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REPORTS OF RAILWAYS COMMITTEE.

(MR. W. W. TANNER, 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 5TH DAY OF JULY, 1898.

Ordered, "That a Committee consisting of seventeen 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. Carson, Mr. Crowther, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Flatman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Holland, Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Massey, Mr. McLean, Mr. Morrison, Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Taylor, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Mr. Wright, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. CADMAN.)

FRIDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JULY, 1898.

Ordered, "That the petitions No. 285, R. Witty, and No. 313, James Ness and others, of session 1897, be referred to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. MEREDITH.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1898.

Ordered, "That the petition No. 109, William Olliver, be referred to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. MEREDITH.)

FRIDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1898.

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

THURSDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1898.

Ordered, "That the petition No. 158, William N. Chambers, be referred to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. JOYCE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1898.

Ordered, "That the report of the Railways Committee on the petition of David Knight, of Hawera, be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration."—(Mr. McGUIRE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1898.

Ordered, "That the report of the Railways Committee on the petitions of John Mill and others and Thomas Ross and others, of Dunedin, be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration."—(Mr. E. G. ALLEN.)

FRIDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Ordered, "That the petition of David Clark and 123 others be referred direct to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. GILFEDDER.)

THURSDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Ordered, "That the petition of Charles Reid and another, on behalf of the Council of the Borough of Ashburton, be referred direct to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. WRIGHT.)

TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Ordered, "That the petitions of Henry Mackie and James Moore respectively be referred direct to the Railways Committee."—(Mr. WRIGHT.)

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No. 128, 1897.—Petition of WILLIAM GRIFFIE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the terminus of the Otago Central Railway should be at Wedderburn instead of Eweburn.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petition has been already complied with, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 197, 1897.—Petition of B. M. GUBB and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway may be extended further north from Helensville.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that, as the subject-matter of this petition is a question of policy, it should be referred to Government for consideration.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 109, 1897.—Petition of THOMAS WILKINSON and 77 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that an alteration may be made in the rate of freights charged on farm produce; and that a weighing-machine may be provided at Pukekohe Railway-station.

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

22nd July, 1898.

No. 353, 1897.—Petition of JANE WILSON.

PETITIONER states she is the widow of John Wilson, who was employed twenty-three years on the clerical staff of the Government railways. She prays for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 245, 1897.—Petition of JOHN FITZGERALD.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injury done to his land by flooding, caused by the erection of a railway-bridge over the Grey River.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that, whilst the ownership of the Midland Railway is in dispute, it is inadvisable to proceed with the petition.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 69, 1897.—Petition of WILLIAM WALKER and Another.

PETITIONERS pray compensation for certain lands, their property, taken for the purpose of constructing a railway at Otautau.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 336, 1897.—Petition of JOHN FINDLAY and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a branch line of railway may be constructed between Waicolo and the Orawia Flat.

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

26th July, 1898.

No. 339, 1897.—Petition of W. J. CONRADI and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a light line of railway be constructed through the Raglan County connecting with the Auckland-Frankton line.

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

26th July, 1898.

No. 253, 1897.—Petition of J. MCFARLANE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a railway be constructed to connect Gisborne with Auckland.

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

26th July, 1898.

No. 252, 1897.—Petition of Rev. WILLIAM WELSH and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a railway be constructed between Gisborne and Napier.

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

26th July, 1898.

No. 285, 1897.—Petition of RICHARD WITTY, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays compensation for injuries sustained by his attempting to get on a train when it was in motion, at Kensington, in December, 1884.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

2nd August, 1898.

No. 351, 1897.—Petition of H. J. WILKIE and Others, Hawera.

PETITIONERS pray that a line of railway be constructed between Opunake and the Mountain Road near Eltham.

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

2nd August, 1898.

No. 338, 1897.—Petitions of JOHN GUY and Others, Opunake.

PETITIONERS pray that a line of railway be constructed between Opunake and the Mountain Road near Eltham.

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

2nd August, 1898.

No. 313, 1897.—Petition of JAMES NESS and Others, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray compensation for injuries sustained by them through an omnibus on which they were riding having been run down by a railway-train at Auckland, on 1st October, 1897.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that petitioners have no claim upon the colony.

2nd August, 1898.

No. 196, 1897.—Petition of J. P. SINCLAIR and Others, Henderson.

PETITIONERS pray that a working-men's train be run from Auckland to Waitakerei Station at reduced rates.

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

The Committee also recommend the advisability of the department taking into consideration, at as early a date as possible, the necessity of introducing working-men's trains in the large centres of the colony at a uniform rate of fares.

10th August, 1898.

No. 22.—Petition of WILLIAM JONES, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for light employment by the Railways Department, owing to his services as a watchman having been dispensed with.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that this petition should be referred to Government for favourable consideration when an opportunity occurs in the district.

10th August, 1898.

No. 4.—Petition of JESSIE COLYER and Others, Invercargill.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway-line between the Bluff and Invercargill may be fenced.

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

10th August, 1898.

No. 3.—Petition of Rev. WILLIAM WALSH and Others, Riverton.

PETITIONERS pray that a flag-station may be constructed at South Riverton, on the Riverton-Orepuki Railway.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

10th August, 1898.

No. 227, 1897.—Petition of J. A. JOHNSTON, Wellington.

PETITIONER states that he was the contractor for the construction of the Patea Railway-station; that, owing to his not having completed his contract within the specified time, deductions have been made from his payments by the department. He prays for consideration.

I am directed to report that the Committee find, after careful inquiry, that the allegations made by the petitioner against the Railways Department have no foundation in fact, and that, in their opinion, he has no claim on the colony.

18th August, 1898.

No. 67.—Petition of WILLIAM and JESSIE McLEOD, King Street, Sydenham.

PETITIONERS pray compensation for the loss of their son, who, in the year 1895, fell from the railway-bridge near Sinclair Railway-station and was drowned.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that petitioners have no claim on the colony.

18th August, 1898.

Nos. 122 and 151.—Petitions of E. PURSER and Others, Blenheim, and A. S. COLLINS and Others, Kaikoura.

PETITIONERS pray that the trunk lines of railway in the colony, and especially that between Christchurch and Blenheim, be completed.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of these two petitions involves a large question of colonial policy, the Committee recommend that they be referred to Government for consideration.

18th August, 1898.

No. 47.—Petition of H. E. STEHR and Others, Kaihu.

PETITIONERS pray that the Kaihu Valley Railway may be extended two miles and a half to Waima.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition involves a question of policy, the Committee recommend that it be referred to the Government for consideration.

31st August, 1898.

No. 88.—Petition of WILLIAM CARLTON and Others, Ratanui, Clutha.

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

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition is a question of policy, the Committee recommend that it be referred to the Government for consideration.

31st August, 1898.

No. 184.—Petition of L. G. PRATT, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays compensation for serious injuries sustained through falling into an excavation in the parcel-office at Christchurch Railway-station, while in the execution of his duty as a railway guard.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner has established his claim against the Government for compensation, and they recommend that he be paid the sum of £200.

31st August, 1898.

No. 20.—Petition of W. MOUAT and Others, Merivale.

PETITIONERS pray that a line of railway be constructed from Waicolo to the Orawia Flat, near Merivale.

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

31st August, 1898.

No. 28.—Petition of CHRISTINA BROWN, Ngaire.

PETITIONER prays that she may be relieved from paying the sum of £120 claimed by the Railways Department as damages for the loss of three wagons accidentally burnt by bush-fires on petitioner's siding at Ngaire.

I am directed to report that, inasmuch as the loss of the wagons was owing to bush-fires, and not to the negligence of the petitioner, the Committee recommend that Government do not press for any payment for the wagons so destroyed.

31st August, 1898.

No. 109.—Petition of WILLIAM OLLIVER, Lyttelton.

PETITIONER states he was sixteen years an engine-driver on the New Zealand Government railways; that he was discharged in 1889 owing to old age. He prays for light employment, or a compassionate allowance.

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

22nd September, 1898.

Nos. 210, 211, and 213.—Petitions of THOMAS C. SAINSBURY and Others, Kaipara Flats; W. L. SAUNDERSON and Others, Ahuroa; and GREGOR WENZLEEK and Others, Puhoi.

PETITIONERS pray that the Helensville Northward Railway may be further extended.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that, as the subject-matter of these petitions is a question of policy, they should be referred to Government for consideration.

22nd September, 1898.

No. 136.—Petition of HENRY GEORGE BRUCE and Others, Fernhill, Otago.

PETITIONERS pray that the extra haulage-rate of 4½d. per ton for coal carried on the branch line between Fernhill Coal-mine and the main line of railway at Abbotsford be discontinued.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

22nd September, 1898.

Nos. 134 and 186.—Petitions of JOHN MILL and Others, Dunedin, and THOMAS ROSS and Others, Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray that the line of railway from Dunedin to Port Chalmers may be straightened, and a second line of rails laid down.

These two petitions having been referred back by the House to the Committee for reconsideration, I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that they be referred to Government for consideration.

5th October, 1898.

No. 20.—Petition of DAVID KNIGHT, Hawera.

PETITIONER prays compensation for injuries sustained by being run over by a train on a level crossing near Hawera, in February, 1898.

This petition having been referred back to the Committee by the House for further consideration, I am directed to report that the Committee do not see any reason to alter their previous report—viz., that petitioner has no claim on the colony.

5th November, 1898.

No. 64, 1897.—Petition of EDWARD NEALE, Waitohi, Marlborough.

PETITIONER prays compensation for damage to his property by the construction of the Picton-Blenheim Railway, in cutting off his road-frontage, and by the opening of a gravel-pit on his land.

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

5th October, 1898.

No. 201.—Petition of JAMES PENFOLD, Southbridge.

PETITIONER states that he was a platelayer on the Government railways for over thirty years; that in the year 1897 he was discharged owing to his old age, and to the fact of his being rendered unfit for work through the effects of an accident which occurred to him when in the service. He prays for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that, considering the petitioner was injured by an accident when in the Government service, the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to Government for favourable consideration.

11th October, 1898.

No. 158.—Petition of WILLIAM N. CHAMBERS, Dunedin.

PETITIONER states he was employed for twelve years in the Government workshops at Hillsid e that in the year 1890 he was discharged on the ground of old age. He prays for light employment, or a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to Government for favourable consideration, with the view that the petitioner be found employment suitable to his age and capabilities.

11th October, 1898.

No. 287.—Petition of JAMES FAIRLEY, Sydney Street, Caversham.

PETITIONER states he was twenty-four years a platelayer on the Government railways; that he was discharged from the service in September, 1898, on the grounds of old age and debility; that when in the service he met with an accident, from the effects of which he has never recovered. He prays for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that, considering the petitioner met with an accident, which more or less permanently disabled him, when in the Government service, the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to Government for favourable consideration.

11th October, 1898.

No. 303.—Petition of GEORGE WILSON and Others, Kaipara Flats.

PETITIONERS pray that the Auckland northward line of railway may be extended to Whangarei.

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

21st October, 1898.

No. 215.—Petition of A. MILLER and Others, Nightcaps.

PETITIONERS pray that Government will purchase the private line of railway between Nightcaps and Wairio.

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

21st October, 1898.

No. 308.—Petition of DAVID CLARK and Others, Heddon Bush.

PETITIONERS pray that a line of railway may be constructed between Wright's Bush and Heddon Bush.

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

21st October, 1898.

No. 259.—Petition of JOHN VAUGHAN and Others, Cheviot.

PETITIONERS pray that the Christchurch-Blenheim line of railway may be completed.

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

21st October, 1898.

No. 279.—Petition of C. G. MARTIN and Others, Tahakope Valley.

PETITIONERS pray that the Catlin's River line of railway may be extended to Tahakope Valley.

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

21st October, 1898.

No. 319.—Petition of W. R. WRIGHT and Others, Pukekohe.

PETITIONERS pray that a line of railway may be constructed between Paerata and Waiuku.

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

21st October, 1898.

No. 304.—Petition of W. R. C. ERSON and Others, Onehunga.

PETITIONERS pray for a reduction of fares on the railway-line between Auckland and Onehunga.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

21st October, 1898.

No. 253.—Petition of CATHERINE COWPER, Christchurch.

PETITIONER states she was employed as attendant in the ladies' waiting-room at Christchurch Railway-station; that in July, 1898, she was discharged for being drunk on duty. She prays consideration.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

21st October, 1898.

Nos. 289, 291, 290, and 292.—Petitions of ALFRED STEVENTON and Others, Kaipara; WALTER PERKINS and Others, Aratapu; THOMAS A. GUBB and Others, Port Albert; PETER GARDNER and Others, Aoroa.

PETITIONERS pray that the Mount Rix Wharf, at the junction of the Kaipara and Kaukapakapa Rivers, may be opened for traffic; and a subsidy granted for a steamer calling once a month.

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

26th October, 1898.

No. 346.—Petition of W. B. DAVIES and 424 Others.

PETITIONERS pray some provision may be made for Charles Tasch, late railway porter at New Plymouth, who was run over by a train in August last and lost both his legs.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to Government for favourable consideration; and that they be specially requested to find Charles Tasch suitable employment at the first opportunity.

26th October, 1898.

No. 282.—Petition of JOHN SCOTT, Christchurch.

PETITIONER states that he has been discharged from the Government railway service on the grounds of debility, the result of an injury received when in the railway service. He prays a compassionate allowance, or employment at light work.

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

4th November, 1898.

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No. 234—Revision of Bureau of Investment and Finance Administration and Control Act of 1933

The Bureau of Investment and Finance Administration and Control was established in 1933 to regulate the activities of foreign investors and to supervise the investments of the government.

1953 October, 1953

No. 235—Revision of 77, 78, 79, and 80 Acts

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1953 October, 1953

No. 236—Revision of 1933 Act

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Secretary