

REPORTS.

No. 110.—Petition of EDWARD DRENNAN, of Charleston, County of Buller.

PETITIONER prays that compensation may be granted to him for damage sustained by his property through the proclamation of the Nile River as a sludge-channel, he having failed to lodge his claim within the time specified in the notice of intention.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of Edward Drennan that they have no recommendation to make.

25th July, 1907.

No. 112.—Petition of JOHN FOSTER and Others, Coal-miners, of Denniston.

PETITIONERS pray that, irrespective of any awards or agreements in force, eight hours be fixed as the period of a day's labour.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to recommend that the petition of John Foster and others be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

25th July, 1907.

COAL-MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL. (Mr. Colvin.)

THE Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report to your honourable House that, having given consideration to the provisions of the Coal-mines Act Amendment Bill, they recommend that the said Bill be allowed to proceed as printed.

25th July, 1907.

No. 80.—Petition of ALEXANDER MACKAY, of Paeroa, Ohinemuri.

PETITIONER prays that a reward may be granted to him for the discovery of goldfields, which he alleges was made by him, at Thames and Karangahake.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of Alexander Mackay that they have no recommendation to make.

25th July, 1907.

COAL-MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2). (Hon. Mr. McGowan.)

THE Goldfields and Mines Committee, to whom was referred the Coal-mines Act Amendment Bill (No. 2), have the honour to report that, having carefully considered the provisions of the said Bill, they recommend that it be allowed to proceed, subject to the amendments shown on a copy of the Bill hereto attached.

9th August, 1907.

No. 200.—Petition of SIMON FRASER, of Maungatapere.

PETITIONER represents that he was the original discoverer of gold at Taieri and other places, and he claims to be entitled to a reward for having made discoveries of such importance.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report upon the petition of Simon Fraser that they have no recommendation to make.

6th August, 1907.

No. 183.—Petition of ROBERT HARVIE, of Waikino, Auckland.

PETITIONER represents that, after having made diligent search as to the existence of possible claims to certain land, he took up a mining claim under the Mining Act, and that for some eleven months he worked the said claim. He then discovered that, through the failure of the surveyors, the Warden's Office, and the Survey Office to afford him reliable information, a considerable portion of his claim was freehold property. Subsequently that portion of his claim was declared forfeited for non-working, he at the time lying sick in a hospital. He prays for redress.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of Robert Harvie that they recommend that it be referred to the Government for immediate and favourable consideration.

6th August, 1907.