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# REPORTS OF THE RAILWAYS COMMITTEE.

(MR. TANNER, CHAIRMAN.)

*Presented to the House of Representatives and ordered to be printed.*

## ORDER OF REFERENCE.

*Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

FRIDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1903.

*Ordered*, "That Standing Order No. 211 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of thirteen members, to examine and report upon questions relating to the railways, with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Lawry, Mr. Massey, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Tanner, Mr. J. C. Thomson, Mr. Witty, Mr. Wood, and the mover."—(Hon. Sir J. G. WARD.)

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No. 11.—Petition of MARY ANN ASHTON, of Sydenham, Canterbury.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance for loss of husband, who was in the Railway Department.

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

30th July, 1903.

No. 38.—Petition of JOHN O'CONNOR, of South Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for an accident received while in the employment of the Railway Department.

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

30th July, 1903.

## No. 144.—Petition of THOMAS PATTERSON, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received in connection with a railway accident.

I am directed to report that the Committee considers petitioner was fully compensated, and has no recommendation to make.

30th July, 1903.

## No. 74.—Petition of JAMES GRAY, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER asks for refund of the sum of £506 9s., alleging that this amount was overpaid by him to the Railway Department.

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

5th August, 1903.

## No. 99.—Petition of R. M. PATTERSON and Another, of Camelon, Falkirk, Scotland.

PETITIONERS state that they have suffered loss by fire on account of sparks from an engine on the Government railway, and pray for compensation.

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

5th August, 1903.

## No. 149.—Petition of EDWARD SIMPSON, of Thames.

PETITIONER prays for some relief on account of injury received in the Karangahake Tunnel.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the M to Z Committee.

5th August, 1903.

## No. 59.—Petition of THOMAS EDWARD HALLET, of Mercer.

PETITIONER prays for a reduction of the rent of the Mercer Refreshment-rooms.

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

13th August, 1903.

## No. 192.—Petition of W. H. TURNER, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER prays for some allowance on account of injuries received while on duty.

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

13th August, 1903.

## No. 16.—Petition of Mrs. SARAH JANE GREEN, of Parnell, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance in respect to the death of her husband, who was in the railway service.

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

13th August, 1903.

## No. 147.—Petition of EDWARD HENRY MAYNARD, of South Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance in respect to loss of office.

I am directed to report that the opinion of this Committee is that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry.

13th August, 1903.

## No. 6.—Petition of WALTER WESTBROOK GREEN, of Masterton.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into his dismissal from the railway service.

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

25th August, 1903.

## No. 58.—Petition of JOHN THOMAS FAULKNER, of Mercer.

PETITIONER prays for relief for loss of office in the Government railways.

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

26th August, 1903.

## No. 13.—Petition of SAMUEL VAILE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a trial of "Vaile's stage system" on the railways of the colony.

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

26th August, 1903.

## No. 209.—Petition of JAMES CARTER, of Port Chalmers.

PETITIONER prays that a period of seventeen years and six months' service be added to his account for superannuation.

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

2nd September, 1903.

## No. 223.—Petition of SARAH SHERBURD, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for the loss of her husband through an accident at the Dunedin Railway Yard.

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

2nd September, 1903.

No. 100.—Petition of GEORGE WEBBER and W. B. SCOTT, of Buckland, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that a fence may be erected on side of railway line adjoining their properties.

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

2nd September, 1903.

No. 71.—Petition of HARRY EARLEY, of Palmerston South, Otago.

PETITIONER prays that a compassionate allowance be granted to him on account of injury received while in the Government Railway service.

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

2nd September, 1903.

No. 89.—Petition of STANLEY VINCENT SYME, of Grafton Road, Auckland. (No. 1.)

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance for injuries received while on duty on the Government railway at Helensville.

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

9th September, 1903.

No. 225.—Petition of Mrs. BRIDGET C. REID, of Kyeburn, Otago.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received in a railway accident.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that petitioner should accept the amount offered by the Department as full and sufficient compensation.

9th September, 1903.

No. 336.—Petition of WILLIAM ALSWEILER, of South Invercargill.

PETITIONER asks for compensation for injury received by truck going over his leg.

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

9th September, 1903.

No. 136.—Petition of ANDREW McINTOSH, of Roslyn, Dunedin.

PETITIONER asks for a compassionate allowance on account of long service in the Railway Department.

I have to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th September, 1903.

No. 185.—Petition of DAVID WRIGHT, of Opau, Whangarei.

PETITIONER prays for payment of overtime which he alleges is due to him.

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

15th September, 1903.

No. 520.—Petition of MARGARET JOHNSTON, of Taupaki, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that a crossing may be made over the railway to her section on the Kaipara line.

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

24th September, 1903.

No. 506.—Petition of CATHERINE STEWART, of 21, Clyde Street, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of the services of her late husband, who was in the Railway Department.

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

24th September, 1903.

No. 528.—Petition of E. F. BURKE, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for a retiring-allowance from the Railways Superannuation Fund.

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

24th September, 1903.

No. 409.—Petition of JAMES EARL, of Greymouth, Westland.

PETITIONER prays for payment of interest and costs incurred in prosecution of his case in the Court of Appeal.

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

29th September, 1903.

No. 494.—Petition of THOMAS ELLIS, of Bannockburn, Otago.

PETITIONER states that the sum of £25 8s. is due to him from the Railway Department, and prays for payment.

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

6th October, 1903.

No. 72.—Petition of JAMES A. PARK and Others, Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray for cheaper and more frequent railway-travelling facilities between Waitati and Dunedin.

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

6th October, 1903.

No. 351.—Petition of WILLIAM CAMPBELL, of Mercer, Auckland.

PETITIONER states that he contracted ill-health while in the Railway service, and prays for a compassionate allowance.

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

6th October, 1903.

No. 590.—Petition of JANE P. WHITE, Winton, Southland.

PETITIONER prays that further compensation be given her for the loss of her husband, who was killed while in the service of the Railway Department.

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

20th October, 1903.

No. 655.—Petition of DAVID JAKEMAN, Huntly, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for relief on account of age and services rendered in the Railway Department.

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

20th October, 1903.

No. 767.—CHARLES F. VERNALL, Orari.

PETITIONER states that he was discharged from the Railway service, and asks for an inquiry.

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

27th October, 1903.

No. 764.—Petition of CHARLES J. EMERY and 627 Others.

PETITIONERS, who are employed in the Government workshops, request that their wages may be paid either weekly or fortnightly.

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

27th October, 1903.

No. 829.—Petition of T. WALSH, Stratford.

PETITIONER prays for compensation in respect to an accident sustained while in charge of a train.

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

3rd November, 1903.

*Referred back to the Committee, 3rd November.*

No. 820.—Petition of STANLEY V. SYME, Auckland. (No. 2.)

PETITIONER asks for compensation or annual allowance on account of injury received on the railway at Helensville in May, 1902.

I am directed to report that, as this case has already been dealt with this session, the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

3rd November, 1903.

No. 829.—Petition of T. WALSH, of Stratford. (Second report.)

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of accident sustained while in charge of a train.

I have to report that the reconsideration of this petition was held over till next session to allow the petitioner an opportunity to attend if he wishes to do so.

18th November, 1903.

No. 748.—Petition of WILLIAM COLVILLE, of Crescent Road, Christchurch.

PETITIONER, who was in the railway service, asks for compassionate allowance, he having resigned his position.

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

18th November, 1903.

No. 534.—Petition of HENRY DAVIS and 1,092 Others on behalf of Joseph Dineen, lessee of the Railway Refreshment-rooms at Ashburton.

PETITIONERS pray that compensation be given Mr. Dineen on account of "no license" being carried after he had taken over the rooms for a period of three years.

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

18th November, 1903.

Nos. 843 and 844.—Petitions of JAMES MILLER and 25 Others and A. MADILL and 49 Others, of Tuakau.

PETITIONERS pray that suitable railway buildings may be erected, and ask that the Rotorua express train may be allowed to stop at Tuakau Station.

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

18th November, 1903.

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