

No. 103.—Petition of THOMAS JONES, of Feilding (No. 1).

PETITIONER prays for the removal of the trustees of his assigned estate, and that it be placed in the hands of the Public Trustee, and also that other relief be granted him.

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

22nd August, 1894.

No. 392.—Petition of the HOPE OF FEILDING LODGE, I.O.G.T., of Feilding, and 56 Similar Petitions, as per Attached Schedule.

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment of the laws affecting the liquor-traffic.

I am directed to report that, as the Government has given notice of the introduction of an Act to amend "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893," during the present session of Parliament, the Committee is of opinion that the petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

22nd August, 1894.

SCHEDULE of 56 Petitions praying for an Amendment of the Laws affecting the Liquor-traffic.

No.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.
214	Hope of Hyde I.O.G.T.	290	Day Spring I.O.G.T.	344	Star of Freedom I.O.G.T.
219	Amberley Advance "	294	Good Hope "	346	Rose of Bunnythorpe "
224	Try Again "	296	Southern Light "	347	Northern Pioneer "
226	Pioneer "	297	Pride of Southland "	351	Hope of Winton "
229	General Havelock "	299	Ark of Safety "	354	True Blue "
231	Southern Cross "	305	St. John's "	355	New River Pioneer "
232	Desire of Sydenham "	306	Lily of the Valley "	358	Nil Desperandum "
239	Star of Wellington "	308	Standard "	369	Golden Stream "
240	Star of Newtown "	312	All Nations "	375	Lifeboat "
244	Crystal Spring "	318	Mariner's Pride "	377	Endeavour "
250	Undaunted "	322	Hope of Whangarei "	378	Robert Bruce "
257	Whariti "	323	Black Diamond "	383	Star of the North "
259	President Garfield "	324	Welcome All "	388	Hope of Albertland "
261	Go-ahead "	335	Royal Marine "	389	Ark of Eden "
265	Good Intent "	336	Our Mountain Home "	430	Waianuia "
267	Bond of Unity "	337	Excelsior "	431	Premier "
269	Christchurch District "	338	Anchor Line "	432	Welcome Retreat "
272	Hope of the Cape "	342	Jubilee "	438	Obelisk "
282	Break of Day "	343	Waihemo "		

No. 416.—Petition of MARGARET HULBERT and 24 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that "The Contagious Diseases Act, 1869," may be repealed.

I am directed to report that, as there is now a Bill before Parliament dealing with the matter of the petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1894.

No. 435.—Petition of HUGH SMITH and Others, of Whangaripo.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to improve the roads in the Whangaripo Valley and the Matakana-Te Arai Road.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

24th August, 1894.

No. 162.—Petition of EDWARD TAYLOR and MARY ANN SQUIRES, of Sydenham.

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893," and that they be reimbursed certain legal costs incurred by them in testing the legal status of clause 21 of the said Act.

I am directed to report that, in the matter of this petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1894.

No. 353.—Petition of JOHN SUTTON and 10 Others, of Waimea.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of money be placed on the estimates to provide a cart-road to the Rentoul district.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

24th August, 1894.

No. 403.—Petition of the PASTOR and DEACONS, Beresford Street Church, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the age of consent be raised to not less than sixteen years, &c.

I am directed to report that, as there is a Bill now before Parliament dealing with the matter of the petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1894.