No 8.—Petition of Mary Ann Hamilton, of Napier.

PETITIONER prays that relief be granted her owing to her husband being killed while working on

public works.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the Government be strongly recommended to give effect to this petition in accordance with the provisions of "The Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act, 1900," subsection (1), (a), Second Schedule.

24th July, 1903.

No. 4.—Petition of F. W. Leigh and 35 Others, of Christchurch.

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.

No. 208.—Petition of John Goss and 11 Others, of Wanganui.

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.

5th August, 1903.

No. 73.—Petition of Louis Kitt and 322 Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray that the Government will appoint some official representative of the Chinese in the colony.

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

5th August, 1903.

No. 75.—Petition of Frances Lowcay, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER prays that compassionate allowance be granted her for loss of husband, an ex-member of the Permanent Militia.

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

5th August, 1903.

No. 135.—Petition of THOMAS ALLEN, of Greymouth.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him for loss of office, he being an ex-clerk of the Public Works Department.

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

11th August, 1903.

No 183.—Petition of John Driscoll, of Mulgrave Street, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that a compassionate allowance be granted him as an ex public servant.

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

11th August, 1903.

No. 2.—Petition of John Falconer, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he be granted compensation for loss of office, he being an ex-officer of the Defence Department.

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

11th August, 1903.

No. 199.—Petition of Mary Hefferman, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that her daughter may be released from the Avondale Asylum.

I am directed to report that on this petition the Committee has no recommendation to make. 11th August, 1903.

No. 103.—Petition of John Adamson, of Miller's Flat.

PETITIONER prays that he may be paid the wages earned, and be refunded the expenses incurred, while he had charge of the "Hermitage."

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

21st August, 1903.

No. 177.—Petition of John Bray, of Reefton.

PETITIONER prays that compassionate allowance be granted him.

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

21st August, 1903,