

No. 13.—Petition of TWENTY COUNTY COUNCIL

THE petitioners pray for amendment of the present law on hospitals and charitable aid in its relation to the rating and relief of Maoris.

No. 60.—Petition of MONGONUI COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE petitioners pray that the County of Mongonui may be constituted a separate hospital and charitable aid district by itself.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these two petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration in connection with the Hospitals and Charitable Aid Bill now before the House.

5th July, 1889.

Nos. 58 and 59.—Petitions of MARY KIRKLAND and Others and CATHERINE FULTON and Others. THE petitioners pray that the directors of the Exhibition to be held at Dunedin may not be licensed to sell intoxicating liquors.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, these two petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration in connection with the Dunedin Exhibition Street-closing and Licensing Bill, now before the House.

5th July, 1889.

No. 14.—Petition of JOHN SKELTON BANKS, of Whangarei.

THE petitioner states that he was formerly in the Police Force of the colony, and was discharged for misconduct. He prays for readmission to the Force or other consideration.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner was properly dismissed from the Police Force, and has no claim to any consideration.

10th July, 1889.

No. 29.—Petition of JOHN CLARKE HUNTER, of Campbelltown, Southland.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for loss of office in the railway service.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has been treated with sufficient liberality, and has no further claim against the Government.

10th July, 1889.

Nos. 40, 41, 42, 53, 54, 55, 69, and 70. — Petitions of the COOK COUNTY COUNCIL, the AMURI COUNTY COUNCIL, the WALLACE COUNTY COUNCIL, the WAIRARAPA NORTH COUNTY COUNCIL, the MANIOTOTO COUNTY COUNCIL, the TAURANGA COUNTY COUNCIL, the HAWKE'S BAY COUNTY COUNCIL, and the SOUTHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE petitioners pray for amendment of the licensing law, so as to transfer to local bodies the powers now exercised by Licensing Committees.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of these petitions.

10th July, 1889.

No. 52.—Petition of H. B. HUDDLESTON, of Blenheim.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for alleged loss of practice as a surveyor through the operation of the Land Transfer Act.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner is not entitled to any compensation.

10th July, 1889.

Nos. 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 117, 138, 139, 140, 141, and 176.—Petitions of the WAIKATO COUNTY COUNCIL, the KIRIKIROA ROAD BOARD, the TAOTAORO ROAD BOARD, the CAMBRIDGE ROAD BOARD, the TAMAHERE ROAD BOARD, the KAIKOURA COUNTY COUNCIL, the PATANGATA COUNTY COUNCIL, the TUAPEKA COUNTY COUNCIL, the CARTERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, the WAIRARAPA SOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL, the FEATHERSTON TOWN BOARD, and the GREY COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE petitioners pray for such amendment of the licensing law as shall transfer to local bodies the powers now exercised in their respective districts by Licensing Committees.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of these petitions.

12th July, 1889.

No. 95.—Petition of G. DENNIS, of Greymouth.

THE petitioner prays for alteration of the Gaming and Lotteries Act so as to legalise consultations or sweepstakes.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee, this document is informal, not being a petition, and that the Committee therefore declines to consider it.

12th July, 1889.

No. 115.—Petition of B. H. DARNELL, of New Plymouth.

THE petitioner prays for the introduction of a Fair Rent Bill, with provision for tenant right.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on the subject of this petition.

12th July, 1889.