

No. 273.—Petition of JOHN G. KNIGHT, of Weka Pass, Waikari.

THE petitioner complains that his tender for conveyance of mails between Waipara and Cheviot, though it was the lowest tender, was not accepted by the Post Office.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having inquired into the petitioner's case, has no recommendation to make.

16th August, 1889.

No. 297.—Petition of FERGUSSON AND MITCHELL and Others, of Dunedin.

THE petitioners allege that the Ross Creek Reservoir is in a dangerous condition, and pray for the appointment of an Inspector of Reservoirs, with duties and powers similar to those of an Inspector of Machinery and an Inspector of Mines.

I am directed to recommend that the Government engineers should be required to report periodically to the Government and to the local bodies on the condition of all reservoirs in their several districts.

16th August, 1889.

No. 301.—Petition of B. CROPP and Others, of Hoult's Valley.

THE petitioners pray for the construction of a bridge across the Wai-iti to enable their children to attend the State school at Wakefield.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

16th August, 1889.

No. 317.—Petition of Rev. A. M. BEATTIE, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

THE petitioner prays for immediate legislation to suppress gambling, pugilistic entertainments, and the publication of evidence in certain classes of police cases.

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

16th August, 1889.

No. 364.—Petition of ALEXANDER McCausland Hamilton, of Campbelltown South.

THE petitioner prays for additional compensation for the loss of his leg in the railway service. I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has been fully compensated, and has no further claim upon the colony.

16th August, 1889.

No. 39.—Petition of Mrs. CAROLINE GUTHRIE, of Wellington.

THE petitioner states that in 1885 she took proceedings in the Supreme Court to recover damages for alleged injury to her son; that judgment was given against her, with costs, which were levied by distraint, so that she was left without means to appeal. She prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim whatever against the colony.

22nd August, 1889.

No. 151.—Petition of JAMES HEBERLEY, of Picton. (Further report.)

THE petitioner prays for consideration for long service as a pilot.

I am directed to recommend that the Government should delay giving effect to the Committee's report of the 6th August on the petition of James Heberley until the Government is in possession of further information about certain grants of land said to have been made to the petitioner.

22nd August, 1889.

No. 156.—Petition of JOHN T. CLARKE, of Thames.

THE petitioner complains that in July, 1878, a railway was carried through two lots of land belonging to him at Opaheke, but that, having been absent at the time from the colony, he did not discover the fact until July, 1888, when he applied for compensation, which was refused him on the ground that his claim had not been made within the limit of five years fixed by Act.

I am directed to recommend that the Government should take over the whole of the two lots, and should pay the petitioner equitably for them.

22nd August, 1889.

No. 185.—Petition of JAMES BOYCE, of Clifton, Motupipi.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for alleged injustice on the part of the Resident Magistrate at Takaka.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim whatever against the colony.

22nd August, 1889.

No. 278.—Petition of THOMAS HULL, of Auckland.

THE petitioner alleges that he has been unfairly treated in the matter of pay and leave of absence while employed as an attendant at the Avondale Asylum.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim to any consideration.

22nd August, 1889.