No. 174.—Petition of Thomas Barron, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that medals or some other official form of recognition of their services be granted

to the surviving members of the No. 1 Company, Naval Volunteer Coastguards.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, provided satisfactory evidence can be produced, the Government be recommended to give effect to the prayer of the petitioner.

24th October, 1906.

No. 396.—Petition of F. Clark and 321 Others, of Patotara, Kaiwaka.

PETITIONERS pray for a more rapid extension of the North of Auckland Trunk Railway.

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

24th October, 1906.

No. 397.—Petition of George Coates and 49 Others, of Hukatere.

PETITIONERS pray for the erection of a telephone from Matakohe to Hukatere.

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

24th October, 1906.

No. 401.—Petition of LAURA E. FISHER, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's public services. I am directed to report that "the petitioner prays for a gratuity of £750": The Committee is not prepared to recommend the payment of any specified sum, but is of opinion that her case be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

24th October, 1906.

No. 136.—Petition of H. HAMMOND and 1,128 Others, of Aratapu.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the Kaihu Railway.

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

24th October, 1906.

No. 443.—Petition of W. M. Kelly, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for an amendment to the Dentists Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend to the Government that legislation should be introduced to allow petitioner to pass examination under the old Act until the expiration of the old Board of Examiners' tenure of office.

24th October, 1906.

No. 588.—Petition of A. Anderson and 56 Others, of Okaihau.

Petitioners pray that the sum of £600 be granted for repairs to the Utakura-Okaihau Road. I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

27th October, 1906.

No. 1.—Petition of A. BAYLEY and 9 Others (care of W. Symes, Esq., M.H.R.).

PETITIONERS pray that certain lands taken by the Public Works Department for the Stratford-Whangamomona Railway, but not used for that purpose, be returned to them.

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

27th October, 1906.

No. 468.—Petition of F. A. Bernstein and 184 Others and 24 Similar Petitions.

PETITIONERS pray for the suppression of pigeon-shooting matches.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on these petitions. 27th October, 1906.

No. 619.—Petition of Blenheim Borough Council and 3,999 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a vote be placed on the supplementary estimates for bridging the Opawa and Wairau Rivers.

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

27th October, 1906.