

No. 421.—Petition of **MAGNUS ISBISTER**, of Dunback.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry be made *re* the deduction from the subsidy of the Waihemo County Council, and that the amount be refunded.

I am directed to report that, this petition being informal, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1903.

No. 98.—Petition of **THOMAS BELL**, of Rangiriri.

PETITIONER prays that compassionate allowance be granted him for the loss of Sunday Island.

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

3rd September, 1903.

No. 230.—Petition of **JOHN GREY BROWN**, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that his case may be reconsidered, and that relief may be granted him as a returned trooper.

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

4th September, 1903.

No. 273.—Petition of **M. E. CUMMINS**, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that further compassionate allowance be granted her on account of her late husband's public services.

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

4th September, 1903.

No. 372.—Petition of **MARY DAVIDSON**, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted relief from the Clutha Floods Relief Fund on account of the loss of her husband in that flood.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition, with letter attached, should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration; and that before the passing of the Bill intituled "The Clutha Floods Relief Fund Trustees Empowering Act, 1903," now before the House, a full inquiry be made into the position of the petitioner; and, if the facts stated in the petition be substantiated, the Committee are of opinion that provision should be made for Mrs. Davidson out of the said funds now in the hands of the said trustees.

4th September, 1903.

No. 263.—Petition of **MATILDA FRIEND**, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that further compassionate allowance may be granted her on account of her late husband's public services.

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

4th September, 1903.

No. 264.—Petition of **CATHERINE KENT**, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that compassionate allowance may be granted her husband for his public services in the past.

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

4th September, 1903.

No. 229.—Petition of **R. H. BAKEWELL, M.D.**, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that the allowance due to him as medical officer during the Boer war be paid to him.

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

11th September, 1903.

No. 404.—Petition of **HENRY M. BOGGON**, of Napier.

PETITIONER prays that his rights may be safeguarded in the event of the passing of the Law Amendment Bill.

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

11th September, 1903.

No. 550.—Petition of **JOSEPH COLLIER**, of Okuru.

PETITIONER prays that a compassionate allowance be granted him for past services.

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

11th September, 1903.

\* NOTE.—Report brought up on 3rd September. Debate on question, That the report and evidence do lie on table and be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, interrupted by 5.30 adjournment.