No. 199.—Petition of Albert Chappell and Another, of Birkenhead, Auckland.

Petitioners pray that the House do support any measure dealing with the restriction of gambling.

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

16th August, 1900.

No. 179.—Petition of C. G. BEECROFT and Others, of Devonport, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the House do reject any proposed measure legalising gambling in any shape or form.

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

16th August, 1900.

No. 157.—Petition of R. H. CAITCHEM and Others, of Auckland.

Petitioners pray that uncertificated masters be not permitted to command vessels trading between Auckland and Whangarei.

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

21st August, 1900.

No. 171.—Petition of C. P. GARDNER, of Auckland.

Petitioner prays that his old-age pension be restored to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, as they understand that Government is bringing down legislation dealing with this and similar petitions.

21st August, 1900.

No. 252.—Petition of J. W. Bannerman (No. 1), of Otago.

Petitioner prays that the law sanctioning the use of the totalisator be annulled, and steps be taken to restrict the vice of gambling.

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

21st August, 1900.

No. 253.—Petition of J. W. Bannerman (No. 2), of Otago.

PETITIONER prays that the Bill to legalise marriage with deceased husbands' brother be not passed. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 21st August, 1900.

No. 113.—Petition of Ан Foot, of Riverton.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of expenses incurred by him in an action in the Magistrate's Court,

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

23rd August, 1900.

No. 286.—Petition of J. A. HASLETT and Others, of Auckland.

Praying to be brought under the law so that they shall be compelled to close their shops one half-day during the week.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, as there is a Bill before the House dealing with this question.

23rd August, 1900.

No. 285 .- Petition of DAVID DUNN, of Oamaru.

PETITIONER prays that a certain sum of money be paid him by the Railway Department for land taken by them.

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

23rd August, 1900.

No. 194.—Petition of CLARA FINNERTY, of Patea.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance.

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

23rd August, 1900.

No. 270.—Petition of ROBERT GREEN and Others, of Otorohanga.

PETITIONERS pray that licenses for the sale of liquor in the King-country be issued.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that, as the petition involves a matter of policy, they have no recommendation to make.

23rd August, 1900.

No. 495, 1899.—Petition of Peirce Lynch, of Coromandel.

PETITIONER prays for remission of fine imposed upon him under the Stamps Act.

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

28th August, 1900.