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No. 33.—Petition of JESSIE MACKENZIE and 21 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that separate provision be made for the shelter and management of imbecile persons who are already inmates of the various asylums, &c.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the time has arrived when provision should be made for separate institutions for weak-minded or imbecile and idiotic persons who at present, through the want of more suitable accommodation, are sent to the lunatic asylums, where they are unavoidably associated with patients who are under treatment for insanity and where, also, no attempt is made towards classification or improvement by means of training and education; and, further, that from the evidence before them the Committee is of the opinion that there is urgent necessity for immediate action being taken by the Government in the matter.

17th July, 1903.

No. 35.—Petition of JOHN GEORGE PASCOE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation for loss of office as sanitary officer, Government Buildings.

I am directed to report that, after hearing the petitioner and having considered the evidence, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

17th July, 1903.

No. 42.—Petition of JOHN RUNCIMAN, of Paemako.

PETITIONER prays for a grant for military services rendered to the colony.

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

17th July, 1903.

No. 39.—Petition of MICHAEL QUALTER and 12 Others, of Dunedin.

PETITIONERS state that they have suffered pecuniary loss, and have been deprived of their means of living, through the severe administration of the Licensing Act. They pray for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having considered the circumstances of the case, has no recommendation to make.

17th July, 1903.

No. 102.—Petition of JAMES REDDING, of Tuakau.

PETITIONER prays that he may be given a grant of land on account of military services rendered to the colony.

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

17th July, 1903.

No. 159.—Petition of THOMAS VERRY and 58 Others, of Mickeytown.

PETITIONERS pray that a post-office may be established at Mickeytown.

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

21st July, 1903.