

No. 549, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM MCCONAT, of Opani Point, Thames.

PETITIONER prays for a pension for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of the opinion that the petitioner has no claim against the colony, except that he may be entitled to an old-age pension, and has no recommendation to make.

23rd October, 1906.

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No. 461, Session II.—Petition of C. G. THURSTON, of Gore.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of health and mental distress caused by imprisonment.

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

23rd October, 1906.

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Nos. 427, 428, and 570, Session II.—Petitions of C. G. MARSH and 34 Others, of Glentunnel; H. A. WHEELER and 74 Others; and W. J. NELSON and 93 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that no alteration may be made in the present legally used fishing-baits.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that there should be no alteration of the regulations governing the use-of fly or bait fishing, other than that prescribed in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 22nd September, 1904; and that fly or bait fishing should be optional on the part of any one who holds a license from any acclimatisation society; and that no waters should be specially reserved for fly fishing.

23rd October, 1906.

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Nos. 411, 412, 413, 439, and 440, Session II.—Petitions of S. BAILY and 110 Others, of Palmerston North; A. G. MACKAY and 186 Others; G. RICHARDS and 161 Others; A. A. BARTON and 133 Others; and A. NICHOLLS and 69 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Mr. F. Webb, herbalist, of Wellington, be exempted from the Quackery and other Frauds Bill.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to these petitions.

23rd October, 1906.

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No. 181, Session II.—Petition of M. B. PAGE and 98 Others, of Masterton.

PETITIONERS pray that reputable herbalists be exempted from the Quackery and other Frauds Bill.

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

23rd October, 1906.

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No. 614, 1905.—Petition of R. WHILEY, of Miramar.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the circumstances of his bankruptcy.

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

23rd October, 1906.

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No. 533, Session II.—Petition of R. TORPEY, of Morrinsville.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services rendered.

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

23rd October, 1906.

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No. 211, Session II.—Petition of MESSRS. BRISCOE AND Co. and 10 Others, of Auckland (and 37 other similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray for a railway to be constructed on the east coast of the North Island.

I am directed to report that, as these petitions involve a question of public policy, the Committee is of opinion that they should be referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd October, 1906.