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# RAILWAYS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

MR. G. W. RUSSELL, CHAIRMAN.

*Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.*

## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 1895.

*Ordered*, "That Standing Order No. 211 be suspended, and that a Committee, consisting of sixteen members, be appointed to examine into and report upon questions relating to the railways, with power to call for persons and papers; five to be a quorum. The Committee to consist of Mr. Crowther, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. Flatman, Hon. Mr. Larnach, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Massey, Hon. Mr. Mitchelson, Mr. Morrison, Mr. G. W. Russell, Hon. Mr. Seddon, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Wilson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. CADMAN).

TUESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 1895.

*Ordered*, "That the petition of John Milne and others be referred to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. MEREDITH).

TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1895.

*Ordered*, "That the name of Mr. Graham be added to the Railways Committee."—(Hon. Mr. CADMAN.)

TUESDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1895.

*Ordered*, "That the petitions of the Oamaru Harbour Board, and John Metcalf and others, be referred to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. MEREDITH.)

TUESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1895.

*Ordered*, "That the petitions of Thomas Nutsford and others, and John McCarroll and others, be referred to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. MEREDITH.)

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## No. 729, 1894.—Petition of JOHN MILNE and 15 Others, of Southland.

PETITIONERS pray that provision may be made for the construction of the Gore-Kelso Railway.

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

1st August, 1895.

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## No. 100.—Petition of SAMUEL VAILE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that steps be taken to allow him to apply his system to some section of the railways.

I am directed to report that, as the matter is still under the consideration of the Government, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

1st August, 1895.

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## No. 169.—W. BARNETT and 69 Others (Christchurch Carriers).

PETITIONERS pray that on the expiry of the Christchurch Railway-cartage Contract it be not renewed.

I am directed to report that, after carefully considering this petition, this Committee considers that in a large city like Christchurch the only satisfactory way of dealing with the question of railway-cartage is for the Railway Department to deal with a responsible body. This Committee, therefore, is of opinion that the petitioners should consider the desirability of organizing themselves, when they would be able to tender as a body for the contract, dividing the work afterwards if their tender should be successful.

14th August, 1895.

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## No. 312.—Petition of SILAS PAPPRIILL, of Westport.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted to him in respect of the loss of his eyesight whilst engaged in the employ of the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has been in the employment of the Railway Department only for a comparatively short period of his life, and as this Committee is not convinced that his loss of sight was caused by his work in the department, it considers that the £70 compassionate-allowance proposed to be paid by the department should be acceptable to the petitioner, and that the matter should be referred to the Government.

5th September, 1895.

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## No. 386.—Petition of OAMARU HARBOUR BOARD.

PETITIONERS pray that steps be taken to prevent unfair competition on the part of the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that, as the question involved is one of public policy, this Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

27th September, 1895.

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## No. 352.—Petition of WILLIAM OWENS.

PETITIONER states that he was formerly employed as shunter and wharf-porter at Lyttelton Railway-station, and that he had to resign owing to his getting into debt through sickness in his family. He prays for employment or relief.

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

3rd October, 1895.

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## No. 306.—Petition of KEITH RAMSAY.

PETITIONER prays that the differential rates on the railway from Dunedin to Invercargill may be inquired into and redress given.

I am directed to report that, as the question involved is one of public policy, this Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

3rd October, 1895.

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## No. 351.—Petition of JOSEPH SMART.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of his being disabled whilst in the service of the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the Government has treated the petitioner liberally, and the Committee has, therefore, no recommendation to make.

3rd October, 1895.

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## Nos. 201, 395, 405, and 394.—Petitions of T. W. DOWSON and Others, J. HEMPHILL and Others, T. C. SAINSBURY and Others, and J. N. METCALF and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the North of Auckland Railway may be extended from its present terminus towards Whangarei.

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

3rd October, 1895.

## No. 209.—Petition of W. CARLTON and 117 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Catlin's River Railway may be extended to Catlin's River or Ratanui.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the Lands Department should be recommended to keep in view the desirability of cutting up the Crown lands affected in a manner that will secure a railway reserve for the projected line, and that the Public Works Department should be recommended to make a trial survey of the line with that view.

8th October, 1895.

## No. 140.—Petition of W. G. COLLINS and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for an annual progressive extension of the railway from Reefton towards the junction of the Buller and Inangahua Rivers.

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

8th October, 1895.

## Nos. 431 and 432.—THOMAS NUTSFORD and 2 Others, and JOHN MCCARROLL and 2 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the North of Auckland Railway may be extended from its present terminus to Whangarei.

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

8th October, 1895.

## No. 384.—Petition of M. J. HARRINGTON.

PETITIONER states that he fell over points on the Railway Wharf at Wellington, and sustained serious injuries; also, that if the jetty had been properly lighted no accident would have befallen him. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that this Committee, while sympathizing with petitioner, is of opinion that he has no claim against the Government.

9th October, 1895.

## No. 469.—Petition of ANDREW AUSTIN.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of sheep killed on the railway-crossing at Pokeno.

I am directed to report that this Committee, while sympathizing with petitioner, is of opinion that he has no claim against the Government.

18th October, 1895.

## No. 345.—Petition of J. MACKAY and 101 Others.

PETITIONERS state that Richard Clark was killed while getting out of a train at Manganai, and pray for a compassionate allowance to his widow.

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

18th October, 1895.

## No. 437.—Petition of M. PRENDERGAST, Jun., and 122 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Hyde Railway-station may be moved from its present site at Newtown to the Township of Hyde.

I am directed to report that this Committee recognises that the petitioners are entitled to relief, and, as it is impracticable to remove the station, recommends that a flag-station be erected at Hyde Township.

25th October, 1895.

## No. 210.—Petition of EDWARD EDIE and 50 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Waipahi-Heriot Railway may be extended.

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

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