

No. 276.—Petition of THERESA JANE GARRARD, of Grey Street, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for payment of £9 in connection with the old-age pension, which she alleges has been wrongfully withheld.

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

21st October, 1899.

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No. 304.—Petition of D. GOLDIE and 8 Others, of Ngaruawahia.

PETITIONER prays that the Government will forego certain claims in connection with a bridge-contract at Ngaruawahia.

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

21st October, 1899.

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No. 399.—Petition of J. A. N. GREENSILL and Another, of Picton.

PETITIONERS pray for refund of £25, forfeit-money in connection with the Havelock-Pelorus Sound mail-contract.

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

21st October, 1899.

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No. 504.—Petition of WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, of Whakarewarewa, Rotorua.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land in connection with military services.

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

21st October, 1899.

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No. 514.—Petition of JOHANNA JAMES and 24 Others, of Brunnerton.

PETITIONERS pray for the readministration of certain portion of the Brunner Disaster Fund.

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

21st October, 1899.

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Nos. 78 and 465.—Petitions of W. B. EDWARDS and THOMAS LINTERN.

I am directed to report that, when under consideration by your Committee, the petitions of W. B. Edwards and Thomas Lintern were withdrawn.

21st October, 1899.

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Nos. 512, 393, and 380 (1898).—Petitions of JOSEPH FRANICH, H. VON BLAREMBERG, and F. W. BOYNTON.

I am directed to report that, having duly considered the facts in connection with the above petitions, your Committee have in each case no recommendation to make.

21st October, 1899.

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Nos. 90, 195, and 196, 316, 495, 517, 127, 143, 312 of 1897, 32, and 335.—Petitions of R. J. FELTUS, CHARLES BROWN, PIERCE LYNCH, J. DILWORTH and Others, Sir WALTER BULLER, M. CAREY, JOHN BELL, HENRY HENDERSON, and HENRY ELLIS.

I am directed to report upon the above petitions that, owing to the inadequacy of the time which has been at the disposal of your Committee, it has not been found possible to bestow upon them due consideration. It is therefore recommended that they be referred to next Parliament.

21st October, 1899.

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No. 487.—Petition of E. CARRIGAN and Others, Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray—(1.) That they be awarded such sum of money as may compensate them for losses which they state they have sustained through the taking of their land in the City of Wellington under the provisions of "The Wellington Harbour Board Reclamation and Empowering Act, 1898." (2.) That the House will take steps to secure justice for petitioners.

I am directed to report—(1.) Upon the first clause of the prayer the Committee has no recommendation to make. (2.) As to the second clause: From evidence before the Committee, it appears that "The Wellington Harbour Board Reclamation and Empowering Act, 1898," has resulted in hardship to the petitioners, and the Committee therefore recommends the Government to make full inquiry, with a view to affording the petitioners relief.

23rd October, 1899.

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No. 135.—Petition of J. R. BLAIR, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that the Mount Cook Reserve, Wellington, be vested in the Council of the Victoria College as a site for the college.

I am directed to report that, as a Bill dealing with the subject-matter of this petition is before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd October, 1899.