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PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. LAWRY, CHAIRMAN.)

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FRIDAY, THE 24TH AUGUST, 1906.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from A to L 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 the 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. Symes, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. Lawry, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. Remington, Mr. Gray, Mr. Wood, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MILLAR.)

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No. 57.—Petition of F. M. HEWSON, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for some pecuniary recognition on account of services rendered in the Public Works Department.

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

11th September, 1906.

No. 19.—Petition of JAMES LANE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation for loss of office as constable.

I am directed to report that the Committee has nothing to add to the report of last year on a similar petition.

11th September, 1906.

No. 494, 1905.—Petition of JOHN LUNN, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alterations in contract for Dunedin Post-office.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be held over to give petitioner opportunity to exhaust other means of redress.

11th September, 1906.

No. 95.—Petition of E. P. BUNNY and Another, of Lower Hutt.

PETITIONERS pray for refund of £130, stamp duty.

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 a sum of £130 be placed on the estimates to reimburse the petitioners.

14th September, 1906.

No. 77.—Petition of GEORGE EBBETT, of Hastings.

PETITIONER prays for refund of £199 6s., stamp duty.

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 £199 6s. on the estimates to refund the amount of stamp duty to the petitioner.

14th September, 1906.

No. 16.—Petition of CLARA D. HINTON, of Arch Hill, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services in the Armed Constabulary and Police Force.

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

14th September, 1906.

No. 14.—Petition of A. P. CAMPBELL and 14 Others, of Parua Bay.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £120 for repairing the road from Whangarei to Whangarei Heads.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
14th September, 1906.

No. 52.—Petition of HUNUA ROAD BOARD, near Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to build a bridge over Hay's Creek.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
14th September, 1906.

No. 56.—Petition of S. ELLIOTT and 52 Others, of Owaka.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for improving Owaka Railway-station Road.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
14th September, 1906.

No. 177.—Petition of SAMUEL C. JOLLY.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for services alleged to have been rendered.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
25th September, 1906.

No. 199.—Petition of WILLIAM BARRON and 2 Others, of Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray for inquiry into matters relating to the Colonial Bank liquidation.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
25th September, 1906.

No. 71.—Petition of E. C. BLOMFIELD, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for work done in connection with Maori-land administration.
I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
25th September, 1906.

No. 85.—Petition of C. H. IRVINE and 61 Others, of Karaka.

PETITIONERS pray that a sufficient sum of money be placed on the estimates for completion of Karaka-Whangape Road.
I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.
25th September, 1906.

No. 97.—Petition of C. LE NOEL and 28 Others, of Kaipara.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £225 for roads in the Hukatere district.
I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.
25th September, 1906.

No. 55 (and three similar petitions).—Petition of SELWYN EAST and 3 Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment to "The Dentists Act, 1904."
I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, legislation should be introduced in favour of petitioners.
25th September, 1906.

No. 70.—Petition of CHARLES BENJAMIN and 217 Others, of Templeton.

PETITIONERS pray that telephonic communication be established between Templeton and Christchurch.
I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.
28th September, 1906.

No. 290, 1905.—Petition of ALBERT CROSS, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for reinstatement, or compensation for loss of office.
I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
28th September, 1906.

No. 36.—Petition of CHARLES H. GREENHEAD, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for the rehearing of a law case in which the petitioner was one of the parties concerned.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, petitioner not having exhausted his ordinary legal remedies.

28th September, 1906.

No. 399.—Petition of ANDREW DREVER and 764 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the regulation of traction-engine traffic be provided for by legislation, or by the enactment of a model set of by-laws for adoption by local authorities.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 290, 1905.—Petition of ALBERT CROSS, of Dunedin. (Second Report.)

PETITIONER prays for reinstatement, or compensation for loss of office.

I am directed to report that, this petition having been referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, the Committee again has no recommendation to make.

11th October, 1906.

No. 4, Session I.—Petition of J. L. STINEAR and 4 Others, of Christchurch.

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment to "The Dentists Act, 1904."

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, legislation should be introduced to allow petitioners to pass examinations under the old Act, until the expiration of the old Board of Examiners' tenure of office.

28th September, 1906.

No. 4, Session I.—Petition of J. L. STINEAR and 4 Others, of Christchurch. (Second Report.)

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment to "The Dentists Act, 1904."

I am directed to report that, this petition having been referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, the Committee reiterates its previous decision—viz., "that legislation should be introduced to allow petitioners to pass examinations under the old Act until the expiration of the old Board of Examiners' tenure of office."

11th October, 1906.

No. 36.—Petition of CHARLES H. GREENHEAD, of Auckland. (Second Report.)

PETITIONER prays for the rehearing of a law case in which the petitioner was one of the parties concerned.

I am directed to report that, this petition having been referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, the Committee is of opinion the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and suggest that a Commissioner be appointed in Auckland to inquire into the case of petitioner.

11th October, 1906.

No. 83.—Petition of L. B. HARRIS and 549 Others, of Huntly.

PETITIONERS pray for the erection of a bridge over the Waikato River at Huntly.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 74.—Petition of EMMA ANN COLLYER, of Wellington South.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services in the Government Life Insurance Department.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 40.—Petition of WILLIAM LITTLEDALE, of Sydney, N.S.W.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance for services rendered during the Maori war.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 96.—Petition of M. LAING and 77 Others, of New Lynn.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £400 to metal the New Lynn – Huia Road.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 271.—Petition of W. COOPER and 31 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment of the Divorce Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition, the matter being now before the House.

11th October, 1906.

No. 168.—J. A. HASWELL and 31 Others, of Eketahuna.

PETITIONERS pray that the Eketahuna Township may be constituted a borough.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 80.—Petition of W. G. GARRARD, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for relief in connection with his old-age pension.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 31.—Petition of WILLIAM ARMITAGE and 39 Others, of Hotea Valley.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £300 for the formation of a road from Hotea Valley to Wellsford Railway-station.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 75.—Petition of T. W. DEACON and 61 Others, of Riverhead.

PETITIONERS pray that a sufficient vote be granted to erect a bridge across the Waitemata River at Riverhead.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 17.—Petition of JOSIAH HUDSON and 92 Others, of Streamlands.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £2,000 for forming and metalling the Streamlands Road.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 78.—Petition of W. FRANCE and 3 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for the construction of a railway road-crossing at a point about equidistant from the Swanson and Henderson Railway-stations, on the Auckland–Helensville line of railway.

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

11th October, 1906.

No. 274.—Petition of J. H. HUDSON and 95 Others, of Kaipara.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for metalling the Te Pahi Creek Road.

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

16th October, 1906.

No. 176.—Petition of THOMAS HEDLEY and 56 Others, of Tapuhi.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £100 to repair the Hukerenui South – Waiotu Road.

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

16th October, 1906.

No. 262.—Petition of H. N. JENKINS and 31 Others, of Owae.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £200 to form the road between Kawakawa and Owae.

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

16th October, 1906.

No. 60.—Petition of J. LITTLE and 932 Others, of Cromwell.

PETITIONERS pray for the construction of the Otago Central Railway from Clyde to Hawea.

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

16th October, 1906.

No. 113.—Petition of GORDON COATES and 122 Others, of Matakoho.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to erect a bridge over the Awaroa Creek, Tokatoka.

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

16th October, 1906.

No. 58.—Petition of F. R. HOWARD, of Hamilton.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for seizure of kauri-gum.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the Government should be asked to give effect to the recommendation of last year's Committee—viz., "referred to the Government for favourable consideration."

16th October, 1906.

No. 100.—Petition of W. ARMSTRONG and 1,499 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the registration of religious institutions.

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

16th October, 1906.

No. 314.—Petition of E. BEZAR and 13 Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray that the evidence on which the Committee reported that Mr. H. C. W. Wrigg was not entitled to the New Zealand Cross be laid on the table of the House.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the Government be asked to give effect to the prayer of petitioners.

22nd October, 1906.

No. 363.—Petition of ROBERT BOWMAN, Mongonui.

PETITIONER prays that a District Court be established at Mongonui.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 298.—Petition of J. BRUNETTE and 125 Others, of Hawera.

PETITIONERS pray that the Tongahoi Valley Road be opened up for traffic to the Patea River.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 592.—Petition of J. BRUNETTE and 249 Others, of Hawera.

PETITIONERS pray that the Tongahoi Valley Road be opened up for traffic to the Patea River.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 112.—Petition of W. T. BURLEY, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 354.—Petition of R. M. CAMERON and 225 Others, of Helensville.

PETITIONERS pray that certain rocks may be removed from the Helensville River.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 441.—Petition of W. H. CONBOY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for relief and inquiry.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 364.—Petition of G. DICKENSON and 8 Others, of Kaikohe.

PETITIONERS pray that a District Court be established at Mongonui.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 365.—Petition of W. H. EVANS and 10 Others, of Houhora.

PETITIONERS pray that a District Court be established at Mongonui.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 114.—Petition of CHARITY W. GAUNTLETT, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for further compassionate allowance.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 115.—Petition of CAROLINE GUTHRIE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for monetary consideration in connection with her late husband's life-insurance policy.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 529.—Petition of EUGENE HULSE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into alleged malpractice at the Auckland District Hospital.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 305.—Petition of V. R. HACKWORTH and 299 Others, of Riverton.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for the Colac - Round Hill Road.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 455.—Petition of JANE HARTNETT, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for an increase of compassionate allowance.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 306.—Petition of H. L. HUNT and 28 Others, of Oraki.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for the Colac - Round Hill Road.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 137.—Petition of W. J. HUNT, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of sawmill rights.

I am directed to report that, at petitioner's request, his petition is held over until next year, and in the meantime the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

22nd October, 1906.

No. 202.—Petition of W. T. HUNT and 339 Others, of Otamatea County.

PETITIONERS pray that the Otamatea County be constituted a separate hospital and charitable-aid district.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 551.—Petition of G. HUTCHISON, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for refund of money paid to uplift award under "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1881."

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 307.—Petition of W. JONES and 146 Others, of Colac Bay.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for the Colac—Round Hill Road.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 300.—Petition of KAURI TIMBER COMPANY and 71 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for the erection of a wharf at Pouto, Kaipara.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 603.—Petition of W. CALLAGHAN and 31 Others, of Kiripaka.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to widen the Ngunguru Road.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 366.—Petition of T. M. LANE and 9 Others, of Totara North.

PETITIONERS pray that a District Court may be established at Mongonui.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 319.—Petition of A. G. LARCOM and 19 Others, of Ararata.

PETITIONERS pray that the Tongahoi Valley Road be opened up for traffic to the Patea River.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 593.—Petition of F. V. LYSAGHT and 3 Others, of Patea.

PETITIONERS pray for the refund of money paid to uplift award under "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1881."

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 139.—Petition of GEORGE JOHNSTON, SEN., of Kaihiku, Otago.

PETITIONER prays for the erection of a bridge on his land, or compensation in lieu thereof.

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

22nd October, 1906.

No. 367.—Petition of J. M. REID, of Hohoura.

PETITIONER prays that a District Court may be established at Mongonui.

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

22nd October, 1906.

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 Matakahe 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.

No. 577.—Petition of R. S. BUSH and 11 Others and 44 Similar Petitions.

PETITIONERS pray that legislation be passed to bring about the Civil Service superannuation scheme.

I am directed to report that, as the Legislature is dealing with this matter, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

27th October, 1906.

No. 270.—Petition of A. M. BYSTROM, of Thames.

PETITIONER prays that he be granted further compensation on account of after-effects of wound received in the Maori war.

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

27th October, 1906.

No. 621.—Petition of E. L. CLARK, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that inquiry may be made into his case.

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

27th October, 1906.

No. 73.—Petition of DENIS COFFEY.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for military 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.

27th October, 1906.

No. 622.—Petition of K. DEVINE, of Reefton.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of loss of section of land.

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. 641.—Petition of W. DOWNIE, of Murchison.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injury received through an accident while in the service of the Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that, as petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

27th October, 1906.

No. 623.—Petition of F. EARL and 7 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the boundaries of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society's district be not altered.

I am directed to report that this Committee, having carefully considered the evidence, is strongly of opinion that the proposal to subdivide the Auckland Acclimatisation District, being opposed to the best interests of acclimatisation and sport, should not be given effect to, and recommends the Government to grant the prayer of the petition. (*Vide* also Appendix I.—1A.)

27th October, 1906.

No. 578.—Petition of JANE FOLEY, of Rotorua.

PETITIONER prays for a right-of-way to connect with the Wairakau 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. 15.—Petition of J. T. GOODWIN and 686 Others, of Maramarua.

PETITIONERS pray that the proposed East Coast (Auckland to Gisborne) line be taken by way of Pokino to Maramarua and Paeroa.

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

27th October, 1906.

No. 295.—Petition of J. B. GOW and 144 Others, of Opotiki.

PETITIONERS pray for road communication between the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay by the Pahiki 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. 237.—Petition of C. HALLIDAY and 45 Others and 22 Similar Petitions.

PETITIONERS pray that the North Island East Coast Railway may be authorised as a whole.

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

27th October, 1906.

No. 655.—Petition of J. G. HAMILTON and 21 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £300 for the purpose of improving the Pollok-Waiuku Main 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. 528.—Petition of H. HAWKE and 30 Others, of Pukekawa.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £400 to make the Pukekawa Main 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.

Nos. 616 and 617.—Petitions of T. B. HILL and 169 Others and J. L. PEGLER and 32 Others, of Raglan.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £2,000 for the Waitetuna-Whatawhata Road deviation.

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

27th October, 1906.

No. 625.—Petition of ST. J. HILLS and 63 Others, of Wairamarama.

PETITIONERS pray for a subsidy on loan raised and expended in making and metalling the Tuakau-Turner's Junction 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. 582.—Petition of A. J. HINTZ and 29 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to complete metalling the Petone East 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. 359.—Petition of HUTT COUNTY COUNCIL.

PETITIONERS pray for the setting-aside of the Commissioner's award in respect of the adjustment of accounts between the Hutt County Council and Miramar Borough.

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

27th October, 1906.

No. 318.—Petition of EMELIA JOHNSTONE, of Waiuku.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss 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, and that the Government be recommended to give effect to the award made by Judge Beckham, and place the sum on the supplementary estimates to compensate the petitioner.

27th October, 1906.

No. 178.—Petition of A. J. KING and 49 Others, of Waitakerei.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £500 for a deviation of the Waitakerei-West Coast Road at Smyth's Hill.

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. 608.—Petition of M. LA MONT and 230 Others, of Wareatea North, Buller.

PETITIONERS pray that the representation of the Buller County regarding the Riding of Wareatea North be readjusted.

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

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY.

I AM directed to report that this Committee recommends that in future all petitions for the expenditure of public money should be referred to the Government direct, seeing that in every case the Committee simply refers the petition to the Government for consideration, and that the adoption of the course suggested would result in the saving of much time, which could be devoted to the legitimate business of the Committee.

27th October, 1906.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report,—

1. That during the session the Committee has held fourteen meetings.
2. That the Committee received 201 petitions, including four held over from last session.
3. Number of specific recommendations, 5.
4. Number referred for favourable consideration, 17.
5. Number referred for consideration, 38.
6. Number no recommendation, &c., 32.
7. Number referred to other Committees, 2.
8. Number held over until next session, 13.
9. That a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, Mr. F. Lawry, for the able, attentive, and courteous manner in which he has conducted the business of the Committee.
10. That the clerk, Mr. E. D. Dunne, be commended for the manner in which he has carried out out his duties in connection with the Committee.

27th October, 1906.

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