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# THE RAILWAYS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF).

(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.*

THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1904.

*Ordered.*—“That Standing Order No. 218 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of thirteen members, to examine and report upon questions relating to 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. 894.—Petition of H. O. NOLAN and 100 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that express trains between Auckland and Rotorua should stop at Papakura on sale-days.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of this petition has been granted during the recess, the Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

23rd August, 1904.

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No. 84.—Petition of J. AUSTIN.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of alleged wrongful dismissal.

The Committee, having heard the petition read, and also the statement of the Railway Department thereon, reports that, after giving the case its full consideration, it cannot recommend any interference with the decision of the Board of Appeal, to which Austin's case was referred.

23rd August, 1904.

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No. 680.—Petition of WILLIAM ALSWEILER.

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

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

14th September, 1904.

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No. 369.—Petition of THOMAS PATTERSON.

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

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

14th September, 1904.

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No. 549.—Petition of WILLIAM DIACK and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the formation of a road at the Tumai Railway-station.

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

14th September, 1904.

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No. 93.—Petition of SAMUEL VAILE.

PETITIONER prays for a trial of the stage system on the New Zealand railways.

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

[Debate interrupted by the 5.30 p.m. adjournment.]  
14th September, 1904.

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Nos. 204, 205, and 206.—Petitions of F. BRACEGIRDLE and Others, RICHARD PRICE and Others, and B. H. NICHOLS and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the carriage of lime may be made free on the Government railways to settlers living more than 100 miles from the lime-works.

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

30th September, 1904.

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No. 348.—Petition of CHARLES HEATON.

PETITIONER prays for some retiring-allowance on account of illness.

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

30th September, 1904.

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No. 15.—Petition of JOHN SCOTT.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injury received while in the employ of the Railway Department.

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

30th September, 1904.

## No. 16.—Petition of JAMES PENFOLD.

PETITIONER prays for relief for being discharged from the Railway service on account of old age.

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

30th September, 1904.

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## No. 555.—Petition of ANDREW ALLAN, of Ratanui, Otago.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for an accident received.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 421.—Petition of THOMAS J. WITHERS and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for alterations in the length of the platform at Southbridge Railway-station, and for the erection of a verandah.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 88.—Petition of JAMES GRAY.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of railage paid on coal in excess of the tariff rates.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 227.—Petition of CHRISTINA HARVEY.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for the loss of her husband, who was run over by a train at Oamaru.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 715.—Petition of PETER R. BAIN.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of having to retire from the Railway service through illness.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 719.—Petition of JOHN LEONARD.

PETITIONER prays for light employment on the Government railways.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 546.—Petition of F. FOWLER.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Railway Department.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 744.—Petition of EDWARD H. MAYNARD.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Railway Department.

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

6th October, 1904.

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## No. 757.—Petition of FREDERICK WILLIAMS.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged injury received on the railway-works at Petone.

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

11th October, 1904.

## No. 829.—Petition of THOMAS WALSH, of Stratford.

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

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

18th October, 1904.

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## No. 924.—Petition of HARRY EARLY. (No. 1.)

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of alleged injury received while in the employ of the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be postponed till next session at the request of the petitioner.

25th October, 1904.

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## No. 867.—Petition of Mr. J. M. BROWN (for Mrs. JANE FRASER).

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of the death of her husband, who was in the Railway Department as engine-driver.

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

25th October, 1904.

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## No. 893.—Petition of MARTHA TAYLOR.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance on account of her husband being in the Avondale Lunatic Asylum.

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

25th October, 1904.

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## No. 924.—Petition of HARRY EARLEY, of Palmerston South, Otago. (No. 2.)

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of injury received whilst in the employ of the Railway Department.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed the sum of £50 in satisfaction of his claim for compensation.

3rd November, 1904.

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## No. 926.—Petition of J. J. COTTLE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for more accommodation at the Kopuaranga Station.

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

4th November, 1904.

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## No. 936.—Petition of DONALD MCKENZIE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for a new public siding on the railway at Birchfield.

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

4th November, 1904.

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