

R E P O R T S.

No. 66.—Petition of CHAIRMAN, Pollok Settlement Road Board, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted a sufficient sum of money to have the main road through the Pollok Settlement made uniform.

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

22nd July, 1904.

No. 77.—Petition of CHARLES RHODES and 47 Others, of Hunua.

PETITIONERS pray that the remaining three miles and a half of the new road to Hunua be completed.

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

22nd July, 1904.

No. 64.—Petition of JESSIE MACKENZIE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that provision may be made for the shelter and management of weak-minded or imbecile and idiotic children, &c.

I am directed to report that this Committee reaffirms the resolution reported to the House on the 17th July, 1903, in connection with a similar petition—viz., "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.

22nd July, 1904.

No. 44.—Petition of MANDER and BRADLEY and 70 Others, of Whakapara.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted a sum of £500, to be spent on the Great North Road through the Township of Whakapara.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the Government derives considerable revenue from royalties on timber in the neighbourhood, and that the condition of the road is largely due to the carriage of the said timber from the mills, the Committee recommends the prayer of the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

28th July, 1904.

No. 12, 1903.—Petition of THOMAS MUIRHEAD and 28 Others, of Garston, &c.

PETITIONERS, who are resident in the Lake County, pray that they may be included within the boundaries of Southland County.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioners have not produced any evidence in support of their petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th July, 1904.

No. 216.—Petition of the CHAIRMAN, Wairoa Road Board, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted the sum of £250 in aid of the Clevedon-Brookly Road.

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

10th August, 1904.

Nos. 417, 418, and 419.—Petitions of JOHN EDWARD TAYLOR and 137 Others; THE WAITEMATA COUNTY COUNCIL; and F. BENNETT and 27 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted a sum of £450 for the construction of a wharf at Huia.

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

11th August, 1904.