the leave of the House, the Bill was set down as an Order of the Day at 10.30 a.m. this day.

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

The Legislative Council has passed a Bill intituled the Reprint of Statutes Act, 1931, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

5. *Reprint of Statutes Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to make Provision in Relation to the Publication of an Annotated Reprint of the Public Acts of New Zealand under the Title of "The Public Acts of New Zealand (Reprint)," and to empower the Courts to take Judicial Notice of such Reprint, be now read a first time.

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

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

Friday, the 10th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 10.30 a.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

3. *Unemployment Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Unemployment Amendment Bill;

(Urgency.) The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes having claimed that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 33 read and agreed to.

Postponed clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to add the following new paragraph:—

"(*c*) Persons engaged on relief work shall be exempt from payment of the general unemployment levy and the emergency unemployment charge for such period as they are so engaged or unemployed. *(Mr. Parry.)*

And the Question being put, That the new paragraph be added to the subclause, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	McCombs	Parry
Barnard	McKeen	Samuel
Carr	Martin	Savage
Chapman	Mason	Semple
Fletcher	Massey, J. N.	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Howard
Jordan	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Langstone		

NOES, 40.

Ansell	Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Henare	Rushworth
Burnett	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Jull	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Wright.
Dickie	McDougall	
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	*Tellers.*
Field	Macpherson	Healy
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"That, notwithstanding that youths under the age of twenty years and women are not liable to pay the general unemployment levy, it shall be the duty of the Unemployment Board to arrange for, or provide work for, such youths and women. *(Mr. Armstrong.)*

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, 26.

Armstrong	McCombs	Parry
Barnard	McKeen	Rushworth
Carr	Martin	Samuel
Chapman	Mason	Savage
Fletcher	Massey, J. N.	Semple
Fraser	Massey, W. W.	Te Tomo.
Holland, H. E.	Munro	*Tellers.*
Jordan	Nash, W.	Howard
Langstone	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 41.

Ansell	Hawke	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Burnett	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Jull	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Wilkinson
Dickie	McDougall	Wright
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macmillan	Young.
Field	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Healy
Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"Subsection one of section twenty of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

"'(1) In all cases where the Board is unable to provide work, sustenance allowance shall be paid out of the Unemployment Fund in accordance with this section and not otherwise.'" *(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, 24.

Armstrong	McCombs	Rushworth
Barnard	McKeen	Samuel
Carr	Martin	Savage
Chapman	Mason	Semple
Fletcher	Munro	Wright.
Fraser	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Howard
Jordan	Parry	Sullivan.
Langstone		

NOES, 38.

Ansell	Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Hawke	Nash, J. A.
Bitchener	Hogan	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Broadfoot	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macpherson	Wilkinson.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Field	Massey, J. N.	Healy
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

4. *Unemployment Amendment Bill, Recommittal of.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Smith, *Ordered*, That the Unemployment Amendment Bill be recommitted for the purpose of considering an amendment to the proviso to clause 12, adding a proviso to clause 17, and amending clause 33.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted presently.

5. *Privilege.*—Mr. Lye brought under the notice of the House, as a matter of privilege, a letter addressed to himself by Bond and Bond, Limited, Auckland, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the letter be read by the Clerk.

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

The letter was accordingly read as follows: —

Bond and Bond, Ltd., Merchants, Auckland, N.Z., 9th July, 1931.

Mr. F. Lye, M.P. for Waikato,
Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—

We enclose a proof copy of a statement we are publishing for public circulation and which deals with your unwarranted and slanderous statements regarding our gift coupon system in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, 30th June, during the Address in Reply debate.

We challenge you to publicly repeat your statements outside the House, naming our company as the firm you referred to, and so give us the opportunity to seek legal means of redress for the injury and expense you have occasioned us by the statements referred to.

We would be interested to have your reply to the challenge we make in this letter.

Yours truly,
BOND AND BOND, LTD.,
H. V. COE, Manager.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That the letter dated 9th July, 1931, addressed to Mr. F. Lye, Member for Waikato, by Bond and Bond, Limited, Auckland, and signed for the company by Mr. H. V. Coe, Manager, is a breach of the privileges of this House.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That a Committee of Privilege be appointed to inquire into the said breach of privilege and to report its opinions and recommendations thereon to the House; the Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum; the Committee to consist of Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Wright, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Barnard, and the Mover.

6. *Unemployment Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Unemployment Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 12 recommitted. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to add to the proviso the following words: "or to the wages received by any worker in respect of his employment on relief works undertaken by any local authority or public body pursuant to a scheme whereby the whole amount of such wages is refunded to such local authority or public body from the Unemployment Fund." *(Hon. Mr. Smith.)*

Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso to the proposed amendment:—

"Provided that the emergency unemployment charge shall only be collected on the amount of wages received by such relief worker from such local authority in excess of the amount refunded by the Unemployment Board. *(Mr. Sullivan.)*

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

AYES, 20.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 42.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Hogan	Rushworth
Burnett	Jones	Samuel
Clinkard	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wilkinson
Field	Massey, J. N.	Wright.
Fletcher	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Nash, J. A.	Munns.
Harris		

So it was passed in the Negative.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 recommitted. Amendment proposed: To add the following proviso:—

"Provided that compensation received under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1922, whether as a lump sum or by weekly payments, shall not for the purposes of this Act be regarded as income." *(Hon. Mr. Smith.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 33 recommitted.

Amendment proposed: To add the following new paragraph:—

"By prescribing that all undistributed profits of companies, syndicates, and other organizations not already subject to the payment under paragraph (*b*) of this section shall pay a levy of threepence in the pound on all undistributed profits made during the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one. *(Mr. McCombs.)*

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

AYES, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McDougall	Savage
Chapman	McKeen	Semple.
Fraser	Martin	
Holland, H. E.	Mason	*Tellers.*
Jordan	Munro	Howard
Jull	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 39.

Ansell	Hawke	Rushworth
Atmore, Hon. H.	Henare	Samuel
Bitchener	Hogan	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Bodkin	Jones	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Lye	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Waite
Dickie	Makitanara	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright.
Field	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Munns.
Harris		

So it passed in the Negative.

Amendment agreed to.

To report the Bill with further amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Broadfoot reported that the Committee had given further consideration to the Unemployment Amendment Bill and had made further amendment therein.

Ordered, That the amendments be considered forthwith.

The same were 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 Unemployment Act, 1930."

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

7. *Address in Reply.—Ordered*, That 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 to be set down as an Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-five minutes after five of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 14th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive.

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

3. *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. Howard (for Mr. McCombs) do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *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. Savage (for Mr. Fraser) do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Motion for Leave to introduce Bill deferred.*—On motion of Mr. Barnard (for Mr. Mason), with the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That the motion for leave to introduce the Licensing Amendment Bill be deferred.

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

7. League of Nations: Report of the Representative of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations, held at Geneva in the Year 1930. A.-5.

8. Imperial Conference, 1930: Summary of Proceedings. A.–6.

21. Cook and other Islands (in Continuation of Parliamentary Paper A.–3, 1930). A.–3.

26. Immigration Department, Annual Report of, for the Year 1930–31. D.–9.

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

9. Government Departments: Balance-sheets and Statements of Accounts of various Government Departments for the Year 1929–30 (Audited Accounts). B.–1 [Pt. IV, Sup. to 1930].

13. State Forest Reservation: Proposal to revoke the Reservation as a Permanent State Forest over an Area of 2,514 Acres, more or less, known as Longwoods State Forest, Blocks XIII, XX, and XXI, Jacobs River Hundred.

14. State Forest Reservation: Proposal to revoke the Reservation as a Permanent State Forest over Section 1, Block IV, Waipu Survey District.

24. League of Nations International Labour Conference, Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the, at its Fourteenth Session, 10th to 28th June, 1930.

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

2. County Councils Balance-sheets: For the Year ended 31st March, 1927 [Manawatu]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1928 [Halswell and Murchison]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1929 [Kawhia, Opotiki, Bruce, Castlepoint, Chatham Islands, Featherston, Great Barrier Island, Halswell, Kiwitea, Levels, Murchison, Otorohanga, Rangiora, Stewart Island, Vincent, Waimarino, Waitomo, and Whakatane]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1930 [Bay of Islands, Castlepoint, Chatham Islands, Clifton, Dannevirke, Eltham, Featherston, Franklin, Great Barrier Island, Halswell, Hauraki Plains, Hobson, Hokianga, Horowhenua, Hutt, Kiwitea, Levels, Mackenzie, Mangonui, Maniototo, Mauriceville, Mount Herbert, Murchison, Oroua, Otamatea, Otorohanga, Rangiora, Rangitikei, Springs, Stratford, Stewart Island, Taranaki, Waimariri, Waimarino, Wairewa, Waitaki, Waitomo, Weber, Westland, Whakatane, Whangarei, Whangaroa, Akaroa, Akitio, Amuri, Bruce, Clutha, Collingwood, Coromandel, Ellesmere, Eyre, Inglewood, Kaikoura, Kairanga, Kaitieke, Kawhia, Malvern, Marlborough, Matamata, Ohinemuri, Ohura, Oxford, Peninsula, Piako, Rodney, Rotorua, Selwyn, Southland, Takaka, Tawera, Thames, Waiapu, Waikato, Waikohu, Waikouaiti, Waimate, Waipawa, and Waitotara]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1931 [Heathcote, Masterton, and Raglan].

3. Bank of New Zealand Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1931.

4. Insurance Companies Returns: New Zealand Medical Assurance Society, as at 31st December, 1928, and 31st December, 1929; The Industrial Mutual Indemnity and General Insurance Association, as at 28th February, 1930; Southern Cross Assurance Co., Ltd., as at 30th June, 1930; The Sawmillers' Mutual Accident Insurance Co., as at 31st July, 1930; The South British Insurance Co., Ltd., as at 31st August, 1930; The United Insurance Co., Ltd., as at 31st August, 1930; Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Ltd., as at 30th September, 1930; The Australian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd., as at 30th September, 1930; Australian Provincial Assurance Association, Ltd., as at 30th September, 1930; National Mutual Life Association of Australia, Ltd., as at 30th September, 1930; Australian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd., as at 30th September, 1930; The New Zealand Dental Association (Incorporated) Mutual Insurance Co., as at 30th September, 1930; National Insurance Co. of New Zealand, Ltd., as at 30th September, 1930; London Assurance Co., Ltd., as at 30th November, 1930; British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., (Accident Department), as at 31st December, 1930; The Insurance Office of Australia, Ltd. (Accident Department), as at 31st December, 1930; The New Zealand Medical Assurance Society, as at 31st December, 1930; The Alliance Assurance Co., Ltd. (Accident Business), as at 31st December, 1930; Royal Insurance Co., Ltd. (Accident Department), as at 31st December, 1930; The

Yorkshire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Accident Insurance Return), as at 31st December, 1930; Union Assurance Society, Ltd. (Accident Department), as at 31st December, 1930; The Australian Mutual Provident Society, as at 31st December, 1930; Australian Alliance Assurance Co., as at 31st December, 1930; The Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation of London (Accident Department), as at 31st December, 1930; Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd. (Accident Department), as at 31st December, 1930; London and Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Accident Business), as at 31st December, 1930; North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., Ltd., as at 31st December, 1930; Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. (Accident Department), as at 31st December, 1930; Provident Life Assurance Co., as at 31st December, 1930; Guardian Assurance Co., Ltd., as at 31st December, 1930; Norwich Union Life Assurance Society (Accident Business), as at 31st December, 1930; The Mutual Life and Citizens Assurance Co., Ltd., as at 31st December, 1930; General Accident, Fire, and Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd. (Accident Business), as at 31st December, 1930; Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., Ltd. (Accident Business), as at 31st December, 1930; and Taranaki Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association (Accident Business), as at 31st March, 1931.

5. Government Life Insurance Department: Annual Report for 1930. H.–8.

6. Municipal Corporations Balance-sheets: For the Year ended 31st March, 1928 [Ohakune and Raetihi]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1929 [Dargaville, Mosgiel, Newmarket, Ohakune, and Whakatane]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1929 [Birkenhead, Eketahuna, Eltham, Marton, Milton, New Plymouth, Otaki, Raetihi, Tauranga, Waipawa, and Wellington]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1930 [Akaroa, Balclutha, Blenheim, Cromwell, Dunedin, Eltham, Green Island, Invercargill, Lyttelton, Masterton, Mount Albert, Nelson, Newmarket, Ngaruawahia, Oamaru, Opotiki, Otahuhu, Paeroa, Palmerston North, Picton, Queenstown, Riccarton, Riverton, Roxburgh, St. Kilda, Stratford, Takapuna, Taumarunui, Te Awamutu, Thames, Waikouaiti, Waimate, Waipawa, Wairoa, Wanganui, Wellington, Whakatane, Winton, Auckland, Carterton, Christchurch, Dannevirke, Featherston, Feilding, Gisborne, Greytown, Hamilton, Hastings, Lower Hutt, Inglewood, Lawrence, Marton, Mataura, Morrinsville, Mount Eden, Naseby, New Lynn, Onehunga, Otaki, Pahiatua, Petone, Pukekohe, Raetihi, Runanga, Shannon, Taihape, Temuka, Timaru, Waihi, Waipukurau, Waitara, Whangarei, and Woodville].

10. Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, Regulations under the, modifying the Financial Provisions of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926, in their Application to the Hawke's Bay, Wairoa, and Waipawa Hospital Districts.

11. Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, Regulations under the, in connection with Stamp Duties.

12. Roads stopped in Terms of Section 149 of Public Works Act, 1928.

15. State Forest Service: Annual Report of the Director of Forestry for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–3.

16. Valuation Department: Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. B.–17.

17. Native Land Act, 1909: Amendments to Regulations relating to Maori Land Boards under the Native Land Act, 1909, made on the 31st day of March, 1931.

18. Native Land Act, 1909: Amendments to the Rules of Court under the Native Land Act, 1909, made on the 31st day of March, 1931.

19. State Fire Insurance Office: Annual Report of the General Manager for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. H.–6.

20. State Fire Insurance Office, Accident Insurance Branch of the, Annual Report on, for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. H.–6A.

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

23. Native Land Settlement Account: Statement showing the Moneys paid into and out of the, during 1930–31.

25. Agricultural Labourers' Accommodation Act, 1908, Amending Regulations made 6th October, 1930, under the.

27. Girl Guides' Association, Order in Council, dated 11th May, 1931, protecting the Names and Badges, &c., of the.

28. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Balance-sheet, Statement of Revenue Account, and Statement of Membership of the undermentioned Local Authorities for the Year ended 31st December, 1930 [Auckland Harbour Board and Wellington Harbour Board].

29. Local Authorities Superannuation Act, 1908: Balance-sheet, Statement of Revenue Account, and Statement of Membership of the undermentioned Local Authority for the Years ended 31st December, 1926, 1927, and 1928 [Buller County Council].

30. Fire Boards.—Balance-sheets and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the undermentioned Fire Boards: Dannevirke, for the Years ended 31st March, 1929 and 1930; Balclutha, for the Year ended 31st March, 1929; Waipukurau, Masterton, and Foxton, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931; Auckland, Balclutha, Christchurch, Dargaville, Dunedin, Feilding, Gisborne, Greymouth, Hamilton, Hastings, Hikurangi, Invercargill, Lawrence, Levin, New Plymouth, Pahiatua, Petone, Rotorua, Waihi, Waitara, Wanganui, Wellington, and Whangarei, for the Year ended 31st March, 1930; Rotorua and Palmerston North, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

31. Pensions Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–18.

34. Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, Regulations under the.

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

36. Defence Act, 1909, Regulations under the.

37. Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908, Regulations under the, amended in respect of Fees payable.

38. Stock Act, 1908, Amending Regulations under the, for the Prevention of the Spread of Ticks (Ixodidæ) among Stock.

39. National Provident Fund: Annual Report of the Board for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. H.–17.

40. Friendly Societies and Trade Unions: Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. H.–1.

41. National Provident Fund: Statement of Amounts paid into the National Provident Fund as State Subsidy for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. H.–17A.

42. Post Office Savings-bank: Statement showing the Deposits received and paid by the Post Office Savings-bank for the Years ended 31st March, 1931, and 31st March, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, and 1922; also for Fifteen Months ended 31st March, 1921, together with Similar Particulars by Ten-year Periods from 1868, the First Complete Year of Post Office Savings-bank working in New Zealand. F.–4.

43. Post and Telegraph Department: Schedule of Regulations, comprising Parcels for Fiji; Postage Rates; Rates for Press Telegrams; Amendments to Regulations under Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1918; Postal Regulations *re* Bullion and Jewellery; Postal Regulations and Charges, Telegraph Rates; Postal Regulations, Business Reply Cards, Envelopes, and Wrappers; Telephone Regulations Amendments; Radio-telegraphic Regulations; Air-mail Letters.

44. Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926: Orders in Council issued under the Hospital and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926.

45. Immigration Restriction Act, 1908: Additional Immigration Restriction Regulations made by the Governor-General in Council.

46. Customs Amendment Act, 1921, Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the, suspending the Duty on Cinematograph Films.

47. Customs Amendment Act, 1921, Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the, altering the Rates of Duty on Barley.

48. Customs Act, 1913, Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the, regulating the Importation of Films.

49. Customs Amendment Act, 1921, Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the, applying the General Tariff to certain Goods being the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of Canada.

50. Customs Act, 1913, Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the, prohibiting the Importation of Marlatts Treatment for Gallstones and Advertising-matter relating thereto.

51. Customs Act, 1913, Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the, regulating the Importation and Exportation of Silver Coin.

52. Customs Act, 1913, Order in Council made by the Governor-General under the, restricting the Importation of Poultry into New Zealand.

53. Land Settlement Finance Act, 1909, Statements required to be made by the Public Trustee showing the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of every Association under the, as on 31st March, 1931.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House :—

32. Charges and Convictions for Drunkenness in No-license Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1928, Particulars relating to.

33. Charges and Convictions for Drunkenness in No-license Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1929, Particulars relating to.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 5, 7, to 9 inclusive, 15, 16, 19 to 23 inclusive, 26, 31, and 39 to 42 inclusive be printed.

7. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 1.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Veitch (with the leave of the House) the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*.

9. *Transport Licensing Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to which shall stand referred for consideration and report the Transport Licensing Bill ; the Committee to consist of Mr. Ansell, Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Clinkard, Mr. Harris, Mr. Healy, Mr. Jull, Mr. Mason, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Williams, and the Mover.

10. *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. Lye) ;*

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, the 15th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

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

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

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

4. *Rent Restriction Extension Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Scope and Duration of the Law relating to the Restriction of Rent; and that the Honourable Mr. Murdoch (for the Honourable Mr. Smith) do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Murdoch (for the Honourable Mr. Smith) 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. *Amusements-tax Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Amusements-tax Act, 1922; and that Mr. Barnard do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Barnard accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 30th day of July, and to be printed.

6. *Invalid Pensions Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Grant of Pensions to Invalids; and that Mr. Jordan (for Mr. O'Brien) do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Jordan (for Mr. O'Brien) accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 6th day of August, and to be printed.

7. *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. Lye)*;

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

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

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

8. *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 Unemployment Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment.

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

Thursday, the 16th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Taite te Tomo, on account of illness.

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 *(Mr. Lye)*;

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

Mr. H. E. Holland moved, That the Question be amended by the following addition being made to such motion, namely: "and that the following words be added to such address: 'but we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House or of the people of the Dominion'."

And the Question and amendment being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

AYES, 19.

Armstrong	McCombs	Parry
Barnard	McKeen	Savage
Carr	Martin	Semple.
Chapman	Mason	
Holland, H. E.	Munro	*Tellers.*
Jordan	Nash, W.	Howard
Langstone	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 48.

Ansell	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jull	Rushworth
Black	Kyle	Samuel
Bodkin	Linklater	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Lye	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Clinkard	Lysnar	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Wilkinson
Endean	Makitanara	Williams
Field	Massey, J. N.	Wright
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Young.
Hamilton	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Nash, J. A.	Healy
Hawke	Polson	Munns.
Hogan		

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 *(Mr. Lye)*;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after ten of the clock a.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 17th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House consideration of the Order of the Day at 10.30 a.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

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

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said Interrupted 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 most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

In assuring Your Excellency that the matters referred to in Your Excellency's Speech shall receive our most careful consideration, we join with Your Excellency in earnestly praying that with Divine guidance our deliberations may promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this Dominion.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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.

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

5. *Ways and Means.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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.

6. *Order of Business.—Ordered*, That consideration of all Order of Business be postponed until after consideration of Order of Business No. 10, and that consideration of the two Supplementary Order Papers be taken separately, and that the time-limit for discussion be extended if necessary.

7. *Adjournment (Questions and Replies).*—Mr. Samuel 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
stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 21st Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Privilege.*—Mr. Lye (with the leave of the House) brought under the notice of the House, as a matter of privilege, an advertisement appearing in the *New Zealand Herald* newspaper of Friday, the 10th day of July, concerning him, and the said newspaper was handed to the Clerk of the House, who read the heading thereof.

   On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That the publication in the *New Zealand Herald* of Friday, 10th July, of the advertisement complained of is a breach of the privileges of this House, and that the matter be referred to the Committee of Privilege set up by Resolution of the House on Friday, the 10th day of July.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House consideration of all Order of Business was postponed in order to consider Notices of Motion for appointment of Select Committees.

4. *Lands Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be set up, consisting, by leave of the House, of fourteen 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 recommend 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. Broadfoot, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Healy, Hr. Hogan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. J. N. Massey, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Polson, Mr. Savage, and the Mover.

5. *Education Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Atmore, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten 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. Black, Mr. Bodkin, Reverend Clyde Carr, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. Holland, Colonel McDonald, the Honourable Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

6. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cobbe, *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. Barnard, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Field, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Mason, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Wilkinson, and the Mover.

7. *Defence Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cobbe, *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. Barnard, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Healy, Mr. Jordan, Colonel McDonald, Mr. McDougall, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Waite, and the Mover.

8. *Library Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Atmore, *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. Broadfoot, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Waite, and the Mover.

9. *House Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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. Bitchener, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Savage, the Honourable Mr. Smith, and the Mover.

10. *Local Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle, *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, whether the rights or prerogatives of the Crown are in any way affected by the provisions of the Bill, and to recommend 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. Bitchener, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Macmillan, Colonel McDonald, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Munns, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

11. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to deal with all matters in connection with industries and commerce; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Ansell, the Honourable Mr. Cobbe, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. Holland, Mr. Munns, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Wilkinson, and the Mover.

12. *Public Health Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Stallworthy, *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. Clinkard, Mr. Endean, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Healy, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. Munro, Mr. Parry, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

13. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Murdoch, *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 mining; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Black, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hawke, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. Martin, Mr. Munns, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Waite, and the Mover.

14. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Murdoch, *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; three to be a quorum: the

Committee to consist of Mr. Burnett, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Lye, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. W. W. Massey, Mr. Polson, and the Mover.

15. *Labour Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Smith, *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. Armstrong, Mr. Clinkard, Mr. Endean, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Jull, Mr. Polson, the Honourable Mr. Veitch, and the Mover.

16. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Donald, *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, 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; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Ansell, Mr. Chapman, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Healy, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. McDougall, Mr. W. W. Massey, Mr. O'Brien, and the Mover.

17. *Railways Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Veitch, *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 the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Munns, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. W. Nash, the Honourable Mr. Taverner, and the Mover.

18. *Native Affairs Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Veitch (for the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata), *Ordered*, That a Native Affairs Committee, consisting, by leave, of fifteen members, be appointed 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. Broadfoot, Mr. Clinkard, the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, Mr. Healy, Mr. Henare, Mr. Howard, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. Martin, Mr. O'Brien, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Taite te Tomo, Mr. Waite, Mr. Williams, and the Mover.

19. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Atmore (for the Honourable Mr. Taverner), *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; 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; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Reverend Clyde Carr, Mr. Dickie, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Lye, Mr. Makitanara, Mr. J. N. Massey, Colonel McDonald, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Semple, and the Mover.

20. *Joint on Bills Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Bodkin, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to act together with a similar Select Committee of the Legislative Council, as a Joint Committee, which shall 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. Ansell, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Lye, Mr. Wilkinson, and the Mover.

21. *Committee of Selection.*—On motion of Mr. Bodkin, *Ordered*, That a Committee of Selection (Private Bills) be appointed: the Committee to consist of Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Field, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Sullivan, and the Mover.

22. *Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—On motion of Mr. Bodkin, *Ordered*, That a Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills be appointed: the Committee to consist of Mr. Barnard, Mr. Black, Mr. Field, Mr. Macmillan, and the Mover.

23. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

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

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 Unemployment Act, 1930," with the attached amendments, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 12, subclause (1): To insert, after the words "who at any time" in the second line of the subclause, the words "on or"; and to insert, after the words "for any period" in the fourth line of the same subclause, the words "commencing on or".

Government House,
Wellington, 20th July, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to amend the Unemployment Act, 1930.

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

24. *Unemployment Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Smith, *Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Unemployment Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Unemployment Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

25. *Papers for Consideration.*—Papers for consideration being called on;

With the leave of the House, Papers Nos. 7 and 8 were taken together for the purpose of discussion.

(Time-limit of Speech, Extension of.)—Ordered, That the time-limit of speech in this Debate be extended to thirty minutes.

(Time for Debate extended.)—Ordered, That the Debate be continued at the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m.

(Imperial Conference.)—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That Papers Nos. 7 (League of Nations: Report of the Representative of the Dominion of New Zealand on the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations, held at Geneva in the Year 1930. A.–5.) and 8 (Imperial Conference, 1930: Summary of Proceedings. A.–6.) be referred to the Government for consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having, by leave, set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 22nd Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

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

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of a bereavement in his family.

4. *Defence Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Defence Act, 1909; and that the Honourable Mr. Cobbe do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Cobbe 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. *Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Deaths by Accidents Compensation Act, 1908; and that the Honourable Mr. Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

   The Honourable Mr. Stewart accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 23rd day of July, and to be printed.

6. *Bank of New Zealand Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the Qualification of Persons appointed by the Governor-General in Council to the Board of Directors of the Bank of New Zealand; and that Mr. Langstone do prepare and bring it in.

   Mr. Langstone accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 5th day of August, and to be printed.

7. *Message from the Legislative Council.*—Message 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 Unemployment Amendment Act, 1931, transmitted in Message No. 4 from the House of Representatives.

8. *Papers for Consideration.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the New Zealand Representative on the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations (A.–5), and the Summary of Proceedings, Imperial Conference, 1930 (A.–6), be referred to the Government for consideration;

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

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having, by leave, set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 23rd Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

2. *Local Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle, *Ordered*, That the name of Colonel McDonald be discharged from the Local Bills Committee, and the name of Mr. Ward added thereto.

3. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle, *Ordered*, That the name of the Honourable Mr. Cobbe be discharged from the Industries and Commerce Committee, and that the name of Mr. Ward be added thereto.

4. *Public Hospitals Assisting Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the granting of Powers to enable Funds to be raised by Means of Sweepstakes and Drawings of Prizes for the Support of Public Hospitals; and that Mr. Black do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Black accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 30th day of July, and to be printed.

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

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed a Private Bill intituled the Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Act, 1931, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

7. *Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Wanganui Church Acre Act, 1910, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

8. *Papers for Consideration.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Report of the New Zealand Representative on the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations (A.–5), and the Summary of Proceedings, Imperial Conference, 1930 (A.–6), be referred to the Government for consideration;

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

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

Ordered, That the Report of the New Zealand Representative on the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations (A.–5), and the Summary of of Proceedings, Imperial Conference, 1930 (A.–6), be referred to the Government for consideration.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King in the following words:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty praying that you may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to give effect to certain declarations and resolutions set forth in the Reports of Imperial Conferences holden at Westminster in the years 1926 and 1930, which declarations and resolutions we do hereby approve, the said Act being expressed as follows or to the following effect:—

STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER.

Whereas it is meet and proper to set out by way of preamble to this Act, that inasmuch as the Crown is the symbol of the free association of the Members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and as they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown, it would be in accord with the established constitutional position of all the Members of the Commonwealth in relation to one another that any alteration in the law touching the Succession to the Throne or the Royal Style and Titles shall hereafter require the assent as well of the Parliaments of all the Dominions as of the Parliament of the United Kingdom:

And whereas it is in accord with the established constitutional position that no law hereafter made by the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall extend to any of the Dominions as part of the law of that Dominion otherwise than at the request and with the consent of that Dominion:

It is hereby declared and enacted that the Parliament of a Dominion has full power to make laws having extraterritorial operation.

The Colonial Laws Validity Act, 1865, shall not apply to any law made after the commencement of this Act by the Parliament of a Dominion.

No law and no provision of any law made after the commencement of this Act by the Parliament of a Dominion shall be void or inoperative on the ground that it is repugnant to the law of England, or to the provisions of any existing or future Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom, or to any order, rule, or regulation made under any such Act, and the powers of the Parliament of a Dominion shall include the power to repeal or amend any such Act, order, rule, or regulation, in so far as the same is part of the law of the Dominion.

No Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom passed after the commencement of this Act shall extend or be deemed to extend to a Dominion as part of the law of that Dominion unless it is expressly declared in that Act that that Dominion has requested, and consented to, the enactment thereof.

Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to confer any power to repeal or alter the Constitution or the Constitution Act of the Commonwealth of Australia or the Constitution Act of the Dominion of New Zealand otherwise than in accordance with the law existing before the commencement of this Act.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Act, sections seven hundred and thirty-five and seven hundred and thirty-six of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, shall be construed as though reference therein to the Legislature of a British possession did not include reference to the Parliament of a Dominion.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Act, section four of the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890 (which required certain laws to be reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure or to contain a suspending clause), and so much of section seven of that Act as requires the approval of His Majesty in Council to any rules of Court for regulating the practice and procedure of a Colonial Court of Admiralty, shall cease to have effect in any Dominion as from the commencement of this Act.

Notwithstanding anything in the Interpretation Act, 1889, the expression "Colony" shall not, in any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed after the commencement of this Act, include a Dominion or any Province or State forming part of a Dominion.

No provision of this Act shall extend to the Dominion of New Zealand as part of the law thereof unless that provision is adopted by the Parliament of that Dominion, and any Act of the said Parliament adopting any provision of this Act may provide that the adoption shall have effect either as from the commencement of this Act or as from such later date as may be specified by the adopting Act.

All of which we humbly pray Your Majesty to take into Your Favourable and Gracious Consideration.

9. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

10. *Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill;

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

11. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

12. *Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill;

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

13. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of all Orders of the Day be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

14. *Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Bill;

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

15. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of all Orders of the Day be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 8.

16. *Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Deaths by Accidents Compensation Amendment Bill;

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

17. *Meat-export Control Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Meat-export Control Amendment Bill;

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 24th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *War Ministers' Profits Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Payment into the Consolidated Fund of Net Excess Profits received by War Ministers; 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 29th day of July, and to be printed.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business Nos. 7 to 10 inclusive was postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day.

4. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 14 inclusive.

5. *Meat-export Control Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Meat-export Control Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

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

Mr. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. Macmillan, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "now", with a view to adding at the end thereof the following words: "this day six months."

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by the reading of a Message from the Legislative Council.

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

The Legislative Council has agreed to a Joint Address to His Majesty the King in regard to a measure, the Statute of Westminster, proposed to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Address to be in the words of the attached copy:—

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MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty praying that you may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to give effect to certain declarations and resolutions set forth in the Reports of Imperial Conferences holden at Westminster in the years 1926 and 1930, which declarations and resolutions we do hereby approve, the said Act being expressed as follows or to the following effect:—

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Whereas it is meet and proper to set out by way of preamble to this Act, that inasmuch as the Crown is the symbol of the free association of the Members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and as they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown, it would be in accord with the established constitutional position of all the Members of the Commonwealth in relation to one another that any alteration in the law touching the Succession to the Throne or the Royal Style and Titles shall hereafter require the assent as well of the Parliaments of all the Dominions as of the Parliament of the United Kingdom:

And whereas it is in accord with the established constitutional position that no law hereafter made by the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall extend to any of the Dominions as part of the law of that Dominion otherwise than at the request and with the consent of that Dominion:

It is hereby declared and enacted that the Parliament of a Dominion has full power to make laws having extraterritorial operation.

The Colonial Laws Validity Act, 1865, shall not apply to any law made after the commencement of this Act by the Parliament of a Dominion.

No law and no provision of any law made after the commencement of this Act by the Parliament of a Dominion shall be void or inoperative on the ground that it is repugnant to the law of England, or to the provisions of any existing or future Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom, or to any order, rule, or regulation made under any such Act, and the powers of the Parliament of a Dominion shall include the power to repeal or amend any such Act, order, rule, or regulation, in so far as the same is part of the law of the Dominion.

No Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom passed after the commencement of this Act shall extend or be deemed to extend to a Dominion as part of the law of that Dominion unless it is expressly declared in that Act that that Dominion has requested, and consented to, the enactment thereof.

Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to confer any power to repeal or alter the Constitution or the Constitution Act of the Commonwealth of Australia or the Constitution Act of the Dominion of New Zealand otherwise than in accordance with the law existing before the commencement of this Act.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Act, sections seven hundred and thirty-five and seven hundred and thirty-six of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, shall be construed as though reference therein to the Legislature of a British possession did not include reference to the Parliament of a Dominion.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Act, section four of the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890 (which required certain laws to be reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure or to contain a suspending clause), and so much of section seven of that Act as requires the approval of His Majesty in Council to any rules of Court for regulating the practice and procedure of a Colonial Court of Admiralty, shall cease to have effect in any Dominion as from the commencement of this Act.

Notwithstanding anything in the Interpretation Act, 1889, the expression "Colony" shall not, in any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed after the commencement of this Act, include a Dominion or any Province or State forming part of a Dominion.

No provision of this Act shall extend to the Dominion of New Zealand as part of the law thereof unless that provision is adopted by the Parliament of that Dominion, and any Act of the said Parliament adopting any provision of this Act may provide that the adoption shall have effect either as from the commencement of this Act or as from such later date as may be specified by the adopting Act.

All of which we humbly pray Your Majesty to take into Your Favourable and Gracious Consideration.

7. *Meat-export Control Amendment Bill.*—The House resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "now" with a view to adding at the end thereof the following words: "this day six months";

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, 26.

Armstrong	Lye	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Lysnar	O'Brien
Carr	McCombs	Rushworth
Chapman	McDougall	Savage
Fraser	McKeen	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Healy	Macpherson	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.	Martin	*Tellers.*
Howard	Munro	Broadfoot
Langstone	Nash, W.	Hogan.

NOES, 27.

Burnett	Holland, H.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Jones	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Williams
Dickie	Mason	Wright
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Young.
Field	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Bitchener
Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Nash, J. A.
Harris		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "this day six months" proposed to be added to the motion be so added;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 28th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Suspension of Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Stallworthy (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Standing Orders on Private Bills be so far suspended as to allow the Private Bill intituled "The Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Act, 1931," to be introduced on motion forthwith, and to be proceeded with and passed through all its stages in accordance with the procedure prescribed for Public Bills instead of that prescribed for Private Bills, provided that such suspension shall not excuse the payment of the fees prescribed by Standing Order on Private Bills 5 or any of the expenses of printing ordinarily payable by the promoters of a Private Bill.

2. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Auckland Harbour Bridge Company, Limited, to erect a Bridge across the Waitemata Harbour and impose and collect Tolls for the use of same; and that the Honourable Mr. Stallworthy do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Transport Licensing Bill Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Veitch (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Ansell be discharged from the Transport Licensing Bill Committee, and the name of Mr. Hamilton be substituted in lieu therefor.

5. *Standing Orders Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting, by leave of the House, of twelve Members, to which may be referred all matters arising in regard to the Standing Orders of this House: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, the Honourable Mr. Smith, the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. McCombs, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. Bodkin, Mr. Mason, and the Mover.

6. *Instruction to a Select Committee (Standing Orders).*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider the question of the arrangement on the Order Paper of Private Members' Dropped Orders and the Standing Orders and procedure on Private Members' Bills and Business generally, and to report their opinions and recommendations thereon to the House.

7. *Petitions not dealt with during Previous Sessions.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1930 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session, and that all Petitions received during the first session of 1931 be dealt with as if they had been received this session.

8. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer Further Powers on the City of Wellington and to authorize the Wellington City Corporation to close certain Portions of Lindrum Terrace and vest some in Henrietta Vida East in Exchange for certain of her Land which has been proclaimed Street, and to authorize the Wellington City Corporation to exchange certain Portions of the Town Belt with the Education Board for the District of Wellington for certain Adjacent Lands; and that Mr. Chapman do prepare and bring it in.

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

9. *Painters and Decorators' Health Protection Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the Health of Painters and Decorators from the Injurious Effects of Lead Poisoning; and that Mr. Jordan do prepare and bring it in.

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

10. *Painters and Decorators Registration Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Registration of Painters and Decorators; and that Mr. Jordan do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

54. State Advances Office, Report by the Superintendent of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. B.–13.

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

57. State Advances Office: Fishing Industry Promotion Account, Annual Report on.

58. State Advances Office: Fruit-preserving Industry Account, Annual Report on.

59. Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, Regulations under the, in connection with Town-planning in Napier Borough.

66. State Coal-mines, Report on the working of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–2A.

67. Massey Agricultural College: Report on the Progress of the College during the Year 1930, together with Statement of Accounts for same Year.

68. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment by way of Mortgage of all of his Interest in Coal Lease No. 59/06, Cromwell, from R. Ritchie to Margaret S. Hayes.

69. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment by way of Sale of all Interest in Coal Lease No. 30/29, Waikaia, from R. B. Bannerman (as Executor of the Will of R. McIver) to B. Lawrence.

70. Public Service Superannuation Board, Twenty-third Annual Report of the, with Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–26.

71. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1928: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 102 of 1928 of Rangihawe te Kaho relative to Okahu Block. G.–6.

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

55. Building Regulations Committee, Report of. H.–21.

60. New Zealand Institute, Transactions and Proceedings of the. Vol. 61, Parts II, III, and IV, 1930.

61. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over Sawmill Area 233B, Block X, Oteramika Hundred, Southland Land District.

62. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over an Area being Portions of Section 51H, Riverhead Homestead Settlement, Waitemata Survey District, North Auckland Land District.

63. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over Reserve 3666, Block V, Cheviot Survey District, Canterbury Land District.

64. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over Section 26, Block X, Hangaroa Survey District, Gisborne Land District.

65. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over an Area of approximately 108 Acres in Block I, Mangahao Survey District, Wellington Land District.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 54, 55, 66, and 70 be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 71 be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

12. *Papers for Consideration.*—With the leave of the House, the list of Papers for consideration was called over, and, where there appeared to be no objection, the following Papers were deleted: Papers Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, 6, 12, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27 to 29 inclusive, 32 to 34 inclusive, 36, 37, 43, and 46 to 52 inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 5 be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

No motion made in regard to Paper No. 9.

Consideration of Papers Nos. 10, 11, 13, and 14 was deferred.

No motion made in regard to Papers Nos. 15 and 16.

On motion of Mr. H. E. Holland, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 19 be referred to the Government for consideration.

On motion of Mr. W. Nash, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 20 be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. H. E. Holland moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 24 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 hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

13. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, 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 National Provident Fund Act, 1926," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th July, 1931.

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

(Acting Chairman of Committees appointed.) On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That Mr. Broadfoot be appointed Acting Chairman of Committees for this day.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Broadfoot accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the National Provident Fund Act, 1926.

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

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

14. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Donald, according to Order presented the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

15. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 8.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Rates of Interest payable by Local Authorities and Public Bodies on Moneys hereafter borrowed pursuant to any Authority existing at the Commencement of this Act," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 24th July, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Broadfoot 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 Rates of Interest payable by Local Authorities and Public Bodies on Moneys hereafter borrowed pursuant to any Authority existing at the Commencement of this Act.

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

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

16. *Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency.) The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, having claimed that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Bill.

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

17. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Rent Restriction Extension Bill.

18. *Reprint of Statutes Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Reprint of Statutes Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

19. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all Business down to Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed.

20. *Highways Finance Committee.*—The Honourable Mr. Ransom (for the Honourable Mr. Taverner) moved, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten Members, to examine into and report on all matters relating to highways finance, including the allocation of portion of the petrol-taxation to local authorities; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Clinkard, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Healy, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Martin, the Honourable Mr. Ransom, and the Mover.

The name of Mr. Ansell was substituted, by leave, for the name of Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Black moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the name of Captain Rushworth.

And the Question being put, That the words "by leave" be inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "eleven" be inserted in lieu of the word "ten," it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the name of Captain Rushworth be added to the Question.

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting, by leave of the House, of eleven Members, to examine into and report upon all matters relating to highways finance, including the allocation of portion of the petrol-taxation to local authorities; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum; the Committee to consist of Mr. Ansell, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Clinkard, Mr. Healy, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Martin, the Honourable Mr. Ransom, Captain Rushworth, and the Mover.

21. *Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Bill.*—The Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Bill, according to Order, was read a second time, and ordered to be committed presently.

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

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

23. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Bill and the Rent Restriction Extension Bill.

24. *Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Broadfoot reported that the Committee had gone through the Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) 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 Rates of Interest payable by Local Authorities and Public Bodies on Moneys hereafter borrowed pursuant to any Authority existing at the Commencement of this Act."

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

25. *Rent Restriction Extension Bill.*—Mr. Broadfoot also reported that the Committee had gone through the Rent Restriction Extension 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 Scope and Duration of the Law relating to the Restriction of Rent."

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

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

Wednesday, the 29th Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill.*—The House proceeded to the consideration of the Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That the Transport Licensing Bill Committee be granted leave to sit this day during the sitting of the House.

4. *Stoke Water-supply Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Supply of Water for the Inhabitants of Stoke; and that the Honourable Mr. Atmore do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees' Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Leasing-powers of the Trustees of the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park at Masterton; and that Mr. Sykes do prepare and bring it in.

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

6. *Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Wellington City Milk-supply Act, 1919, and to confer Further Powers on Inspectors appointed under that Act; 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.

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

73. Customs Act, 1913: Order in Council made by the Governor-General revoking the Prohibition of the Importation and Exportation of Silver Coin.

74. Fire Boards.—Balance-sheets and Statements of Income and Expenditure of the undermentioned Fire Boards: For the Year ended 31st March, 1929 [Oamaru and Wairoa]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1930 [Pukekohe, Eltham, Mount Roskill, Port Chalmers, and Westport]; for the Year ended 31st March, 1931 [Port Chalmers].

75. Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908, Amending Regulations under the, in Relation to Fireworks.

77. Cinematograph Films Act, 1928, Regulations under the, in regard to Renters' Licenses.

78. Mental Hospitals of the Dominion, Report on, for 1930. H.-7.

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

72. Printing and Stationery Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.-36.

76. Internal Affairs Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.-22.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 72, 76, and 78 be printed.

8. *Order of Business.—Ordered*, That consideration of all other business be postponed in order to consider Order of Business No. 10, Consideration of Written Replies to Questions.

9. *Adjournment (Questions and Replies).*—The Reverend Mr. Carr moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That the time-limit for the Debate be extended to half after five of the clock p.m., if necessary.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 9.*

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 March, 1932.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th July, 1931.

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

11. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That all Orders of the Day down to and including No. 16 be postponed, in order to consider Order of the Day No. 17, Committee of Supply.

12. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Imprest Supply Bill.

13. *Committee of Supply (Imprest).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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. Bodkin reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding three million and eighty-two thousand five 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 thirty two.

And the Question being proposed, That the Resolution be now read a second time;

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And the hour of ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Parry moved, seconded by Mr. Langstone, and the Question was proposed, 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: "this House much regrets the failure of the Government to bring forward a policy of industrial development based on the extension of existing industry and the creation of new industries related to the natural resources of the country with a view to promoting the permanent employment of the people now engaged on relief works at low wages."

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, 47.

Ansell	Hogan	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Rushworth
Bitchener	Jones	Samuel
Bodkin	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Burnett	Linklater	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Ward
Dickie	Macpherson	Wilkinson
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wright
Endean	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Healy
Hawke	Polson	Munns.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Langstone	O'Brien
Barnard	McCombs	Parry
Carr	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Mason	Semple.
Fletcher	Massey, J. N.	
Fraser	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Howard
Jordan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1931.

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

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

Mr. Bodkin 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.

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

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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. Bodkin reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 thirty-two,—

(*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 seven hundred and eighty-two 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 three hundred 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 thirty-two.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	1,000,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	600,000
Electric Supply Account	200,000
Separate Accounts—	
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account	3,000
Land for Settlements Account	2,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	150,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	100,000
Native Land Settlement Account	50,000
State Coal-mines Account	34,000
State Forests Account	30,000
Swamp Land Drainage Account	3,000
Unemployment Fund	7,000
Westport Harbour Account	3,000
Working Railways Account	600,000
	£2,782,000

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Post-office Account	250,000
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	750
The State Fire Insurance Account	4,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	1,000
The Public Trustee's Account	25,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,500
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	5,000
Advances to Workers Branch	1,500
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	500
Rural Advances Branch	500
Miscellaneous Business Branch	750
	£300,500

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

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

Mr. Bodkin 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.

15. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 2).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 thirty-two; which was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

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. Bodkin 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 thirty-two."

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 nine minutes after two of the clock on Thursday morning, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House stands adjourned until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. this day.

Thursday, the 30th Day of July, 1931.

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 House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That the Transport Licensing Bill Committee have leave to sit this day during the present sitting of the House.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all business down to and including Order of the Day No. 17 was postponed, in order to consider Order of the Day No. 18.

4. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Stallworthy (with the leave of the House) the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Local Bills Committee for consideration and report.

5. *Address to His Majesty the King.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letters:—

YOUR EXCELLENCY,— Parliament House, Wellington, 25th July, 1931.

We have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a Joint Address to His Majesty the King which has been passed by both Houses of the General Assembly.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

W. C. CARNCROSS,
Speaker of the Legislative Council.

CHAS. E. STATHAM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Government House, Wellington.

GENTLEMEN, Government House, Wellington, 28th July, 1931.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th of July, addressed to me, forwarding a copy of a Joint Address to His Majesty the King which has been passed by both Houses of the General Assembly.

The Address will be submitted to the King in due course.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

To—
The Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Council, and
The Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the letters be entered on the Journals of the House.

6. *Papers for Consideration.*—Papers for Consideration being called on;

No motion made in regard to Papers Nos. 10, 11, and 25.

On motion of Mr. Harris, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 26 be referred to the Government.

No motion made in regard to Paper No. 30.

Mr. Jordan moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 31 be referred to the Government for consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Debate interrupted by the reading of Messages from the Legislative Council.

7. *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 Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (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 Bills intituled the Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Act, 1931, and the Rent Restriction Extension Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed a Bill intituled the Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Act, 1931, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

8. *Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to prohibit the Use of Captive Birds in all Shooting carried on under Artificial Conditions be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 26th day of August.

9. *Papers for Consideration.*—The House resumed the Debate on the Question, That Paper No. 31 be referred to the Government for consideration.

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

And the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

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

81. Banking and Currency in New Zealand, Report on, by Sir Otto Niemeyer, G.B.E., K.C.B., of the Bank of England. B.–3.

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

79. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1930–31. B.–1 [Pt. I].

80. Public Accounts for the Financial Year 1930–31, also Statement showing the Public Debt of the Dominion. B.–1 [Pt. III].

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 79 to 81 inclusive be printed.

11. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 10.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the Estimates of Expenditure for the Year ending the 31st March, 1932, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 30th July, 1931.

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

12. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of all Orders of the Day down to, but not including Order of the Day No. 20, be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 20.

13. *Ways and Means (Urgency).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes having claimed that the passing of the Customs Duties Resolutions was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Customs Duties Resolutions.

14. *Ways and Means (Customs and Excise Duties Resolutions): Financial Statement.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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 the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Resolved, That so much of the Customs Tariff (being the First Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1927, as amended by the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930) as is set out in Part I of the First Schedule hereto be cancelled, and that Part II of the said Schedule be substituted therefor and be deemed to form part of the Tariff; and that, subject to section 143 of the Customs Act, 1913, there shall be levied, collected, and paid to and for the use of His Majesty on the goods mentioned in the said Part II of the said Schedule imported into New Zealand or entered therein for home consumption after the 30th day of July, 1931, the several duties of Customs (if any) mentioned in Column No. 1 or Column No. 2 (as the case may require) of the said Part II of the said Schedule.

Resolved, That in lieu of the surtax payable under section 5 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, on goods included in the Tariff items numbered 69 and 70 in Part II of the First Schedule hereto there shall be levied, collected, and paid on such goods imported into New Zealand or entered therein for home consumption after the 30th day of July, 1931, a surtax of one-twentieth of the total duty of Customs otherwise chargeable.

Resolved, That there shall be levied, collected, and paid upon all goods (other than goods of the kinds or classes mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto) imported into New Zealand after the 30th day of July, 1931, and not later than the 31st day of December, 1932, and not otherwise liable to duties of Customs a duty of Customs (to be known as "primage duty") of three per centum of the value thereof.

Resolved, That nothing in the foregoing Resolutions (except the Resolution relating to primage duty) shall affect section 9 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, or the Tariff Agreement between New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia (being the Agreement ratified by the Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Act, 1922) or any Order in Council, notice, or other act of authority made, given, or done pursuant to or for the purposes of that Agreement.

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 the produce or manufacture of Great Britain.

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.

Resolved, That notwithstanding anything in section 112 of the Customs Act, 1913, there shall be levied, collected, and paid on the goods hereinafter mentioned, if manufactured in a manufacturing warehouse and entered for home consumption after the 30th day of July, 1931, the duties (if any) set forth hereunder, and in addition a surtax equal to one-twentieth of those duties :—

On sugar, whether of Number 22 colour or over (Dutch Standard) or not—	
Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	½d. per lb.
On and after 1st January, 1933..	Free.
On invert sugar and invert syrup—	
Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	½d. per lb.
On and after 1st January, 1933	Free.
On treacle, molasses, golden syrup, maple-sugar, and maple-syrup	Free.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Duties on Tobacco.

Resolved, That the excise duties on the classes or kinds of tobacco specified in paragraphs (*a*) and (*c*) of section 22 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, be abolished, and that there shall be payable to and for the use of His Majesty, on such classes or kinds of tobacco manufactured in New Zealand and entered therein for home consumption after the 30th day of July, 1931, the excise duties set forth hereunder, namely :—

(*a*) On tobacco (cut)—	
Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	Three shillings the pound.
On and after 1st January, 1933	One shilling and eightpence the pound.
(*c*) On other tobacco—	
Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	Two shillings and tenpence the pound.
On and after 1st January, 1933	One shilling and sixpence the pound.

Provided that, notwithstanding anything in section 23 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, where any manufactured tobacco of the classes or kinds aforesaid has been manufactured wholly or partly from imported unmanufactured tobacco, the aggregate of the Customs duties, exclusive of primage duty or surtax, payable on such unmanufactured tobacco under Item 81 of the Tariff and the excise duties payable on such manufactured tobacco, shall not exceed the amounts set forth hereunder, namely :—

(*a*) On tobacco (cut)—	
Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	Five shillings the pound.
On and after 1st January, 1933	Three shillings and eightpence the pound.
(*c*) On other tobacco—	
Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	Four shillings and tenpence the pound.
On and after 1st January, 1933	Three shillings and sixpence the pound.

BEER DUTY.

Resolved, That the rates of duty on beer brewed in New Zealand, as fixed by section 18 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, be abolished, and that excise duty shall be payable as follows :—

On all such beer of which the worts are pitched for fermentation after the 30th day of July, 1931, and not later than the 31st day of December, 1932—

(*a*) Where the specific gravity of the worts used in the production of the beer does not exceed 1,047, the duty shall be at the rate of one shilling and sixpence per gallon of the beer; and

(*b*) Where the specific gravity of the worts exceeds 1,047, the duty per gallon shall be at the rate aforesaid, increased by one-sixteenth of a penny for every unit of specific gravity above 1,047.

On all such beer of which the worts are pitched for fermentation after the 31st day of December, 1932—

(*a*) Where the specific gravity of the worts used in the production of the beer does not exceed 1,047, the duty shall be at the rate of one shilling per gallon of the beer; and

(*b*) Where the specific gravity of the worts exceeds 1,047, the duty per gallon shall be at the rate aforesaid, increased by one-sixteenth of a penny for every unit of specific gravity above 1,047.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

PART I.—PROVISIONS OF TARIFF AS SET OUT IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS AMENDMENT ACT, 1927, AS AMENDED BY THE CUSTOMS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1930, AND HEREIN PROPOSED TO BE CANCELLED.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES.		
4	Grain and pulse, unground and unmanufactured, viz. :— (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. 3d. 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.	

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

PART I—*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.:— (9) Wheat-flour, including wheat-meal and similar preparations of wheat	(*a*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is £13 10s. per ton of 2,000 lb., the duty shall be £3 10s. per ton of 2,000 lb. (*b*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand exceeds £13 10s. 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 10s. (*c*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is less than £13 10s. 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 10s. (*d*) 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. (*e*) 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. per ton of 2,000 lb.	
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.
32	*Confectionery* including medicated confectionery, liquorice n.e.i., and sugared or crystallized fruits	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
69	Sugar, of Number 22 colour, or over (Dutch Standard); invert sugar and invert syrup	¼d. per lb.	¼d. per lb.
70	Sugar n.e.i.; treacle, molasses, golden syrup, maple-sugar, and maple syrup	Free	Free.
	CLASS II.—TOBACCO.		
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.
	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.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

PART I—*continued.*

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.	65 per cent. ad val.
137	Apparel, and ready-made clothing, n.e.i.; hosiery ..	27½ per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
159	Floor coverings, viz.:—		
	(3) Linoleum, and *similar* floor covering, n.e.i., including mats, matting, and floor-rugs, of *similar* material	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Carpets, floor coverings, floor rugs, mats, and matting, other kinds	20 per cent. ad val.	45 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	27½ per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
180	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	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS VII.—GLASS, CHINA, EARTHENWARE, STONE, AND CEMENTS.		
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	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS VIII.—FANCY GOODS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SPORTING GOODS, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.		
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.	45 per cent. ad val.
242	Jewellery; plate, gold or silver; platedware	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
249	Records for phonographs, gramophones, and for *similar* instruments	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
254	Photographic cameras	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
261	Tobacco pipes, pouches, and cases, cigar and cigarette holders and cases, cigarette-papers n.e.i.	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
262	Toilet preparations, and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

PART II.—DUTIES AND EXEMPTIONS TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR DUTIES AND EXEMPTIONS SPECIFIED IN PART I OF THIS SCHEDULE.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS I.—ANIMALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOODS, AND GROCERIES.		
4	Grain and pulse, unground and unmanufactured, viz. :—		
	(2) Wheat—		
	Up to and including 29th February, 1932 ..	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. 3d. 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.	
	On and after 1st March, 1932	When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is 5s. per bushel of 60 lb., the duty shall be 8d. per bushel of 60 lb., provided that— (*a*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand exceeds 5s. 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., and (*b*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is less than 5s. 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.	
5	Grain and pulse, ground or *manufactured*, viz. :—		
	(9) Wheat-flour, including wheat-meal and similar preparations of wheat—		
	Up to and including 29th February, 1932 ..	(*a*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is £13 10s. per ton of 2,000 lb., the duty shall be £3 10s. per ton. of 2,000 lb. (*b*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand exceeds £13 10s. 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 10s. (*c*) When the current domestic value at the port of export to New Zealand is less than £13 10s. 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 10s.	

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

PART II—*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 *ctd.*	Grain and pulse, ground or *manufactured*, viz. :—*continued.*		
	(9) Wheat-flour, including wheat-meal and similar preparations of wheat—*continued.*		
	Up to and including 29th February, 1932—*contd.*	(*d*) 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. (*e*) 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. per ton of 2,000 lb.	
	On and after 1st March, 1932	(*a*) 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 £1 12s. per ton of 2,000 lb. (*b*) 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. (*c*) 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. (*d*) 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. (*e*) 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. per ton of 2,000 lb.	
23	Tea, in bulk—viz., in packages of 5 lb. or over net weight of tea—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	3d. per lb.	5d. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	Free	2d. per lb.
24	Tea n.e.i. —		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	5d. per lb.	7d. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	2d. per lb.	4d. per lb.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

PART II—*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.*		
32	*Confectionery*, including medicated confectionery, liquorice n.e.i., and sugared or crystallized fruits—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	30 per cent. ad val.	55 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
69	Sugar, of Number 22 colour, or over (Dutch Standard); invert sugar and invert syrup—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	¾d. per lb.	¾d. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	½d. per lb.	½d. per lb.
70	Sugar n.e.i.; treacle, molasses, golden syrup, maple-sugar, and maple syrup—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	½d. per lb.	½d. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	Free.	Free.
	CLASS II.—TOBACCO.		
79	Tobacco, cut, n.e.i.—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	5s. 6d. per lb.	5s. 6d. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	4s. 2d. per lb.	4s. 2d. per lb.
80	Tobacco n.e.i., including the weight of every label, tag, or other attachment—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	5s. 4d. per lb.	5s. 4d. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	4s. per lb.	4s. per lb.
	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—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	3s.	3s.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	2s.	2s.
	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—		
	Up to and including 31st December 1932	45 per cent. ad val.	70 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	40 per cent. ad val.	65 per cent. ad val.
137	Apparel, and ready-made clothing, n.e.i.; hosiery—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	32½ per cent. ad val.	55 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	27½ per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
159	Floor coverings, viz.:—		
	(3) Linoleum, and *similar* floor covering, n.e.i., including mats, matting, and floor-rugs, of *similar* material—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
	(4) Carpets, floor coverings, floor rugs, mats, and matting, other kinds—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
160	Furs and other similar skins, and articles made therefrom, viz.:—		
	(1) Fur skins, green or sun-dried—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	10 per cent. ad val.	10 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	Free	Free.
	(2) Furs, and other similar skins, dressed or prepared, but not made up in any way—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	25 per cent. ad val.	25 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	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—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	37½ per cent. ad val.	60 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	27½ per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

PART II—*continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS V.—TEXTILES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY, ETC.—*continued.*		
180	(1) Textile *piece*-goods, of cotton, linen, jute, hessian, hemp, other vegetable fibre, or of combinations of these materials with one another, or with any other material (except wool, hair, silk, imitation silk or artificial silk), 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—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
	(2) Textile *piece*-goods, n.e.i., composed of silk, *imitation silk* (other than mercerised cotton), *artificial silk*, or of combinations of these materials with one another, or with any other material except wool or hair—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	10 per cent. ad val.	25 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 January, 1933	Free	15 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS VII.—GLASS, CHINA, EARTHENWARE, STONE, AND CEMENTS.		
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 31st December, 1932	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
	CLASS VIII.—FANCY GOODS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SPORTING GOODS, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.		
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—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
242	Jewellery; plate, gold or silver; platedware—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
249	Records for phonographs, gramophones, and for *similar* instruments—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
254	Photographic cameras—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	Free	25 per cent. ad val.
261	Tobacco pipes, pouches, and cases, cigar and cigarette holders and cases, cigarette-papers n.e.i.—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	20 per cent. ad val.	45 per cent. ad val.
262	Toilet preparations, and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	35 per cent. ad val.	55 per cent. ad val.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	25 per cent. ad val.	50 per cent. ad val.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PRIMAGE DUTY.

Live animals, including cattle and horses.

Bran and pollard.

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.

Films for cinematographs and similar instruments.

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.
Cotton piece-goods—viz., tubular woven cotton cloth *specially* suited for use as meat-wraps; cheese bandages or caps.
Woolpacks and wool-pockets.
Manures.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Bill to be introduced to give statutory effect to the said Resolutions.

Mr. Bodkin 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.

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

82. Financial Statement, by the Right Hon. Mr. Forbes, Minister of Finance, together with Estimates of Expenditure (Consolidated Fund) for the Year ending 31st March, 1932. B.–6.

Ordered, That Paper No. 82 be printed.

16. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, Orders of the Day for Private Members' Bills to take precedence of Government Orders of the Day, Orders set down for Wednesday, the 29th day of July being placed first, and Orders for Thursday, the 30th day of July following.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after twelve of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 31st Day of July, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all business down to and including Order of the Day No. 8 was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 9.

3. *Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill;

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

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for five days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of a bereavement in his family.

On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one day be granted to Mr. Taite te Tomo, on account of illness.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of further Order of Business was postponed, in order to consider Orders of the Day.

6. *Silver and Copper Coinage Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Silver and Copper Coinage Bill;

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Bill involved expenditure not merely incidental to the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

7. *Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Mason, consideration of the Licensing Amendment Bill was postponed until Tuesday next.

9. *War Ministers' Profits Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the War Ministers' Profits Bill;

Mr. Speaker ruled that inasmuch as the Bill imposed taxation it could not proceed.

10. *Meat-export Control Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the amended Question, That the Meat-export Control Amendment Bill be read a second time; and the amendment proposed thereto to add the words "this day six months";

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

Captain Rushworth moved, seconded by Colonel McDonald, That the amendment be amended by omitting the words "this day six months", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "on Wednesday, 12th August."

(Closure.) Mr. Hogan moved, That the Question be now put.

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

AYES, 29.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Jull	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Black	Lye	Rushworth
Bodkin	Lysnar	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macpherson	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munro	Broadfoot
Healy	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Hogan.

NOES, 31.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Nash, W.
Burnett	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Carr	Howard	Samuel
Chapman	Jones	Savage
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Jordan	Semple
Dickie	Kyle	Waite
Endean	Linklater	Young.
Field	McKeen	
Fraser	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Massey, W. W.	Bitchener
Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Nash, J. A.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the proposed amendment to add the words "this day six months" be amended by the omission of the words proposed to be added with a view to inserting the words "on Wednesday, 12th August";

The House resumed the Debate.

And then the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 4th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Taite te Tomo, on account of illness.

3. *Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate an Agreement entered into between the Auckland Harbour Board and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Auckland relating to the Orakei Waterfront Road, and also an Agreement entered into between the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Auckland relating to the Orakei Waterfront Road and the Sewage-tanks; and to confer Additional Powers upon the Auckland Harbour Board and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Takapuna, and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Northcote, respectively; 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.

4. *Christchurch Estuary and Rivers Conservancy Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Christchurch Estuary and Rivers Conservancy Board, and to give such Board Jurisdiction and Control over certain Portions of the Rivers Avon and Heathcote with their Estuaries and all Foreshores previously controlled by the Lyttelton Harbour Board; 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 printed, and stands referred to the Local Bills Committee.

5. *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.

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

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

7. *Rating Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rating Act, 1925; and that Mr. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

8. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Papers was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

9. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 6th day of August.

11. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Reprint of Statutes Bill, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Reprint of Statutes Bill.—Ordered*, That the Reprint of Statutes Bill be committed next sitting-day.

13. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 11.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision for the Design and Construction of Buildings with a View to the Protection of Life and Property from Damage by Earthquake or other Natural Disaster," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 31st July, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make Better Provision for the Design and Construction of Buildings with a View to the Protection of Life and Property from Damage by Earthquake or other Natural Disaster.

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

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

14. *Building Construction Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Building Construction Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House) the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Local Bills Committee for consideration and report.

15. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 was postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day for Private Members' Bills.

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

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Mason, *Ordered*, That the Licensing Amendment Bill be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

17. *Meat-export Control Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the second reading of the Meat-export Control Amendment Bill ; and the amendment proposed, "That the Bill be read a second time this day six months" ; and the further amendment proposed, "That the words 'this day six months' be omitted with a view to inserting the words 'on Wednesday, 12th August'" ;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

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

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

Debate resumed.

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

AYES, 23.

Ansell	Kyle	Waite
Burnett	Linklater	Ward
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Massey, W. W.	Wright
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Young.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Samuel	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.	Bitchener
Harris	Sykes	Nash, J. A.

NOES, 31.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Langstone	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Barnard	Lye	O'Brien
Black	Lysnar	Parry
Chapman	McCombs	Polson
Dickie	McDonald	Savage
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McKeen	Smith
Fletcher	Makitanara	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Healy	Martin	
Holland, H. E.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Jordan	Munro	Broadfoot
Jull	Nash, W.	Wilkinson.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "on Wednesday, 12th August," be inserted;

Mr. J. A. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Young, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "12th August" with a view to inserting the words "14th October" in lieu thereof.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate and set it down for resumption next sitting-day.

18. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, *Ordered*, That Government business take precedence of Private Members' business on Wednesday, the 5th day of August.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of August, 1931

PRAYERS.

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

2. *South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provisions incidental to the Carrying-out of River-improvement and River-protection Works by the South Wairarapa River Board; and that Colonel McDonald do prepare and bring it in.

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

3. *Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make and levy Uniform Special Rates; and that Mr. W. Nash do prepare and bring it in.

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

4. *Paper.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter which he had received from the Controller and Auditor-General:—

The Audit Office, Wellington, 4th August, 1931.

The Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR,—

In compliance with the provisions of section 107 (2) of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the Return of the Public Securities held in the Dominion and elsewhere as on the 31st March, 1931.

I have, &c.,

G. F. C. CAMPBELL,
Controller and Auditor-General.

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

83. Public Securities held in the Dominion or Elsewhere as on the 31st March, 1931, Return of, together with an Account of all Securities purchased or received and of all Securities redeemed or otherwise disposed of during the Year ended 31st March, 1931. B.–10.

Ordered, That Paper No. 83 be printed.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all business was postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day.

6. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed and set down as an Order of the Day at 7.30 p.m.

7. *Reprint of Statutes Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Reprint of Statutes Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Reprint of Statutes 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 in Relation to the Publication of an Annotated Reprint of the Public Acts of New Zealand under the Title of 'The Public Acts of New Zealand (Reprint)', and to empower the Courts to take Judicial Notice of such Reprint."

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.

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

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

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

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

10. *Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 16.

11. *Bank of New Zealand Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bank of New Zealand Amendment Bill;

Mr. Langstone moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bank of New Zealand Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

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 hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

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

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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. H. E. Holland, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

13. *Bank of New Zealand Amendment Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Mason, *Ordered*, That the Debate on the Question, That the Bank of New Zealand Amendment Bill be now read a second time interrupted by the adjournment at 5.30 p.m. be adjourned and set down for resumption next sitting-day.

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

Thursday, the 6th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

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

3. *Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Act, 1928; and that the Honourable Mr. Donald do prepare and bring it in.

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

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;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until twenty-four minutes after five of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker (with the leave of the House) left the Chair.

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

Debate resumed.

And then the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after ten of the clock a.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 7th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 10.30 a.m. was postponed in order to consider Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

On motion of Mr. Campbell, *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. Skews and others be referred direct to the Transport Licensing Bill Committee.

On motion of Mr. Macmillan, *Ordered*, That the Petition of L. P. Jensen and others be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

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

The Audit Office, Wellington, 7th August, 1931.

The Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit to the House of Representatives the Public Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March, 1931 (B.–I [Part II]), together with my report on same, in compliance with section 89 (4) of the Public Revenues Act, 1926.

I have, &c.,

G. F. C. CAMPBELL,
Controller and Auditor-General.

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

84. Public Accounts for Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon. B.–1 [Pt. II].

Ordered, That Paper No. 84 be printed.

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

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

And then the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 11th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of a bereavement in his family.

3. *New Zealand Institute of Architects Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the New Zealand Institute of Architects Act, 1913 ; and that Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wright accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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

4. *Honey Local-marketing Board Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote Honey-production by the Formation of a Honey Local-marketing Board representing Producers and Consumers of Honey in New Zealand ; and that Mr. Jordan do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 12.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to restrict the Issue of Trading-coupons," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 11th August, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 restrict the Issue of Trading-coupons.

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

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

6. *Trading-coupons Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle, according to Order, presented the Trading-coupons Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

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

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

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

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-nine minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 12th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed in order to consider Order of Business Nos. 1 to 9, with the exception of No. 8.

2. *Committee of Selection.*—Mr. Bodkin, from the Committee of Selection, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee of Selection has the honour to report that, in pursuance of Rules 45 and 47 of the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, the Committee has appointed a Committee on the Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill, consisting of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Field, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Sullivan, and the Honourable Mr. Veitch (the Member ordered to bring in the Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

4. *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925; and that Mr. Semple do prepare and bring it in.

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

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill, the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill, the Cameron and Soldiers Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill, and the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill.*—The Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

7. *Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

8. *Cameron and Soldiers Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill.*—The Cameron and Soldiers Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

9. *Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

10. *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;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed at half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day.

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

Thursday, the 13th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Leave for Select Committee to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Jull, *Ordered*, That the Transport Licensing Bill Committee have leave to sit this day during the present sitting of the House.

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;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed at half after ten of the clock a.m. to-morrow.

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

Friday, the 14th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 10.30 a.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. *Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill Committee.*—Mr. Bodkin, from the Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee on the Wanganui Church Acre 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, together with the minutes, do lie upon the Table.

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

On motion of Mr. Williams, *Ordered*, That the Petition of S. H. G. Richmond be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

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;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 18th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed in order to consider Order of Business Nos. 1 to 9 with the exception of No. 8.

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

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

85. Customs and other Revenue: Cost of collecting by the Customs Department, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. B.–12.

91. Lands and Survey Department: Report on the Settlement of Crown Lands for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–1.

99. Labour Department, Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–11.

100. Prisons Department, Report of the, for the Year 1930–31. H.–20.

101. Defence Forces of New Zealand, Annual Report of the General Officer Commanding, for the Year ended 31st May, 1931. H.–19.

102. Offenders Probation, Report on Operation of, for the Year 1930–31. H.–20B.

103. Prisons Board, Annual Report of, for 1930. H.–20A.

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

86. Public Debt Commission, Report and Accounts of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931, on the Repayment of the Public Debt. B.–2.

87. Government Railways Superannuation Fund: Report of Board, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. D.–5.

90. Canterbury Provincial Buildings Board, Statement of Accounts of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

92. Explosives and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908, Amending Regulations under the, relating to Fireworks.

93. Fire Boards: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Timaru and Kaiapoi Fire Boards for the Year ended 31st March, 1930.

94. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Kaiapoi Fire Board for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

95. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Napier Fire Board for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

96. Fire Board: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Te Aroha Fire Board for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

97. Fire Boards: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Napier and Tauranga Fire Boards for the Year ended 31st March, 1930.

104. Defence Act, 1909, and its Amendments, Regulations made under, relating to Financial Instructions and Allowance Regulations for the New Zealand Military Forces.

105. Naval Defence Act, 1913, Amending Regulations under the, relative to Payment of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy.

106. Health Department: Annual Report of the Director-General of Health for the Year 1930–31. H.–31.

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

88. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over certain Lands in Maramarua Plantation, Auckland Land District.

89. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over Section 1, Block IV, Aongatete Survey District, Auckland Land District.

98. International Labour Conference: Fourteenth Session held at Geneva, 10th–28th June, 1930, Report of the Government Delegate on the.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 85 to 87 inclusive, 91, 99 to 103 inclusive, and 106 be printed.

4. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 20th day of August.

6. *Privilege Committee (Bond and Bond*, New Zealand Herald, *and F. Lye, M.P.).*—Mr. Bodkin, from the Privilege Committee, brought up a Report, together with minutes of evidence, and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table, the Report being read, as follows:—

The Privilege Committee, to which were referred for inquiry and report a letter written on 9th July last to Mr. F. Lye, M.P., by Messrs. Bond and Bond, Limited, of Auckland, signed by the manager of the company, Mr. H. V. Coe, and an advertisement published by Messrs. Bond and Bond, Limited, in the *New Zealand Herald* of 10th July last, commenting on a speech made in the House by Mr. Lye, M.P., on 30th June last, has the honour to report that it confirms the Resolution of the House that a breach of privilege was committed in each case.

At the inquiry, Mr. Coe, the manager for Messrs. Bond and Bond, Limited, and the editor of the *New Zealand Herald*, appeared before the Committee, and both parties assured the Committee that the breaches of privilege were committed unwittingly, and expressed regret for the infringement.

Having heard the explanations, the Committee recommends that such assurances and expressions of regret be accepted, and that no further action be taken.

The Committee further recommends that the question of the procedure to be adopted by the House in regard to future breaches of privilege such as the present be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for report.

The minutes of evidence taken before the Committee are presented herewith.

Mr. Barnard, from the Privilege Committee, brought up a Special Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

On behalf of the Privilege Committee, I have the honour to report that the Committee desires to express its appreciation of the helpful services and advice received by it during its deliberations from the Chairman, Mr. W. A. Bodkin.

Ordered, That the Report of the Privilege Committee on a letter written by Messrs. Bond and Bond, Limited, Auckland, to the member for Waikato, and on an advertisement published in the *New Zealand Herald* be considered next sitting-day.

7. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Bodkin (for Mr. Broadfoot), from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill be committed on Wednesday, the 26th day of August.

9. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of M. E. Wooding, A. E. Bartlett, W. Milroy, and Mary Helen Houghton; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mary Helen Houghton, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10. *Transport Licensing Bill Committee.*—Mr. Jull, from the Transport Licensing Bill Committee, brought up a Report on the Transport Licensing Bill, together with minutes of evidence; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Jull, from the Transport Licensing Bill Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petitions of C. Bryant and others, and J. Skews and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harris, from the Transport Licensing Bill Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the services of the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

11. *Transport Licensing Bill.—Ordered*, That the Transport Licensing Bill be committed next sitting-day.

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

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 19th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive, Order of Business Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, and Order of the Day No. 20.

2. *Painters and Decorators' Health Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Painters and Decorators' Health Protection Bill;

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

3. *Painters and Decorators Registration Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Painters and Decorators Registration Bill;

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

4. *Honey Local-marketing Board Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Honey Local-marketing Board Bill;

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

5. *Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill.*—The House proceeded to the consideration of the Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Veitch, *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Wanganui Church Acre Act, 1910."

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.

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of H. Woods and Company and others, P. Floyd and others, A. Kohn, Limited, and others, P. Hayman and Company and others, J. Smith and others, Thompson Brothers and others, Gertrude Annie Guest and others, and T. E. Price and others, relating to the Trading-coupons Bill, be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

7. *Privilege Committee (Bond and Bond*, New Zealand Herald, *and F. Lye, M.P.).*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Privilege Committee on a letter written by Messrs. Bond and Bond, Limited, Auckland, to the member for Waikato, and on an advertisement published in the *New Zealand Herald ;*

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That in view of the Privilege Committee's Report with regard to the breaches of Privilege, no further action be taken.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom (for the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes), *Ordered*, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider the Standing Orders, Rules, and Practice of the House relating to breaches of privilege, and to report their opinions and recommendations thereon to the House.

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

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 20th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed in order to consider Order of Business Nos. 1 to 9, with the exception of No. 8.

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

On motion of Mr. Te Tomo, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Whatanui Takiwa and Ngahoki P. Rikihana be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

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

107. Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1928, Amending Regulations under the, governing the Removal of certain Plants and Bees from the North Island to the Rest of New Zealand.

108. Iron and Steel Industries Act, 1914, Return of Bounties paid under, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

4. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Ivy Jamieson, L. A. Bond, E. A. Linthorn and others, H. W. Costar, Emma M. King, C. E. G. Blandford, M. Garnaut, and J. H. Edwards ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Ivy Jamieson, L. A. Bond, H. W. Costar, Emma M. King, and M. Garnaut, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

5. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill, the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill, and the Petitions of F. C. Yule, S. F. G. Williams, Maria Callaghan, and J. T. Bicknell; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of F. C. Yule, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

6. *Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 27th day of August.

7. *Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 27th day of August.

8. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of P. J. O'Regan, E. M. Woodley, Agnes G. McCulloch, S. Turkington, R. D. Munro, T. P. Wooding, and F. W. Wright and another; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of R. D. Munro, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of S. Turkington, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

9. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Public Health Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of T. H. Waters-Callingham, and N. B. Fryday; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Heuheu Turei and another, Riria Pohe and others, Ani Kane Roki and another, Rawinia Hauiti and others, Hemi Mahunu and others, Roka Tamihere and others, Hone Kingi and others, Tamati Te Patu, Hiria Ahuriri, Henare Ahuriri and another, Tipiwai Houkamau and others (2), Hiria Ahuriri, Elsie M. T. Pitama and others, and Ngapipi Reweti and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Ngapipi Reweti and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

11. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Elsie Adeline Mary Mattocks, and W. J. Morgan; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. J. Morgan, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Elsie Adeline Mary Mattocks, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

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

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption at the hour of half after ten of the clock a.m. next sitting-day left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 21st Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 10.30 a.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.

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

   On motion of Mr. Te Tomo, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Pepene Eketone and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

   On motion of Mr. Fletcher, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Abbott, Armstrong, and Howie, and others, and Langford Brothers and others, be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

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

   The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

   And the hour of one of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

   And the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

5. *Financial Position of the Dominion, Proposal to appoint Committee to inquire into.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates (with the leave of the House) moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart,—

   That in the opinion of this House the serious economic and financial position of this Dominion necessitates urgent and immediate action to cope with the fall in national income as revealed by the latest figures and the consequences arising therefrom;

   That, with this object in view, it be a recommendation to the Government that representatives of the political parties should be called together in order to decide what remedial steps should be taken to adjust the national expenditure and to provide for equality of sacrifice and a proper distribution of the burden;

   That, in arriving at its conclusions, this Committee should obtain the best expert advice and assistance from financiers and others;

   That, in order to enable such inquiries to be carried out, Parliament should be adjourned for a short period, and further consideration be given to the position when the Committee reports to the House or the Government.

   With the leave of the House, the motion was amended by omitting in the last paragraph the words "in order to enable such inquiries to be carried out Parliament should be adjourned for a short period, and".

   And the motion, as amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

   Ordered, That in the opinion of this House the serious economic and financial position of this Dominion necessitates urgent and immediate action to cope with the falling national income as revealed by the latest figures and the consequences arising therefrom;

   That, with this object in view, it be a recommendation to the Government that representatives of the political parties should be called together in order to decide what remedial steps should be taken to adjust the national expenditure and to provide for equality of sacrifice and a proper distribution of the burden;

That, in arriving at its conclusions, this Committee should obtain the best expert advice and assistance from financiers and others;

That further consideration be given to the position when the Committee reports to the House or the Government.

6. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

On motion of Colonel McDonald, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed at the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. next sitting-day.

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

Tuesday, the 25th Day of August, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Address in Reply.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General would receive the Address of the House in reply to His Excellency's Speech at eleven of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

2. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 2.30 p.m. was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive.

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

On motion of Mr. W. Nash, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Arnold and Sons and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. Semple, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of W. H. Cronk and others and S. J. Plant and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of D. Broderick and others and J. McFarlane and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. Lysnar, *Ordered*, That the Petition of D. W. Coleman and others be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Fletcher, on account of illness.

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

112. Public Works Act, 1928, Return of Roads stopped in Terms of Section 149 of the.

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

109. Unemployment Board, Report of the. H.–35.

110. Railways Statement, by the Hon. W. A. Veitch, Minister of Railways, including the Annual Report of the General Manager of Railways. D.–2.

111. Transport Department, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–40.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 109 to 111 inclusive be printed.

6. *Adjournment.*—And the House, having continued to sit until forty-two minutes after two of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this evening.

And the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, the House resumed.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 13.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to postpone the Date of the next Licensing Poll," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th August, 1931.

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

(Acting Chairman of Committees appointed.)—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That Mr. Munns be appointed Acting Chairman of Committees for this day.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Munns 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 postpone the Date of the next Licensing Poll.

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

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

8. *Licensing Poll Postponement Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Licensing Poll Postponement Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

9. *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;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate.

10. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

11. *Committee of Supply (Financial Debate).*—Mr. Speaker, having set down the Debate for resumption at the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. to-morrow, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of August, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of the Order of the Day at 7.30 p.m. was postponed in order to consider Order of Business Nos. 1 to 9, with the exception of No. 8.

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

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

I receive with much pleasure the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to my Speech at the Opening of the Fifth Session of the Twenty-third Parliament of New Zealand, and I thank you for your assurance that the matters referred to will receive your careful consideration.

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

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

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. Williams, on account of illness in his family.

5. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill be committed on Wednesday, the 2nd day of September.

7. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill and the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.*—The Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

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

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £88,568 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932. *(Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.)*

To report progress and move for leave to sit again.

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

11. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

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

Thursday, the 27th Day of August, 1931.

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. Ansell, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Milne, Bremner, Limited, and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

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

113. Land Transfer and Deeds Registration: Annual Report of Department for Year 1930–31. H.–3.

Ordered, That Paper No. 113 be printed.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill be committed next sitting-day.

6. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Hoera Kewa and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Hoera Kewa and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Hogan, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of F. Ellis and W. Hodge; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of F. Ellis and W. Hodge, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

8. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

9. *Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill;

Ordered (with the leave of the House), That the Bill be proceeded with and passed through all its stages at the present sitting.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee on the Petone Borough Council Empowering Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Bodkin 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 enable the Petone Borough Council to make Uniform Special Rates over the Whole Borough."

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

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 14.*

The Governor-General, on behalf of His Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision in accordance with the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill and the amendments proposed thereto by the Local Bills Committee in so far as such Bill and the amendments thereto may affect the rights of the Crown.

Government House,
Wellington, 27th August, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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.

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. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill;

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

12. *Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill;

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

13. *Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Fraser (for Mr. McKeen), *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.

14. *Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill;

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

15. *Suspension of Standing Orders relating to Local Bills.*—On motion of Mr. Clinkard, *Ordered*, That the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended so far as to allow the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill to proceed and pass, notwithstanding that Standing Order 365 has not been fully complied with in that a statement of the financial position of the promoters, an estimate of the cost of construction, and an estimate of the increased revenue to be derived from the proposed works have not been deposited in the Magistrate's Court and in the office of the promoters.

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

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

17. *South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill;

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

18. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill, the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill, the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill, the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill, and the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.

(In the Committee.)

19. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill:*

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, 35.

Armstrong	McCombs	Parry
Barnard	McDonald	Savage
Black	Macpherson	Semple
Chapman	Makitanara	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Martin	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Fraser	Mason	Ward
Hawke	Munns	Wilkinson
Hogan	Munro	Wright
Holland, H. E.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Jordan	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Langstone	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Howard
Lysnar	O'Brien	Sullivan.

NOES, 26.

Ansell	Endean	Massey, J. N.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.
Bitchener	Hamilton	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Harris	Te Tomo
Burnett	Healy	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Clinkard	Henare	Waite.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Jones	*Tellers.*
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Jull	Holland, H.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lye	Polson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

20. *Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

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

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21. *Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Christchurch Tramway District Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Christchurch Tramway District Act, 1920."

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

22. *Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

23. *Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

24. *Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

25. *South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had made no progress in the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

26. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Friday, 28th August.

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

Friday, the 28th Day of August, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Makitanara, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Tupito Maruera and another be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

On motion of Mr. H. Holland, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Manning and Dorreen, Limited, and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

2. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business Nos. 6 to 10 inclusive was postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 15.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to extend the Duration of Part IV of the Finance Act, 1930, and to make Provision with respect to the Rates of Interest payable by Savings-banks," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 28th August, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 extend the Duration of Part IV of the Finance Act, 1930, and to make Provision with respect to the Rates of Interest payable by Savings-banks.

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

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

4. *Finance Bill (No. 3).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill (No. 3), which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(Urgency.) The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, having claimed that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency ;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Finance Bill (No. 3).

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

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 16.*

The Governor-General, on behalf of His Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision in accordance with the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill and the amendments proposed thereto by the Local Bills Committee in so far as such Bill and the amendments thereto may affect the rights of the Crown.

Government House,
Wellington, 25th August, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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.

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.

6. *Licensing Poll Postponement Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Licensing Poll Postponement Bill ;

(Urgency.) The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, having claimed that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency ;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Licensing Poll Postponement Bill.

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

Mr. McCombs moved, seconded by Mr. Howard, 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 : "in the opinion of this House the second reading should be postponed in order that the Government may refer the Bill to the Inter-party Economic Committee for consideration and report."

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, 58.

Ansell	Hawke	Polson
Armstrong	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Holland, H.	Samuel
Bitchener	Holland, H. E.	Savage
Black	Jones	Semple
Bodkin	Jull	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Chapman	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Lye	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Makitanara	Ward
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Wilkinson
Field	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Young.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	
Fraser	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	O'Brien	Healy
Harris	Parry	Munns.

NOES, 11.

Burnett	Martin	Sullivan.
Howard	Mason	*Tellers.*
Jordan	Munro	Hogan
Langstone	Nash, W.	McCombs.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Licensing Poll Postponement 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 forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed : In subclause (1) to omit the word "any" before the word "general" in line 10, and substitute the words "the first"; to omit the words "that may be held at any time before the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-three" in lines 11 to 13, and substitute the words "to be held after the passing of this Act". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed : In subclause (2) to omit the word "first" before the word "general" in line 19, and substitute the word "second"; to omit the words "thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-three" in lines 20 and 21, and substitute the words "passing of this Act". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first time :—

"3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (*a*) of section one hundred and forty-six and section two hundred and seventy-three of the Licensing Act, 1908, is hereby amended by the addition of the following proviso :—

"'Provided that advertising of liquor in any newspaper (whether published in or out of a no-license area) shall not be deemed to be the soliciting of orders for liquor within the meaning of this section.'" *(Mr. Langstone.)*

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, 22.

Armstrong	Martin	Sullivan
Black	Munro	Sykes
Broadfoot	Nash, W.	Waite
Chapman	O'Brien	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Parry	
Hogan	Polson	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Savage	Langstone
Jordan	Semple	McCombs.

NOES, 39.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Atmore, Hon. H.	Jones	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bitchener	Jull	Samuel
Burnett	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Clinkard	Linklater	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	McDougall	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Young.
Endean	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Healy
Hamilton	Nash, J. A.	Munns.
Hawke		

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Licensing Poll Postponement 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 postpone the Date of the next Licensing Poll."

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

7. *Finance Bill (No. 3).*—The Finance Bill (No. 3), according to Order, was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill 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. Bodkin 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 Duration of Part IV of the Finance Act, 1930, and to make Provision with respect to the Rates of Interest payable by Savings-banks."

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

8. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

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

Tuesday, the 1st Day of September, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bill intituled the Petone Borough Council Empowering Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Licensing Poll Postponement Act, 1931, and the Finance Act, 1931 (No. 3), without amendment.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Fletcher, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Semple, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. McKeen, on account of illness.

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

117. Post and Telegraph Department, Report of the Hon. Jas. B. Donald, Postmaster-General, on the, for the Year 1930-31. F.-1.

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

114. Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, Regulations under the, making Provisions regarding the Contributions to be levied by the Waipawa Hospital Board on Contributory Local Authorities for the Year 1931-32.

115. Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, Miscellaneous Regulations under the.

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

118. Stock Act, 1908, Amending Regulations under the, for the Prevention of the Introduction of Diseases affecting Stock.

119. Fire Boards: Balance-sheets and Statements of Income and Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1931 [Invercargill and Taumarunui].

Ordered, That Paper No. 117 be printed.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 17.*

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, 1932.

Government House,
Wellington, 1st September, 1931.

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

5. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Imprest Supply Bill (No. 3).

6. *Committee of Supply (Imprest).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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. Bodkin reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

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

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. Bodkin 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 Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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. Bodkin reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 thirty-two—

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

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	500,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	300,000
Electric Supply Account	100,000
Separate Accounts—	
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account	1,000
Land for Settlements Account	1,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	100,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	75,000
Native Land Settlement Account	30,000
State Coal-mines Account	25,000
State Forests Account	20,000
Swamp Land Drainage Account	1,000
Unemployment Fund	5,000
Westport Harbour Account	1,000
Working Railways Account	500,000
	£1,659,000

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Post-office Account	250,000
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	750
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	1,000
The Public Trustee's Account	25,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,500
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	5,000
Advances to Workers Branch	1,500
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	500
Rural Advances Branch	500
Miscellaneous Business Branch	750
	£301,500

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

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

Mr. Bodkin 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.

8. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 3).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 thirty-two; which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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. Bodkin 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 thirty-two."

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

9. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd September.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-one minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 2nd Day of September, 1931.

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. Fraser, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of Mouat Brothers and others, and Janson Brothers and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wright, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of J. A. Logan and others, J. G. Jennings and others, J. E. Furness and others, and Watchman Brothers and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Williams, on account of illness in his family.

3. *Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Taupiri Drainage and River District Act, 1929; and that the Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle 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. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rural Intermediate Credit Act, 1927; and that the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes do prepare and bring it in.

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

6. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of F. Cameron; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 18.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the making of a New Land Transfer Register for the Land Registration District of Hawke's Bay (in Replacement of the Land Transfer Register destroyed by Fire following the Hawke's Bay Earthquake of the Third Day of February, Nineteen hundred and thirty-one) and for Matters incidental thereto," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd September, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to authorize the making of a New Land Transfer Register for the Land Registration District of Hawke's Bay (in Replacement of the Land Transfer Register destroyed by Fire following the Hawke's Bay Earthquake of the Third Day of February, Nineteen hundred and thirty-one) and for Matters incidental thereto.

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

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

8. *Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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

9. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of A. L. McAllum; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of A. L. McAllum, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of C. Golding, W. A. P. D'Oridant, C. H. Hogg, Mary Ah Quoi, N. W. J. Cotton, and P. B. Fitzherbert; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of C. Golding, W. A. P. D'Oridant, and C. H. Hogg, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mary Ah Quoi, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of N. W. J. Cotton, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

11. *Public Petitions M. to Z Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of D. Savident, W. D. Stratford, O. F. Nelson, and E. J. Warner; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of E. J. Warner, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

12. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Wellington City Empowering Bill, the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill, and the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

13. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.*—The Wellington City Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

14. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

15. *Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

16. *Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill;

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendments proposed: In lines 1 and 2, page 2, to omit the word "four" and insert the word "two" in lieu thereof, and to omit the words "five hundred" and insert the words "two hundred and fifty" in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Fraser.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4A and 5 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to regulate the Publication of Judicial Proceedings in such Manner as to prevent Injury to Public Morals."

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

17. *Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Distress and Replevin Amendment Bill;

Mr. Fraser moved, and the Question was proposed, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into Committee on the said Bill.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clauses 2A and 3 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to amend the Law relating to summary Distress for Rent and Recovery of Rent and Possession of Tenements."

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

18. *Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Captive Birds Shooting Prohibition Bill;

On motion of Mr. Bitchener (for Mr. Hamilton), (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

19. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 13.

20. *Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, the 9th day of September.

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

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

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

AYES 22.

Armstrong	Howard	Savage
Barnard	Jordan	Semple
Black	Langstone	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Carr	McCombs	Sykes.
Chapman	Martin	
Dickie	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Fraser	O'Brien	Mason
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Sullivan.

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Ansell	Hogan	Nash, J. A.
Bitchener	Holland, H.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bodkin	Jones	Polson
Broadfoot	Jull	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Kyle	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Macpherson	Young.
Endean	Makitanara	
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Massey, W. W.	Lysnar
Hawke	Munns	Wright.
Healy	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	

So it passed in the Negative.

22. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Thursday, 3rd September.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-nine minutes after ten of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 3rd Day of September, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *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 Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (No. 3), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

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

120. Naval Forces: Report of the Commodore Commanding the New Zealand Station for the Period 1st April, 1930, to the 31st March, 1931. H.–5.

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

121. Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921–22, Forty-second Annual Report of the Commissioner under the. H.–10.

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

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all further Order of Business was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 19.*

The Governor-General, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision in accordance with clause 2 of the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd September, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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.

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.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 20.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for a National Broadcasting Service, and for that Purpose to constitute a New Zealand Broadcasting Board," on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd September, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 a National Broadcasting Service, and for that Purpose to constitute a New Zealand Broadcasting Board.

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

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

6. *Broadcasting Bill.*—The honourable Mr. Donald, according to Order, presented the Broadcasting Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

8. *Cameron and Solders' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

9. *Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

10. *South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

11. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill, the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill, the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill, and the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.

(In the Committee.)

12. *Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill :*

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed : To delete subclause (2). *(Mr. Mason.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed : To omit the words "with the prior consent of the Local Government Loans Board, but not otherwise." *(Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

13. *South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill :*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 struck out by the Local Bills Committee.

Clauses 4 to 13 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

14. *Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to amend the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Act, 1908."

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

15. *Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had gone through the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) 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 extend the Leasing-powers of the Trustees of the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park at Masterton."

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

16. *Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had gone through the Rotorua Borough Reclamation 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 include in the Borough of Rotorua a Portion of the Bed of Lake Rotorua, to empower the Rotorua Borough Council to reclaim such Portion, and to authorize the Vesting of Lands so reclaimed."

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

17. *South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had gone through the South Wairarapa River 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 make Provisions incidental to the Carrying-out of River-improvement and River-protection Works by the South Wairarapa River Board."

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

18. *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 presently.

19. *Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill;

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

20. *Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Bodkin 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.

21. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments made by the Local Bills Committee and the Lands Committee were read into and form part of the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, to omit the word "transport" and insert the word "transit" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Harris.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18 read and agreed to.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

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

22. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m.
having arrived, Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 8th Day of September, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

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

The Legislative Council has passed a Private Bill intituled the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Act, 1931, in which it request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

2. *Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to make the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1908, be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Black, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Captain Rushworth, on account of urgent public business.

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

127. Education, Report of the Minister of, for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. (In continuation of E.–1, 1930.) E.–1.

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

122. Lands and Survey Department : Hauraki Plains, Report on Drainage Operations in the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–8.

123. Lands and Survey Department—Swamp Drainage : Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1931, together with Statement of Accounts. C.–4.

124. Land for Settlements Act, 1925, Report on the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–5.

125. Lands and Survey Department : Report on National Endowments for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–14.

126. Lands and Survey Department : Report on Rangitaiki Land Drainage for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–11.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 122 to 127 inclusive be printed.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

6. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Sarah L. Robbie, Margaret Redmond, and H. J. Sommers ; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Margaret Redmond, and H. J. Sommers, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

8. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

10. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill, the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill, and the Defence Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

11. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill :*

Clause 19 read and agreed to.

Clause 20 read. Amendment proposed : In line 24 to insert, after the words "limited to", the following words : "the conditions of contract and to". *(Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.)*

Amendment agreed to.

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

"(2) All costs, charges, and expenses incurred individually or collectively by the Auckland Harbour Board, the Auckland City Council, and the Northcote Borough Council relative to any investigations or the obtaining of information deemed necessary by any of them before the giving of such approval or approvals or otherwise shall be paid by the company." *(Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 48A read and agreed to.

Clauses 50 and 51 read and agreed to.

Clause 52 read. Amendments proposed: To delete the word "may," and insert the word "shall" in lieu thereof; and to delete the words "either in the United Kingdom or" and the words "in such other countries as the Board may determine". *(Mr. Langstone.)*

Amendments negatived on the voices.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 53 to 81 read and agreed to.

Clause 82 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 49 and 50 to omit the words "who shall be a member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants and". *(Mr. Young.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To insert the words "who shall be a qualified Accountant". *(Mr. Young.)*

Amendment, with the leave of the Committee, withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the words "being not less than two hundred pounds nor more than seven hundred and fifty pounds per annum", and to insert the words "as may be fixed by the three local bodies". *(Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 83 to 100 read and agreed to.

Clause 101 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following new subclause:—

"(4) The transfer of the bridge or any other action taken in pursuance of this section shall be deemed not to release, modify, or alter in any way the guarantees mentioned in section forty-three hereof." *(Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 102 to 109 read and agreed to.

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

"104A. The following provisions shall apply with regard to any decision or approval of the three local authorities required by this Act:—

"(*a*) The three local authorities may appoint two delegates each to a joint committee of the three local authorities. Such delegates shall have such powers as are vested in them by their respective appointing local authorities.

"(*b*) The decision or approval of a majority of the three local authorities or their delegates to the committee mentioned in the last preceding paragraph shall be binding in all matters subject to or submitted for their decision or approval hereunder.

"(*c*) Provided that nothing contained in this section shall affect the individual rights of approval of the Auckland Harbour Board, the Auckland City Council, and the Northcote Borough Council in respect of the matters contained in sections twenty and forty-three of this Act." *(Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.)*

"110. This Act is hereby declared to be a private Act." *(Hon. Mr. Stallworthy.)*

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

12. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill and had made amendment therein, and had also amended the Title of the Bill.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to empower the Auckland Harbour Bridge Company, Limited, to erect a Bridge across the Auckland Harbour and impose and collect Tolls for the Use of Same."

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

13. *Defence Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had gone through the Defence 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 Defence Act, 1909."

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

14. *National Provident Fund Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had gone through the National Provident Fund 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 National Provident Fund Act, 1926."

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

15. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Wednesday, 9th September.

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

Wednesday, the 9th Day of September, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. Taite te Tomo, on account of illness in his family.

2. *Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, 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 16th day of September, and to be printed.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Wellington City Empowering Bill and the Petition of Frances M. M. Tansey; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of T. L. Tapp; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. E. Doolan; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Howard moved, seconded by Mr. Savage, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report," with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee on the Petition of J. E. Doolan be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of S. Horne and others, and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of S. Horne and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of the Ararata Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, and others, and the Te Horo Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of the Ararata Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, and others, and the Te Horo Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Lye, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of J. A. Connell; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Barnard, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

9. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Public Health Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of L. H. Headdey, and T. W. West and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clinkard, from the Public Health Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of A. T. Murray; and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnard, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Health Committee on the Petition of A. T. Murray be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

10. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Ellen M. Smithson, M. Power, and Abel Smeeton and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Abel Smeeton and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

11. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Margaret Bedell, and J. Pagan; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. Pagan, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of Margaret Bedell, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

12. *Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Local Elections and Polls Amendment 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, 24.

Armstrong	Howard	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Barnard	Jordan	Sullivan
Black	Martin	Wilkinson
Carr	Munro	Wright
Chapman	Nash, J. A.	Young.
Donald, Hon. J. B.	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Fletcher	Samuel	Jull
Hogan	Savage	Mason.
Holland, H. E.		

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Ansell	Hawke	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Healy	Polson
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jones	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Campbell	Kyle	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Lysnar	Waite
Dickie	McDonald	Ward
Endean	Macmillan	Williams.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Massey, J. N.	Bitchener
Harris	Massey, W. W.	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, and there being no report, he called on the next Order of the Day.

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

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday, the 16th day of September.

14. *Sitting of House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the House do sit to-morrow from half after two of the clock p.m. to half after five of the clock p.m.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-three minutes after ten of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 10th Day of September, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill.*—The House proceeded to the consideration of the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. *Companies Empowering Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Empowering Act, 1924; and that the Honourable Mr. Smith do prepare and bring it in.

The Honourable Mr. Smith 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. *Papers.*—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

129. Police Force of the Dominion, Annual Report on, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–16.

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

128. Government Railways Board, Report by the. D.–3.

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

130. Stores Control Board, Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–4.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 128 to 130 inclusive be printed.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

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

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

7. *Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill;

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

8. *Transport Licensing Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Transport Licensing Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Veitch moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

A debate arose thereupon.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed next sitting-day.

9. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Wednesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-two minutes after five of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 16th Day of September, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin, from the Committee of Selection, brought up a Report on the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee of Selection has the honour to report that, in pursuance of Rules 45 and 47 of the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, the Committee has appointed a Committee on the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill, consisting of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Chapman (the Member ordered to bring in the Bill), Mr. Field, Mr. Lysnar, and Mr. Mason.

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. Armstrong, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Ella Emily Irwin be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. Endean, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Field, on account of illness.

4. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 21.*

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 Native Land," and on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 16th September, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution.

Resolved, 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 Native Land.

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

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

6. *Native Land Bill.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, according to Order, presented the Native Land Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

7. *Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill (No. 2);

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

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

AYES, 32.

Armstrong	Jull	Savage
Barnard	Langstone	Semple
Black	McDonald	Smith, Hon. S. G.
Carr	McDougall	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Chapman	McKeen	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Martin	Sullivan
Fletcher	Mason	Sykes
Fraser	Munro	Wilkinson.
Hogan	O'Brien	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Parry	Howard
Jordan	Rushworth	McCombs.

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Ansell	Hawke	Nash, J. A.
Atmore, Hon. H.	Healy	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bitchener	Henare	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Jones	Samuel
Broadfoot	Kyle	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Burnett	Linklater	Te Tomo
Campbell	Lye	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Waite
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Macmillan	Ward
Dickie	Makitanara	Williams
Donald, Hon. J. B.	Massey, J. N.	Young.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton	Munns	Macpherson
Harris	Murdoch, Hon. A. J.	Wright.

So it passed in the Negative.

8. *Rating Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Rating Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time, it passed in the Negative.

9. *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;

Mr. Semple moved (with the leave of the House), That the Bill be read a second time *pro forma*.

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

10. *Invalid Pensions Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Invalid Pensions Bill;

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Bill contained an appropriation.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

11. *Bank of New Zealand Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Bank of New Zealand Amendment 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, it passed in the Negative.

12. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m., on Thursday, the 17th September.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-two minutes after ten of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 17th Day of September, 1931.

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.)

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

138. Tourists and Health Resorts and Publicity Department, Annual Report of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–2.

139. Industries and Commerce, Department of, Annual Report for Period ended 30th April, 1931. H.–44.

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

131. Public Trust Office, Report of the, for Year ended 31st March, 1931. B.–9.

132. Public Trust Office: Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1931. B.–9A.

133. Insurance Companies Returns: For Year ended 31st December, 1930 [Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited; New Zealand Master Bakers' Mutual Indemnity Association; Earthenware Manufacturers' Accident Fund; Northern Assurance Company, Limited (Accident Business); Queensland Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Department); Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited (New Zealand Branches, Accident Business); Atlas Assurance Company, Limited]. For Year ended 31st May, 1931 [Sun Newspaper, Limited]. For Year ended 31st March, 1931 [New Zealand Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Branch)]. For Year ended 31st December, 1929 [Earthenware Manufacturers' Accident Fund, 1929; New Zealand Master Bakers' Mutual Indemnity Association]. For Year ended 28th February, 1931 [Industrial Mutual Indemnity and General Assurance Association].

134. Customs Act, 1913, Order in Council under the, prohibiting the Importation of Dr. Joslin's Etheric Animator, also Advertising Matter relating thereto.

135. Harbour Boards: Statements of Accounts and Returns for the Year 1930 [Auckland, Bay of Islands, Clutha, Foxton, Gisborne, Hokitika, Lyttelton, Napier, New Plymouth, New River, Oamaru, Otago, Patea, Raglan, Riverton, Thames, Timaru, Wairoa, Waitara, Wanganui, Wellington, and Whakatane].

136. Harbour Boards: Statements of Accounts and Returns for the Year 1929 [Bluff, Foxton, Gisborne, Hokitika, New Plymouth, Riverton, Thames, Southland, Wairau, Waitara, Wanganui, Whakatane, and Whangarei].

137. Fire Board, Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Wairoa, for Year ended 31st March, 1930.

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

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 131, 132, 138, and 139 be printed.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Hogan, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Emily C. Braggins, and F. E. Wright; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Emily C. Braggins, and F. E. Wright, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Building Construction Bill and the Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Building Construction Bill.—Ordered*, That the Building Construction Bill be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

8. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. E. Timmings, and A. P. McKenna; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of A. P. McKenna, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

9. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Black, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of W. Bongard and others, and O. de Santa; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of O. de Santa, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of W. Bongard and others, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

10. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of C. McKinnon, and Mary M. Bidwell; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mary M. Bidwell, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of C. McKinnon, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Jull, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Fletcher and Maddocks and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Jull, from the Labour Bills Committee, also brought up a Report on the Painters and Decorators' Health Protection Bill, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Labour Bills Committee on the Painters and Decorators' Health Protection Bill be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

Mr. Jull, from the Labour Bills Committee, also brought up a Report on the Painters and Decorators Registration Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Painters and Decorators Registration Bill.—Ordered*, That the Painters and Decorators Registration Bill be committed on Wednesday, the 23rd day of September.

13. *Transport Licensing Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Transport Licensing Bill be committed forthwith.

The House resumed the said Interrupted Debate.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed next sitting-day.

14. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Friday, the 18th September.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-one minutes after ten of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 18th Day of September, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill Committee.*—Mr. Bodkin, from the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee on the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, 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, together with the Minutes, do lie upon the Table.

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

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Munns, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. Polson, on account of illness.

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

141. Lands and Survey Department, Annual Report on Surveys for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–1A.

143. Lands and Survey Department: Annual Report on Public Domains and National Parks for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–10.

145. Agriculture, Department of, Annual Report of the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–29.

146. Mines Statement, by the Hon. A. J. Murdoch, Minister of Mines, for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. C.–2.

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

142. Lands and Survey Department: Annual Report on Scenery Preservation for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–6.

144. Lands and Survey Department: Annual Report on Discharged Soldiers Settlement for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.–9.

147. Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1930: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 124, 1930, of Heni Putiputi Roki, *alias* Heni te Matekino.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 141 to 146, inclusive, be printed.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

6. *Adjournment (Urgent Public Matter.)*—Mr. H. E. Holland, with the leave of the House (notwithstanding that the Standing Orders had not been strictly complied with), moved, seconded by Mr. Savage, for the purpose of discussing the position that has arisen in regard to the deliberations of the Economic Committee, "That this House do now adjourn."

And the Question being proposed, a debate arose thereupon.

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

7. *Sitting of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House at its rising do adjourn until half after seven of the clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

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

Tuesday, the 22nd Day of September, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Coalition Ministry.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes announced that the following new Ministry had been sworn in:—

Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, Prime Minister, Minister of Railways, Minister of External Affairs, and Minister in Charge of Scientific and Industrial Research, Public Trust, Electoral, and High Commissioner's Departments.

Right Honourable Mr. Coates, Minister of Public Works, Minister of Transport, and Minister in Charge of Unemployment, and Roads and Public Buildings.

Honourable Mr. Ransom, Minister of Lands, Commissioner of State Forests, and Minister in Charge of Land for Settlements, Scenery Preservation, Discharged Soldiers' Settlement, and Valuation Departments.

Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Minister of Finance, Minister of Customs, Minister of Stamp Duties, Attorney-General, and Minister in Charge of State Advances and Land and Income Tax Departments.

Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, Minister of Native Affairs, Minister for the Cook Islands, Minister in Charge of Native Trust, Government Life Insurance, State Fire Insurance, Legislative, Public Service Superannuation, Friendly Societies, and National Provident Fund Departments, and Member of the Executive Council representing the Native Race.

Honourable Mr. Young, Minister of Health, Minister of Immigration, and Minister in Charge of Mental Hospitals and Printing and Stationery Departments.

Honourable Mr. Masters, Minister of Education and Minister of Industries and Commerce.

Honourable Mr. Jones, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Mines.

Honourable Mr. Cobbe, Minister of Defence, Minister of Justice, Minister of Marine, and Minister in Charge of Pensions, Police, Prisons, and Inspection of Machinery Departments.

Honourable Mr. Hamilton, Minister of Labour, Minister of Internal Affairs, Postmaster-General, and Minister of Telegraphs, and Minister in Charge of Tourist and Health Resorts, Publicity, Registrar-General's, Statistician's, Audit, Museum, and Advertising Departments.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Defence Amendment Act, 1931, and the National Provident Fund Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bills intituled the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Act, 1931, and the Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Act, 1931, without amendment.

3. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after ten of the clock a.m. on Friday, the 2nd day of October.

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

Friday, the 2nd Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Dickie, *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. Crichton be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. Stewart and others be referred direct to the Local Bills Committee.

On motion of Mr. Clinkard, *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. H. Foggin and others be referred direct to the Local Bills Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *Ordered*, That the Petition of P. N. Denton be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake: Services rendered by Navy.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter he had received from Rear-Admiral Geoffrey Blake, Commodore Commanding the New Zealand Station of the Royal Navy:—

New Zealand Station, H.M.S. "Diomede," at Auckland, 21st September, 1931.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of 10th August, 1931, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed by the House of Representatives, relative to the services rendered by the Royal Navy during the earthquake in the Hawke's Bay District.

I should be glad if you would kindly convey to the House the very deep appreciation of both myself, the officers, and men of the New Zealand Squadron for the great honour that has been done us by so recording such services as we were able to give.

I have, &c.,
GEOFFREY BLAKE, Rear-Admiral,
Commodore Commanding New Zealand Station.

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

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the letter be entered on the Journals of the House.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, GOVERNOR-GENERAL. *Message No. 22.*

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, 1932.

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd October, 1931.

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

4. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Imprest Supply Bill (No. 4).

5. *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. Bodkin reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

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

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. Bodkin 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.

6. *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 ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 thirty-two,—

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

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	500,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	300,000
Electric Supply Account	100,000
Separate Accounts—	
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account	1,000
Land for Settlements Account	1,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	100,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	75,000
Native Land Settlement Account	10,000
State Coal-mines Account	20,000
State Forests Account	20,000
Swamp Land Drainage Account	1,000
Unemployment Fund	5,000
Westport Harbour Account	1,000
Working Railways Account	500,000
	£1,634,000

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Post Office Account	250,000
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	750
The State Fire Insurance Account	5,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	1,000
The Public Trustee's Account	25,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,500
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	5,000
Advances to Workers Branch	1,500
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	500
Rural Advances Branch	500
Miscellaneous Business Branch	750
	£301,500

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

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

Mr. Bodkin 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. *Imprest Supply Bill (No. 4).*—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 Thirty-two, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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. Bodkin 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 Thirty-two."

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

8. *Government Business on Wednesdays.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That on and after Wednesday, the 7th day of October, and for the remainder of the session Government business take precedence on Wednesdays from half after two of the clock p.m.

9. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one day be granted to Mr. Samuel, on account of illness.

10. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th day of October.

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

Tuesday, the 6th Day of October, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 1 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

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

On motion of Mr. Macmillan, *Ordered*, That the Petition of F. J. Burt and another be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

3. *Railway-lines Construction, Consideration of Government Railways Board's Report and Recommendation on.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes gave notice of his intention to move the following motion:—

"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the following Resolution: Whereas a railway is now under construction between the places in each case specified in the Schedule hereto: And whereas, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 18 of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931, the Government Railways Board has duly submitted a report to the Minister of Railways on each of the said railways, and has recommended that the work of construction of each of the said railways be not further proceeded with: And whereas such report has been laid before both Houses of Parliament: Be it therefore resolved that the said recommendation is hereby approved with respect to each of the railways specified in the said Schedule. Schedule—(1) Between Wharanui and Parnassus; (2) between Putorino and Wairoa; and (3) between Te Kuha and Inangahua."

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That the Notice of Motion for consideration of the Government Railways Board's report and recommendation on railway-lines construction be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. *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 Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (No. 4), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

5. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one day be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Samuel, on account of illness in his family.

6. *New Zealand Institute of Clerks of Works Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Registration of Clerks of Works; 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 7th day of October, and to be printed.

7. *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 on Wednesday, the 7th day of October, and to be printed.

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

148. Public Domains: Notice of Intention to issue Orders in Council revoking the Reservation for Recreation Purposes over certain Areas, situated in the Town of Miranui, Wellington Land District, and in Block XV, Wai-iti Survey District, Nelson Land District.

149. Public Reserves: Notice of Intention to issue an Order in Council changing the Purpose of a Reserve in the Town of Hokitika, Westland Land District.

150. Land Act: Proposed reservation of Primary Education Endowment in Clutha Survey District, Otago Land District.

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

151. Native Land Courts and other Matters under Control of Native Department: Report for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. G.-9.

Ordered, That Paper No. 151 be printed.

9. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all Order of Business down to and including Order of the Day No. 1 was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 2.

10. *Committee of Ways and Means; Customs and Excise Duties Resolutions—Financial Statement (Supplementary).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

(Urgency.)—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart having claimed that the passing of the Customs and Excise Duties Resolutions was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Customs and Excise Duties 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. Bodkin reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Resolved, That so much of the Customs Tariff as is set out in Part I of the Schedule hereto be cancelled, and that Part II of the said Schedule be substituted therefor and be deemed to form part of the Tariff; and that, subject to section 143 of the Customs Act, 1913, there shall be levied, collected, and paid to and for the use of His Majesty on the goods mentioned in the said Part II of the said Schedule imported into New Zealand or entered therein for home consumption after the 6th day of October, 1931, the several duties of Customs mentioned in Column No. 1 or Column No. 2 (as the case may require) of the said Part II of the said Schedule.

Resolved, That the duties of Customs and exemptions from such duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to the Resolutions of the 30th day of July, 1931, shall, after the 6th day of October, 1931, be subject to the following alterations, namely:—

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF PART II OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1931.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
To *delete* item 79, and *substitute* the following :—			
79	Tobacco, cut, n.e.i.—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	6s. 2d. per lb.	6s. 2d. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	4s. 2d. per lb.	4s. 2d. per lb.
To *delete* item 80, and *substitute* the following :—			
80	Tobacco n.e.i., including the weight of every label, tag, or other attachment—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932	6s. per lb.	6s. per lb.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	4s. per lb.	4s. per lb.

Resolved, That nothing in the foregoing Resolutions shall affect section 9 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, or the Tariff Agreement between New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia (being the Agreement ratified by the Tariff Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Act, 1922) or any Order in Council, notice, or other act of authority made, given, or done pursuant to or for the purposes of that Agreement.

Resolved, That the duties provided for in the said 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.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Resolved, That the Resolution of the 30th day of July, 1931 (relating to the excise duties on tobacco manufactured in New Zealand) shall, after the 6th day of October, 1931, be subject to the following alterations, namely :—

(1) By substituting "Three shillings and eightpence" for "Three shillings" in paragraph (*a*) :

(2) By substituting "Three shillings and sixpence" for "Two shillings and tenpence" in paragraph (*c*) :

(3) By substituting "Five shillings and eightpence" for "Five shillings" in paragraph (*a*) of the proviso :

(4) By substituting "Five shillings and sixpence" for "Four shillings and tenpence" in paragraph (*c*) of the proviso.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.—PROVISIONS OF TARIFF AS SET OUT IN PART II OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1930, AND HEREIN PROPOSED TO BE CANCELLED.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS XII.—GREASES, OILS, PAINTS, POLISHES, WAXES, ETC.		
394	Oils in vessels capable of containing 1 gallon or more, viz :—		
	(7) *Motor-spirits*	6d. per gallon.	6d. per gallon.
395	*Oils* in vessels having a capacity of less than 1 gallon, viz. :—		
	(2) *Motor-spirits*	20 per cent. ad val., or 6d. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty	20 per cent. ad val., or 6d. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty.

PART II.—DUTIES TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR DUTIES SPECIFIED IN PART I OF THIS SCHEDULE.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. Column No. 1.	General Tariff. Column No. 2.
	CLASS XII.—GREASES, OILS, PAINTS, POLISHES, WAXES, ETC.		
394	Oils in vessels capable of containing 1 gallon or more, viz. :—		
	(7) *Motor-spirits*—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	8d. per gallon	8d. per gallon
	On and after 1st January, 1933	6d. per gallon	6d. per gallon.
395	*Oils* in vessels having a capacity of less than 1 gallon, viz. :—		
	(2) *Motor-spirits*—		
	Up to and including 31st December, 1932 ..	20 per cent. ad val., or 8d. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty	20 per cent. ad val., or 8d. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty.
	On and after 1st January, 1933	20 per cent. ad val., or 6d. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty	20 per cent. ad val., or 6d. per gallon, whichever rate returns the higher duty.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Bill to be introduced to give statutory effect to the said Resolutions.

Mr. Bodkin 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.

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

152. Financial Statement (Supplementary), 1931, by the Hon. W. Downie Stewart, Minister of Finance. B.–6 (Supplementary.)

Ordered, That Paper No. 152 be printed.

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

Wednesday, the 7th Day of October, 1931.

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 :—

153. Education: Child Welfare, State Care of Children, Special Schools, and Infant-life Protection. (In continuation of E.–4, 1930.) E.–4.

154. Education: Manual and Technical Education. (In continuation of E.–5, 1930.) E.–5.

155. Education: Teachers' Superannuation Fund. E.–8.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 153 to 155 inclusive be printed.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all further Order of Business was postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day.

4. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Resolution under Order of the Day No. 1.

5. *Railway-lines Construction: Consideration of Government Railways Board's Report and Recommendation on.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Motion, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair in order that the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the following resolution: Whereas a railway is now under construction between the places in each case specified in the Schedule hereto: And whereas, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 18 of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931, the Government Railways Board has duly submitted a report to the Minister of Railways on each of the said railways, and has recommended that the work of construction of each of the said railways be not further proceeded with: And whereas such report has been laid before both Houses of Parliament: Be it therefore resolved that the said recommendation is hereby approved with respect to each of the railways specified in the said Schedule. Schedule.—(1) Between Wharanui and Parnassus; (2) between Putorino and Wairoa; and (3) between Te Kuha and Inangahua";

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved accordingly.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnard, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omisison of all the words after the word "That" (where it first occurs) with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the resolution be referred to the Railways Committee for investigation and report; opportunity to be given for Members of the Railways Committee, accompanied by Members of both Houses of Parliament, to visit the localities affected."

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1931.

Debate interrupted by the reading of Message from the Legislative Council.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bills intituled the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Act, 1931, and the Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Act, 1931, without amendment.

7. *Railway-lines Construction: Consideration of Government Railways Board's Report and Recommendation on.*—Debate resumed.

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

AYES, 43.

Ansell	Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bodkin	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Rushworth
Burnett	Jones, Hon. D.	Stallworthy
Campbell	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Kyle	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Ward
de la Perrelle	McDonald	Wilkinson
Dickie	Macmillan	Williams
Donald	Martin	Wright
Endean	Massey, W. W.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Munns	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Bitchener
Hamilton, Hon. A.		Murdoch.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Atmore	Howard	Parry
Black	Langstone	Savage
Carr	Lysnar	Semple.
Chapman	McKeen	
Fraser	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Healy	Makitanara	Barnard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Jordan.

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.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following Resolution be agreed to :—

Whereas a railway is now under construction between the places in each case specified in the Schedule hereto : And, whereas, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 18 of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931, the Government Railways Board has duly submitted a report to the Minister of Railways on each of the said railways, and has recommended that the work of construction of each of the said railways be not further proceeded with : and Whereas such report has been laid before both House of Parliament : Be it therefore resolved that the said recommendation is hereby approved with respect to each of the railways specified in the said Schedule. Schedule.—(1) Between Wharanui and Parnassus ; (2) between Putorino and Wairoa ; and (3) between Te Kuha and Inangahua. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment proposed : To omit from the Schedule the words " Between Wharanui and Parnassus ". *(Mr. Healy.)*

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

AYES, 40.

Ansell	Harris	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Rushworth
Burnett	Jones, Hon. D.	Stallworthy
Campbell	Jull	Sykes
Clinkard	Kyle	Te Tomo
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Wilkinson
de la Perrelle	McDonald	Williams
Dickie	Macmillan	Wright
Donald	Martin	Young, Hon. J. A.
Endean	Massey, W. W.	
Field	Munns	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Bitchener
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Murdoch.

NOES, 24.

Armstrong	Howard	O'Brien
Atmore	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	Lysnar	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Ward.
Chapman	Macpherson	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Makitanara	Fraser
Hogan	Nash, W.	Healy.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed : To omit the words " between Putorino and Wairoa ". *(Mr. Williams.)*

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

AYES, 38.

Broadfoot	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Burnett	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Clinkard	Jones, Hon. D.	Stallworthy
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle	Lye	Waite
Dickie	McDonald	Ward
Donald	Macmillan	Wilkinson
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Martin	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munns	Bitchener
Harris	Nash, J. A.	Murdoch.

NOES, 25.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Atmore	Howard	Parry
Barnard	Jordan	Rushworth
Black	Jull	Savage
Carr	Langstone	Semple.
Chapman	Lysnar	
Fraser	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Healy	Makitanara	Campbell
Hogan	Nash, W.	Williams.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed : To omit the words " between Te Kuha and Inangahua ". *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 40.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jones, Hon. D.	Stallworthy
Clinkard	Jull	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
de la Perrelle	Lye	Ward
Dickie	McDonald	Wilkinson
Donald	Macmillan	Wright
Endean	Macpherson	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Martin	
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munns	Bitchener
Harris	Nash, J. A.	Murdoch.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Hogan	Rushworth
Atmore	Holland, H. E.	Savage
Barnard	Howard	Semple
Black	Jordan	Williams.
Carr	Lysnar	
Chapman	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Makitanara	Langstone
Healy	Nash, W.	O'Brien.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Resolution be agreed to, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 41.

Ansell	Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jones, Hon. D.	Stallworthy
Clinkard	Jull	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
de la Perrelle	Lye	Ward
Dickie	McDonald	Wilkinson
Donald	Macmillan	Williams
Endean	Macpherson	Wright
Field	Martin	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munns	Bitchener
Harris	Nash, J. A.	Murdoch.

NOES, 21.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Atmore	Jordan	Rushworth
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	Lysnar	Semple.
Carr	McKeen	*Tellers.*
Chapman	Makitanara	Healy
Fraser	Nash, W.	Howard.
Hogan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report the Resolution.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

" Whereas a railway is now under construction between the places in each case specified in the Schedule hereto : And whereas, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 18 of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931, the Government Railways Board has duly submitted a report to the Minister of Railways on each of the said railways, and has recommended that the work of construction of each of the said railways be not further proceeded with : And whereas such report has been laid before both Houses of Parliament : Be it therefore resolved that the said recommendation is hereby approved with respect to each of the railways specified in the said Schedule. Schedule.—(1) Between Wharanui and Parnassus ; (2) between Putorino and Wairoa ; and (3) between Te Kuha and Inangahua."

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

8. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-nine minutes after five of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 8th Day of October, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill.*—The House proceeded to the consideration of the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Bill.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, *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 the Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1908."

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.)

On motion of Mr. Munns, *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. J. Meikle be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

3. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 23.*

The Bills intituled—

The Imprest Supply Act, 1931,
The Local Authorities Empowering (Relief of Unemployment) Extension Act, 1931,
The Unemployment Amendment Act, 1931,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (No. 2),
The Rent Restriction Extension Act, 1931,
The Local Authorities' Loans (Rates of Interest) Act, 1931,
The Reprint of Statutes Act, 1931,
The Finance Act, 1931 (No. 3),
The Licensing Poll Postponement Act, 1931,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (No. 3),
The Petone Borough Council Empowering Act, 1931, and
The Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Act, 1931,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House,
Wellington, 5th October, 1931.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Samuel, on account of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

6. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Munns, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up Reports on the Honey Local-marketing Board Bill and the Trading-coupons Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Honey Local-marketing Board Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honey Local-marketing Board Bill be committed next sitting-day.

8. *Trading-coupons Bill.—Ordered*, That the Trading-coupons Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of C. Amos and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of C. Amos and others be referred to the Government for consideration.

10. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of R. H. Dalhousie and J. E. Doolan; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of R. H. Dalhousie be referred to the Government for consideration of the Committee's suggestion.

11. *Transport Licensing Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Bill be committed;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Transport Licensing Bill, the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill, and the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill:*

To report no progress, and move for leave to sit again.

16. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

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

17. *Transport Licensing Bill:*

Clause 1 read.

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

18. *Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made no progress in the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

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

19. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

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

20. *Transport Licensing Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Transport Licensing Bill, and moved for 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-eight minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Friday, the 9th Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

3. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of J. Miller, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table and be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be an Order of the Day for next sitting-day.

Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, also brought up Reports on the Petitions of H. Mayr, and Mary Pilling; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Report on the Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

6. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

7. *Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

8. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill and the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

9. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 20 to insert, after the word "may", the following words: "by special resolution of the company". *(Mr. Macmillan.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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10. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to amend the Rural Intermediate Credit Act, 1927."

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

11. *Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also reported that the Committee had gone through the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Taupiri Drainage and River District Act, 1929."

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

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

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

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

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and ordered to be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

14. *Companies Empowering Amendment Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Companies Empowering Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Bodkin 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 Companies Empowering Act, 1924."

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

15. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of all Orders of the Day down to and including Order of the Day No. 21 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 22.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Bill contained an appropriation.

Mr. Armstrong (with the leave of the House) moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And then the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 13th Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That the Petition of H. F. C. Reid be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

On motion of Mr. Langstone, *Ordered*, That the Petition of F. E. Mitchinson and another be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. Brown and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. Te Tomo, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Tereturu Hamahona and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

2. *Message from the Legislative Council (Railways Board's Recommendation approved).*—Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the following Resolution:—

"Whereas a railway is now under construction between the places in each case specified in the Schedule hereto: And whereas, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 18 of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931, the Government Railways Board has duly submitted a report to the Minister of Railways on each of the said railways, and has recommended that the work of construction of each of the said railways be not further proceeded with: And whereas such report has been laid before both Houses of Parliament: Be it therefore resolved that the said recommendation is hereby approved with respect to each of the railways specified in the said Schedule. Schedule.—(1) Between Wharanui and Parnassus; (2) between Putorino and Wairoa; and (3) between Te Kuha and Inangahua."

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

4. *Papers for Consideration.*—Papers for consideration being called on;

With the leave of the House, consideration of all Papers down to and including No. 151 was postponed in order to consider No. 152.

(Time-limit of Speech, Extension of).—Ordered, That the time-limit of speech in this Debate be extended to thirty minutes.

(Time for Debate, Extension of).—Ordered, That the Debate be continued at the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m.

(Financial Statement (Supplementary, 1931), by the Hon. W. Downie Stewart, Minister of Finance. B.-6 (Supplementary)).—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That Paper No. 152 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 hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

With the leave of the House, the Debate on the Question, That Paper No. 152 be referred to the Government for consideration was suspended, in order to enable the Minister in Charge of Unemployment to make a statement.

5. *Unemployment: Statement by the Right Hon. J. G. Coates, Minister in Charge of Unemployment.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates delivered to the House a statement relative to unemployment.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the statement do lie upon the Table and be printed. H.-35A.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 24.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 13th October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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.

7. *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.

8. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 25.*

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 thirty-one," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 13th October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 thirty-one.

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. *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.

10. *Financial Statement (Supplementary), Debate on.*—The House resumed the Debate on the Question, That Paper No. 152 be referred to the Government for consideration.

And then the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker, having interrupted the Debate, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 14th Day of October, 1931.

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, *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. S. Pullan be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

On motion of Mr. Munns, *Ordered*, That the Petition of W. Hannah and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, *Ordered*, That the Petition of L. J. Vincent and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. H. E. Holland, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of R. Trembath and others, F. Thorpe and others, E. Rostern and others, and G. H. Snow and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

On motion of Mr. Black, *Ordered*, That the Petition of E. Samuel and others be referred direct to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

2. *Labour Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hamilton (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the name of the Honourable Mr. Hamilton be substituted for that of Mr. Smith on the Labour Bills Committee.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Lysnar, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Healy, on account of urgent public business.

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

157. Board of Trade Act, 1919, Order in Council revoking Board of Trade Trading-stamps Regulations, 1931, pursuant to.

158. Board of Trade Act, 1919, Order in Council making Trading-stamps Regulations, 1931, pursuant to.

159. Kauri-gum Industry, Report on the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. C.-12.

160. Fire Boards: Statements of Income and Expenditure of the undermentioned Fire Boards for the Year ended 31st March, 1931 [Taihape and Hastings].

161. Fire Boards: Statements of Income and Expenditure of the undermentioned Fire Boards for the Year ended 31st March, 1931 [Hamilton, Milton, and Wanganui].

Ordered, That Paper No. 159 be printed.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on the petition of J. Miller, Wellington, do lie upon the Table and be referred to the Government for favourable consideration;

The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

Mr. Murdoch moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration".

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

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. Miller, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 26.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate various Amendments of the Laws relating to Native Lands, to determine certain Claims and Disputes, to bestow Powers upon certain Boards and Authorities, 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 September, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 various Amendments of the Laws relating to Native Lands, to determine certain Claims and Disputes, to bestow Powers upon certain Boards and Authorities, 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 Sir Apirana Ngata do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

8. *Native Purposes Bill.*—The Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, according to Order, presented the Native Purposes 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. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 27.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to enable Effect to be given to a Convention for regulating Air Navigation, and to make Further Provision for the Control and Regulation of Aviation in New Zealand," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 13th October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 enable Effect to be given to a Convention for regulating Air Navigation, and to make Further Provision for the Control and Regulation of Aviation in New Zealand.

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

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

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

11. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill and the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.

12. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill;

The 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;

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

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

13. *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;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

14. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill and the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

15. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Motion made, and Question proposed: To omit the clause for further consideration, and, if found necessary, to reinsert it in the Finance Bill (No. 4). *(Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In line 49, to insert, after the words "thirty-one", the words "or on account of economic causes". *(Mr. Savage.)*

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, 18.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Atmore	Jordan	Savage
Barnard	Langstone	Wilkinson.
Black	McCombs	*Tellers.*
Carr	Nash, W.	Howard
Fraser	O'Brien	Sullivan.
Hogan		

NOES, 41.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Rushworth
Burnett	Jones, Hon. D.	Samuel
Campbell	Jull	Smith
Clinkard	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
Dickie	Macmillan	Waite
Donald	Macpherson	Williams
Endean	Makitanara	Wright
Field	Massey, J. N.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Nash, J. A.	Bitchener
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Murdoch.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: In line 51 to omit the word "two", and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Barnard.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

16. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 15 to strike out all the words after the word "the" where it first occurs, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "following rates: (1) Where the unimproved value on which land-tax is payable does not exceed one thousand pounds, the rate of land-tax shall be one penny for every pound thereof; (2) where the unimproved value on which land-tax is payable exceeds one thousand pounds, the rate of land-tax shall be one penny for every pound thereof, increased by one-twenty-thousandth part of a penny for every pound in excess of one thousand pounds, but so as not to exceed in any case the rate of seven and seventeen-twentieths of a penny in the pound." *(Mr. Savage.)*

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

AYES, 33.

Ansell	Hawke	Rushworth
Broadfoot	Jones, Hon. D.	Samuel
Burnett	Kyle	Smith
Campbell	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Clinkard	Macmillan	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Macpherson	Waite
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Makitanara	Williams
Donald	Massey, J. N.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Endean	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Murdoch.
Hamilton, Hon. A.		

NOES, 26.

Armstrong	Holland, H.	Nash, W.
Atmore	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Barnard	Jordan	Parry
Black	Jull	Savage
Carr	Langstone	Wilkinson
Dickie	Lye	Wright.
Fraser	McCombs	*Tellers.*
Harris	McDonald	Howard
Hogan	Munns	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

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17. *Land and Income Tax Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Land and Income Tax 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 Land and Income Tax Act, 1923."

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

18. *Land and Income Tax (Annual) Bill.*—Mr. Bodkin also 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 now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to fix the Rates of Land-tax and Income-tax for the Year commencing on the First Day of April, Nineteen hundred and thirty-one."

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

19. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

20. *Order of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, a Want-of-confidence Motion, of which Mr. H. E. Holland had given notice, was set down as an Order of the Day for this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-seven minutes after four of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 15th Day of October, 1931.

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. Te Tomo, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Aputa Ihakara and others be referred direct to the Native Affairs Committee.

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

162. Scientific and Industrial Research, Annual Report of the Department of, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–34.

Ordered, That Paper No. 162 be printed.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all further Order of Business was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *Want of Confidence.*—The Order of the Day being read;

Mr. H. E. Holland moved, seconded by Mr. Parry, and the Question was proposed, That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 16th Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

2. *Want of Confidence.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House *(Mr. H. E. Holland)*;

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

Mr. Wilkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "because of its failure to provide or to indicate any provision for a statutory reduction of interest-rates on mortgages on land, on chattel securities, and on bank overdrafts, and for a reduction of rentals on land and buildings commensurate with the reduced earning-power of the tenants thereof; and further, because it has not taken steps to provide for a full and open investigation into the banking, currency, and credit systems operating in the Dominion."

And the Question and amendment being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after five of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Tuesday, the 20th Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

2. *Public Accounts Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart (with the leave of the House), *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; the Committee to consist of Mr. Broadfoot, Mr. Endean, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Howard, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. McCombs, Mr. J. A. Nash, Mr. Sullivan, and the Mover.

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

The Legislative Council has passed Bills intituled the Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1931, and the Land and Income Tax (Annual) Act, 1931, without amendment.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for four days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

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

163. Native Land Amendment and Native Lands Claims Adjustment Act, 1928: Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 127 of 1928 of Mana Ruka and Another relative to the Interest of Pirika Ruka (deceased) in Waiotutu Block.

164. Insurance Companies' Returns: Sun Insurance Office, as at 31st December, 1930; West Coast (S.I.) Sawmillers' Mutual Accident Insurance Company (Accident Business), as at 31st March, 1931; N.I.M.U. Mutual Insurance Company (Accident Business), The Farmers' Co-operative Insurance Association of New Zealand, Limited (Accident Business), and the Standard Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Department), as at 30th June, 1931.

165. Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, Regulations under the, in connection with Replacement of Lost Debentures by Local Authorities, and in connection with Town-planning in Napier Borough.

166. Fire Boards: Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Gisborne Fire Board for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

Ordered, That Paper No. 163 be printed.

Paper No. 163 stands referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

6. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

7. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of A. J. Stewart and others; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. J. Meikle, J. J. P. McDougall, E. A. Tomkies, D. Meldrum, S. H. G. Richmond, and T. Scurr, Limited; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. J. Meikle, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of S. H. G. Richmond and T. Scurr, Limited, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

9. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Native Land Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Native Land Bill.—Ordered*, That the Native Land Bill be committed next sitting-day.

11. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 4.

12. *Native Purposes Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Native Purposes Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

13. *Trading-coupons Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Trading-coupons Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Hamilton moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

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

AYES, 57.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Barnard	Howard	Polson
Black	Jones, Hon. D.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Bodkin	Jordan	Savage
Broadfoot	Jull	Semple
Burnett	Kyle	Smith
Chapman	Linklater	Stallworthy
Clinkard	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McKeen	Taverner
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Te Tomo
Dickie	Makitanara	Veitch
Endean	Martin	Waite
Fletcher	Massey, J. N.	Wilkinson
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Fraser	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Nash, J. A.	Bitchener
Healy	Nash, W.	Murdoch.
Hogan		

NOES, 5.

Langstone	*Tellers.*
McCombs	Harris
McDougall.	Parry.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), paragraph (*a*), line 9, to omit the words "the seller of such goods", and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "his agent authorized in that behalf (not being in any case the seller of such goods)". *(Hon. Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 11 to insert, after the word "redeem", the words "unconditionally and". *(Hon. Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add at the end of the paragraph the words "or goods of equivalent value at the option of the user". *(Mr. Harris.)*

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

AYES, 8.

Barnard	Jordan	*Tellers.*
Black	Langstone	Harris
Howard	Martin.	Parry.

NOES, 47.

Ansell	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Atmore	Jones, Hon. D.	Polson
Broadfoot	Jull	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Carr	Kyle	Savage
Chapman	Linklater	Semple
Clinkard	Lye	Smith
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McCombs	Stallworthy
Dickie	McDonald	Taverner
Endean	McKeen	Veitch
Fletcher	Macmillan	Waite
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	Wilkinson
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Hawke	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Healy	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Bitchener
Holland, H.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Murdoch.

So it passed in the Negative.

Paragraph (*a*) as amended agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To add the following words at the end of paragraph (*b*): "or goods of equivalent value at the option of the user". *(Mr. Harris.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 read and agreed to.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had made progress in the Trading-coupons Bill, and moved for 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-seven minutes after ten of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 21st Day of October, 1931.

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:—

167. Education of Native Children. (In continuation of E.–3, 1930.) E.–3.

168. Education: Primary Education. (In continuation of E.–2, 1930.) E.–2.

169. Education: Secondary Education. (In continuation of E.–6, 1930.) E.–6.

170. Education: Higher Education. (In continuation of E.–7, 1930.) E.–7.

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

171. Industries and Commerce, Department of: Report on Investigation regarding Distribution and Prices of Motor-spirit. H.–44c.

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

172. Canterbury Agricultural College: Report on the Progress of the College and Statement of Accounts for the Year 1930.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 167 to 171 inclusive be printed.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That Paper No. 171 be referred to the Highways Finance Committee.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *Education Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Education Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the services rendered to the Committee by H. Atmore, Esquire, during his term of office as Minister of Education; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee, brought up a Report on the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

7. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Jull, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up Reports on the Petition of A. Clarke, and the Painters and Decorators Health Protection Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of A. Clarke, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8. *Painters and Decorators Health Protection Bill.—Ordered*, That the Painters and Decorators Health Protection Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of C. H. Greenhead, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. J. N. Massey moved, seconded by Mr. H. E. Holland, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of F. J. Hales; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of M. Aldis, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Parry, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

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

AYES, 44.

Ritchener	Linklater	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Black	Lye	Rushworth
Bodkin	Lysnar	Smith
Broadfoot	McDonald	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	McDougall	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Taverner
de la Perrelle	Macpherson	Te Tomo
Donald	Makitanara	Veitch
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Ward
Fletcher	Massey, W. W.	Wilkinson
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	Williams
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Murdoch	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hawke	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Jones, Hon. D.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Ansell
Kyle	Polson	Healy.

NOES, 26.

Armstrong	Jordan	Samuel
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McKeen	Sullivan
Fraser	Martin	Waite
Hogan	Mason	Wright.
Holland, H.	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Harris
Howard	O'Brien	Parry.

And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of W. S. Cooper, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. J. A. Nash moved, seconded by Captain Rushworth, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

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

AYES, 36.

Bodkin	Lysnar	Smith
Broadfoot	McDonald	Stallworthy
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Sykes
de la Perrelle	Macmillan	Taverner
Donald	Macpherson	Te Tomo
Endean	Makitanara	Veitch
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, J. N.	Ward
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Massey, W. W.	Wilkinson
Hawke	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Holland, H.	Murdoch	*Tellers.*
Jones, Hon. D.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Ansell
Jull	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Healy.
Lye		

NOES, 38.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Atmore	Howard	Polson
Barnard	Jordan	Samuel
Black	Kyle	Savage
Burnett	Langstone	Semple
Carr	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Chapman	McCombs	Sullivan
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McKeen	Waite
Dickie	Martin	Williams
Fletcher	Mason	Wright.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Harris	Nash, W.	Nash, J. A.
Hogan	O'Brien	Rushworth.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Petitions A to L Committee on the Petition of W. S. Cooper be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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

The Legislative Council has passed a Bill intituled the Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1931, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to amend the Chattels Transfer Act, 1924, be now read a first time.

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

12. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 28.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Administration and Control of Funds raised wholly or partly by Private Subscription for the Benefit of Persons injuriously affected by the Hawke's Bay Earthquake," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 18th September, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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 Administration and Control of Funds raised wholly or partly by Private Subscription for the Benefit of Persons injuriously affected by the Hawke's Bay Earthquake.

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

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

13. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

14. *Want of Confidence.*—The Order of the day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House *(Mr. H. E. Holland)*; and the amendment proposed thereto, "That the following words be added at the end thereof—'because of its failure to provide or to indicate any provision for a statutory reduction of interest-rates on mortgages on land, on chattel securities, and on bank overdrafts, and for a reduction of rentals on land and buildings commensurate with the reduced earning-power of the tenants thereof; and, further, because it has not taken steps to provide for a full and open investigation into the banking, currency, and credit systems operating in the Dominion'" *(Mr. Wilkinson)*;

(Urgency.)—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the said Interrupted Debate.

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

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

AYES, 25.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Rushworth
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Sullivan.
Fraser	Mason	
Hogan	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Fletcher
Howard	O'Brien	Wilkinson.

NOES, 46.

Ansell	Jones, Hon. D.	Samuel
Bodkin	Jull	Smith
Broadfoot	Linklater	Stallworthy
Clinkard	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Taverner
de la Perrelle	Macmillan	Veitch
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Donald	Makitanara	Ward
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Field	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Nash, J. A.	
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Polson	Bitchener
Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Murdoch.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Barnard	Langstone	Parry
Black	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Howard
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 46.

Ansell	Jones, Hon. D.	Samuel
Bodkin	Jull	Smith
Broadfoot	Linklater	Stallworthy
Clinkard	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Taverner
de la Perrelle	Macmillan	Veitch
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Donald	Makitanara	Ward
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Field	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Nash, J. A.	
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Polson	Bitchener
Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Murdoch.

So it passed in the Negative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until one minute after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 22nd Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Captain Rushworth, *Ordered*, That the Petition of C. J. Old and others be referred direct to the Highways Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wright, *Ordered*, That the Petition of M. G. Templeton be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

2. *Finance Act, 1931: Adjustment Committee, Appeals received by.*—On motion of Mr. Jordan (for Mr. W. Nash), *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) How many appeals have been received by the Adjustment Committee set up under the Finance Act, 1931 (No. 1), for the purpose of dealing with cases of hardship; and (2) what relief has been given.

3. *Education Administration, Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. Howard (for the Reverend Mr. Carr), *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total cost of educational administration for the year 1930–31, with details as follows: (*a*) Education Department, (*b*) Primary-school Boards, (*c*) Secondary-school Boards, and (*d*) Technical-school Boards.

4. *Unemployment Labour Bureaux, Number of Men placed on Public Works by.*—On motion of Mr. Wright, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total number of men who have been placed on public works through the Labour Bureaux during the four years ending 31st July, 1931, giving independent details for each of the four chief centres in New Zealand.

5. *Railway Marshalling-yards at Middleton, Cost of.*—On motion of Mr. J. A. Nash (for Mr. Kyle), *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total amount of money expended by the present Government on the remodelling of the Middleton Marshalling-yards by the Railways Department after the yards had been closed down in the year 1929.

6. *Unemployment Board, Cost of, and Amounts paid out by.*—On motion of Mr. Langstone (for Mr. Armstrong), *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The amount expended on unemployment from the setting-up of the Unemployment Board to 1st August last; (2) the amount paid by the Board to local bodies; (3) the amount paid to farmers as a subsidy upon labour supplied; (4) the cost of the Board, including amount paid to members; and (5) the total expenditure, including Government subsidy.

7. *Land for Settlement: Particulars relating to the Purchase of Te Wera Estate.*—On motion of Mr. Savage, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The total area of, and the amount paid for, the Te Wera Estate; (2) the number of sections into which the estate has been subdivided; (3) the total cost of improvements since the estate was purchased; and (4) the number of applications for sections on the estate that have been received to date.

8. *Unemployment Board, Expenses of.*—On motion of Mr. Jordan (for Mr. Semple), *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) Total amount of fees paid to members of the Unemployment Board for the days they attended meetings of the Board; (2) total amount of fees paid to members on Board business between meetings of the Board; (3) total amount of train and boat travelling-expenses of such members; and (4) total amount of accommodation allowances: the Return to cover the period from the inception of the Board to the end of June.

9. *Insurance (Third-party Risk), Claims under.*—On motion of Mr. Polson, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The sum paid by insurers under the third-party risk per annum; (2) the total amount paid in satisfaction of claims under third-party risk per annum; and (3) the amount of the claims made per annum under this system.

10. *Chinese and Indians entering New Zealand.*—On motion of Mr. Ansell, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, under separate headings—(1) The number of Chinese and (2) the number of Indians who have entered New Zealand during the last ten years; the figures to set out each year separately.

11. *Public Service, Particulars relating to.*—On motion of Mr. Langstone (for Mr. Semple), *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of public servants who are in receipt of more than £1,000 per year; (2) the number of public servants who have reached the retiring-age and who are still in the Service; (3) the number of married women employed in the Service whose husbands are in employment; (4) the number of public servants who have been retired on superannuation and reappointed to other positions, the salary they receive, and the nature of their employment.

12. *State Advances Department, Aggregate Interest Income of.*—On motion of Mr. Harris, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The present annual aggregate interest income of the Advances to Settlers and the Advances to Workers Branches respectively of the State Advances Department, and (2) a similar Return for the same two branches respectively if a uniform mortgage interest-rate of only 4½ per cent. were charged.

13. *Public Service, Superannuitants re-employed in.*—On motion of Mr. Harris, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The names of all ex public servant superannuitants who are receiving monetary emoluments from any Department of State; (2) the amount of such emoluments, and the services (if any) for which such payments are made; and (3) the amount of superannuation which such superannuitants are drawing: this Return to apply to all ex public servants who are in receipt of superannuation from (*a*) the Public Service Superannuation Fund, (*b*) the Teachers' Superannuation Fund, or (*c*) the Railway Superannuation Fund.

14. *Postal Services: Particulars relating to Overseas Mails.*—On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the cost to the Dominion of the following mail-services (particulars regarding cost of the San Francisco and Vancouver services to be shown in detail as set out hereunder): (1) San Francisco service—(*a*) Subsidy paid to contractors for sea carriage between Wellington and San Francisco, (*b*) charges for overland conveyance by rail from San Francisco to New York, (*c*) cost of sea carriage from New York to England, (*d*) other charges paid in connection with this service, and (*e*) the term of the new contract. (2) Vancouver service—The same relative information as asked in the preceding questions. (3) Melbourne–Bluff service—(*a*) The total cost to the Dominion of this service, (*b*) particulars of the service to be rendered, and (*c*) the term of the contract, if any. (4) England direct, via Panama—Particulars of contract, if any, giving cost to the Dominion, name of contracting firms, and period of contract. When exact details of cost cannot be obtained, the Return to give the Postal Department's estimate of the cost. The Return to show the grand total of the cost to the Dominion of the services named.

15. *Land for Settlement, Particulars relating to Purchase of.*—On motion of Mr. Jordan (for Mr. Semple), *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The number of estates purchased by the Government during its term of office; (2) from whom the estates were purchased; (3) the

acreage of each estate, and the location; (4) the price paid per acre for each estate, and the total amount up to date paid for such estates; (5) the number of persons settled on the estates prior to purchase, and the additional number settled since they have been acquired by the Government; (6) the area of State lands that have been developed for settlement purposes, and the cost per acre; and (7) the number of unemployed engaged in developing these lands, together with the estimated number that will be settled when finally developed.

16. *State Advances Office: Effect of Varying Rates of Interest.*—On motion of Mr. W. Nash, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amounts loaned by the State Advances Office at varying rates of interest, together with a statement showing the cost to the Department if the rate of interest on loans exceeding 5 per cent. were reduced by (*a*) $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., (*b*) $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., (*c*) $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., and (*d*) 10 per cent. of the rate charged.

17. *Railway-station at Auckland, Cost of, and Suburban Traffic.*—On motion of Mr. W. Nash, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The cost of the new railway-station at Auckland; (2) the cost of the railway deviation at Auckland; and (3) a comparative return showing the suburban traffic for the period from the opening of the new station to date and the corresponding period in the previous year.

18. *Education: High Schools—Fees paid by Students.*—On motion of Mr. Polson, *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—(1) The proportion of the students obtaining secondary education at the State high schools who pay fees; (2) what the total amount of such fees is; and (3) what the approximate cost of such high schools amounts to.

19. *Invercargill Local Restoration Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Ward (with the leave of the House), the Title of the Invercargill Local Restoration Bill was altered to Licensing Poll Postponement Amendment Bill.

20. *Licensing Poll Postponement Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a Local Restoration Poll for Invercargill; and that Mr. Ward do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

173. Fire Brigades of the Dominion, Report on the, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931, by the Inspector of Fire Brigades. H.–12.

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

174. State Forest Reservation: Proposal to revoke the State Forest Reservation over an Area containing 22 acres 2 roods 14 perches, being Section 3508, Block XII, Otaio Survey District (Pareora No. 2 Settlement), Canterbury Land District.

Ordered, That Paper No. 173 be printed.

22. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Act, 1931, and the Companies Empowering Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Private Bill intituled the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Act, 1931, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

24. *Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Stallworthy, *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.

25. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of all Orders of the Day down to and including Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 6.

26. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill;

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

27. *Trading-coupons Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Trading-coupons Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 7 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, 45.

Ansell	Jones, Hon. D.	Samuel
Barnard	Jull	Smith
Broadfoot	Linklater	Stallworthy
Clinkard	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Sykes
de la Perrelle	Macpherson	Taverner
Dickie	Makitanara	Te Tomo
Donald	Massey, J. N.	Veitch
Endean	Massey, W. W.	Waite
Field	Munns	Ward
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	Williams
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Young, Hon. J. A.
Harris	Polson	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Bitchener
Healy	Rushworth	Murdoch.
Holland, H.		

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Black	Lysnar	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Sullivan
Chapman	Martin	Wright.
Hogan	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	Munro	Fletcher
Howard	Nash, W.	Wilkinson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 8 read and agreed to.

The following new clause 4A was read a first time:—

"4A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, every person is guilty of an offence, who after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, grants or gives to the purchaser or user, or to any person on his behalf, in connection with the sale or purchase of any goods, any discount, gift, allowance, concession, or benefit of any kind whatsoever, other than by way of cash, or by way of additional weight or measurement of the said goods, and not being in excess of the value of what is usually, ordinarily, and customarily allowed in New Zealand." *(Mr. Ansell.)*

And the Question being put, That the new clause 4A be now read a second time, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 28.

Black	Lysnar	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Macmillan	Sykes
Carr	Macpherson	Veitch
Dickie	Mason	Waite
Field	Massey, J. N.	Wilkinson
Fletcher	Massey, W. W.	Wright.
Healy	Munns	
Hogan	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H.	Samuel	Ansell
Lye	Stallworthy	Endean.

NOES, 38.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Polson
Barnard	Howard	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones, Hon. D.	Rushworth
Chapman	Jordan	Savage
Clinkard	McCombs	Semple
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Smith
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Sullivan
de la Perrelle	Makitanara	Te Tomo
Donald	Nash, J. A.	Ward
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, W.	Williams.
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Harris	O'Brien	Bitchener
Hawke	Parry	Murdoch.

So it passed in the Negative.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Bodkin reported that the Committee had gone through the Trading-coupons Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House the Report was 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 to restrict the Issue of Trading-coupons."

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

28. *Division-list corrected.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes drew attention to the fact that in a division taken in Committee on the Trading-coupons Bill this day on the Question, "That new clause 4A be now read a second time," he appeared as having voted both with the "Ayes" and the "Noes."

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes having stated that he had intended to vote with the "Noes," both Tellers came to the Table and corrected the division-list accordingly.

29. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 29.*

The Governor-General recommends the House of Representatives to make provision in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Bills Committee on the Building Construction Bill.

Government House,

Wellington, 20th October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Bodkin 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.

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.

30. *Building Construction Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Building Construction Bill;

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the hour of half after ten of the clock p.m. having arrived, being the time appointed for the conclusion of the sitting, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Debate, and, having set it down for resumption next sitting-day, left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Friday, the 23rd Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for one day be granted to Mr. Taite te Tomo, on account of illness in his family.

2. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all further Order of Business was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

3. *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).

Motion made and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £88,568 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1932. *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

Amendment proposed: To report progress, and move for leave to sit again. *(Mr. H. E. Holland.)*

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

AYES, 25.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Atmore	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Chapman	Martin	
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

NOES, 42.

Ansell	Jull	Rushworth
Broadfoot	Linklater	Samuel
Clinkard	Lye	Smith
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Stallworthy
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
de la Perrelle	Macmillan	Sykes
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Field	Massey, J. N.	Ward
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Williams
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munns	Wright
Harris	Nash, J. A.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Healy	Polson	Bitchener
Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Murdoch.
Jones, Hon. D.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the vote by the sum of £5. *(Reverend Mr. Carr.)*

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

AYES, 27.

Armstrong	Jordan	O'Brien
Atmore	Langstone	Parry
Barnard	McCombs	Rushworth
Black	McDonald	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

NOES, 39.

Ansell	Jull	Samuel
Broadfoot	Linklater	Smith
Clinkard	Lysnar	Stallworthy
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
de la Perrelle	Macmillan	Sykes
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Donald	Massey, J. N.	Ward
Field	Massey, W. W.	Williams
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	Wright
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Nash, J. A.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Healy	Polson	Bitchener
Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Murdoch.
Jones, Hon. D.		

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37,686 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,978 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the National Provident and Friendly Societies Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £74,393 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Bodkin also moved 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-seven minutes after five of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 27th Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

   On motion of Captain Rushworth, *Ordered*, That the Petition of R. E. Talbot and others be referred direct to the Highways Finance Committee.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Murdoch, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. Taverner, on account of urgent public business.

   On motion of Mr. J. A. Nash, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare on account of continued illness.

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

   The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bill intituled the Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

   The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Act, 1931, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

4. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill be considered presently.

5. *Chairman of Committees, Resignation of.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter he had received:—

   SIR,— Wellington, 27th October, 1931.

   I beg to tender my resignation as Chairman of Committees of the House of Representatives. In doing so I desire to thank you, Sir, for the unfailing consideration and assistance that I have received from you during my term of office.

   I also desire to express my gratitude to all members of the House for the sympathetic co-operation and support that I received from them at all times.

   Again thanking you,

   I have, &c.,

   W. A. BODKIN.

   To the Hon. Sir Charles Statham, Speaker, House of Representatives, Wellington.

6. *Chairman of Committees, Appointment of.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes moved, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Smith be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

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

AYES, 34.

Atmore	Holland, H.	Stallworthy
Bodkin	Jones, Hon. D.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Broadfoot	Kyle	Sykes
Burnett	Linklater	Te Tomo
Clinkard	Lye	Waite
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Williams
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Wright
Endean	Macpherson	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Makitanara	
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munns	Murdoch
Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Nash, J. A.

NOES, 14.

Armstrong	McKeen	Savage
Fletcher	Martin	Semple.
Fraser	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Langstone
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

7. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

8. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Stoke Water-supply Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Stoke Water-supply Bill.*—The Stoke Water-supply Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

10. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of T. Farr; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of T. Farr, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

11. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill be committed next sitting-day.

13. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Report on the Native Purposes Bill and a Special Report relative to the services of Chief Judge R. N. Jones in connection with the Native Land Laws Consolidation; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

14. *Native Purposes Bill.—Ordered*, That the Native Purposes Bill be committed next sitting-day.

15. *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. Downie Stewart,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £65,055 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £103,043 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,266 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £99,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £87,456 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Young,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £220,859 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £270,743 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £194,267 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Smith also moved that the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

16. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 30.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1923," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 23rd October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 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.

17. *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 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. Forbes, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 28th Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

2. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Donald, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of P. Barry, L. A. Clements, and Louisa Hunter; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of P. Barry, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of L. A. Clements, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

3. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill and the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.

4. *Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

5. *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.

6. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill and the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill

(In the Committee.)

7. *Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill:*

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments made by the Statutes Revision Committee were read into and form part of the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 13 read and agreed to.
Clause 14 as amended read and agreed to.
Clauses 15 and 16 read and agreed to.
Clause 17 as amended read and agreed to.
Clauses 18 to 24 read and agreed to.
Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

8. *Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) 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 making of a New Land Transfer Register for the Land Registration District of Hawke's Bay (in Replacement of the Land Transfer Register destroyed by Fire following the Hawke's Bay Earthquake of the Third Day of February, Nineteen hundred and thirty-one) and for Matters incidental thereto."

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

9. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1923."

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

10. *Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Bill;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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.

11. *Building Construction Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Interrupted Debate on the Question, That the Building Construction Bill be committed forthwith;

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

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

Ordered (with the leave of the House), That the Bill be committed presently.

12. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill;

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

13. *Air Navigation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Air Navigation Bill;

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

14. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of the Day No. 7 was postponed until after consideration of other Government Orders of the Day.

15. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill and the Air Navigation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

16. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill:*

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2), lines 18 and 19, to omit the words "may be at any time removed from membership by the Minister or". *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 13 read and agreed to.

To report progress in order to have clauses 2, 3, and 5 recommitted, and move for leave to sit again.

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17. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported progress in order to obtain the Speaker's direction in the matter of amendments proposed in certain clauses in the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill.

Mr. Speaker having given his direction;

The House again resolved itself into Committee on the said Bills.

(In the Committee.)

18. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill:*

Clause 2 recommitted. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "Earthquake" in line 12. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 recommitted. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "Earthquake" before the word "Committee" in lines 5 and 9. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 recommitted. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "Earthquake" at the end of line 48. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 14 read. Amendment proposed: To omit subclause (1), and to insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"(1) Subject to such modifications as the Minister of Finance may from time to time, either generally or in particular cases, determine, the Audit Office shall have the same powers and duties in respect of all moneys collected or purported to be collected by any person for any Earthquake Relief Fund, and in respect of the accounts of such moneys, and in respect of every person dealing therewith, as it has in respect of the public moneys and accounts within the meaning of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, and of all persons dealing therewith." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 read and agreed to.

Clause 17 read. Amendment proposed: To omit the word "Earthquake" in line 31. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

19. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds 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 to make Provision for the Administration and Control of Funds raised wholly or partly by Private Subscription for the Benefit of Persons injuriously affected by the Hawke's Bay Earthquake."

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

20. *Air Navigation Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Air Navigation 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 Effect to be given to a Convention for regulating Air Navigation, and to make Further Provision for the Control and Regulation of Aviation in New Zealand."

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

21. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Native Land Bill and the Native Purposes Bill.

22. *Native Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Native Land Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

23. *Native Purposes Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Native Purposes Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

24. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Native Land Bill and the Native Purposes Bill.

(In the Committee.)

25. *Native Land Bill:*

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments made by the Native Affairs Committee were read into and form part of the Bill.

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words: "and shall come into operation on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty-two." *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 475 read and agreed to.

Clause 476 struck out by the Native Affairs Committee.

Clauses 477 to 521 read and agreed to.

Clause 521A read and agreed to.

Clause 522 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following new subclause:—

"(11A) (*a*) If and whenever under the powers in that behalf contained in the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, any Crown lands or settlement lands are being developed and improved, it shall be lawful, with the consent of the Native Minister first obtained, to extend such operations to the development and improvement of any adjacent Native land (including land in which the Crown has acquired any interest), and in such operations to expend out of the Land for Settlements Account such sum or sums as the Lands Development Board or the Minister of Lands may think expedient. For all the purposes of this subsection the provisions of subsections one, two, three, and six of section six of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, shall apply to the Native land affected as fully and effectually as if such land was mentioned therein.

"(*b*) All moneys expended under this subsection shall be a charge upon the lands in respect of which the expenditure is made, and shall bear interest at such rate as the Minister of Finance shall from time to time determine. Such moneys shall be transferred to the credit of the Land for Settlements Account from the Native Land Settlement Account.

"(*c*) All the provisions of subsections four and five of this section, with such modification as shall appear necessary, shall apply to moneys expended or proposed to be expended under this subsection, and orders charging the land affected in favour of the Crown may be made and enforced accordingly.

"(*d*) The Native Minister may give notice published in the *Gazette* that the provisions of this subsection are being applied to Native land or that it is intended so to apply them, and thereupon no owner of the land affected shall, except with the consent of the Native Minister, be entitled to exercise any rights of ownership in connection with the land affected so as to interfere with or obstruct the carrying-out of any works under this subsection." *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 523 to 552 read and agreed to.

Clause 552A read and agreed to.

Clauses 553 to 567 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

26. *Native Purposes Bill:*

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the amendments made by the Native Affairs Committee were read into and form part of the Bill.

Clause 1 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words: "and shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1932". *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 47 read and agreed to.

Clause 47A read and agreed to.

Clauses 48 to 72 read and agreed to.

Clause 73 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1), lines 10 and 11, to omit the words "subject to the charge under subsection five of the said section sixteen being adjusted as far as any parcel is concerned". *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (2), line 17, to omit the word "Divisions", and insert the word "portions" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata).*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 73A read and agreed to.

Clauses 74 to 93 read and agreed to.

Clauses 93A, 93B, and 93C read and agreed to.
Clause 94 read and agreed to.
Clause 95 struck out by the Native Affairs Committee.
Clauses 95A and 96 read and agreed to.
Clause 97 struck out by the Native Affairs Committee.
Clauses 97A and 98 read and agreed to.
Clauses 98A and 98B read and agreed to.
Clauses 99 to 107 read and agreed to.
Clause 107A read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (5), line 14, to omit the word "two", and insert the word "four" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*
Amendment agreed to.
Clause as amended agreed to.
Clause 107B read and agreed to.
Clause 108 read and agreed to.
The following new clauses were read a first and a second time and added to the Bill:—

"79A. Whereas by deed of conveyance dated the twenty-seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and registered under Number 52582 in the Deeds Registry Office, at Auckland, and made between one Matire Toha of the one part and one Hone Kawhena (therein described as husband of the said Matire Toha) of the other part, the said Matire Toha in consideration of her natural love and affection for the said Hone Kawhena purported to convey to the said Hone Kawhena all the lands described in the said conveyance absolutely: And whereas it is alleged that the said conveyance, although in form absolute, was intended by the said Matire Toha to be for a life estate only: And whereas the parties to the said conveyance were Natives, and it is desirable to authorize all matters in dispute concerning or arising out of the said conveyance to be determined by the Native Land Court: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The said Court is hereby authorized to hear and determine any claim arising in any way out of or concerning the said conveyance, and to make any order which the Supreme Court could make in similar circumstances if an action was brought in the Supreme Court for and concerning such matters by parties competent to bring such action, and any order made by the Native Land Court under this section may be enforced in the Supreme Court under the provisions of section forty-one of the principal Act as fully and effectually as if it was a judgment made or given by the Supreme Court under proceedings taken before that Court.

"(2) Nothing in the provisions of the Deeds Registration Act, 1908, or of any statute of limitation limiting the periods within which actions or proceedings may be brought, shall be a bar to or prevent the hearing and determination of any claim under this section, nor shall the parties be estopped from proceeding by the fact that proceedings were previously taken in the Supreme Court, or by any judgment thereunder.

"(3) Notwithstanding that she may not have been appointed a successor of the said Matire Toha, who is now deceased, in any of the lands affected by the said conveyance, one Sophia Barlow (or Te Pare Paro) may commence and prosecute proceedings under this section, and the Court may in the course of such proceedings ascertain and determine the rightful successors to the said Matire Toha (deceased).

"(4) Nothing in this section shall affect any part of the land comprised in the said conveyance which has been alienated for valuable consideration by Hone Kawhena, or any person claiming through or under him since the twenty-seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

"(5) Pending the determination of the Native Land Court under this section, no part of the land comprised in the said conveyance, excepting so much thereof as is affected by the last preceding subsection, shall be alienable without the leave of the Court first obtained.

"93D. In order to give effect to a recommendation of the Native Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, any person (except as herein mentioned) aggrieved by a final order of the Native Land Court made on the sixteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, in respect of the will of Heni Parekuta Ahuroa (deceased) may, notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, appeal against such final order by notice of appeal given in the prescribed manner within six months after the commencement of this Act, and the Appellate Court is hereby authorized to hear and determine any such appeal. Nothing in this section contained shall apply to any person who has already brought an appeal against the said final order". *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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27. *Native Land Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Native Land 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 Native Land."

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

28. *Native Purposes Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Native Purposes Bill and had made amendment therein, and had amended 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 consolidate various Amendments of the Laws relating to Native Lands, to adjust certain Claims and Disputes, to bestow Powers upon certain Boards and Authorities, to confer Jurisdiction upon the Native Land Court and the Native Appellate Court, and for other Purposes."

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

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-nine minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 29th Day of October, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Leave for Select Committees to sit during Sitting of House.*—On motion of Mr. Clinkard, *Ordered*, That the Highways Finance Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Hogan, *Ordered*, That the Railways Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House.

2. *Sittings of the House.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That for the remainder of the session the hours of sitting be from half after two of the clock p.m. to midnight on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week, with a suspension of each sitting from half after five of the clock p.m. to half after seven of the clock p.m., and from half after nine of the clock p.m. to ten o'clock p.m., and that if not previously reached the House proceed to Orders of the Day at half after seven of the clock p.m. on each day.

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

The Honourable Mr. Hamilton 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. *Paper.*—The following paper was presented by command of His Excellency:—

175. Mandated Territory of Western Samoa: Eleventh Report of the Government of New Zealand on the Administration of, for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. A.-4.

Ordered, That Paper No. 175 be printed.

5. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

6. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of the Wairoa Racing Club (Incorporated), H. J. McCubbin, and Christina Pointon; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of the Wairoa Racing Club (Incorporated), and H. J. McCubbin, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, also brought up a Report on the Petition of J. H. Rankin, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Reverend Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Black, moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration".

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on the Petition of J. H. Rankin be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

7. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Stoke Water-supply Bill and the Petition of Avis Edwards; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Avis Edwards, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8. *Stoke Water-supply Bill.—Ordered*, That the Stoke Water-supply Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

9. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Munns, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Walker and Hall and others, H. Woods and Company and others, N. B. Fryday, the Licensing Amendment Bill, and a Report bringing up a Report furnished by the Department of Industries and Commerce relative to the Abolition of the Free-gift System; 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 consideration.

10. *Licensing Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That the Licensing Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

11. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Harata Pohe, Rodolph Boddy and others, Tamata Tana and others, Watarauihi te Paki and others, Sophia Barlow, Tupito Maruera and others, Kawa te Huia and others, Haki Galvin, Hurihia Tongaporutu, Te Hoariri Paeraka and others, and Merea Wikiriwhi and others, and Papers Nos. 71, 147, and 163; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Tamata Tana and others, Rodolph Boddy and others, and Harata Pohe, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 71, 147, and 163, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Sophia Barlow, and Watarauihi te Paki and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

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

The Legislative Council has passed Bills intituled the Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1931, and the Air Navigation Act, 1931, without amendment.

13. *Committee of Supply (Estimates).*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply;

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cobbe,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £140,591 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £424,188 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £444,045 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £240,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £186,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932. *(Honourable Mr. Ransom.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the item £625 by the sum of £100. *(Mr. Wilkinson.)*

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

AYES, 24.

Armstrong	Jordan	Parry
Atmore	Langstone	Rushworth
Barnard	McCombs	Savage
Carr	McKeen	Semple
Chapman	Martin	Sullivan.
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Munro	Black
Holland, H. E.	Nash, W.	Wilkinson.
Howard		

NOES, 36.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Nash, J. A.
Broadfoot	Jones, Hon. D.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Burnett	Jull	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Samuel
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Stallworthy
de la Perrelle	Lye	Veitch
Dickie	Lysnar	Ward
Donald	Macmillan	Wright
Endean	Macpherson	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Makitanara	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Massey, J. N.	Bitchener
Hawke	Munns	Murdoch.
Henare		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed: To reduce the item £625 by the sum of £50. *(Mr. Mason.)*

And the Question being put, That the item be reduced by the sum of £50, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 23.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	O'Brien
Atmore	Jordan	Parry
Barnard	Langstone	Savage
Black	McCombs	Sullivan
Carr	McDougall	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Munro	Howard
Hogan	Nash, W.	Mason.

NOES, 41.

Ansell	Hawke	Massey, J. N.
Broadfoot	Healy	Massey, W. W.
Burnett	Henare	Nash, J. A.
Clinkard	Holland, H.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Jones, Hon. D.	Polson
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Jull	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
de la Perrelle	Kyle	Samuel
Dickie	Linklater	Te Tomo
Donald	Lye	Veitch
Endean	Lysnar	Williams
Field	McDonald	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Macmillan	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Macpherson	Bitchener
Harris	Makitanara	Munns.

So it passed in the Negative.

Item agreed to.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £46,979 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £252,766 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

To report the resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Smith also moved 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 fifty-nine minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Friday, the 30th Day of October, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Public Accounts Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Public Accounts Committee, consisting of ten members, be increased (by leave) to twelve members by the addition of the names of Mr. W. W. Massey and Mr. W. Nash.

2. *Mountain Guides Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Licensing of Mountain Guides and for Matters incidental thereto; and that the Honourable Mr. Hamilton do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

   176. Marine Department: Annual Report for 1930–31. H.–15.

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

   178. Rural Intermediate Credit Board, Report of the, for the Year ended 30th June, 1931. B.–14.

   179. Post Office and Post Office Savings-bank: Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. F.–2.

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

   177. State Forest Reservation, Proposal to revoke the, over an Area being a Portion of Reserve No. 3943, Block II, Lyndon Survey District (Hanmer Plantation), Canterbury Land District.

   Ordered, That Papers Nos. 176, 178, and 179 be printed.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 31.*

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, 30th October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 Mr. Hamilton do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

5. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hamilton, 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.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 32.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1926," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 29th October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1926.

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

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

7. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Jones, according to Order, presented the Mining Amendment Bill, which was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Jones (with the leave of the House), the Bill was read a second time *pro forma*, and ordered to be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

8. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all Order of Business down to Orders of the Day was postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day.

9. *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. Cobbe,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £104,019 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £162,649 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £110,614 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,736 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Jones,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,679 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £414,255 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £505 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £301,279 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £138,273 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hamilton,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £210,816 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,896 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £62,942 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,649,161 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Post Office Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Smith also moved that the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

10. *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 Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Act, 1931, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Native Land Act, 1931, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill be considered presently.

12. *Native Land Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Native Land Bill be considered presently.

13. *Local Bills Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That the Local Bills Committee, consisting of ten members, be increased (by leave) to eleven members by the addition of the name of the Honourable Mr. Hamilton.

14. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. on Monday 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. Forbes, adjourned.

Monday, the 2nd Day of November, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive was ordered to be taken before proceeding to the consideration of Orders of the Day.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, *Ordered*, That the Petition of the Taranaki Electric-power Board be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee.

3. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Howard, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for two days be granted to Mr. Sullivan, on account of urgent public business.

On motion of Mr. Ansell, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

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

180. Public Works Act, 1928, Roads stopped in Terms of Section 149 of the.

181. Public Works Act, 1928, Roads stopped in Terms of Section 149 of the.

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

182. Public Works Statement, 1931, by the Right Hon. J. G. Coates, Minister of Public Works (together with Estimates of Expenditure). D.-1.

Ordered, That Paper No. 182 be printed.

5. *Order of Business.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 be postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 5.

6. *Mountain Guides Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That all proceedings taken on the Mountain Guides Bill be null and void, and the Order of the Day for its second reading be discharged.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 33.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Licensing of Mountain Guides and for Matters incidental thereto," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 Licensing of Mountain Guides and for Matters incidental thereto.

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

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

8. *Mountain Guides Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Hamilton, according to Order, presented the Mountain Guides 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. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, 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 make Provision for a National Broadcasting Service, and for that Purpose to constitute a New Zealand Broadcasting Board," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 2, subclause (2): To omit the word "four" in line 11, and substitute the word "three".

Clause 2, subclause (4): To insert, after the words "four years" in line 20, the word "and"; to omit the words "and one for a period not exceeding two years" in line 21 on page 1 and line 1 on page 2.

Clause 5, subclause (1): To omit the words "of Telegraphs (hereinafter referred to as the Minister)" in lines 25 and 26.

Clause 8, subclause (1): To insert, after the words "six hundred" in line 46, the words "and fifty"; to omit the word "two" in line 47, and substitute the word "three".

Clause 9, subclause (2): To omit the words "three members (of whom one shall be the Chairman)", and substitute the words "two members".

To insert the following new clauses:—

"1A. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"'Advisory Council' or 'Council' means the Advisory Council appointed in accordance with this Act:

"'Board' means the New Zealand Broadcasting Board established under this Act:

"'Minister' means the Minister of Telegraphs.

"2A. (1) For the purpose of advising the Board in respect of its functions under this Act, there shall be appointed, in accordance with this section, an advisory body to be called the Advisory Council to the New Zealand Broadcasting Board.

"(2) The Advisory Council shall consist of eight members, of whom five shall be ordinarily resident in the North Island and three shall be ordinarily resident in the South Island.

"(3) The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister, for a term not exceeding three years, save that any such member may be reappointed or may be at any time removed from office by the Governor-General, or may resign his office by writing addressed to the Minister.

"(4) Before making any recommendation under the last preceding subsection the Minister shall give to the several recognized organizations of listeners an opportunity to nominate persons suitable for appointment as members of the Advisory Council.

"(5) Members of the Advisory Council (not being officers in the service of the Government) shall be paid out of the revenue of the Board such allowances as may be prescribed in that behalf by regulations under this Act, and all travelling-expenses reasonably incurred by them in respect of attendance at meetings of the Council.

"(6) The Advisory Council shall meet at such times and places as the Board or the Minister may from time to time determine.

"22. The Governor-General may by Order in Council make all such regulations as are contemplated by this Act or as are reasonably required for the purpose of giving effect thereto."

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to make Provision for a National Broadcasting Service, and for that Purpose to constitute a New Zealand Broadcasting Board.

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.

10. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 35.*

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 Stamp Duties Act, 1923," with the attached amendment, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly :—

Clause 3 : To add to subclause (1) the following proviso :—

"Provided that overseas-passenger duty shall not be payable in respect of the passage-money of any person who leaves New Zealand on or before the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, if the Commissioner is satisfied that his passage was booked before the passing of this Act."

Government House,
Wellington, 30th October, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 Stamp Duties Act, 1923.

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

11. *Stamp Duties Amendment Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Stamp Duties 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 Stamp Duties Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

12. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 36.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to make Better Provision for the Licensing and Control of Commercial Road Transport Services other than Tramways," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to make Better Provision for the Licensing and Control of Commercial Road Transport Services other than Tramways.

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.

13. *Transport Licensing Bill (No. 2).*—The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, according to Order, presented the Transport Licensing Bill (No. 2), 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. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 37.*

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; Lands Improvement; Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage Plant, Material, and Stores; Electric Supply Account; Main Highways Account Construction Fund; Education Loans Account; Hauraki Plains Settlement Account; Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account; Swamp Land Drainage Account; and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Dunedin, 31st October, 1931.

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

15. *Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Bill;

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *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.

16. *Native Land Bill.—Ordered*, That consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Native Land Bill be postponed until after consideration of other Orders of the Day.

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

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

18. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered*, That consideration of Orders of the Day down to and including Order of the Day No. 8 be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 9.

19. *Committee of Ways and Means: Customs and Excise Duties Resolutions.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means;

(Urgency.)—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, having claimed that the passing of the Customs and Excise Duties Resolutions was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Customs and Excise Duties 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. Smith reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Resolved, That the duties of Customs and exemptions from such duties specified in the First Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1927, as amended by the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, and in Part II of the First Schedule to the Resolutions of the 30th day of July, 1931, shall, after the 2nd day of November, 1931, be subject to the alterations set forth in the Schedule hereto.

Resolved, That the Second Schedule to the Resolutions of the 30th day of July, 1931 (relating to exemptions from primage duty), shall be amended, as from the 2nd day of November, 1931, by deleting the word "manures," and inserting the following: "Manures, including the following substances when *crude* and in *bulk*, namely: Ammonium sulphate, ferrous sulphate, potassium chloride, potassium nitrate, potassium sulphate, sodium nitrate, sulphur, 30 per cent. potash, and such other chemical substances specially suited for use in the manufacture of manures as the Minister may decide."

EXCISE DUTIES.

DUTIES ON TOBACCO.

Resolved, That the excise duties on the classes or kinds of tobacco specified in paragraph (*e*) of section 22 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, be abolished, and that there shall be payable to and for the use of His Majesty, on the following classes or kinds of tobacco manufactured in New Zealand and entered therein for home consumption after the 2nd day of November, 1931, the excise duties set forth hereunder, namely:—

(*e*) On cigarettes—	
(i) Not exceeding in weight 2½ lb. per thousand	Twenty-five shillings per thousand.
(ii) Exceeding in weight 2½ lb. per thousand	Ten shillings per pound

Resolved, That the provisions of section 23 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, or of the proviso to the Resolutions of the 30th day of July, 1931, as amended by the Resolutions of the 6th day of October, 1931 (relating to the excise duties on tobacco manufactured in New Zealand), shall not apply to any tobacco manufactured in New Zealand and entered for home consumption after the 2nd day of November, 1931.

GENERAL.

Resolved, That the Resolutions of the 30th day of July, 1931, and the 6th day of October, 1931 (imposing Customs duties and excise duties), be amended, except as to the tariff items numbered 4, 5, 136, 137, and 180, by deleting therefrom the several periods of limitation fixed by those Resolutions in respect of the several rates of duty thereby imposed; and also by deleting the several rates of duty (if any) fixed by the said Resolutions to operate after the expiry of the aforesaid periods of limitation.

Resolved, That Part II of the First Schedule to the Resolutions of the 30th day of July, 1931, be amended by deleting from tariff items numbered 136, 137, and 180 the several references to 31st December, 1932, and in each case substituting a reference to 31st March, 1933, and also by deleting from the said tariff items the references to 1st January, 1933, and in each case substituting a reference to 1st April, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS AMENDMENT ACT, 1927, AS AMENDED BY THE CUSTOMS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1930, AND OF PART II OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1931.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff. **Column No. 1.**	General Tariff. **Column No. 2.**
	To *delete* item 16 (2), and *substitute* the following :—		
16	Cocoa and chocolate, viz. :—		
	(2) Chocolate; also cocoa or chocolate mixed with milk or with any other food substance	30 per cent. ad val.	55 per cent. ad val.
	To *delete* item 70, and *substitute* the following :—		
70	(1) Sugar n.e.i.; treacle, golden syrup, maple-sugar, and maple-syrup	½d. per lb.	½d. per lb.
	(2) Molasses	Free	Free.
	To *delete* item 81, and *substitute* the following :—		
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. 6d. per lb.	2s. 6s. per lb.
	To *delete* item (1), and *substitute* the following :—		
160	Furs and other similar skins, and articles made therefrom, viz. :—		
	(1) Fur skins, green or sun-dried	5 per cent. ad val.	5 per cent. ad val.
	To *delete* item 249, and *substitute* the following :—		
249	Records for phonographs, gramophones, and for *similar* instruments	Free	25 per cent. ad val.

And the Resolutions, being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Bill to be introduced to give statutory effect to the said Resolutions.

Mr. Smith 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.

20. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 38.*

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

Government House,
Wellington, 2nd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 Duties of Customs and Excise 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.

21. *Customs Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the Customs Acts 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 fifty-three minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 3rd Day of November, 1931.

PRAYERS.

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

On motion of Mr. Wright, *Ordered*, That the Petition of J. W. M. Smith be referred direct to the Railways Committee.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Rhoda J. Kelly be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee.

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

183. Chinese and Indians arriving in New Zealand during Period 1921 to 1931.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of further Order of Business was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 39.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1928," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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, 1928.

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

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

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

6. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the remaining classes of the Main Estimates and the Public Works Estimates.

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.)

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,553 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Prime Minister's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,997 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,912,536 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,110,532 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £274,031 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Motion made and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5,859 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Amendment proposed: To reduce the total vote by the sum of £1. *(Mr. Barnard.)*

And the question being put on the reduction, it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of Right Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £67,347 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Builings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,750 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,287 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Transport Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £48,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Unemployment Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

On motion of Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding £54,916 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Department of Scientific and Industrual Research for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £249,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £103,655 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,738 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £36,103 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,245 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

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 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1931.

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

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

Mr. Smith also moved that the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

8. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 40.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the 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.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1931.

Ordered (with the leave of the House), 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. Smith reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 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. Ransom do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

9. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ransom, 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.

10. *Messages from the Legislative Council.*—Mr. Speaker (with the leave of the House) read the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Trading-coupons Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1931, transmitted in Message No. 28 from the House of Representatives.

And then the House, having continued to sit until the hour of one of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Wednesday, the 4th Day of November, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to an Order of the House :—

184. Railway Marshalling-yards at Middleton, Cost of.

185. Education : High Schools—Fees paid by students.

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

186. East Coast Native Trust Lands Act, 1902 : Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts for the Period 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931.

187. Mangatu Block No. 1 : Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts for the Period 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 186 and 187 be printed.

2. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 41.*

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 November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands.

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

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

3. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ransom, 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.

4. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 42.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Education Reserves Act, 1928," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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, 1928.

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

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

5. *Education Reserves Amendment Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Ransom, 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.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 43.*

The Governor-General recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the vesting in the Wellington City Corporation certain Lands the property of the Crown as contained in clause 4A of the Wellington City Empowering Bill.

Ashburton, 3rd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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.

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. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

8. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Black, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Report on the Mining Amendment Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Mining Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Mining Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

10. *Highways Finance Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Highways Finance Committee, brought up a Report, together with minutes of evidence, and also Reports on the Petitions of C. J. Old and others, R. E. Talbot and others, and L. R. Jones and others; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of C. J. Old and others, and R. E. Talbot and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of L. R. Jones, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Report of the Highways Finance Committee be referred to the Government for earnest consideration.

11. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 44.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for a National Broadcasting Service, and for that Purpose to constitute a New Zealand Broadcasting Board," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 14: To omit the clause, and substitute the following new clause:—

"14A. (1) The Board, if and when required by the Minister so to do, shall acquire from him, at such price and upon such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, any broadcasting stations, plant, and other assets that the Minister may acquire from the Radio Broadcasting Company of New Zealand, Limited, pursuant to agreements made between the Minister and the said Company, on the eighteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and the sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, respectively.

"(2) The said agreements are hereby declared to be valid, and any payment to be made by the Minister to the said Company in terms thereof shall be paid out of the Post Office Account without further appropriation than this section."

Government House,
Wellington, 4th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to make Provision for a National Broadcasting Service, and for that Purpose to constitute a New Zealand Broadcasting Board.

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.

12. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Public Works Estimates and the Customs Acts Amendment Bill.

13. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Orders of the Day down to and including Order of the Day No. 4 was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 5.

14. *Native Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Native Land Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, *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.

15. *Postponement of Order of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 2.

16. *Committee of Ways and Means (Excise Duty).*—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.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That provision be made in accordance with clause 11 of the Customs Acts Amendment Bill (providing for the imposition of excise duty on motor-spirits that may be manufactured in New Zealand after a date to be fixed by the Governor-General by Order in Council published in the *Gazette*).

And the Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Resolution be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Smith 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, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all business down to and including Order of the Day No. 3 was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 4.

18. *Customs Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Customs Acts Amendment Bill;

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

Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, 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 to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "the second reading of the Bill be postponed till next sitting-day in order that the Government may further consider the direful effects of the duties on wheat and flour and their effect as a tax on bread, &c."

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

THURSDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1931.

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, 50.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Armstrong	Healy	Samuel
Broadfoot	Holland, H.	Smith
Burnett	Holland, H. E.	Stallworthy
Campbell	Howard	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Carr	Jull	Sullivan
Clinkard	Lye	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle	Macmillan	Veitch
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Donald	Makitanara	Williams
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Wright
Field	Massey, W. W.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Harris	Polson	Murdoch.

NOES, 16.

Barnard	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple.
Fletcher	Mason	
Fraser	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Parry	Black
Langstone	Rushworth	Wilkinson.

So 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

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

AYES, 41.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Healy	Samuel
Burnett	Holland, H.	Stallworthy
Campbell	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner
de la Perrelle	McDonald	Te Tomo
Dickie	Macpherson	Veitch
Donald	Makitanara	Williams
Endean	Massey, J. N.	Wright
Field	Massey, W. W.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Harris	Polson	Murdoch.

NOES, 22.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Rushworth
Barnard	Jordan	Savage
Black	Langstone	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Chapman	Martin	
Fletcher	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Nash, W.	Howard
Hogan	Parry	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 5 to 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendments proposed: In subclause (1) to insert the words "or other commodity" after the word "wheat-flour" in lines 39, 43, and 48 (*Captain Rushworth.*)

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, 20.

Armstrong	Hogan	Mason
Barnard	Holland, H.	Nash, W.
Black	Holland, H. E.	Savage
Carr	Howard	Semple.
Chapman	Langstone	*Tellers.*
Fletcher	McKeen	Rushworth
Fraser	Martin	Wilkinson.

NOES, 39.

Ansell	Hawke	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Healy	Samuel
Burnett	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Lysnar	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Taverner
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Macmillan	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle	Macpherson	Waite
Dickie	Makitanara	Williams
Donald	Massey, J. N.	Wright
Endean	Massey, W. W.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Field	Munns	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Polson	Murdoch.
Harris		

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 30 read and agreed to.

The following new clause was read a first time:—

"9A. If at any time after the first March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, the flour-millers in New Zealand reduce the price of flour by not less than ten shillings net per ton, in addition to the amount of the reduction consequent upon the duties levied herein, the Governor-General may by Order in Council increase the duties imposed by this Act by an amount not exceeding threepence per bushel on wheat and twelve shillings per ton on flour. Any such Order in Council may be at any time in like manner revoked". *(Reverend Mr. Carr.)*

And the Question being put, That the new clause be read a second time, it passed in the Negative.

Schedule read. Amendment proposed: In Part II, item 4, to omit the words "five shillings", and insert the words "four shillings" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Wilkinson.)*

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, 36.

Armstrong	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H. E.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Howard	Sullivan
Carr	Lye	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
de la Perrelle	Macpherson	Waite
Donald	Makitanara	Williams
Field	Massey, J. N.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Hawke	Polson	Murdoch.
Healy		

NOES, 20.

Barnard	Langstone	Samuel
Black	McKeen	Savage
Chapman	Martin	Semple
Dickie	Mason	Wright.
Fraser	Massey, W. W.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Nash, W.	Fletcher
Hogan	Rushworth	Wilkinson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the word "eightpence", and insert the word "threepence" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Wilkinson.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Item agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In item 5 to omit the words "thirteen pounds", and insert the words "eleven pounds" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Wilkinson.)*

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, 36.

Armstrong	Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Holland, H. E.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Howard	Sullivan
Carr	Lye	Sykes
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner
de la Perrelle	McDonald	Te Tomo
Dickie	Macpherson	Waite
Donald	Makitanara	Williams
Field	Massey, J. N.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Hawke	Polson	Murdoch.
Healy		

NOES, 19.

Barnard	McKeen	Savage
Black	Martin	Semple
Chapman	Mason	Wright.
Fraser	Massey, W. W.	
Harris	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Rushworth	Fletcher
Langstone	Samuel	Wilkinson.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: To omit the words "one pound twelve shillings", and insert the words "one pound five shillings" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Wilkinson.)*

Amendment negatived on the voices.

Another amendment proposed: In item 23 to omit the words "threepence per pound", and insert the word "free" in lieu thereof. *(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, 36.

Broadfoot	Lye	Samuel
Burnett	Lysnar	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Sykes
de la Perrelle	Macmillan	Taverner
Dickie	Macpherson	Te Tomo
Donald	Makitanara	Waite
Field	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Hawke	Polson	Bitchener
Healy	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Murdoch.
Holland, H.		

NOES, 20.

Armstrong	Hogan	Parry
Barnard	Holland, H. E.	Rushworth
Black	Langstone	Semple
Carr	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Chapman	Martin	*Tellers.*
Fletcher	Mason	Howard
Fraser	Nash, W.	Savage.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another amendment proposed: In item No. 394 to omit the words "eightpence per gallon" in columns 1 and 2, and substitute the word "sixpence." *(Mr. Fletcher.)*

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Customs Acts 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 impose Duties of Customs and Excise, and to amend the Customs Acts."

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

19. *Committee of Supply (Public Works 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 Committee of Supply.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,158,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the General Purposes Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,374,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Electric Supply Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Main Highways Account Revenue Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £540,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Main Highways Account Construction Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Hauraki Plains Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £155 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £28,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Swamp Land Drainage Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

To report the Resolutions, and move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Smith also moved that the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

20. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after seven of the clock p.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after five of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Thursday, the 5th Day of November, 1931.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Orders of the Day was postponed until after consideration of Order of Business Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive and No. 9.

2. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Maramarua and Piako Survey Districts.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an aggregate area of 82 acres 3 roods 5 perches, being portions of Maramarua Plantation, Block VIII, Maramarua Survey District, and Blocks V and VI, Piako Survey District, Auckland Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 88.

3. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Otaio Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 22 acres 2 roods 14 perches, being Section 3508, Block XII, Otaio Survey District, Canterbury Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 174.

4. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Aongatete Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 144 acres, being Section 1, Block IV, Aongatete Survey District, Auckland Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 89.

5. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Mangahao Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 107 acres 3 roods 30 perches, situated in Block I, Mangahao Survey District, Wellington Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 65.

6. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Hangaroa Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 160 acres, being Section 26, Block X, Hangaroa Survey District, Gisborne Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 64.

7. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Cheviot Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 98 acres 2 roods, being Reserve 3666, Block V, Cheviot Survey District, Canterbury Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 63.

8. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Waitemata Survey District.*—On motion of the honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, two small areas, containing 11 acres 2 roods 27 perches, parts of Section 51H, Blocks V and VI, Waitemata Survey District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 62.

9. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Oteramika Hundred.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 150 acres, known as Sawmill Area 233B, Block X, Oteramika Hundred, Southland Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 61.

10. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Waipu Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 581 acres 2 roods, being Section 1, Block IV, Waipu Survey District, North Auckland Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 14.

11. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Jacob's River Hundred.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 2,514 acres and 17 perches, comprising certain sections in Blocks XIII, XX, and XXI, Jacob's River Hundred, Southland Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State forest, as set forth in Paper No. 13.

12. *Forests Act, 1921–22: Withdrawal from a Permanent State Forest of certain Area in Lyndon Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That, pursuant to section 19 of the Forests Act, 1921–22, an area of 8 acres and 34 perches, part Reserve 3943, Block II, Lyndon Survey District, Canterbury Land District, be withdrawn from a permanent State Forest, as set forth in Paper No. 177.

13. *Reservation of certain Area as an Endowment for Primary Education in the Clutha Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That this House approves of the proposal contained in Paper No. 150 for the reservation of Section 1341R, Block CII, Clutha Survey District, as an endowment for primary education.

14. *Changing Purpose of a Reserve from Cricket-ground to Endowment in Aid of Borough of Hokitika Funds.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That this House approves of the proposal contained in Paper No. 149 for changing the purpose of Reserve No. 446, Town of Hokitika, from a reserve for a cricket-ground to an endowment in aid of the Borough funds.

15. *Revocation of Reservation for Recreation Purposes over Area in the Wai-iti Survey District.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ransom, *Ordered*, That this House approves of the proposals contained in Paper No. 148 for the revocation of the reservation for recreation purposes over Lot 26, D.P. 8548, Town of Miranui, and part Section 156, Waimea South Original District, Block XV, Wai-iti Survey District.

16. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Bitchener, *Ordered*, That leave of absence for three days be granted to Mr. Tau Henare, on account of illness.

17. *Suspension of Standing Orders (Local Bills).*—On motion of Mr. Mason, *Ordered*, That with respect to the New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361, 362, and 366 have not been complied with, and that the Bill has been introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session.

18. *New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill.—Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain Irregular Proceedings in connection with the Construction by the New Lynn Town Board of a Sewerage System; and that Mr. Mason do prepare and bring it in.

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

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

188. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1930 [Ashley, Awatere, Buller, Cheviot, Cook, Eketahuna, Geraldine, Grey, Inangahua, Lake, Matakaoa, Opotiki, Pahiatua, Patea, Taumarunui, Tauranga, Uawa, Waihemo, Waipa, Waipara, Wairoa, Waitemata, Wallace, Wanganui, and Whangamomona].

189. County Councils: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1931 [Awatere, Clifton, Eketahuna, Hutt, Inangahua, Kowai, Makara, Maniototo, Mangonui, Manukau, Mount Herbert, Paparua, Patea, Rotorua, Springs, Taranaki, Tauranga, Tuapeka, Waipa, Waitomo, Wallace, and Westland].

190. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1931 [Alexandra, Bluff, Dannevirke, Kaiapoi, Martinborough, Masterton, Milton, Mount Eden, Naseby, New Brighton, New Plymouth, One Tree Hill, Patea, Petone, Rotorua, South Invercargill, Sumner, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, and West Harbour].

191. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheets for the Year ended 31st March, 1930 [Arrowtown, Birkenhead, Bluff, Brunner, Cambridge, Dargaville, Eketahuna, Foxton, Geraldine, Gore, Hampden, Kaiapoi, Kumara, Milton, Mosgiel, Napier, New Plymouth, Palmerston, Patea, Rangiora, Rotorua, Te Aroha, West Harbour, and Westport].

192. Insurance Company's Return: Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the Year ended 30th June, 1931, of the Victoria Insurance Company, Limited (Accident Business).

193. Insurance Company's Return: Revenue Account and Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1931, of the Dental Indemnity Society.

194. County Councils: Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1928, of the Manawatu County Council.

195. Municipal Corporations: Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st March, 1929, of the Napier Municipal Corporation.

198. Fire Boards: Balance-sheets and Statements of Income and Expenditure of the New Plymouth and Petone Fire Boards for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

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

197. Unemployment Board, Cost of and Amounts paid out by.

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

196. Government Departments: Balance-sheets and Statements of Accounts of the, for the Year 1930-31. B.-1 (Pt. IV).

Ordered, That Paper No. 196 be printed.

20. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the Land Laws Amendment Bill, the Education Reserves Amendment Bill, and the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

21. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Land Laws Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

22. *Education Reserves Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Education Reserves Amendment Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

23. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.—Ordered*, That the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill be read a second time next sitting-day.

24. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Hawke, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Local Legislation Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

25. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The Local Legislation Bill stands referred to the Lands Committee.

26. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up Reports on the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill and the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Bill; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

27. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

28. *Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Bill be committed next sitting-day.

29. *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 Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1931. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Native Purposes Act, 1931, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed a Bill intituled the Law Practitioners Act, 1931, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

30. *Native Purposes Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Native Purposes Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, *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.

31. *Law Practitioners' Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council to consolidate and amend certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Law Practitioners be now read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time accordingly, and (with the leave of the House) read a second time *pro forma*, and, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, ordered to be referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

32. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 45.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Scientific and Industrial Research Act, 1926," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 Scientific and Industrial Research Act, 1926.

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

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

33. *Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment Bill.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, according to Order, presented the Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

34. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 46.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendments in the Bill intituled "An Act to 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:—

To insert, under the heading "*City and Borough Councils*", the following new clauses:—

"19A. Whereas in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section twenty-two of the Health Act, 1920, the Board of Health, by requisition under its seal dated the thirteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, required the Eastbourne Borough Council to provide within its district drainage-works, sewerage-works, and waterworks for the purpose of affording drainage and water-supply to the Borough of Eastbourne: And whereas a large sum of money has been spent in an endeavour to find water in the said borough to enable the erection of waterworks for the supply to the said borough of water for domestic, trade, and other purposes, but such endeavour was unsuccessful: And whereas, for the purpose of complying with such requisition, the Eastbourne Borough Council (hereinafter called the purchaser) approached the Lower Hutt Borough Council (hereinafter

called the vendor) with a request to supply the purchaser with water, which the vendor agreed to do: And whereas, by an agreement dated the fifth day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, made between the vendor of the one part and the purchaser of the other part, the vendor agreed to supply to the purchaser and the purchaser to take from the vendor water for domestic, trade, and public purposes for a term of fifteen years from the first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, upon the conditions set out in the said agreement: And whereas it is expedient that such agreement should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section two hundred and forty-nine of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the said agreement is hereby validated and confirmed as from the date of execution thereof.

"(2) The Lower Hutt Borough Council may, without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, raise by special order a loan for the purposes of the construction of all or any of the works required in terms of the said agreement to be constructed by that Council, including the acquisition of all lands and easements required in connection therewith.

"19B. Whereas the Foxton Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) pursuant to a proposal carried by the ratepayers of the borough on the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, raised a loan of eleven thousand pounds, known and hereinafter referred to as the Gasworks Loan, for the purchase of certain land, gasworks, and plant in the borough, and the Council duly made and levied a special rate of twopence and fifteen-sixteenths of a penny in the pound, known as the Gasworks Loan special rate, on the rateable property in the Borough of Foxton for the purpose of securing the payment of interest and providing a sinking fund in respect of the Gasworks Loan: And whereas the date of maturity of the Gasworks Loan was the fourteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, but the said special rate levied by the Council provided a sinking fund of only seven thousand six hundred and thirty-four pounds six shillings and twopence, leaving a deficiency of three thousand three hundred and sixty-five pounds thirteen shillings and tenpence in the amount required to repay the Gasworks Loan: And whereas, in order to take advantage of the unusually favourable rate of exchange, the Council repaid the Gasworks Loan on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and by so doing effected a saving of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two pounds seventeen shillings and ninepence, thus reducing the said deficiency to the net amount of one thousand six hundred and two pounds sixteen shillings and one penny: And whereas the Council borrowed the amount of such net deficiency from its bankers on overdraft in the mistaken belief that it was legally empowered under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, at any time prior to the date of maturity of the Gasworks Loan to raise a renewal loan for the purpose of repaying so much of the principal of the Gasworks Loan as was not provided by the Accumulated Sinking Fund in respect thereof, and that such renewal loan could be applied in repaying to its bankers the amount borrowed on overdraft as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient to authorize the Council to continue to levy the Gasworks Loan special rate, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to repay to its bankers the amount borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest, for a period of four years, commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-two: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Council is hereby authorized to levy and collect the Gasworks Loan special rate for a period not exceeding four years, commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, for the purpose of repaying to its bankers the said sum of one thousand six hundred and two pounds sixteen shillings and one penny borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest thereon at the rate charged to the Council by its bankers for overdrafts. The said sum shall not be deemed to have been borrowed under the power conferred by section three of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22.

"19C. Whereas the Birkenhead Borough Council is the holder of a fund of six hundred and thirty-seven pounds voluntarily contributed and raised by the ratepayers and residents of the borough for the purpose of assisting the Borough Council in the establishment of a municipal fire brigade and the provision of fire-fighting appliances and equipment for the Borough of Birkenhead: And whereas the district of the said borough was declared to be a fire district under the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926, before any part of the said fund was expended by the Borough Council for the said purposes, and the Council thereupon ceased to have authority in law to provide fire-fighting appliances and establish a fire brigade in such district: And whereas it was always intended by the contributors of the said fund that the money raised should be used in relief of or towards payment of additional rates which would otherwise have to be provided by the ratepayers of the district for the purpose, and it is expedient that the Borough Council should have power to apply such moneys accordingly: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Birkenhead Borough Council is hereby empowered and authorized, and shall be deemed to have been authorized, to use and expend the aforesaid fund and any accretion thereto in or towards payment of the contributions from time to time due or to become due from the said Council to the Birkenhead Fire Board by way of levy under the provisions of section twenty-six of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926.

"19D. Whereas the Auckland City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) has for some time past granted leases under its leasing-powers contained in section one hundred and fifty-three of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), and the corresponding sections of the earlier Municipal Corporations Acts since repealed: And whereas the said leases contain a provision that the valuation required by the said section one hundred and fifty-three shall be made in manner provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act: And whereas difficulties have arisen in obtaining a unanimous agreement as to the valuation by the three independent persons mentioned in the said section one hundred and fifty-four: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) In every lease granted by the Council containing a provision that any valuation thereunder shall be made in manner provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act it shall be lawful for the Council to require such valuation to be made by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Corporation and the other by the lessee, his executors, administrators, or assigns, and such arbitrators may appoint an umpire.

"(2) Where not otherwise inconsistent with the context of any such lease, the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1908, shall apply in respect of every such valuation.

"(3) It shall be lawful for the Council to require a valuation to be made pursuant to this section in all cases where no valuation has been made or where an attempt at fixing a valuation has proved abortive.

"(4) This section shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-four, and no longer.

"19E. Whereas the Auckland City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) was recently authorized to raise a loan of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred pounds for the purpose of redeeming a portion of the outstanding liability in respect of a loan of three hundred and ten thousand two hundred pounds maturing on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty-one: And whereas it was anticipated that surplus sinking funds of a consolidated loan of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine pounds would also be available for redemption of debentures issued in respect of the maturing loan: And whereas the surplus sinking fund has been very considerably reduced by the decision of the Sinking Fund Commissioners to

write down the values of the securities when transferring such securities to sinking funds on other City Council loans: And whereas, in order to complete the repayment of the maturing loan the Council has been compelled to provide additional money from its District Fund: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Council may by special order raise the sum of nine thousand pounds by way of special loan under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, but without taking the steps described in sections nine to thirteen of that Act, and may pay the proceeds of such special loan into its District Fund.

"(2) The Council shall make a special rate on all rateable property in the City of Auckland as security for the interest and other charges in respect of the said loan of nine thousand pounds, and such special rate may be levied as part of the special rate made and levied in respect of the said loan of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred pounds, or may be levied in addition to the said special rate."

To insert, under the heading "*Harbour Boards*", the following new clause:—

"24A. Whereas the Bluff Harbour Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) having been empowered to reclaim from the waters of Bluff Harbour the land described in the First and Second Schedules to the Bluff Harbour Reclamation and Leasing and Empowering Act, 1929, desires to borrow money for the purpose of constructing reclamation walls required in order to effect such reclamation and for the purpose of constructing streets, railway-lines, sewers, drains, and water-pipes upon and in such land when reclaimed: And whereas the Board, having been authorized by the Bluff Harbour Foreshore Reclamation and Leasing and Borrowing Act, 1902, and the Bluff Harbour Improvements Act, 1915, to borrow amounts not exceeding the sums of fifty thousand pounds and one hundred thousand pounds respectively, has borrowed only parts of such sums: And whereas it is doubtful whether the Board is authorized to expend any money borrowed under the authority of either of the last-mentioned Acts for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned: And whereas it is desirable that the Board should be so authorized: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Board is hereby authorized to apply any moneys heretofore borrowed or that may hereafter be borrowed by it under the authority of the Bluff Harbour Foreshore Reclamation and Leasing and Borrowing Act, 1902, or of the Bluff Harbour Improvements Act, 1915, in doing all or any of the following things (in addition to those mentioned in those Acts), namely:—

"(*a*) Constructing walls in Bluff Harbour for the purpose of enabling the carrying-out of the reclamation of the areas described in the First Schedule to the Bluff Harbour Foreshore Reclamation and Leasing and Borrowing Act, 1902, and the areas described in the First and Second Schedules to the Bluff Harbour Reclamation Leasing and Empowering Act, 1929:

"(*b*) Paying preliminary expenses, royalties, and other charges and expenses incidental to the carrying-out of such reclamation:

"(*c*) Erecting buildings and other structures, and purchasing plant, equipment, and material required in connection with the carrying-out of such reclamation:

"(*d*) Constructing streets, railway-lines, sewers, drains, and pipes for providing a supply of water upon and in the land so reclaimed."

To insert, under the heading "*Drainage and River Boards*", the following clause:—

"35A. Whereas the Taieri River Trust has purchased a drag-line excavator for the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty pounds, payable in instalments extending over three financial years: And whereas the instalments payable during the first two years of the said period of three years have been

duly paid and the Trust finds that it is necessary to enter into fresh negotiations to permit it to make such arrangements for payment of the balance of the purchase-money as will be in keeping with its present financial position: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The purchase by the Taieri River Trust of the said drag-line excavator, involving payment for the same by instalments, is hereby validated.

"(2) It shall be lawful for the Taieri River Trust to enter into such arrangements as it deems expedient as to payment by instalments of the balance of purchase-money now due and owing in respect of the said drag-line excavator, and to make payments in accordance with such arrangements."

To insert, under the heading "*Affecting Two or more Classes of Local Authorities*", the following new clauses:—

"40A. (1) The Northcote Borough Council and the Birkenhead Fire Board may enter into an agreement for any period ending not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, for the protection from fire of the Birkenhead Fire District by the Northcote Borough Council upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon:

"Provided that such agreement shall not have any force or effect unless and until it is approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs.

"(2) Any such agreement shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and all acts of the Northcote Borough Council done on or after that date, but before the making of such agreement, for the purpose of protecting the Birkenhead Fire District from fire, shall be deemed to have been as validly done in all respects as if done pursuant to such agreement.

"40B. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, or any other Act, the Corporation of the City of Wellington (hereinafter called the Corporation) is hereby authorized to lease to the New Zealand Free Ambulance Transport Service (Wellington Branch), Incorporated, a part, situate at the eastern end, and not exceeding twenty-nine perches in area, of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 193, folio 193, Wellington Registry, situate in the City of Wellington, being part of the reclaimed land known as "Reserve K", and being parts of Lots 1, 2, and 3 on Deposited Plan 2428, for a period of fifty years from the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, at a yearly rental of fifty-two pounds, free of all municipal rates, subject to a proviso for determination in case the land shall at any time during the said term cease to be used for the purpose of a site for a free-ambulance station, and subject to such other covenants, conditions, and provisions as shall be fixed by the Corporation.

"(2) In the event of any land being leased pursuant to the provisions of this section, the provisions of section three of the Wellington City Reclamation and Empowering Act, 1906, shall not at any time thereafter apply to such land, and no lessee of any such land shall at any time be entitled to a license from the Wellington Harbour Board under that section.

"40C. Whereas the Halswell County Council is the holder of a license dated the second day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, issued to the Council under the authority of section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, to construct and use an electric line for conveying electricity to serve the inhabitants of a certain area in the said Halswell County—namely, numbers 1 and 2 Ridings of the said county: And whereas the Halswell County Council has agreed with the Christchurch City Council for the assignment of the said license to the Christchurch City Council and the purchase by the Christchurch City Council of the electric works constructed by the Halswell County Council under the said license: And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether a local authority has power to sell any such works, save to an electric-power board, and it is expedient to authorize the said assignment of license and sale of electric works: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The assignment by the Halswell County Council to the Christchurch City Council of the said license and the sale by the Halswell County Council to the Christchurch City Council of the said electric works is hereby authorized, and upon the completion of such assignment and sale the said license and electric works shall become vested in the Christchurch City Council, subject to the same duties and obligations as the Halswell County Council is under in respect of the said license".

Government House,
Wellington, 4th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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.

35. *Local Legislation Bill.*—The amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Local Legislation Bill stand referred to the Local Bills Committee.

36. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 47.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of the following amendment in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the 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 add the following new clauses:—

"21. Whereas the beds of Lakes Waipori and Tatawai are by section nineteen of the Taieri River Improvement Act, 1920, vested in the Taieri River Trust (hereinafter referred to as the said Trust) as an endowment (hereinafter referred to as the lake-beds endowment): And whereas surrounding the beds of the said lakes are certain lakeside reserves and unused road-lines (hereinafter referred to as the said reserves), as the said reserves are more particularly described in subsection six hereof: And whereas there are situated in Lake Tatawai, in Lake Waipori, and in the connecting channel between the two said lakes certain islands which are more particularly described in subsection seven hereof (hereinafter referred to as the said islands): And whereas it is considered desirable to vest the said reserves and the said islands in the said Trust as endowments: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Governor-General may at any time, by Order in Council, cancel the existing reservation over each of the said reserves or from time to time over any part of any of the said reserves, and by the same or a subsequent Order in Council vest in the said Trust as an endowment the land affected by such cancellation, and may in like manner vest the said islands in the said Trust as an endowment (all such endowments being hereinafter collectively referred to as the said endowments).

"(2) The said Trust shall in respect of each of the said endowments vested in it under the last preceding subsection be a leasing authority within the meaning of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

"(3) All revenue derived from the said endowments, and the proceeds of any sale pursuant to the power conferred by the next succeeding subsection of any land forming part of any of the said endowments, and any moneys received by way of equality of exchange in respect of any such land, shall be applied by the said Trust towards payment of interest and other charges on any loan or loans raised by the said Trust for the purpose of improving the waterway of the Waipori River and extension of the contour-channel and channels running through the said lakes, or by way of expenditure on any work or works pertaining to the said endowments or the beds of the said lakes.

"(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section or in any other Act, the said Trust for the purpose of correcting, adjusting, and more fully determining the boundaries between the said endowments and the lake-beds endowment and adjoining privately-owned lands may from time to time sell to the owner of any such adjoining land any land forming part of any such endowment, or may exchange any such endowment land for any adjoining privately-owned land (and in connection with any such exchange give or receive any money by way of equality of exchange).

"(5) Any land so sold or given in exchange by the said Trust shall thereupon be freed and discharged from the reservation theretofore affecting it, and any land acquired by the said Trust by way of exchange shall become part of the particular endowment from which the land given by the said Trust was taken.

"(6) The said reserves are more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement thirteen acres three roods, more or less, being the road reserve along the shore of Lake Waipori adjoining Sections 32 and 33, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District, and the road and lakeside reserves between Sections 1 of 1, 2 of 1, and 2, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, and Lake Waipori; and bounded as follows: Commencing at the south-west corner of Section 33, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District; thence by said section and two public roads intersecting the same, by Section 32, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District, 1 of 1, 2 of 1, and 2, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, to a point on the road forming the south boundary of said Section 2 opposite peg 7, as shown on Plan 10, Maungatua, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin, 8170 links; thence by a right line bearing 181° 2′ 30″, 250 links, to the Waipori Lake; thence by the said lake to the point where the production of the west boundary of Section 33, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District, touches the lake, 8600 links; thence by the production of said section line, 110 links, to the point of commencement; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

"Also all that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement fifty-eight acres two roods, being the lakeside reserve along the shore of Lake Tatawai and part of the lakeside reserve and road reserve along the shore of Lake Waipori, together with the reserves on the east and west banks of the channel connecting the two lakes, and bounded as follows: Commencing at the south-west corner of Section 9, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, thence by said Section 9, the crossing of a public road, a public road, Sections 8, 54, 47, 39, and 84, 16572 links; again by Section 84, 557·5 links; by a public road, 100 links; by Sections 46, 45, 44, 43, a public road, Sections 42, 41, 40, a public road, Section 21, the reserve along each bank of Bull Creek and the crossing of the said creek by Sections 12 and 10, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, to a point opposite peg 47, as shown on Plan 10, Maungatua, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin, 24600 links; thence by a line bearing 76° 24′, 156·7 links, to said peg 47 and by the production of this line to the shore of Lake Waipori, 60 links; thence by the shore of said lake, by the east bank of the channel connecting Lake Waipori with Lake Tatawai, by

the shore of the last-mentioned lake, and by the west bank of the beforementioned channel, and by the shore of Lake Waipori and a branch of the Waipori River to peg 6 at the most southern point of the road forming the west boundary of Section 9, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, as shown on Plan 10, Maungatua, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin, 44800 links; thence by said road, 58° 7′, 188 links, to the point of commencement; and excepting such parts of the Berwick–Henley Road as intersect the above-described parcel of land, a deduction for which has been made from the area; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

"As the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 15/102, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

"(7) The said islands are more particularly described as follows:—

"All those areas in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement seven acres, more or less, being an island near the south end of Lake Tatawai and two islands situated in the channel connecting Lake Tatawai with Lake Waipori, and excepting such parts of the Berwick–Henley Road as intersect the above-described parcels of land, a deduction for which has been made from the area.

"Also all those areas in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement eleven acres, more or less, being the islands in the Waipori Lake lying to the east of Section 5, Block XXIII, Waihola Survey District, and to the north of Section 10, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District.

"As the same are more particularly shown on the plan marked L. and S. 15/102, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green."

Government House,
Wellington, 4th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of an amendment in the Bill to provide for the 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.

37. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—The amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill stand referred to the Lands Committee.

38. *Broadcasting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Broadcasting Bill;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit the word "four" in line 1, and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In subclause (4) to insert, after the words "four years" in line 20, the word "and", and to omit the words "and one for a period not exceeding two years". *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to omit the words "of Telegraphs hereinafter referred to as the Minister" in lines 25 and 26. *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to insert, after the words "six hundred" in line 46, the words "and fifty"; and to omit the word "two" in line 47, and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit the words "three members (of whom one shall be the Chairman)", and insert the words "two members" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 13 read and agreed to.

Clause 14 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clauses 15 to 21 read and agreed to.

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

"1A. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"'Advisory Council' or 'Council' means the Advisory Council appointed in accordance with this Act:

"'Board' means the New Zealand Broadcasting Board established under this Act:

"'Minister' means the Minister of Telegraphs.

"2A. (1) For the purpose of advising the Board in respect of its functions under this Act, there shall be appointed, in accordance with this section, an advisory body to be called the Advisory Council to the New Zealand Broadcasting Board.

"(2) The Advisory Council shall consist of eight members, of whom five shall be ordinarily resident in the North Island and three shall be ordinarily resident in the South Island.

"(3) The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister, for a term not exceeding three years, save that any such member may be reappointed, or may be at any time removed from office by the Governor-General, or may resign his office by writing addressed to the Minister.

"(4) Before making any recommendation under the last preceding subsection the Minister shall give to the several recognized organizations of listeners an opportunity to nominate persons suitable for appointment as members of the Advisory Council.

"(5) Members of the Advisory Council (not being officers in the service of the Government) shall be paid out of the revenue of the Board such allowances as may be prescribed in that behalf by regulations under this Act, and all travelling-expenses reasonably incurred by them in respect of attendance at meetings of the Council.

"(6) The Advisory Council shall meet at such times and places as the Board or the Minister may from time to time determine.

"14A. (1) The Board, if and when required by the Minister so to do, shall acquire from him, at such price and upon such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, any broadcasting stations, plant, and other assets that the Minister may acquire from the Radio Broadcasting Company of New Zealand, Limited, pursuant to agreements made between the Minister and the said Company, on the eighteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and the sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, respectively.

"(2) The said agreements are hereby declared to be valid, and any payment to be made by the Minister to the said Company in terms thereof shall be paid out of the Post Office Account without further appropriation than this section.

"22. The Governor-General may by Order in Council make all such regulations as are contemplated by this Act or as are reasonably required for the purpose of giving effect thereto." *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to make Provision for a National Broadcasting Service, and for that Purpose to constitute a New Zealand Broadcasting Board."

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

39. *Transport Licensing Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Transport Licensing Bill (No. 2);

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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 63 read and agreed to.

Clause 64 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 65 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to make Better Provision for the Licensing and Control of Commercial Road Transport Services other than Tramways".

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

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

Friday, the 6th Day of November, 1931.

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

PRAYERS.

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

201. Rural Intermediate Credit Board: Accounts for the Year ended 30th June, 1931.

202. Post and Telegraph Department: Schedule of Regulations, comprising Postal Regulations, Householders' Circulars, Amendments to Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1931, Postal Note Regulations, and Postal Regulations and Charges.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table in return to Orders of the House:—

199. Land for Settlements: Particulars relating to the Number of, Acreage of, and Prices paid for Estates purchased under; Area of State Lands developed, Cost of, Unemployed engaged on, and Estimated Number to be settled on.

200. Land for Settlements: Te Wera Estate—Area of, Price paid, Subdivision of, Cost of Improvements, and Number of Applications for Sections.

2. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, all other Order of Business with the exception of consideration of the Report of the Statutes Revision Committee on the Law Practitioners Bill was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

3. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Report on the Law Practitioners Bill; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Law Practitioners Bill.—Ordered*, That the Law Practitioners Bill be committed next sitting-day.

5. *Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Chattels Transfer Amendment Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

With the unanimous consent of the Committee the amendments made by the Statutes Revision Committee were read into and form part of the Bill.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clauses 2A, 3, and 4 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

With the leave of the House, the Report was ordered to be committed forthwith.

The same was accordingly read, and agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Chattels Transfer Act, 1924."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill back to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has passed the Bill with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

7. *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 (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed forthwith.

8. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Land Laws Amendment Bill and the Education Reserves Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

9. *Land Laws Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to insert, after the words "Commissioner of Crown Lands", the words "or such officer of the Department as the Minister may from time to time appoint for the purposes of this section". *(Honourable Mr. Ransom.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 11 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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10. *Land Laws Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Land Laws Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 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.

11. *Education Reserves Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Smith also 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, 1928."

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

12. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 48.*

The Bills intituled—

The Defence Amendment Act, 1931,
The National Provident Fund Amendment Act, 1931,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (No. 4)
The Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, 1931,
The Land and Income Tax (Annual) Act, 1931,
The Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Act, 1931,
The Rotorua Borough Reclamation Empowering Act, 1931,
The South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Act, 1931,
The Cameron and Soldiers' Memorial Park (Masterton) Trustees Empowering Act, 1931, and
The Dominion Life Assurance Office of New Zealand, Limited, Act, 1931,

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, 1931.

13. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 49.*

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, 1932.

Christchurch, 6th November, 1931.

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

14. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Imprest Supply Bill (No. 5).

15. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Orders of the Day down to and including Order of the Day No. 11 was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 12.

16. *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. Smith reported that the Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million five hundred and eighty-one 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 thirty-two.

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. Smith 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.

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

The Honourable Mr. 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. Smith reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 thirty-two,—

(*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 ninety-two 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 two hundred and eighty-nine 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 thirty-two.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
The Consolidated Fund—	
Ordinary Revenue Account	500,000
The Public Works Fund—	
General Purposes Account	100,000
Electric Supply Account	100,000
Separate Accounts—	
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account	2,000
Land for Settlements Account	1,000
Main Highways Account—	
Main Highways Revenue Fund	100,000
Main Highways Construction Fund	50,000
Native Land Settlement Account	10,000
State Coal-mines Account	10,000
State Forests Account	15,000
Swamp Land Drainage Account	1,000
Unemployment Fund	2,000
Westport Harbour Account	1,000
Working Railways Account	400,000
	£1,292,000

SECOND SCHEDULE.

	£
The Post-office Account	240,000
The Government Insurance Account	10,000
The Government Accident Insurance Account	750
The State Fire Insurance Account	4,000
The Public Service Superannuation Fund Account	750
The Public Trustee's Account	24,000
The Native Trustee's Account	1,250
The State Advances Account—	
Advances to Settlers Branch	5,000
Advances to Workers Branch	1,500
Advances to Local Authorities Branch	500
Rural Advances Branch	500
Miscellaneous Business Branch	750
	£289,000

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

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

18. *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 thirty-two, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

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. Smith 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 thirty-two."

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

19. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after ten of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until six minutes after twelve of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stands adjourned.

Saturday, the 7th Day of November, 1931.

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. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

3. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Macpherson, from the Lands Committee, brought up Reports on the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, Local Legislation Bill, a special Report *re* the Clerk, and a final Report; 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. *Local Legislation Bill.—Ordered*, That the Local Legislation Bill be read a second time presently.

6. *Defence Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Defence Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of R. F. Laing, a special Report *re* the Clerk, and a final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of H. F. Laing, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Barnard, from the Defence Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. *Education Committee.*—Colonel McDonald, from the Education Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Margaret Warner, A. R. Atkinson and others, H. Hayes and others, Norah V. Barber, A. Murdoch and another, the Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill (together with minutes of evidence), a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Norah V. Barber, and A. Murdoch and another, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Mr. H. Holland, from the Education Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill.—Ordered*, That the Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill be committed next sitting-day.

9. *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 Broadcasting Act, 1931, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

10. *Broadcasting Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Broadcasting Bill be considered presently.

11. *Standing Orders Committee.*—Mr. Smith (for the Honourable Sir Charles Statham), from the Standing Orders Committee, brought up a Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

12. *Public Petitions M to Z Committee.*—Mr. Lye, from the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Janet McNaughton Shirriffs, the Taranaki Electric-power Board, J. S. Pullan, and J. H. Rankin, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. S. Pullan, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. H. Rankin, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Kyle, 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.

13. *Agricultural and Pastoral Industries and Stock Committee.*—Mr. Lye, 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.

Mr. Burnett, 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.

14. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Macmillan (for Mr. Hawke), from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of A. H. Foggin and others, and moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clinkard, seconded by Mr. Savage, moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Report", with a view to inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "be referred back to the Committee for further consideration".

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macmillan (for Mr. Hawke), from the Local Bills Committee, also 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.

15. *Local Legislation Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Local Legislation Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

16. *Joint Library Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot (for the Honourable Sir Charles Statham), from the Joint Library Committee, brought up the Annual Report of the Chief Librarian for the Year ended 31st March, 1931 (H.–32); and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Broadfoot (for the Honourable Sir Charles Statham), from the Joint Library Committee, also brought up a Special Report, and the same was read as follows:—

The Joint Library Committee has the honour to report that His Excellency the Governor-General having been graciously pleased to present to the General Assembly Library the original ink drawing by Sir Bernard Partridge, Kt., of the Cartoon which appeared in *Punch* on 11th February, 1931, with reference to the Hawke's Bay Earthquake, the Committee has had the drawing hung in a suitable and proper place.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

17. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Hogan, from the Railways Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, the New Zealand Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association, the New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association, J. W. M. Smith, W. H. Landells, W. F. Hodsen, A. Teale, and D. W. Coleman and others, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, the New Zealand Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association, the New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association, and J. W. M. Smith, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of W. F. Hodsen, A. Teale, and D. W. Coleman and others, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. W. Nash, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

18. *Public Petitions A to L Committee.*—Mr. Healy, from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of J. Davidson, J. H. Ibell, E. L. Applegarth, W. S. Cooper, E. A. Bailey, S. W. Fitzherbert, Rhoda J. Kelly, C. H. Greenhead, P. N. Denton, and M. G. Templeton, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of M. G. Templeton, P. N. Denton, C. H. Greenhead and Rhoda J. Kelly, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions of E. A. Bailey and S. W. Fitzherbert, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Macmillan (for Mr. Healy), from the Public Petitions A to L Committee, brought up a special Report *re* the Clerk; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. O'Brien, 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.

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

203. General Assembly Library: Report of the Chief Librarian for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. H.–32.

204. Native Land Development: Statement by Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Native Minister. G.–10.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 203 and 204 be printed.

20. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Jull, from the Labour BillsC ommittee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

21. *Native Affairs Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of Henare Matanuku, Henare Matanuku and others, Ngahoki P. Rikihana, F. J. Burt and another, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petitions of Henare Matanuku, Henare Matanuku and others, and Ngahoki P. Rikihana, together with the Reports of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for inquiry.

Mr. Williams, from the Native Affairs Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

22. *Public Health Committee.*—Mr. Clinkard, from the Public Health Committee, brought up Reports on the Petitions of P. McWilliam, H. N. G. Dyson, and A. T. Murray, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Munro, from the Public Health Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

23. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 50.*

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, 7th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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 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.

24. *Finance Bill (No. 4).*—The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill (No. 4), which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time next sitting-day, and to be printed.

25. *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 made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled the Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1931. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (No. 5), which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

26. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all further Order of Business down to Orders of the Day for Local Bills was postponed in order to consider Orders of the Day for Local Bills.

27. *Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That Standing Order 370 be suspended in order to allow clause 3A to be considered in Committee.

28. *Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

29. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill and the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

30. *Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 3A 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, 25.

Ansell	Healy	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Barnard	Jones, Hon. D.	Waite
Bitchener	Lye	Ward
Broadfoot	Martin	Williams
Burnett	Massey, J. N.	Young, Hon. J. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Murdoch	
Field	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Polson	Macmillan
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Wright.

NOES, 19.

Atmore	McCombs	Sullivan
Chapman	McKeen	Taverner
Donald	Macpherson	Wilkinson.
Fraser	Massey, W. W.	
Hogan	Munro	*Tellers.*
Holland, H. E.	O'Brien	Howard
Lysnar	Parry	Savage.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

To report the Bill without amendment.

31. *Wellington City Milk Supply Amendment Bill :*
Clause 1 read.

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

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32. *Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance 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 Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Act, 1928."

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

33. *Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had made progress in the Wellington City Milk-supply Amendment Bill, and moved for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, pre ently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

34. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wellington City Empowering Bill ;

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

35. *Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill ;

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

On motion of Mr. Parry, *Ordered*, That Standing Order 370 be suspended in order to allow an amendment to the Preamble and the addition of new clause 9 to be considered in Committee.

36. *Stoke Water-supply Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Stoke Water-supply Bill;

With the leave of the House, consideration of the Stoke Water-supply Bill was postponed.

37. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Wellington City Empowering Bill and the Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill.

(In the Committee.)

38. *Wellington City Empowering Bill:*

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 struck out by the Local Bills Committee.

Clauses 4A and 4B read and agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

To report the Bill without amendment.

39. *Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 8 read and agreed to.

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

"9. The Board is hereby empowered, at the request of the bearer for the time being of any debenture or debentures issued as security for any loan or loans, and subject to the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, to change the place of payment of the principal moneys and the interest payable under such debenture or debentures from the place stated in such debenture or debentures as being the place of payment of the principal moneys and interest to such place as shall be agreed upon between the Board and the bearer of any such debenture or debentures and to endorse or enface any such debentures and coupons attached thereto with notice of such change of place of payment, and upon such endorsement or enfacement being made the principal moneys and interest payable under any such debentures or coupons shall be payable at the place named in such endorsement or enfacement." *(Mr. Parry.)*

First and Second Schedules read and agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed: To add the following words: "And whereas the Board is desirous of being empowered to change the place of payment of the principal moneys and interest payable under debentures issued as security for loans". *(Mr. Parry.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Preamble as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

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40. *Wellington City Empowering Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Wellington City 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 Further Powers on the City of Wellington, and to authorize the Wellington City Corporation to close certain Portions of Lindum Terrace and vest same in Henrietta Vida East in Exchange for certain of her Land which has been proclaimed Street."

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

41. *Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to validate an Agreement entered into between the Auckland Harbour Board and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Auckland relating to the Orakei Waterfront Road, and also an Agreement entered into between the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Auckland relating to the Orakei Waterfront Road and the Sewage-tanks; and to confer Additional Powers upon the Auckland Harbour Board and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Takapuna, and the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Northcote, respectively."

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

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

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

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

44. *Mountain Guides Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mountain Guides Bill;

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

45. *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 Transport Licensing Act, 1931 (No. 2), with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

46. *Transport Licensing Bill (No. 2).—Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Transport Licensing Bill (No 2) be considered presently.

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

48. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 was postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

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

The Honourable Mr. Jones moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

50. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all Orders of the Day down to the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Local Legislation Bill be postponed in order to consider the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Local Legislation Bill.

51. *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 (with the leave of the House) ordered to be committed forthwith.

52. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment Bill, the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, the Mountain Guides Bill, the Counties Amendment Bill, the Mining Amendment Bill, and the Local Legislation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

53. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 20 read and agreed to.

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

"21. Whereas the beds of Lakes Waipori and Tatawai are by section nineteen of the Taieri River Improvement Act, 1920, vested in the Taieri River Trust (hereinafter referred to as the said Trust) as an endowment (hereinafter referred to as the lake-beds endowment): And whereas surrounding the beds of the said lakes are certain lakeside reserves and unused road-lines (hereinafter referred to as the said reserves), as the said reserves are more particularly described in subsection six hereof: And whereas there are situated in Lake Tatawai, in Lake Waipori, and in the connecting channel between the two said lakes certain islands which are more particularly described in subsection seven hereof (hereinafter referred to as the said islands): And whereas it is considered desirable to vest the said reserves and the said islands in the said Trust as endowments: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Governor-General may at any time, by Order in Council, cancel the existing reservation over each of the said reserves or from time to time over any part of any of the said reserves, and by the same or a subsequent Order in Council vest in the said Trust as an endowment the land affected by such cancellation, and may in like manner vest the said islands in the said Trust as an endowment (all such endowments being hereinafter collectively referred to as the said endowments).

"(2) The said Trust shall in respect of each of the said endowments vested in it under the last preceding subsection be a leasing authority within the meaning of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

"(3) All revenue derived from the said endowments, and the proceeds of any sale pursuant to the power conferred by the next succeeding subsection of any land forming part of any of the said endowments, and any moneys received by way of equality of exchange in respect of any such land, shall be applied by the said Trust towards payment of interest and other charges on any loan or loans raised by the said Trust for the purpose of improving the waterway of the Waipori River and extension of the contour-channel and channels running through the said lakes, or by way of expenditure on any work or works pertaining to the said endowments or the beds of the said lakes.

"(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section or in any other Act, the said Trust for the purpose of correcting, adjusting, and more fully determining the boundaries between the said endowments and the lake-beds endowment and adjoining privately owned lands may from time to time sell to the owner of any such adjoining land any land forming part of any such endowment, or may exchange any such endowment land for any adjoining privately owned land (and in connection with any such exchange give or receive any money by way of equality of exchange).

"(5) Any land so sold or given in exchange by the said Trust shall thereupon be freed and discharged from the reservation theretofore affecting it, and any land acquired by the said Trust by way of exchange shall become part of the particular endowment from which the land given by the said Trust was taken.

"(6) The said reserves are more particularly described as follows:—

"All that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement thirteen acres three roods, more or less, being the road reserve along the shore of Lake Waipori adjoining Sections 32 and 33, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District, and the road and lakeside reserves between Sections 1 of 1, 2 of 1, and 2, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, and Lake Waipori; and bounded as follows: Commencing at the south-west corner of Section 33, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District; thence by said section and two public roads intersecting the same, by Section 32, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District, 1 of 1, 2 of 1, and 2, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, to a point on the road forming the south boundary of said Section 2 opposite peg 7, as shown on Plan 10, Maungatua, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin, 8170 links; thence by a right line bearing 181° 2′ 30″, 250 links, to the Waipori Lake; thence by the said lake to the point where the production of the west boundary of Section 33, Block VII, Clarendon Survey District, touches the lake, 8600 links; thence by the production of said section line, 110 links, to the point of commencement; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

"Also all that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement fifty-eight acres two roods, being the lakeside reserve along the shore of Lake Tatawai and part of the lakeside reserve and road reserve along the shore of Lake Waipori, together with the reserves on the east and west banks of the channel connecting the two lakes, and bounded as follows: Commencing at the south-west corner of Section 9, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, thence by said Section 9, the crossing of a public road, a public road, Sections 8, 54, 47, 39, and 84, 16572 links; again by Section 84, 557·5 links; by a public road 100 links; by Sections 46, 45, 44, 43, a public road, Sections 42, 41, 40, a public road, Section 21, the reserve along each bank of Bull Creek and the crossing of the said creek by Sections 12 and 10, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, to a point opposite peg 47, as shown on Plan 10, Maungatua, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin, 24600 links; thence by a line bearing 76° 24′, 156·7 links, to said peg 47 and by the production of this line to the shore of Lake Waipori, 60 links; thence by the shore of said lake, by the east bank of the channel connecting Lake Waipori with Lake Tatawai, by the shore of the last-mentioned lake, and by the west bank of the beforementioned channel, and by the shore of Lake Waipori and a branch of the Waipori River to peg 6 at the most southern point of the road forming the west boundary of Section 9, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District, as shown on Plan 10, Maungatua, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin, 44800 links; thence by said road, 58° 7′, 188 links, to the point of commencement; and excepting such parts of the Berwick–Henley Road as intersect the above-described parcel of land, a deduction for which has been made from the area; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

"As the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 15/102, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

"(7) The said islands are more particularly described as follows:—

"All those areas in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement seven acres, more or less, being an island near the south end of Lake Tatawai and two islands situated in the channel connecting Lake Tatawai with Lake Waipori, and excepting such parts of the Berwick–Henley Road as intersect the above-described parcels of land, a deduction for which has been made from the area.

"Also all those areas in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement eleven acres, more or less, being the islands in the Waipori Lake lying to the east of Section 5, Block XXIII, Waihola Survey District, and to the north of Section 10, Block VI, Maungatua Survey District.

"As the same are more particularly shown on the plan marked L. and S. 15/102, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured green". *(Honourable Mr. Ransom.)*

To report the Bill with amendment.

54. *Counties Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (4), line 6, to insert, after the word "county", the words "not later than". *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendment.

55. *Local Legislation Bill:*

Clauses 1 to 23 read and agreed to.

Clause 24 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (1) to omit the words "as amended by section sixteen of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1926", and insert the words "and of any amendment thereof for the time being in force" in lieu thereof. *(Honourable Mr. Hamilton.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 45 read and agreed to.

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

"19A. Whereas in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section twenty-two of the Health Act, 1920, the Board of Health, by requisition under its seal dated the thirteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, required the Eastbourne Borough Council to provide within its district drainage-works, sewerage-works, and waterworks for the purpose of affording drainage and water-supply to the Borough of Eastbourne: And whereas a large sum of money has been spent in an endeavour to find water in the said borough to enable the erection of waterworks for the supply to the said borough of water for domestic, trade, and other purposes, but such endeavour was unsuccessful; And whereas, for the purpose of complying with such requisition, the Eastbourne Borough Council (hereinafter called the purchaser) approached the Lower Hutt Borough Council (hereinafter called the vendor) with a request to supply the purchaser with water, which the vendor agreed to do: And whereas, by an agreement dated the fifth day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, made between the vendor of the one part and the purchaser of the other part, the vendor agreed to supply to the purchaser and the purchaser to take from the vendor water for domestic, trade, and public purposes for a term of fifteen years from the first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, upon the conditions set out in the said agreement: And whereas it is expedient that such agreement should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section two hundred and forty-nine of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the said agreement is hereby validated and confirmed as from the date of execution thereof.

"(2) The Lower Hutt Borough Council may, without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, raise by special order a loan for the purposes of the construction of all or any of the works required in terms of the said agreement to be constructed by that Council, including the acquisition of all lands and easements required in connection therewith.

"19B. Whereas the Foxton Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) pursuant to a proposal carried by the ratepayers of the borough on the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and ten, raised a loan of eleven thousand pounds, known and hereinafter referred to as the Gasworks Loan, for the purchase of certain land, gasworks, and plant in the borough, and the Council duly made and levied a special rate of twopence and fifteen-sixteenths of a penny in the pound, known as the Gasworks Loan special rate, on the rateable property in the Borough of Foxton for the purpose of securing the payment of interest and providing a sinking fund in respect of the Gasworks Loan: And whereas the date of maturity of the Gasworks Loan was the fourteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, but the said special rate levied by the Council provided a sinking fund of only seven thousand six hundred and thirty-four pounds six shillings and twopence, leaving a deficiency of three thousand three hundred and sixty-five pounds thirteen shillings and tenpence in the amount required to repay the Gasworks Loan: And whereas, in order to take advantage of the unusually favourable rate of exchange, the Council repaid the Gasworks Loan on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and by so doing effected a saving of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two pounds seventeen shillings and ninepence, thus reducing the said deficiency to the net amount of one thousand six hundred and two pounds sixteen shillings and one penny: And whereas the Council borrowed the amount of such net deficiency from its bankers on overdraft in the mistaken belief that it was legally empowered under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, at any time prior to the date of maturity of the Gasworks Loan, to raise a renewal loan for the purpose of repaying so much of the principal of the Gasworks Loan as was not provided by the Accumulated Sinking Fund in respect thereof, and that such renewal loan could be applied in repaying to its bankers the amount borrowed on overdraft as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient to authorize the Council to continue to levy the Gasworks Loan special rate, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to repay to its bankers the amount borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest, for a period of four years, commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-two: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The Council is hereby authorized to levy and collect the Gasworks Loan special rate for a period not exceeding four years, commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, for the purpose of repaying to its bankers the said sum of one thousand six hundred and two pounds sixteen shillings and one penny borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest thereon at the rate charged to the Council by its bankers for overdrafts. The said sum shall not be deemed to have been borrowed under the power conferred by section three of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22.

"19C. Whereas the Birkenhead Borough Council is the holder of a fund of six hundred and thirty-seven pounds voluntarily contributed and raised by the ratepayers and residents of the borough for the purpose of assisting the Borough Council in the establishment of a municipal fire brigade and the provision of fire-fighting appliances and equipment for the Borough of Birkenhead: And whereas the district of the said borough was declared to be a fire district under the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926, before any part of the said fund was expended by the Borough Council for the said purposes, and the Council thereupon ceased to have authority in law to provide fire-

fighting appliances and establish a fire brigade in such district: And whereas it was always intended by the contributors of the said fund that the money raised should be used in relief of or towards payment of additional rates which would otherwise have to be provided by the ratepayers of the district for the purpose, and it is expedient that the Borough Council should have power to apply such moneys accordingly: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Birkenhead Borough Council is hereby empowered and authorized, and shall be deemed to have been authorized, to use and expend the aforesaid fund and any accretion thereto in or towards payment of the contributions from time to time due or to become due from the said Council to the Birkenhead Fire Board by way of levy under the provisions of section twenty-six of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926.

"19D. Whereas the Auckland City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) has for some time past granted leases under its leasing-powers contained in section one hundred and fifty-three of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), and the corresponding sections of the earlier Municipal Corporations Acts since repealed: And whereas the said leases contain a provision that the valuation required by the said section one hundred and fifty-three shall be made in manner provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act: And whereas difficulties have arisen in obtaining a unanimous agreement as to the valuation by the three independent persons mentioned in the said section one hundred and fifty-four: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) In every lease granted by the Council containing a provision that any valuation thereunder shall be made in manner provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act it shall be lawful for the Council to require such valuation to be made by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Corporation and the other by the lessee, his executors, administrators, or assigns, and such arbitrators may appoint an umpire.

"(2) Where not otherwise inconsistent with the context of any such lease, the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1908, shall apply in respect of every such valuation.

"(3) It shall be lawful for the Council to require a valuation to be made pursuant to this section in all cases where no valuation has been made or where an attempt at fixing a valuation has proved abortive.

"(4) This section shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-four, and no longer.

"19E. Whereas the Auckland City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) was recently authorized to raise a loan of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred pounds for the purpose of redeeming a portion of the outstanding liability in respect of a loan of three hundred and ten thousand two hundred pounds maturing on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty-one: And whereas it was anticipated that surplus sinking funds of the consolidated loan of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine would also be available for redemption of debentures issued in respect of the maturing loan: And whereas the surplus sinking fund has been very considerably reduced by the decision of the Sinking Fund Commissioners to write down the values of the securities when transferring such securities to sinking funds on other City Council loans: And whereas, in order to complete the repayment of the maturing loan, the Council has been compelled to provide additional money from its District Fund: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The Council may by special order raise the sum of nine thousand pounds by way of special loan under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, but without taking the steps described in sections nine to thirteen of that Act, and may pay the proceeds of such special loan into its District Fund.

"(2) The Council shall make a special rate on all rateable property in the City of Auckland as security for the interest and other charges in respect of the said loan of nine thousand pounds, and such special rate may be levied as part of the special rate made and levied in respect of the said loan of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred pounds, or may be levied in addition to the said special rate.

"24A. Whereas the Bluff Harbour Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board), having been empowered to reclaim from the waters of Bluff Harbour the land described in the First and Second Schedules to the Bluff Harbour Reclamation and Leasing and Empowering Act, 1929, desires to borrow money for the purpose of constructing reclamation walls required in order to effect such reclamation and for the purpose of constructing streets, railway-lines, sewers, drains, and water-pipes upon and in such land when reclaimed: And whereas the Board, having been authorized by the Bluff Harbour Foreshore Reclamation and Leasing and Borrowing Act, 1902, and the Bluff Harbour Improvements Act, 1915, to borrow amounts not exceeding the sums of fifty thousand pounds and one hundred thousand pounds respectively, has borrowed only parts of such sums: And whereas it is doubtful whether the Board is authorized to expend any money borrowed under the authority of either of the last-mentioned Acts for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned: And whereas it is desirable that the Board should be so authorized: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

The Board is hereby authorized to apply any moneys heretofore borrowed or that may hereafter be borrowed by it under the authority of the Bluff Harbour Foreshore Reclamation and Leasing and Borrowing Act, 1902, or of the Bluff Harbour Improvements Act, 1915, in doing all or any of the following things (in addition to those mentioned in those Acts), namely:—

"(*a*) Constructing walls in Bluff Harbour for the purpose of enabling the carrying-out of the reclamation of the areas described in the First Schedule to the Bluff Harbour Foreshore Reclamation and Leasing and Borrowing Act, 1902, and the areas described in the First and Second Schedules to the Bluff Harbour Reclamation and Leasing and Empowering Act, 1929:

"(*aa*) Effecting such reclamation by the deposition of dredged material or otherwise:

"(*b*) Paying preliminary expenses, royalties, and other charges and expenses incidental to the carrying-out of such reclamation:

"(*c*) Erecting buildings and other structures, and purchasing plant, equipment, and material required in connection with the carrying-out of such reclamation:

"(*d*) Constructing streets, railway-lines, sewers, drains, and pipes for providing a supply of water upon and in the land so reclaimed.

"35A. Whereas the Taieri River Trust has purchased a drag-line excavator for the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty pounds, payable in instalments extending over three financial years: And whereas the instalments payable during the first two years of the said period of three years have been duly paid and the Trust finds that it is necessary to enter into fresh negotiations to permit it to make such arrangements for payment of the balance of the purchase-money as will be in keeping with its present financial position: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"(1) The purchase by the Taieri River Trust of the said drag-line excavator, involving payment for the same by instalments, is hereby validated.

"(2) It shall be lawful for the Taieri River Trust to enter into such arrangements as it deems expedient as to payment by instalments of the balance of purchase-money now due and owing in respect of the said drag-line excavator, and to make payments in accordance with such arrangements.

"40A. (1) The Northcote Borough Council and the Birkenhead Fire Board may enter into an agreement for any period ending not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, for the protection from fire of the Birkenhead Fire District by the Northcote Borough Council upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon:

"Provided that such agreement shall not have any force or effect unless and until it is approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs.

"(2) Any such agreement shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and all acts of the Northcote Borough Council done on or after that date, but before the making of such agreement, for the purpose of protecting the Birkenhead Fire District from fire, shall be deemed to have been as validly done in all respects as if done pursuant to such agreement.

"40B. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, or any other Act, the Corporation of the City of Wellington (hereinafter called the Corporation) is hereby authorized to lease to the New Zealand Free Ambulance Transport Service (Wellington Branch), Incorporated, a part, situate at the eastern end, and not exceeding twenty-nine perches in area, of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 193, folio 193, Wellington Registry, situate in the City of Wellington, being part of the reclaimed land known as "Reserve K," and being parts of Lots 1, 2, and 3 on Deposited Plan 2428, for a period of fifty years from the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, at a yearly rental of fifty-two pounds, free of all municipal rates, subject to a proviso for determination in case the land shall at any time during the said term cease to be used for the purpose of a site for a free-ambulance station, and subject to such other covenants, conditions, and provisions as shall be fixed by the Corporation.

"(2) In the event of any land being leased pursuant to the provisions of this section, the provisions of section three of the Wellington City Reclamation and Empowering Act, 1906, shall not at any time thereafter apply to such land, and no lessee of any such land shall at any time be entitled to a license from the Wellington Harbour Board under that section.

"40C. Whereas the Halswell County Council is the holder of a license dated the second day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, issued to the Council under the authority of section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, to construct and use an electric line for conveying electricity to serve the inhabitants of a certain area in the said Halswell County—namely, numbers 1 and 2 Ridings of the said county: And whereas the Halswell County Council has agreed with the Christchurch City Council for the assignment of the said license to the Christchurch City Council and the purchase by the Christchurch City Council of the electric works constructed by the Halswell County Council under the said license: And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether a local authority has power to sell any such works, save to an Electric-power Board, and it is expedient to authorize the said assignment of license and sale of electric works: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

"The assignment by the Halswell County Council to the Christchurch City Council of the said license and the sale by the Halswell County Council to the Christchurch City Council of the said electric works is hereby authorized, and upon the completion of such assignment and sale the said license and electric works shall become vested in the Christchurch City Council, subject to the same duties and obligations as the Halswell County Council is under in respect of the said license." *(Hon. Mr. Hamilton.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

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56. *Mining Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith 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 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.

57. *Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Scientific and Industrial Research 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 Scientific and Industrial Research Act, 1926."

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

58. *Mountain Guides Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Mountain Guides 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 Licensing of Mountain Guides and for Matters incidental thereto."

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

59. *Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to provide for the 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.

60. *Counties Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Counties Amendment Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 to amend the Counties Act, 1920."

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

61. *Local Legislation Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Local Legislation Bill and had made amendment therein.

With the leave of the House, the Report was 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 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.

62. *Broadcasting Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Broadcasting Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hamilton, *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.

63. *Transport Licensing Bill (No. 2).*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Transport Licensing Bill (No. 2);

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *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.

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

Monday, the 9th Day of November, 1931.

The House met this day at half after two 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. Linklater, *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. Wood and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee, and that the Committee be revived for the purpose of considering it.

2. *Message from the Legislative Council.*—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, 1931, the Counties Amendment Act, 1931, and the Mining Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment.

3. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. Munns, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a Final Report; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Broadfoot, 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.

5. *Local Bills Committee.*—Mr. Macmillan, from the Local Bills Committee, brought up a Report on the New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill, a Special Report *re* the Chairman, a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill.*—With the leave of the House, the New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill was ordered to be read a second time presently.

7. *Goldfields and Mines Committee.*—Mr. Samuel (for Mr. Black), from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk, and a Final Report; and the same were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Munns, from the Goldfields and Mines Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

8. *Lands Committee.*—Mr. Dickie, from the Lands Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

9. *Industries and Commerce Committee.*—Mr. H. Holland, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Munns, from the Industries and Commerce Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

10. *Finance Bill (No. 4).*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Finance Bill (No. 4);

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 25 read and agreed to.

Clause 26 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, 39.

Ansell	Jones, Hon. D.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Linklater	Sykes
Campbell	Lye	Taverner
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Waite
Dickie	Macmillan	Wilkinson
Donald	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Field	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Healy	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Hogan	Polson	Murdoch.
Holland, H.		

NOES, 12.

Atmore	Mason	Semple.
Barnard	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Black	Parry	Howard
Chapman	Savage	Langstone.
McCombs		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 27 to 31 read and agreed to.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had made progress in the Finance Bill (No. 4), and moved for leave to sit again.

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

11. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 51.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Mortgagors Relief Act, 1931," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,
Wellington, 9th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to amend the Mortgagors Relief Act, 1931.

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

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

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

13. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 52.*

Pursuant to section 56 of the Constitution Act, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Native Land," with the attached amendments, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly:—

Clause 5, subclause (1): To omit this subclause, and substitute the following subclause:—

"(1) The Governor-General may from time to time appoint a Chief Judge and such other Judges and such Assessors as may be required for the conduct of the business of the Court. There shall also from time to time be appointed, as officers of the Public Service, such Registrars, Deputy Registrars, and other officers as may be so required."

Clause 8: To omit the words "and officers" in the first line, and substitute the words "Assessors, and Commissioners".

Clause 9: To insert, after the words "holding office" in the first line, the words "as Judges, Assessors, or Commissioners"; and to insert, before the words "such travelling-allowances", the words "to such persons".

Schedule: To insert, after the words "the Native Land Amendment Act, 1913", the words "except section one and section ninety-seven (as amended by section twenty of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927)".

Government House,
Wellington, 9th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Native Land.

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

14. *Native Land Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Native Land Bill be considered next sitting-day.

15. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 53.*

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Services of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, Nineteen hundred and thirty-two, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Christchurch, 9th November, 1931.

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

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

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1931, and the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bills intituled the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1931, the Counties Amendment Act, 1931, and the Mining Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bills intituled the Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Act, 1931, the Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Act, 1931, and the Wellington City Empowering Act, 1931, without amendment.

17. *Petition.*—On motion of Mr. Linklater, *Ordered*, That the Petition of A. Wood and others presented this day be received, notwithstanding informality.

18. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after ten of the clock a.m. to-morrow.

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

Tuesday, the 10th Day of November, 1931.

The House met this day at half after ten of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

2. *Railways Committee.*—Mr. Hogan, from the Railways Committee, brought up a Report on the Petition of Ella E. Irwin; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

   Ordered, That the Petition of Ella E. Irwin, together with the Report of the said Committee thereon, be referred to the Government for consideration.

3. *Statutes Revision Committee.*—Mr. Field, from the Statutes Revision Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. *Labour Bills Committee.*—Mr. Armstrong, from the Labour Bills Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Chairman; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

5. *Highways Finance Committee.*—Mr. Macmillan, from the Highways Finance Committee, brought up a Special Report *re* the Clerk; and the same was ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. *Urgency claimed under Standing Order 309.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9, and the passing of the Appropriation Bill.

7. *Finance Bill (No. 4).*—The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee on the Finance Bill (No. 4);

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 32 to 34 read and agreed to.

Clause 35 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, 35.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Polson
Broadfoot	Jones, Hon. D.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Burnett	Jull	Stallworthy
Campbell	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Dickie	Lysnar	Ward
Donald	McDonald	Williams
Field	McDougall	Wright
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Macmillan	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Massey, J. N.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Munns	Bitchener
Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Murdoch.

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Langstone	Savage
Atmore	McCombs	Semple
Barnard	McKeen	Wilkinson.
Black	Mason	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Nash, W.	Howard
Hogan	Parry	Sullivan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 36 and 37 read and agreed to.

Clause 38 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, 40.

Ansell	Jull	Stallworthy
Broadfoot	Linklater	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Lye	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Taverner
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Te Tomo
Dickie	McDougall	Waite
Donald	Macmillan	Ward
Field	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Massey, W. W.	Wright
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Harris	Nash, J. A.	
Hawke	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	*Tellers.*
Holland, H.	Polson	Bitchener
Jones, Hon. D.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Murdoch.

NOES, 17.

Armstrong	Langstone	Savage
Atmore	McKeen	Semple
Barnard	Mason	Sullivan.
Fraser	Munro	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Nash, W.	Black
Howard	Parry	Wilkinson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 39 read and agreed to

Clause 40 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following new subclause:—

"(4) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-one." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 41 and 42 read and agreed to.

Clause 43 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, 36.

Ansell	Jull	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Linklater	Samuel
Burnett	Lye	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Lysnar	Sykes
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McDonald	Taverner
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	McDougall	Te Tomo
Dickie	Macmillan	Ward
Field	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Harris	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Hawke	Polson	Murdoch.
Jones, Hon. D.		

NOES, 18.

Armstrong	Langstone	Savage
Atmore	McCombs	Semple
Barnard	Mason	Wilkinson.
Black	Munro	*Tellers.*
Fraser	Nash, W.	Howard
Hogan	Parry	Sullivan.
Holland, H. E.		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 44 read and agreed to.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had made progress in the Finance Bill (No. 4), and moved for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, presently, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 54.*

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:—

Clause 45: To add the following new subclause:—

"(3) A subsidy shall be paid pursuant to this section to every Road Board the district of which is situated wholly within a county in which the Counties Act, 1920, is in full force, and the foregoing provisions of this section shall extend and apply accordingly to every such Road Board."

Government House,
Wellington, 10th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of an amendment in the Bill to make Provision 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.

9. *Finance Bill (No. 4).*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Finance Bill (No. 4).

(In the Committee.)

Clause 45 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(3) A subsidy shall be paid pursuant to this section to every Road Board the district of which is situated wholly within a county in which the Counties Act, 1920, is in full force, and the foregoing provisions of this section shall extend and apply accordingly to every such Road Board." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 46 to 54 read and agreed to.

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

"46A. (1) Section thirteen of the Town-planning Act, 1926, as amended by section three of the Town-planning Amendment Act, 1929, is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection one the words 'nineteen hundred and thirty-two', and substituting the words 'nineteen hundred and thirty-seven'.

"(2) Section three of the Town-planning Amendment Act, 1929, is hereby repealed.

"55. The Trustees of the New Zealand Sheepowners' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen Society, being a society incorporated under the War Funds Act, 1915, are hereby empowered to borrow on the security of any land or other assets of the society a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of twenty thousand pounds to enable the Trustees to continue to carry out the objects of the society." *(Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The same was accordingly read and agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to make Provision with respect to Public Finance and other Matters."

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

10. *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 Local Legislation Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Mountain Guides Act, 1931, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

11. *Mountain Guides Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Mountain Guides Bill be considered forthwith.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Hamilton, *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.

12. *Native Land Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Native Land Bill;

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, *Ordered*, That the amendments be agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

13. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Orders of the Day down to but not including Order of the Day No. 8 was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 8.

14. *Committee of Supply.*—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 £7,109 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of the Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932. *(Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata.)*

Amendment proposed: To reduce the vote by the sum of £5.

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

AYES, 16.

Armstrong	McCombs	Wilkinson
Atmore	Mason	Wright.
Barnard	Munro	
Chapman	Nash, W.	*Tellers.*
Hogan	Savage	Fraser
Holland, H. E.	Semple	Howard.

NOES, 32.

Ansell	Healy	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Broadfoot	Jones, Hon. D.	Stallworthy
Burnett	Jull	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Campbell	Linklater	Taverner
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	Lye	Te Tomo
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lysnar	Waite
Dickie	Massey, J. N.	Williams
Donald	Munns	Young, Hon. J. A.
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Nash, J. A.	*Tellers.*
Hamilton, Hon. A.	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Bitchener
Harris	Polson	Murdoch.

So it passed in the Negative.

Vote agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata,—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £308 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,012 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £10,321 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,635 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £2,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance of Irrigation, &c., Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,668 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £7,332 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £12,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £12,932 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £19,488 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,097 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £10,854 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £9,379 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,386 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £14,075 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Finanaial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £4,651 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,247 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £12,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £55,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £5,808 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,453 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Transport Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Tourist Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £225,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Construction, Maintenance, and Supervision of Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works (including Salaries or Wages, Holiday Pay, &c., to Employees) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,769 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £25,176 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,946 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unemployment Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £400,487 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £263,446 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post Office Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,199 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £197 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £156,485 4s. 10d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorized Expenditure Account (for Services not provided for) for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £407,709 15s. 4d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Sums irrecoverable by the Crown or Value of Stores, &c., required to be written off Departmental Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931.

To report the Resolutions.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith 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 presently.

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

The Legislative Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled the Native Land Act, 1931, transmitted in Message No. 41 from the House of Representatives.

16. *Committee of Supply.*—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply.

The same were accordingly read, as follow :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £88,568 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15,553 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prime Minister's Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37,686 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £4,978 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £65,055 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £103,043 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £67,347 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £17,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance of Irrigation-works, &c., for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £74,393 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,997 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £138,273 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £140,591 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £104,019 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,266 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Crown Law Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £424,188 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Police Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £162,649 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,679 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £210,816 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £24,896 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,859 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Commissioner's Office for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £194,267 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £270,743 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £220,859 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £444,045 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £240,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £99,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £110,614 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £62,942 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £186,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £46,979 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £81,518 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £414,255 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,912,536 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £54,916 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,287 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Transport Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £505 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Nauru and Ocean Islands Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £9,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £249,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Land Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £301,279 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £252,766 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £48,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unemployment Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £29,736 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Westport Harbour Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,110,532 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,649,161 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post Office Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £274,031 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £14,829 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Trustee's Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £103,655 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,738 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £36,103 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Fire Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £21,245 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Accident Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £45,107 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account (Advances to Settlers Branch) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,925 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account (Advances to Workers Branch) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,349 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account (Advances to Local Authorities Branch) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £6,175 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account (Miscellaneous Business Branch) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £12,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account (Rural Advances Branch) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £150,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Works, Departmental, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £700,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs of Railway Construction for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,020,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Railway Improvements and Additions to Open Lines for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £680,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Timber-supply and Sawmills for Public Works Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Acquisition and Operation of Quarries for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lighthouses and Harbour-works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Immigration for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,100,000 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Telegraph Extension for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Irrigation, Water-supply, and Drainage for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Plant, Material, and Stores for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,374,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electric Supply Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account (Revenue Fund) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £540,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account (Construction Fund) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Hauraki Plains Settlement Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £155 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £28,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Swamp Land Drainage Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £7,109 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Legislative Departments for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Treasury Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £308 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,012 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land and Income Tax Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £10,321 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Stamp Duties Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,635 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Buildings for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £2,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance and Repairs to Roads for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Maintenance of Irrigation, &c., Works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,668 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Native Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of External Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £7,332 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Justice for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £12,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Prisons Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Pensions Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mines Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £12,932 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Internal Affairs for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Audit Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £19,488 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Printing and Stationery Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,097 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Mental Hospitals Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £10,854 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Health for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Naval Defence for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Defence Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £9,379 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Customs Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,386 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Marine Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £14,075 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Labour for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £4,651 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Lands and Survey for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £6,247 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Valuation Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £12,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Electoral Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £55,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Agriculture for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £5,808 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Department of Education for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £3,453 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, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Transport Department for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Development of Tourist Resorts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £225,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Construction, Maintenance, and Supervision of Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works (including Salaries or Wages, Holiday Pay, &c., to Employees) for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Lands Improvement for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £1,769 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Land for Settlements Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Main Highways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £2 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Coal-mines Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £25,176 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Forests Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £8,946 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unemployment Fund for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £400,487 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Working Railways Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £263,446 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Post Office Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,199 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Government Insurance Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding *Cr.* £197 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Public Service Superannuation Fund Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of State Advances Account for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £156,485 4s. 10d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Unauthorized Expenditure Account (for Services not provided for) for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £407,709 15s. 4d. be granted to His Majesty to defray the costs and charges of Sums Irrecoverable by the Crown or Value of Stores, &c., required to be written off Departmental Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1931.

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.

17. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all other Orders of the Day was postponed in order to consider Order of the Day No. 9.

18. *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 thirty-two, the following sums may be issued and applied: Out of the Consolidated Fund six million nine hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and seventy-eight pounds, and in addition the sum of one million three hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and twenty-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 eight hundred and forty-seven

thousand pounds, and in addition the sum of eight hundred and ninety-three thousand five hundred and ninety-two pounds as credits in aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits in aid; out of the separate accounts eight million five hundred and seventy-two thousand eight hundred and seven pounds, and in addition the sum of one million four hundred and ninety-three thousand seven hundred and ninety-six pounds as credits in aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits in aid; out of the accounts outside the Public Account, two million nine hundred and thirty-four thousand six hundred and fourteen pounds, and in addition the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand 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. Smith 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 thirty-two, the following sums may be issued and applied: Out of the Consolidated Fund six million nine hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and seventy-eight pounds, and in addition the sum of one million three hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and twenty-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 eight hundred and forty-seven thousand pounds, and in addition the sum of eight hundred and ninety-three thousand five hundred and ninety-two pounds as credits in aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits in aid; out of the separate accounts eight million five hundred and seventy-two thousand eight hundred and seven pounds, and in addition the sum of one million four hundred and ninety-three thousand seven hundred and ninety-six pounds as credits in aid, but not exceeding the amount actually received as credits in aid; out of the accounts outside the Public Account two million nine hundred and thirty-four thousand six hundred and fourteen pounds, and in addition the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand 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. Forbes and the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution presently.

19. *Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill;

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

20. *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 Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4), without amendment.

21. *Law Practitioners Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the Law Practitioners Bill;

The Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart moved, and the Question was proposed, that the Bill be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed presently.

22. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill;

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

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

206. Public Service Commissioner, Nineteenth Report of the. H.–14.

207. Sheepowners, and the Number of Sheep and Lambs in each County on the 30th April, 1930 and 1931, Return of. H.–23.

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

205. Native Trustee Act, 1920: Balance-sheet, Revenue Account, and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st March, 1931. G.–2.

Ordered, That Papers Nos. 205, 206, and 207 be printed.

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 thirty-two, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Present Session; and the same was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time presently, and to be printed.

25. *Postponement of Orders of the Day.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of all Orders of the Day down to but not including Order of the Day (Local Bills) No. 3 was postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day (Local Bills) No. 3.

26. *New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill;

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

27. *Appropriation Bill.*—The House, according to Order, proceeded to the second reading of the Appropriation Bill.

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

28. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 55.*

The Governor-General, on behalf of His Majesty, recommends the House of Representatives to make provision in accordance with Clauses 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Appropriation Bill

Christchurch, 10th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith 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.

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.

29. *Committal of Bills.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill, the Law Practitioners Bill, the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill, the New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill, and the Appropriation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

30. *Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill:*

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In subclause (2) to omit the words "the definition of the term mortgage in section two", and insert the words "section three" in lieu thereof. *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In lines 20 and 21 to omit the words "made in respect of any lands which in the opinion of the Court are mainly or substantially used for farming purposes." *(Mr. Mason.)*

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order, as containing an appropriation.

Motion made and Question proposed, That progress be reported in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling, and to move for leave to sit again. *(Mr. Mason.)*

Motion agreed to.

To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that he had been directed to report progress in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on a decision given by the Chairman in Committee.

(Ruling of Mr. Speaker).—Mr. Speaker having ruled (*vide Hansard*, Vol. 230, page 1015), the Committee resumed.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 15 read and agreed to.

Clause 16 read. Amendment proposed: To add the following subclause:—

"(3) The powers conferred by the said section two shall be deemed to include power to reduce the rate of interest payable under any mortgage." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

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:—

"4A. (1) Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'expressed or implied in the mortgage' in paragraph (*b*) and also in paragraph (*c*) of subsection one thereof, the words 'or in any instrument of guarantee in respect of such mortgage'. (2) For the purposes of the principal Act the term 'mortgagee' shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include every person whose powers are restricted by section four of that Act, as amended by the last preceding subsection.

"18. Nothing in section fourteen of the principal Act shall be construed to limit or heretofore to have limited the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court when application for relief under that Act has heretofore been made or is hereafter made by a mortgagor in respect of any mortgage to which that section applies." *(Right Honourable Mr. Forbes.)*

To report the Bill with amendments.

31. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill:*

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

And the Question being put, That the clause stand part of the Bill, it passed in the Negative.

Clause omitted.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendments proposed: In line 4 to omit the words "sections sixteen and seventeen thereof", and insert the words "section sixteen and of section seventeen" in lieu thereof; and to omit the words "respectively amended and" in line 5. *(Honourable Mr. Cobbe.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER.

32. *Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill.*—On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Mortgagors Relief 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 Mortgagors Relief Act, 1931."

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

33. *Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Inspection of Machinery 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 Inspection of Machinery Act, 1928."

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

34. *New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the New Lynn Sewerage Validation Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to validate certain Irregular Proceedings in connection with the Construction by the New Lynn Town Board of a Sewerage System."

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

35. *Law Practitioners Bill.*—Mr. Smith also reported that the Committee had gone through the Law Practitioners Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to consolidate and amend certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to Law Practitioners."

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.

36. *Appropriation Bill.*—Mr. Smith also 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 thirty-two, 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.

37. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of fifteen minutes after eleven of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty minutes after two of the clock a.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Wednesday, the 11th Day of November, 1931.

The House met this day at fifteen minutes after eleven 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. *Paper.*—The following Paper was laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—

208. International Labour Conference, Draft Convention adopted by the, at its Fifteenth Session, 28th May–18th June, 1931.

3. *Order of Business.*—With the leave of the House, consideration of Order of Business No. 8 was postponed until after consideration of Orders of the Day.

4. *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 Inspection of Machinery Act, 1931, without amendment.

5. *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 Mortgagors Relief Amendment Act, 1931, without amendment. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Local Bill intituled the New Lynn Sewerage Validation Act, 1931, without amendment.

6. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 56.*

The Bills intituled—

The Taupiri Drainage and River District Amendment Act, 1931,
The Companies Empowering Amendment Act, 1931,
The Rural Intermediate Credit Amendment Act, 1931,
The Stamp Duties Amendment Act, 1931,
The Air Navigation Act, 1931,
The Land Transfer (Hawke's Bay) Act, 1931,
The Trading-coupons Act, 1931,
The Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Funds Act, 1931,
The Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1931,
The Imprest Supply Act, 1931 (No. 5),
The Chattels Transfer Amendment Act, 1931,
The Christchurch District Drainage Amendment Act, 1931, and
The Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Act, 1931,

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, 11th November, 1931.

7. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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 :—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 57.*

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 Mortgagors Relief Act, 1931," with the attached amendments, and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly :—

Clause 7 : To add the following subclauses :—

"(2) Where before the passing of this Act a mortgagor has been granted relief in accordance with section eight of the principal Act, the mortgagor may at any time before the expiry of the order granting such relief apply to the Court for further relief in accordance with the provisions of this section, and the Court may in its discretion make an order granting such relief accordingly.

"(3) The provisions of section ten of the principal Act shall apply with respect to applications made under the last preceding subsection."

Clause 13 : To add the following words : "unless, in the case of a continuing default, such default has continued after the date of such expiry or repeal."

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Wellington, 11th November, 1931.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of amendments in the Bill to amend the Mortgagors Relief Act, 1931.

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

8. *Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill be considered forthwith.

The same were accordingly read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Mortgagors Relief Amendment Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council together with a Message acquainting them that this House has agreed thereto.

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

209. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Amalgamation Coal Lease No. 742, Invercargill (The Birchwood Coal Company, Limited), being Amalgamation of Coal Leases Nos. 43 and 741, Invercargill.

210. Coal-mines Act, 1925: Assignment by way of Sale of all Interest in Coal Lease of 1,280 Acres, by the Tyneside Proprietary, Limited (in liquidation), to Ernest Gregory Pilcher.

10. *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 Mortgagors Relief Amendment Act, 1931, transmitted in Message No. 48 from the House of Representatives. Also,—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Appropriation Act, 1931, which the Council returns to the House of Representatives as one of its Bills of Supply.

11. *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.

12. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, 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:—

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General. *Message No. 58.*

The Bills intituled—

The Auckland Harbour Board and other Local Bodies Empowering Act, 1931,
The Auckland War Memorial Museum Maintenance Amendment Act, 1931,
The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1931,
The New Lynn Sewerage Validation Act, 1931,
The Native Land Act, 1931,
The Native Purposes Act, 1931,
The Mining Amendment Act, 1931,
The Counties Amendment Act, 1931,
The Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1931,
The Transport Licensing Act, 1931,
The Broadcasting Act, 1931,
The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1931,
The Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1931,
The Scientific and Industrial Research Amendment Act, 1931,
The Local Legislation Act, 1931,
The Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4),
The Mountain Guides Act, 1931,
The Law Practitioners Act, 1931,
The Mortgagors Relief Amendment Act, 1931,
The Inspection of Machinery Amendment Act, 1931, and
The Appropriation Act, 1931,

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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13. *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. Forbes, the same was ordered to be printed.

14. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Forbes, *Ordered*, That this House do, at its rising, adjourn until the hour of half after two of the clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 18th day of November.

The Right Honourable Mr. Forbes 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, 22.

Atmore	Fraser	Taverner
Broadfoot	Hamilton, Hon. A.	Waite
Burnett	Jones, Hon. D.	Williams
Campbell	Lye	Young, Hon. J. A.
Coates, Right Hon. J. G.	McCombs	
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Munns	*Tellers.*
Field	Nash, W.	Armstrong
Forbes, Right Hon. G. W.	Smith	Ward.

NOES, 17.

Ansell	Howard	Nash, J. A.
Bitchener	Linklater	Ransom, Hon. E. A.
Chapman	McKeen	Wright.
Hawke	Mason	*Tellers.*
Holland, H.	Munro	Harris
Holland, H. E.	Murdoch	McDougall.

And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until four minutes after six of the clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, 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, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, the 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 December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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 11th day of November, 1931.

ADAM HAMILTON,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Dissolving the General Assembly.

[L.S.] BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

To the LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND, and the MEMBERS of PARLIAMENT elected to serve in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the said Dominion, and to all whom it may concern: GREETING.

WHEREAS I have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of New Zealand, which stands prorogued to the tenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one: NOW KNOW YE that I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do for that end publish this Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said General Assembly accordingly as from the date hereof; and the said Legislative Councillors, and the said Members of Parliament elected to serve in the House of Representatives, are accordingly discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said tenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

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 12th day of November, 1931.

GEO. W. FORBES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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