

No. 83.—Petition of ADAM JOHN McCCLUSKEY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER, who has been employed in the Police and Prisons Departments, and who was discharged therefrom, prays that a Committee be allowed to inquire into the charges brought against him, and that he be granted the usual compensation.

I am directed to report that the Committee sees no reason to depart from the decision arrived at last session—viz., that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

30th July, 1895.

No. 106.—Petition of A. J. SCHNAKENBERG, President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand, and three Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Government may take steps to establish "Inebriate Homes" for curative treatment in the great centres of New Zealand.

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

30th July, 1895.

No. 101.—Petition of WILLIAM PARK, Mayor, and Councillors, of Palmerston North, and 650 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that steps be taken to amend the Designation of Districts Act, so as to allow the Borough of Palmerston North to retain its present name.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, but would recommend that the name of "Manawatu," suggested by the Borough of Palmerston North, should be adopted as the name of that borough.

30th July, 1895.

No. 62.—Petition of FREDERICK W. SHORTLAND, of Onehunga.

PETITIONER prays that a compassionate allowance may be granted to the widow of the late Dr. Edward Shortland on account of his many services rendered in the interests of the New Zealand Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th July, 1895.

Nos. 132, 138, and 139.—Petitions of the MALVERN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, the NAPIER WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, and the AUCKLAND WOMEN'S POLITICAL LEAGUE (No. 1).

PETITIONERS pray that legislation may be passed this session to remove the disabilities which at present hinder women from sitting as members of the Legislature or from being elected or appointed to any public office or position in the colony, &c.

I am directed to report that, as there is now before Parliament legislation dealing with the subject-matter of these petitions, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

31st July, 1895.

No. 104.—Petition of THOMAS McCONNELL, of Waimate.

PETITIONER states that while employed in the Defence Force of the colony during the Maori War he injured his right hand; that he is now seventy-six years of age, and unable to work for his living; he prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

31st July, 1895.

No. 128.—Petition of A. J. SCHNACKENBERG, President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand, and three Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the age of consent may be raised to twenty-one years.

I am directed to report that, as the matter has already been dealt with by Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

31st July, 1895.

Nos. 111, 147, and 150.—Petitions of WALTER SPITE and 62 Others, JOHN COPLAND and 1,830 Others, and JAMES NEIL and 32 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Pharmacy Bill now before Parliament be not passed.

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

31st July, 1895.

No. 133.—Petition of the MALVERN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

PETITIONERS pray for the amendment of the laws of divorce, and the raising of the age of consent to eighteen years.

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

31st July, 1895.