

No. 92.—Petition of P. McALESTER and Others, Residents of the Bay of Islands District. PETITIONERS pray that the Opua-Kawakawa and Huketerenui-Whangarei sections of railway be connected as soon as possible.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition is a question of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

26th August, 1902.

No. 253.—Petition of MARGARET JOHNSTON, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that a level crossing may be put in to give access to her property between Henderson and Swanson.

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

26th August, 1902.

No. 321.—Petition of G. C. NICHOLSON and Others, of Port Albert, &c.

PETITIONERS pray that the Helensville Northwards Railway may be extended to Maungaturoto.

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

27th August, 1902.

No. 103.—Petition of A. E. GLOVER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that his son, Arthur Glover, was injured by an accident while in the employ of the Government Railway Department, and prays for compensation for same.

I am directed to report that the Committee, after hearing further evidence, and carefully considering the petition and departmental report, find that Arthur Glover met with the accident while employed in the railway service, that he received permanent injury which renders him incapable of becoming a competent blacksmith, and that he should be paid the sum of £150 in full compensation for all injuries sustained.

5th September, 1902.

No. 296.—Petition of REBECCA BRINKLEY.

PETITIONER states that some land belonging to her was taken for railway purposes, and prays that compensation may be given to her for same.

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

5th September, 1902.

No. 237.—Petition of R. RHODES, of Mangaweka.

PETITIONER prays that sundry sleepers supplied by him to the Public Works Department may be paid for.

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

5th September, 1902.

No. 160.—Petition of MARY ANNIE ASHTON, of Sydenham, near Christchurch.

PETITIONER states that her husband, Richard Henry Ashton, met with an accident and contracted a severe cold, which led to his death, while in the service of the Government Railway Department, and prays for a compassionate allowance to be given to her.

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

5th September, 1902.

No. 85.—Petition of JOHN CRONIN, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that he met with an accident while in the service of the Railway Department, and asks that some compensation may be paid to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having considered the subject-matter of the petition and the departmental report, has no recommendation to make.

18th September, 1902.

No. 302.—Petition of D. WRIGHT, of Whangarei.

PETITIONER states that he suffered loss through the effect of classification in the matter of overtime, and asks that the amount alleged to be due may be paid to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having fully considered the petition and also the departmental report, has no recommendation to make.

18th September, 1902.

No. 316.—Petition of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY TRUSTEES, Akaroa.

PETITIONERS state that a piece of land belonging to them was taken for railway purposes, and ask that compensation should be paid for the land so taken.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having fully considered the matter of the petition and the departmental report, recommends that a sum of £10 should be paid in full compensation for the land taken.

18th September, 1902.