

No. 423.—Petition of MICHAEL O'CONNOR, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted the New Zealand Cross for his bravery at the Turuturu Mokai Redoubt in the year 1868.

I am directed to report that this Committee sees no reason for departing from the decision arrived at by a former Committee—namely, that the Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

5th September, 1894.

Nos. 433, 461, 462, 468, 470, 474, 479, 498, 511, 517, 527, 575.—Petitions of the following Lodges of the Independent Order of Good Templars: The Kauri, of Aratapu; Perseverance, Pride of Wakanui, Forward, New Era, Hope of Harben, General Gordon, Loyal Nelson, Lumsden to the Front Again, Evening Star, Star of Newton, West Coast Pioneer.

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893."

I am directed to report that, as there is now legislation before Parliament dealing with the subject-matter of the petitions, the Committee recommends that they be referred to the Government for consideration.

12th September, 1894.

No. 495.—Petition of WALTER WILLIAMS, of Westport.

PETITIONER states that in April last he was fined under "The Beer Duty Act, 1880," for having accidentally omitted to cancel the duty stamps on two kegs of beer. He prays for the remission of the fine.

I am directed to report that this Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the petition.

12th September, 1894.

No. 499.—Petition of RICHARD POWLEY, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained through the refusal to grant a renewal of the license of the Apollo Hotel.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner was refused the renewal of his hotel license through the operation of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893," the Committee considers the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

12th September, 1894.

No. 529.—Petition of MARY A. PEACHEY, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained through the refusal to grant a renewal of the license of the Britannia Hotel.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner was refused the renewal of her hotel license through the operation of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893," the Committee considers the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

12th September, 1894.

No. 514.—Petition of P. J. GILMORE, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained through the refusal to grant a renewal of the license of the Railway Hotel.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner was refused the renewal of his hotel license through the operation of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893," the Committee considers the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

12th September, 1894.

No. 530.—Petition of CHRISTINA S. PACEY, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained through the refusal to grant a renewal of the license to the Canongate Hotel.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner was refused the renewal of her hotel license through the operation of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893," the Committee considers the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

12th September, 1894.

Nos. 569, 570, 571, and 572.—Petitions of THOMAS HUNTER and 9 Others, CHARLES DAVIES and 77 Others, ROBERT NEVILLE and 22 Others, and HENRY WORTHINGTON and 26 Others, of Otamatea and Whangarei Counties.

PETITIONERS pray that a grant of £500 may be voted for the road to connect the Settlements of Mareretu, Maungaturoto, Waikiekie, and Mangapai with the Great North Road and Whangarei.

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

12th September, 1894.

No. 537.—Petition of CORNELIUS O'NEIL and 350 Others, of Westland.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of money may be placed on the estimates for the purpose of continuing the track up the Four-mile Creek to a point in the Grey Valley.

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

18th September, 1894.