

PETITIONERS pray for speedier construction of the Main Trunk Railway north of Auckland.

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

26th September, 1901.

No. 713.—Petition of W. BASKET, of Whangarei, and 13 Others (and 76 other similar Petitions, as per following Schedule).

No. 714. H. Ware and 13 others.	No. 752. F. G. Thomas and 11 others.
No. 715. H. Beehire and 13 others.	No. 753. J. H. McKenzie and 15 others.
No. 716. E. Gray and 13 others.	No. 824. H. G. Nudd and 12 others.
No. 717. A. F. McLan and 13 others.	No. 825. W. Clotworthy and 13 others.
No. 718. M. Higginson and 13 others.	No. 826. D. Urquhart and 15 others.
No. 719. G. Gocher and 13 others.	No. 827. G. Casey and 14 others.
No. 720. G. Martin and 15 others.	No. 828. W. L. Squires and 12 others.
No. 721. E. O. Weaver and 13 others.	No. 829. E. Morey and 14 others.
No. 722. Harrison and Sons and 13 others.	No. 830. M. H. M. Wilson and 12 others.
No. 723. F. Smith and 11 others.	No. 831. A. Morgan and 16 others.
No. 724. W. Woods and 13 others.	No. 832. M. A. LeClere and 14 others.
No. 725. E. Plaisted and 13 others.	No. 833. G. Ross and 16 others.
No. 726. J. R. McInnis and 13 others.	No. 834. R. R. Hodge and 11 others.
No. 727. A. McKinnon and 13 others.	No. 835. C. J. LeClere and 17 others.
No. 728. A. S. Harden and 13 others.	No. 836. J. Lockerby and 10 others.
No. 729. J. McKinnon and 13 others.	No. 837. J. C. Scott and 9 others.
No. 730. F. Gibbs and 14 others.	No. 838. J. Jones and 12 others.
No. 731. F. W. Sadman and 13 others.	No. 839. J. L. McKenzie and 12 others.
No. 732. F. Wyatt and 13 others.	No. 840. D. A. McLean and 13 others.
No. 733. H. A. Going and 13 others.	No. 841. C. McKay and 11 others.
No. 734. W. Cameron and 13 others.	No. 842. F. Hart and 12 others.
No. 735. J. Rawnsley and 16 others.	No. 843. J. Stewart and 14 others.
No. 736. O. McKinnon and 13 others.	No. 844. H. R. Cook and 13 others.
No. 737. T. L. Drummond and 13 others.	No. 845. W. A. Watson and 14 others.
No. 738. W. Munro and 13 others.	No. 846. S. Blackburn and 10 others.
No. 739. E. Sunderland and 13 others.	No. 847. H. Crawford and 11 others.
No. 740. A. L. Woolley and 11 others.	No. 848. C. E. Mackasey and 11 others.
No. 741. H. S. Wrack and 13 others.	No. 849. M. H. Carter and 12 others.
No. 742. J. M. Spence and 13 others.	No. 850. J. C. Miller and 3 others.
No. 743. E. Douglas and 13 others.	No. 851. W. Vyle and 14 others.
No. 744. F. Higginson and 13 others.	No. 852. W. B. Gillingham and 11 others.
No. 745. G. Wilkinson and 12 others.	No. 853. E. W. Gillingham and 11 others.
No. 746. M. E. Carruth and 12 others.	No. 854. M. Weir and 12 others.
No. 747. J. Smith and 10 others.	No. 855. S. Graham and 2 others.
No. 748. B. W. Cook and 10 others.	No. 856. H. J. James and 9 others.
No. 749. B. V. Going and 13 others.	No. 857. S. Rawnsley and 13 others.
No. 750. E. J. Smedley and 11 others.	No. 858. W. H. Hammond and 10 others.
No. 751. F. M. Vaile and 11 others.	No. 859. W. Morgan and 11 others.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the railway from Whangarei to Grahamstown.

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

26th September, 1901.

No. 487.—Petition of WILLIAM DIACK, of Waikouaiti.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for sheep killed by train at Diack's Crossing, Tumai, on the 17th October, 1900.

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

25th September, 1901.

No. 383.—Petition of THOMAS RAY, of Carterton.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for land taken for railway purposes.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the Government place a sum on the supplementary estimates to compensate the petitioner for the land taken.

8th October, 1901.

No. 384.—Petition of WILLIAM ROBERT TURNBULL, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries sustained in a railway accident on the 25th March, 1900, between Elles Road and Invercargill Railway-stations.

I am directed to report that the Committee sees no reason to alter its report of last year.

8th October, 1901.

No. 385.—Petition of THOMAS PATTERSON, of South Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received at a railway-crossing at Canon Street, Invercargill, in 1886.

I am directed to report that the Committee sees no reason to alter its report of last year.

8th October, 1901.

No. 483.—Petition of ANNIE RHODES, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance for the loss of her husband, John Rhodes, otherwise John Witheman, killed on the railway on the 18th June, 1901.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the Government pay the petitioner the sum of £50.

8th October, 1901.