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No. 123.—Petition of THOMAS SCOTT and 138 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that assistance be granted the Dunedin Free Kindergarten Association either by subsidy or by annual grant.

I am directed to report that this Committee recommends that this petition be referred back to the Classification Committee.

16th July, 1903.

No. 19.—Petition of KATHERINE ALLEN, of Greymouth.

PETITIONER prays that compassionate allowance be granted her owing to the loss of her husband, who was in the Government service.

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

17th July, 1903.

No. 96.—Petition of DANIEL BRENT, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him for loss of office in the Dunedin High School.

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

17th July, 1903.

No. 5.—Petition of A. J. HULME and 2 Others, of Christchurch.

PETITIONERS pray that a compassionate allowance be granted them for the wrongful prosecution of F. W. Hulme.

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

17th July, 1903.

No. 56.—Petition of S. A. LEECH, of Westport.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him for loss of office, in accordance with the reports of the Public Petitions A to L Committee of 1896, 1897, and 1901.

I am directed to report that, as this Committee has annually given favourable reports on this petition since 1896, the Government be again recommended to give it favourable consideration.

23rd July, 1903.

No. 122.—Petition of J. BLACK and 32 Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray that publicans and others be restrained from selling tobacco and such articles during the prescribed half-holiday.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, this petition should be referred to the Labour Bills Committee.

24th July, 1903.