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## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

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## REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present the following Report regarding the Claim by the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Railways Union in respect of certain Railway Employees, which the House referred to it for inquiry on 7th instant.

The Claim was as follows:—

(1) Retrospective pay stated to be due to Car and Wagon Builders and others in respect of the period 19th February to 1st July, 1921.

(2) Retrospective pay stated to be due to Permanent-way men. at Sixpence per day for Six or Seven months prior to being classified as skilled labourers.

- (3) Tool allowance stated to be due to Woodworkers (Ninepence a week), 1922-23.
- (4) Additional Sunday pay stated to be due to Clerical Branch, 1921-22 and 1922-23.
- (5) Camping-out allowance, Permanent-way men, 1922-23
- (6) Claim of Ironworkers for certain back pay stated to be due to them.

The Committee having examined several witnesses, and having diligently considered the merits of each case, has the honour to recommend that Items 1 to 5, both inclusive, be disallowed. With regard to Item 6, the Committee recommends that, as the amount necessary to meet the claim of the Ironworkers is included in Division No. 29, Item 3, of the Schedule of the Appropriation Bill, 1923-24 (Bill No. 86) now before Your Honourable House, the special provision contained in Item 4 in the same Division of the Schedule of the Bill is unnecessary.

J. A. LYONS. Chairman.

No. 1 Committee Room, House of Assembly, February 12, 1924.