

No. 341.—Petition of HENRY WILLACY, of Rotorua.

PETITIONER states that he was injured while acting as bath-attendant at Rotorua. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee reaffirms the resolutions of 1901 and 1902—viz., "That the Committee has no recommendation to make."

14th August, 1903.

Nos. 1, 3, 37, 44, 61, and 184.—Petitions of J. A. PATON and 83 Others, of Christchurch; J. ROBINSON and 113 Others, of Christchurch; H. C. HOLCROFT and 28 Others, of Rangiora; KERR BROS. and 18 Others, of Ashburton; J. MCGIBBON and Co. and 113 Others, of Gore; GEORGE PETTIGREW and 23 Others, of Timaru; &c.

PETITIONERS pray that the necessary legislation may be passed to suppress the use of coupons in packets and packages of tea and other goods.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having heard evidence for and against the use of coupons, has no recommendation to make.

20th August, 1903.

No. 244.—Petition of N. HARPER BELL and 7,218 others, of Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray that legislation may not be passed suppressing the use of coupons in packets or packages of tea and other goods.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having heard evidence for and against the use of coupons, has no recommendation to make.

20th August, 1903.

No. 342.—Petition of PETER McDERMOTT, of Towai.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive a grant of land for military services rendered to the colony.

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

20th August, 1903.

No. 288.—Petition of P. McALESTER and 9 Others, of Bay of Islands (and 16 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule).

PETITIONERS pray that a sufficient sum of money be placed on the estimates to continue the railway from Kawakawa southwards to the Ramarama Valley.

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

20th August, 1903.

SCHEDULE.

No. 289.—J. L. Morris and 38 others, of Opuā.	No. 297.—T. R. Williams and 99 others, of Russell.
" 290.—W. Atkinson and 64 others, of Waimate North.	" 298.—H. S. Ludbrook and 23 others, of Ohaeawai.
" 291.—J. Andrews and 97 others, of Oponini.	" 299.—George Clendon and 40 others, of Rawene.
" 292.—S. Mountain and 12 others, of Purerua.	" 300. D. B. Wallace and 58 others, of Kohukohu.
" 293.—W. McLeod and 30 others, of Taheke.	" 323.—A. W. Edwards and 46 others, of Kaokohe.
" 294.—W. W. Ludbrook and 28 others, of Pakaraka.	" 324.—V. H. Reed and 126 others, of Kawakawa.
" 295.—James Mackereth and 67 others, of Okaihau.	" 325.—W. N. Clark and 29 others, of Waipapa.
" 296.—T. H. Hayes and 52 others, of Kako.	" 326.—T. Fleming, and 36 others, of Saies.

No. 200.—Petition of ROWLAND WAGHORN, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation for the losses sustained by him through the closing of Stuart Street, Dunedin, by the Government, for railway purposes, and other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee is satisfied that the petitioner has suffered considerable loss through the closing of Stuart Street for railway purposes, and therefore recommends his case for the favourable consideration of the Government.

1st September, 1903.

No. 322.—Petition of PERCY CHAPMAN, and 4,366 Others, of New Zealand.

PETITIONERS pray that effect may be given to the recommendations of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, dated the 9th October, 1895, and 14th July, 1896, on the case of John James Meikle, of Southland, and that Meikle's name be removed from the prison records of the colony.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having considered the petition of Percy Chapman and others asking that the name of John James Meikle be removed from the prison records of the colony, is unable to see how it can be given effect to, and have therefore no recommendation to make.

1st September, 1903.

No. 321.—Petition of JOHN JAMES MEIKLE, of Southland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be compensated for the loss he has sustained in connection with his business, the legal costs incurred in defending charges preferred against him, and for imprisonment suffered; and also for an inquiry into the matter of the alleged forgery of a certain document, &c.