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REPORTS OF PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE.

(MR. SYMES, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1904.

Ordered, "That a Public Petitions A to L Committee, consisting of ten members, be appointed to consider all petitions that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House, and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereupon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Hall, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lawry, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. Remington, Mr. Symes, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wood, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MILLS.)

TUESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1904.

Ordered, "That the name of the Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones be substituted for the name of the Hon. Mr. Mills on the Public Petitions A to L Committee."—(Hon. Mr. MILLS.)

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No. 89.—Petition of D. BRENT, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him for loss of office as master in the Dunedin High School.

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

22nd July, 1904.

No. 45.—Petition of M. E. CONEY, of Auckland. (No. 1.)

PETITIONER prays that a compassionate or other allowance be granted her on account of the loss of her husband, an ex-officer of the Postal Department.

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

22nd July, 1904.

No. 6.—Petition of A. J. HULME, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted for the wrongful arrest and prosecution of his son.

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

22nd July, 1904.

Nos. 22, 34, and 41.—Petitions of J. L. KELLY and 1 Other, of Wellington; W. G. ATACK and 17 Others; and F. ROLLETT and 1 Other.

PETITIONERS pray that Standing Order No. 236 be amended or repealed, making the proceedings of Select Committees open to the Press.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these petitions should be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

22nd July, 1904.

No. 42.—Petition of Bishop LENIHAN, of Auckland, and 94 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Morgan system of mensuration be introduced into our schools.

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

22nd July, 1904.

No. 13.—Petition of E. S. BAKER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that further compassionate allowance be granted her for loss of husband, an ex postal officer.

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

29th July, 1904.

No. 12.—Petition of SARA COHEN, of Dunedin, and 137 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that assistance by way of grant or subsidy be given the Dunedin Kindergarten Association.

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

29th July, 1904.

No. 673 (1903).—Petition of W. H. CONBOY, of Greymouth.

PETITIONER prays that a full inquiry be made into certain allegations against various Departments.

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

29th July, 1904.

No. 95.—Petition of E. H. JOYCE, of Pahi.

PETITIONER prays that a pension or compassionate allowance be granted her on account of her late husband's service in the Police Department.

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

29th July, 1904.

No. 14.—Petition of ROBERT KENNEDY, of Onehunga, and 20 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the sentence passed upon John Henry Kennedy, the son of one of the petitioners, be commuted.

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

29th July, 1904.

No. 90.—Petition of MAGNUS BYSTROM, of Thames.

PETITIONER prays that relief be granted him on account of injuries sustained during the Maori war.

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

10th August, 1904.

No. 83.—Petition of W. G. GARRARD, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry be made into the reason why the old-age pension is not granted him.

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

10th August, 1904.

No. 219.—Petition of JAMES LANE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he receive further remuneration for past services, or compensation.

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

10th August, 1904.

No. 177.—Petition of P. A. LEVIN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he be reinstated as a Warder in the Prisons Department, or that he be given other suitable employment.

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

10th August, 1904.

No. 97.—Petition of E. FERGUSON, of Motatau, and 7 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the sum of £80 be placed upon the estimates for repairs to by-road in Rama-rama Valley.

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

19th August, 1904.

No. 96.—Petition of JAMES HORN, of Otago, and 99 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the laws relating to the licensing of hawkers be amended.

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

19th August, 1904.

No. 20.—Petition of LOUIS KITT, of Wellington, and 4 Others. (No. 1.)

PETITIONERS pray that more drastic measures be taken for the suppression of opium-smoking.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition, together with the evidence of Inspector Ellison, should be referred to the Government, and that the Government be recommended to give effect to the prayer of the petition. (*Vide* also Appendix I.-1D.)

19th August, 1904.

No. 21.—Petition of LOUIS KITT, of Wellington, and 4 Others. (No. 2.)

PETITIONERS pray that more drastic measures be taken for the suppression of gambling among Chinamen.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition, together with the evidence of Inspector Ellison, should be referred to the Government, and that the Government be recommended to give effect to the prayer of the petition. (*Vide* also Appendix I.-1D.)

19th August, 1904.

No. 11.—Petition of JAMES HOWARD, of Westport.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him for loss of arm through the bursting of a cannon.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and, having in view the fresh evidence that Lieutenant-Commanding Cossgrove was also captain of the cadet corps, the Government be recommended to pay the petitioner the sum of £250 as compassionate allowance.

19th August, 1904.

No. 196.—Petition of FANNY ARNDT, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that she may receive relief or compensation on account of her late husband's policies in the New Zealand Government Insurance Department.

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

26th August, 1904.

No. 347.—Petition of WILLIAM BENNETT, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive a further retiring-allowance as an ex public servant.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the Government be recommended to place the sum of £156 4s. 4d. on the estimates to compensate petitioner for loss of office.

26th August, 1904.

No. 367.—Petition of R. CRAWFORD, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him for loss of his son, an ex-Volunteer.

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

26th August, 1904.

No. 397.—Petition of J. A. L. HALL, of Kawakawa, and 20 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the sum of £1,000 be placed upon the estimates for the construction of road and bridge on the Kaikohe-Kawakawa Road.

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

26th August, 1904.

No. 470.—Petition of J. A. HAYTER, of Auckland, and 62 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of £100 be placed upon the estimates for the completion of Hayter's Road.

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

26th August, 1904.

No. 284.—Petition of HENRY B. HUDDLESTONE, of Blenheim.

PETITIONER prays that effect be given to past recommendations of the Public Petitions Committee in his favour.

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

26th August, 1904.

No. 229.—Petition of W. HUNTER, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him under the Naval and Military Acts.

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

26th August, 1904.

No. 469.—Petition of G. W. DELLER, of Carterton, and 1 Other.

PETITIONERS pray that a refund be made in the probate duty in the estate of the late James Smith, of Taratahi.

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

9th September, 1904.

Nos. 503 and 660.—Petitions of W. H. EAVES, of Fairburn, and 27 Others; and G. COCHRANE and 40 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the sum of £500 be placed on the estimates, such sum to be expended on the Flatbush Road.

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

9th September, 1904.

No. 310.—Petition of W. ELLIOTT, of Eketahuna, and 149 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of money be granted for the completion of Smith's Road.

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

9th September, 1904.

No. 498.—Petition of J. W. FREEMAN, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays that a grant of land be made him for military services.

I am directed to report that, as petitioner did not forward his claim in accordance with the provisions of "The Naval and Military Claims Settlement and Extinguishment Act, 1896," the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.

9th September, 1904.

No. 281.—Petition of GEORGE A. WILSON, of Hunua, and 4 Others (the Hunua Road Board).

PETITIONERS pray that the Hunua Main Road be completed.

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

9th September, 1904.

No. 307.—Petition of HENRY ASHWORTH, of Wadestown.

PETITIONER prays that assistance be given him in the development of his new system of wool-scouring.

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

30th September, 1904.

No. 678.—Petition of JESSIE BROWN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that compassionate allowance be granted her for loss of husband, Major Charles Brown, on account of services rendered.

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

30th September, 1904.

Nos. 305, 345, and 487.—Petitions of R. CHISHOLM, of Dunedin, and 155 Others; J. CRAIG and 664 Others; and J. DUNLOP and 56 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Catlin's River Railway may be extended.

I am directed to report that, as these petitions deal with a question of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make thereon.

30th September, 1904.

No. 343.—Petition of W. H. CLARKE, of Rotorua. (No. 1.)

PETITIONER prays that some relief be granted him for his military service.

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

30th September, 1904.

No. 365.—Petition of W. H. CLARKE, of Rotorua. (No. 2.)

PETITIONER prays that relief be granted him as the author of a scheme of State farms.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.
30th September, 1904.

No. 706.—Petition of W. CLEARY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive some redress owing to the seizure of his gum by the Government.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that a suitable sum be placed upon the estimates.

30th September, 1904.

No. 548.—Petition of GEORGE DASH, of Waimate, and 1 Other (together with 70 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule).

PETITIONERS pray that the Bruce Licensing Poll Bill be passed by the House.

I am directed to report that, as this is a question of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.

30th September, 1904.

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„ 569.—J. Aitcheson and 16 others.	„ 621.—S. C. Stoddard and 35 others.
„ 570.—P. Somers and 12 others.	„ 622.—C. M. Snow and 81 others.
„ 571.—D. Haggart and 22 others.	„ 623.—W. Ready and 27 others.
„ 572.—R. S. Allen and 20 others.	„ 624.—D. Barrie and 55 others.
„ 573.—J. Loskart and 19 others.	„ 625.—J. R. Johns and 53 others.
„ 574.—G. Miller and 20 others.	„ 626.—R. Henry and 11 others.
„ 575.—S. Lewis and 25 others.	„ 627.—E. Bassett, and 83 others.
„ 576.—G. MacMillan and 19 others.	„ 628.—A. MacDonald and 40 others.
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„ 579.—J. Jolly and 19 others.	„ 636.—J. Collie and 25 others.
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„ 613.—C. Fletcher and 11 others.	„ 690.—S. Young and 90 others.
„ 614.—H. Wilson and 12 others.	„ 696.—J. S. Baxter and 20 others.
„ 615.—J. F. Thompson and 22 others.	„ 720.—J. Smith and 57 others.
„ 616.—J. S. Olliver and 24 others.	„ 755.—S. Snell and 26 others.
„ 617.—B. Hutton and 26 others.	„ 764.—J. Boon and 15 others.
„ 618.—A. W. Love and 25 others.	„ 776.—S. Lawry and 12 others.

No. 682.—Petition of W. M. DE WESTON, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that relief may be granted him for alleged wrongful imprisonment.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.
30th September, 1904.

No. 705.—Petition of OSCAR FISHER, of Fairburn, and 180 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the District of Kaitaia be formed into a separate county.

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

30th September, 1904.

No. 424.—Petition of P. B. FRASER, of Bruce, and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a Bill be passed providing for the taking of a new licensing poll in Bruce.

I am directed to report that, as this is a question of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.

30th September, 1904.

No. 420.—Petition of CAROLINE GUTHRIE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that relief be granted her on account of the surrender of life policy of her late husband.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.
30th September, 1904.

No. 711.—Petition of G. H. HARRIS, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that compensation may be made him for injuries received while in the Police Force, and for his subsequent retirement therefrom.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the petitioner be given some suitable, light employment; the Committee being of opinion that the injury was received while in the execution of duty.

30th September, 1904.

No. 605.—Petition of CHARLES KIBBLEWHITE, of Motau, and 22 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a subsidy be given for completion of road from Purangi to Motau.

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

30th September, 1904.

No. 545.—Petition of THOMAS KING, of Bull's, and 11 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that steps be taken for the completion of railway communication from Levin to Greatford.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, and that the evidence (*vide* Appendix) taken thereon should be laid upon the table of the House. (*Vide also* Appendix I.-1A.)

30th September, 1904.

Nos. 195, 209, and 218.—Petitions of MARGARET MORRISON, of Christchurch, and 43 Others; G. WEAVER and 39 Others; and W. COOPER and 31 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a certain amendment be made in the Divorce Act, to deal with cases of insanity.

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

30th September, 1904.

No. 24.—Petition of G. PETHERICK, of Wellington, and 9 Others (together with 14 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule).

PETITIONERS pray that the findings of the Public Petitions A to L Committee in reference to certain ballot-papers be expunged from the records of the House.

I am directed to report that the Committee in its report did not use the words which the petition alleges, and therefore has no recommendation to make upon this petition.

30th September, 1904.

SCHEDULE.

No. 61.—W. Spragg and 19 others.	No. 220.—J. Clark and 5 others.
„ 62.—T. A. Williams and 6 others.	„ 354.—C. Porter and 3 others.
„ 63.—R. Taylor and 9 others.	„ 355.—J. Abbott and 3 others.
„ 139.—R. Ferguson and 11 others.	„ 356.—W. A. Pallant and 3 others.
„ 140.—W. J. Williams and 9 others.	„ 477.—C. Palk and 2 others.
„ 141.—A. E. H. McLeod and 16 others.	„ 597.—J. Officer and 2 others.
„ 178.—J. D. Morrison and 1 other.	„ 598.—R. Cossum and 5 others.

No. 632.—Petition of S. CURRIE, of Waikaia, and 8 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a grant be made for a road in the Waikaia District.

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

6th October, 1904.

No. 792.—Petition of CHARLES DALLAS, of Taranaki, and 8 Others (together with 5 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule).

PETITIONERS pray that residents of the King-country receive the licensing privileges granted to other parts of the colony.

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

6th October, 1904.

SCHEDULE.

No. 793.—C. J. Johnson and 48 others.
 „ 794.—J. Morrissey and 11 others.
 „ 795.—J. Pascoe and 12 others.

No. 796.—A. M. Symons and 3 others,
 „ 797.—G. H. Buckeridge and 26 others.

No. 704.—Petition of WILLIAM EDGECOMBE, of Taranaki.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive a grant of land or money for past military service.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.
 6th October, 1904.

No. 691.—Petition of D. JAMIESON, of Taumarunui, and 10 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the sleepers prepared by them be taken over by the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.
 6th October, 1904.

No. 667.—Petition of A. R. REID, of Auckland, and 6,999 Others (together with 15 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule).

PETITIONERS pray that greater discretionary power be given to Magistrates *re* indorsement of publicans' licenses.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition, it being a question of public policy.
 6th October, 1904.

SCHEDULE.

No. 668.—J. H. Hay and 33 others.
 „ 669.—G. H. Gilding and 29 others.
 „ 670.—J. Adams and 37 others.
 „ 671.—J. M. Wigg and 98 others.
 „ 672.—D. E. O'Neill and 31 others.
 „ 673.—D. Carmichael and 220 others.
 „ 674.—J. Johnstone and 272 others.
 „ 686.—G. Gordon and 242 others.

No. 697.—J. L. Carl and 1,999 others.
 „ 698.—E. Evans and 60 others.
 „ 699.—M. Dixon and 65 others.
 „ 700.—W. O. Yates and 476 others.
 „ 736.—J. W. Bush and 44 others.
 „ 773.—C. S. Davies and 17 others.
 „ 803.—L. McIntosh and 396 others.

No. 772.—Petition of A. V. WILKINSON, of Auckland (together with 6 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule).

PETITIONERS pray that the Licensing Bill be not passed in its present form.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition, it being a question of public policy.
 6th October, 1904.

SCHEDULE.

No. 774.—J. L. Long and 4 others.
 „ 775.—W. C. West and 4 others.
 „ 779.—C. Lashlie and 19 others.

No. 780.—M. Runciman and 1 other.
 „ 799.—J. J. Lewis (Panmure Methodist Church).
 „ 850.—G. W. Rogers and 5 others.

No. 748.—Petition of HENRY M. BOGGON, of Palmerston North.

PETITIONER prays that a new trial be granted concerning the will of Henry Willis.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.
 13th October, 1904.

No. 504.—Petition of J. G. BROWN, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that relief be granted him for injuries sustained in the Transvaal War.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
 13th October, 1904.

No. 43.—Petition of WILLIAM CAUSLEY, of Thames.

PETITIONER prays that his claim be reconsidered, and that he receive such relief as may be deemed just and right.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.
 13th October, 1904.

No. 399.—Petition of GEORGE EDWARDS, of Napier.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted for loss of license of the Shakespeare Hotel, Napier.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition, the question being one of public policy.

13th October, 1904.

No. 712.—Petition of J. ENRIGHT, of Charleston, and 88 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the sum of £3,000 be granted for the construction of road from Charleston to Razorback.

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

13th October, 1904.

No. 721.—Petition of S. H. GILCHRIST, of Dunedin, and 54 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Government inspection be made of all religious institutions.

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

13th October, 1904.

No. 740.—Petition of T. A. GUBB, of Kaipara Flats, and 101 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a grant be made for Te Tauhoa-Kaipara Flat Road.

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

13th October, 1904.

No. 176.—Petition of H. J. HAMILTON, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he be reinstated in Prison Department, and that an inquiry be made into the circumstances which led to his resignation.

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

13th October, 1904.

No. 782.—Petition of WAH LEE, of Wanganui, and Another.

PETITIONERS pray that a portion of the fines inflicted on them be remitted.

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

13th October, 1904.

No. 778.—Petition of CHARLES LETT, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that a Board of Inquiry be set up in connection with lunatic asylums.

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

13th October, 1904.

No. 676.—Petition of JAMES LOVERIDGE, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays that he be paid an additional sum of £35 for work done at the Puniho Native School.

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

18th October, 1904.

No. 818.—Petition of WILLIAM BURROW, of Honipapa, and 113 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a grant be made for roads in their districts.

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

18th October, 1904.

No. 821.—Petition of G. W. H. DEAN, of Wellington, and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that provision be made for a road in Horowhenua.

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

18th October, 1904.

No. 609.—Petition of J. H. H. GERKEN, of Hillend, and 46 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that telephonic communication be provided from Balclutha to Hillend.

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

18th October, 1904.

No. 723.—Petition of J. A. HAYCOCK, of Nelson, and 56 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a grant of £200 be made for a road in the Pearse Valley.

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

18th October, 1904.

No. 817.—Petition of JOHN C. HILL, of Opaheke, and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum be placed upon the estimates to be expended on the Ramarama-Maketu Road.

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

18th October, 1904.

No. 752.—Petition of GEORGE CLARK, of Moonlight, and 21 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a grant of £400 be made for a road to Moonlight.

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

26th October, 1904.

No. 816.—Petition of MARY E. CONEY, of Auckland. (No. 2.)

PETITIONER prays that her former petition may be reconsidered.

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

26th October, 1904.

No. 730.—Petition of J. C. KIRWIN, of Nelson.

PETITIONER prays that he receive the arrears of wages for services rendered in South Africa.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the Government be requested to pay the claims for sick-pay up to the date of discharge—25th October, 1902—if such be correct.

26th October, 1904.

No. 927.—Petition of ANN DE LAUNAY, of Stratford.

PETITIONER prays that she be refunded the sum of £20, the expenses incurred by her late husband in military services rendered to the colony.

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

28th October, 1904.

No. 922.—Petition of W. A. HUNTER, of Matakītaki, and 34 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the road be constructed from Horse Terrace to Hunter's Plains.

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

28th October, 1904.

No. 919.—Petition of H. W. LAWRENCE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive extra remuneration for services in the Agricultural Department, as chemist.

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

28th October, 1904.

No. 935.—Petition of LIZZIE BOYLE, of Hastings, and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the totalisator be abolished.

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

2nd November, 1904.

No. 175.—Petition of Sir W. L. BULLER, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that provision be made for the payment of costs incurred in the Horowhenua Block case.

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

2nd November, 1904.

No. 868.—Petition of C. H. IRVINE, of Hokianga, and 16 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Government grant them access to their sections in Whangape Survey District.

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

2nd November, 1904.

No. 917.—Petition of THOMAS BELL, of Matakītaki, and 62 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a footbridge be erected over the Matakītaki River.

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

4th November, 1904.

No. 35.—Petition of J. J. CLARK, of Dannevirke.

PETITIONER prays that a just and adequate sum be paid him for services rendered in the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition is now under the consideration of the Imperial authorities, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition, together with a copy of the evidence taken thereon, should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, in terms of the recommendation of last year; and, further, that the evidence be printed. (*Vide* Appendix also I.—1b.)

4th November, 1904.

No. 409.—Petition of JAMES DOUGLAS, of Queenstown, and 26 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that compensation be granted them for loss sustained by the enforced sale of the property known as the Wakatipu Steam Shipping Company to the New Zealand Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee has made full inquiry into the purchase of the Wakatipu Steam Shipping Company, and, after hearing the evidence of Dr. J. Douglas and Captain Wing on behalf of the petitioners, and that of Mr. C. A. Piper and Captain Post on behalf of the Railway Department, the Committee is of opinion that full value was paid by the Government.

The Committee therefore has no recommendation to make upon this petition, further than to recommend that the evidence be printed. (*Vide* Appendix also I.—1c.)

4th November, 1904.

No. 933.—Petition of A. R. EDWARDS, of Nelson, and 24 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that £100 be granted for bridle-track up the Graham River.

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

4th November, 1904.

Nos 87 and 88, 1903.—Petitions of W. J. HUNT, of Wellington, and A. LINDSAY and 8 Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray that compensation be granted W. J. Hunt for loss of timber rights in the Ngarara Block.

I am directed to report that, owing to the indisposition of Sir A. J. Cadman, an essential witness, the consideration of these petitions is unavoidably postponed till next session.

4th November, 1904.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed by the Committee to report,—

1. That during the session the Committee has held twenty-one meetings.
 2. That the Committee received 201 petitions for consideration.
 3. That twenty-one petitions were referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
 4. That twenty-eight petitions were referred to the Government for consideration.
 5. That 144 petitions received no recommendation.
 6. That six petitions were referred to other Committees.
 7. That two petitions were held over till next session.
 8. That the Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the valuable services of Mr. H. Langford as Secretary, and of the painstaking and intelligent way in which he carried out his duties, and requests the Chairman to convey such resolution to the Ministry.
- 5th November, 1904.

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