

No. 445.—Petition of W. NABBS and J. J. DALEY, of Te Awamutu.

PETITIONERS state that they are the occupiers of a section of land in the County of Waipa; that there is no surveyed road to the said section; that they have had to pay the cost of taking the land necessary for the required road; that they consider the Government should have provided a road when the land was surveyed. They pray for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioners are entitled to claim the actual cost of acquiring the freehold of the road through Section No. 272.

25th October, 1895.

No. 501.—Petition of JOSEPH SCARFF, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted a compassionate allowance, on account of his late services as messenger, &c.

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

25th October, 1895.

No. 415.—Petition of W. J. McCUBBIN, of Denniston.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of £20, stolen from the postal mail-bag at Denniston on the 5th of August last.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition is under the favourable consideration of the Postal Department, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

26th October, 1895.

No. 458.—Petition of W. H. MARTIN and 175 Others, of Mount Albert, Auckland (No. 2).

PETITIONERS pray that the Railway Department and the local bodies may be restrained from removing scoria ash from the Mount Albert quarry, on account of the disfigurement of the Mount caused thereby.

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

26th October, 1895.

No. 495.—Petition of Z. M. READ.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance, on account of her late husband, who died when employed as night watchman at the General Post Office, Wellington.

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

26th October, 1895.

No. 468.—Petition of JOHN G. RICHARDS, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that he was employed by the Government as Inspector of Works at the erection of the Lyell Bridge; that, on the removal of the Inspector in charge of the cylinder sinking, he undertook that work in addition to his already arduous duties without any extra consideration. He prays that he may be granted some extra pay on that account.

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

26th October, 1895.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee has held forty meetings, and the attendance of the members thereof is as follows: Mr. Meredith (Chairman), 40; Mr. Collins, 34; Mr. Willis, 31; Mr. McNab, 30; Mr. E. M. Smith, 25; Mr. Fraser, 21; Mr. Lang, 17; Mr. G. J. Smith, 16; Mr. Morrison, 12; and the Hon. Mr. Reeves, 2. Mr. G. J. Smith became a member of the Committee as from the 23rd of July, taking the place of Mr. Earnshaw, who up to that date made no attendance.

Number of Petitions referred to the Committee	...	...	...	203
Number of Petitions dealt with by the Committee	...	...	...	202
Number of Petitions held over	...	...	...	1
Number of Reports presented to the House	...	...	...	114
Number of specific recommendations made therein	..	...	...	12
Number referred to Government for favourable consideration	...	...	...	8
Number referred to Government for consideration	...	...	...	28
No recommendation, &c.	...	...	...	66

I am directed by resolution of the Committee to further report that they desire to express their appreciation of the assiduous and able manner in which the Chairman has conducted the business of the Committee.

That a vote of thanks was passed for the efficient way in which the Clerk carried out his duties during the past session.

26th October, 1895.

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