

No. 472, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS KERR and Others.

THE petitioners, residents of Murchison District, ask that Mr. A. Rowe may be compensated for the erection of a foot-bridge over the Matakitaki River.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that these petitions should be referred to the Government.

21st October, 1884.

No. 7, Sess. II.; No. 49, Sess. II.; No. 50, Sess. II.; No. 51, Sess. II.; No. 52, Sess. II.; No. 70, Sess. I.; No. 72, Sess. I.; No. 154, Sess. II.; No. 155, Sess. II.; No. 281, Sess. II.; No. 282, Sess. II.; No. 291, Sess. II.; No. 246, Sess. II.; No. 306, Sess. II.; No. 403, Sess. II.; and No. 404, Sess. II.—Petitions of T. KAVANAGH and Others, Marekai; S. WATERTON and Others, Papakura; M. D. O'HARA, Otahuhu; K. BRADY and Others, Howick; P. RIORDAN and Others, East Coast; E. MAHONY and Others, Ponsonby; W. McDONALD and Others, Auckland; P. O'REILLY and Others, Thames; D. MURPHY and Others, Te Aroha; D. C. DOWNEY and Others, Newton; H. T. FYNES and Others, Parnell; D. NOBBA and Others, Coromandel; M. J. POWER and Others, Ohinemuri; J. McCOMISH and Others, Cambridge; P. GANLEY and Others, Panmure; and M. HARTNETT and Others, Onehunga.

THE petitioners, Roman Catholics, pray that their schools may be placed on an equality with other schools of the colony.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not see it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

21st October, 1884.

No. 156, Sess. II.; No. 231, Sess. II.; No. 232, Sess. II.; No. 233, Sess. II.; No. 234, Sess. II.; No. 235, Sess. II.; No. 236, Sess. II.; No. 237, Sess. II.; No. 238, Sess. II.; No. 239, Sess. II.; No. 240, Sess. II.; No. 271, Sess. II.; No. 272, Sess. II.; No. 273, Sess. II.; No. 274, Sess. II.; and No. 275, Sess. II.—Petitions of A. THOMPSON and Others, W. MORGAN and Others, Z. OWEN and Others, C. S. GATHON and Others, B. H. BISHOP and Others, H. SWIFT and Others, S. DUNN and Others, J. LUCK and Others, A. C. WALKER and Others, R. H. MATTHEWS and Others, J. P. YATES and Others, W. SIMPSON and Others, J. BELL and Others, T. H. CRAWFORD and Others, W. FERGUSON and Others, and J. DONALDSON and Others.

THE petitioners, inhabitants of the colony, pray the House to maintain intact the present free, secular, and compulsory clauses of the Education Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

21st October, 1884.

No. 53, Sess. I.; No. 54, Sess. I.; No. 76, Sess. I.; No. 77, Sess. I.; No. 78, Sess. I.; No. 79, Sess. I.; No. 80, Sess. I.; No. 81, Sess. I.; and No. 93, Sess. I.—Petitions of J. T. CAMP and Others, S. S. GRAHAM and Others, J. T. MELLSON and Others, G. HARPER and Others, C. GRIBBLE and Others, W. NOBBS and Others, H. BOARDMAN and Others, W. WEBBER and Others, and E. TABUTEAU and Others.

THE petitioners, inhabitants of the colony, pray the House to maintain intact the present free, secular, and compulsory clauses of the Education Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

21st October, 1884.

No. 371, Sess. II.—Petition of JOHN MARKS and Others, Jackson's Bay.

THE petitioners complain of the unsatisfactory manner in which the subsidized mail steam-service to Jackson's Bay is carried out.

No. 372, Sess. II.—Petition of R. C. McINTOSH and Others, Okarito.

THE petitioners complain of the very unsatisfactory manner in which the subsidized mail steam-service to Okarito has been and is being carried out.

I am directed to report that, as the Government has already called for tenders for the steam-services referred to, the Committee deem it unnecessary to make any recommendation.

21st October, 1884.

No. 324, Sess. II.—Petition of MICHAEL EGAN, Coromandel.

THE petitioner states that he was in the Armed Constabulary; that in May, 1877, while on duty, he was obliged to jump a watercourse, and in doing so he received a jar in the spine, which compelled him to retire in 1880; that on leaving the service he received compensation for loss of office; that he petitioned the House before, but was unsuccessful. He now prays for assistance, as he is unable to work.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot see any reason to depart from the report on petitioner's claim in the session of-1882.

21st October, 1884.

No. 457, Sess. II.—Petition of GEORGE M. SNELSON and Others (No. 3).

THE petitioners, ratepayers in Palmerston North, pray the House not to vest in the Governors of the Wellington College the block of land situate within their borough.