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REPORTS OF PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE.

(MR. BUDDO, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1907.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from M to Z 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. Alison, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Okey, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. Thomson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. FOWLDS.)

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PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the Post-office at Wairoa, Hawke's Bay.

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

6th August, 1907.

No. 44.—Petition of E. WELLS and 135 Others, of Taranaki.

PETITIONERS pray for the opening-up of the Upper Carrington Road.

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

6th August, 1907.

No. 18.—Petition of W. LANGLANDS-SCOTT, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of fine of £5, imposed by the Commissioner of Stamps.

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

6th August, 1907.

No. 72.—Petition of M. O'FLAHERTY, of Dannevirke.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of the death of her husband while in the employ of the New Zealand Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of the opinion that the Government should make a compassionate allowance of £50 to the petitioner.

6th August, 1907.

No. 43.—Petition of A. THOMPSON and 61 Others, of Flaxbourne.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway between Seddon and Ward may be completed as early as possible.

I am directed to report that, as this petition involves a question of policy, it should be referred to the Government for consideration.

6th August, 1907.

No. 203.—Petition of T. K. MACDONALD and 1,249 Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray that the law relating to the sale of New Zealand wines be amended.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of the petition, but is of opinion that the Government should deal at the earliest possible opportunity, and in a comprehensive manner, with the wine industry of New Zealand.

6th August, 1907.

No. 19.—Petition of MARY WOLFE, of Eketahuna.

PETITIONER prays for an amendment of the divorce laws.

I am directed to report that the Committee strongly urges the Government to introduce, during the present session, such legislation as will give relief in this and similar cases.

27th August, 1907.

No. 15.—Petition of K. McDONALD and 104 Others, of Waipu.

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £300 to repair the road connecting Waikiekie with Waipu.

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

27th August, 1907.

No. 97.—Petition of T. P. MCGAVESTON and 45 Others, of Ngatimoti.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of £800 may be placed on the estimates for the purpose of forming the road from the Alexander's Bluff Bridge up the Motueka River.

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

27th August, 1907.

No. 3.—Petition of F. W. MANNING, Jun., and 10 Others, of Otatu.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £240 to be spent on road-works in the Otatu Block.

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

27th August, 1907.

No. 202.—Petition of JOHN MATHESON and 24 Others, of Opapeke.

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £400 to be placed on the estimates for road-works.

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

27th August, 1907.

No. 81.—Petition of A. McNEIL and 6 Others, of Otatu.

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £200 to be spent on roads in the Otatu Block.

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

27th August, 1907.

No. 235.—Petition of WILLIAM MEIKLE and 54 Others, of Swanson West Coast Road.

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £300 to be spent on the Swanson West Coast Road.

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

27th August, 1907.

No. 41.—Petition of SMITH AND SMITH, of Christchurch.

PETITIONERS pray for a refund of Customs duty paid on an alleged woodworking-machine.

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

27th August, 1907.

No. 13.—Petition of ALEXANDER MACINTOSH, of Sydney, N.S.W.

PETITIONER prays (a) that a sum of £1,482 13s. may be paid to him from the Consolidated Fund for services as auditor to the Bank of New Zealand during the time he was performing the duties of general manager; (b) that an inquiry may be held into the circumstances which led to his resignation of the position of general manager.

I am directed to report—(a) That the Committee has carefully considered the petition, and the evidence submitted by the petitioner, and is of opinion that he has no claim whatever for the payment of his salary as auditor of the Bank of New Zealand from the date of his appointment as general manager; (b) that nothing has been submitted to the Committee showing any necessity for inquiry into the circumstances which led to the retirement of petitioner; the Committee has therefore no recommendation to make.

27th August, 1907.

No. 88.—Petition of DANIEL WILSON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of loss sustained in connection with his "Parliamentary Shield" competition.

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

3rd September, 1907.

No. 34.—Petition of W. G. MURRAY, of Nelson.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation on retiring from office as a Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

3rd September, 1907.

No. 289.—Petition of GEORGE SMITH, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for his services as assistant armourer in the Defence Department.

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

3rd September, 1907.

No. 63.—Petition of S. B. TANNER, of Timaru.

PETITIONER prays for a public inquiry into the causes which led to his compulsory resignation from the police.

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

3rd September, 1907.

No. 257.—Petition of JOHN O'DONNELL, of New Plymouth

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services.

I am directed to report that, as petitioner arrived in the colony after the repeal of the Act giving grants of land to retired soldiers settling in the colony, there is no power to grant his petition, and therefore the Committee has no recommendation to make.

3rd September, 1907.

No. 303.—Petition of HANNAH SCULLY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her husband's services in the Police Force.

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

3rd September, 1907.

No. 184.—Petition of ISAAC TAYLOR, of Otakou.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for his wrongful arrest and imprisonment.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that, taking into consideration the unfortunate circumstance of the petitioner being arrested by mistake for another person on the evidence of several independent witnesses, and that he was put to considerable trouble and expense before it was proved to be a case of mistaken identity, petitioner should be granted a sum of £75.

3rd September, 1907.

No. 276.—Petition of JOHN SWANN, of Ruapuke, Aotea, Raglan.

PETITIONER prays for (a) a pension to be granted him for military services, and (b) that the expenses which he incurred in coming to Wellington to be examined by the Military Pensions Board may be paid.

I am directed to report that in respect to the prayer (a) the Committee has no recommendation to make, and in respect to (b) the Committee is of opinion that it should be referred to the favourable consideration of the Government.

10th September, 1907.

No. 416.—Petition of D. McINTOSH and 61 Others, of Brighton.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the Walton Park Railway to Brighton.

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

10th September, 1907.

No. 380.—Petition of H. D. ECCLES and 231 Others, of Bay of Islands.

PETITIONERS pray for a speedy completion of the Hukerenui and Kawakawa Railway.

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

10th September, 1907.

No. 363.—Petition of A. H. WRIGHT, of Newmarket, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of his expenses while attending the Supreme Court as a witness.

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

10th September, 1907.

No. 342.—Petition of F. G. WATSON and 21 Others, of Maunu.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to improve the Kaitara Bush Road.

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

10th September, 1907.

No. 85.—Petition of E. F. TIZARD, of Birkenhead, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be allowed to select an area of land for flax-growing purposes.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Lands Committee.

10th September, 1907.

No. 149.—Petition of C. H. PRINCE, of Pirongia.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted the New Zealand Volunteer Service Medal.

I am directed to report that, owing to the short period for which the services of the petitioner are certified to be by the Defence Department, and to the fact that his services were long prior to the regulations governing the issue of the New Zealand Volunteer Service Medal coming into force, which regulations are not retrospective excepting for Volunteers that are now on the district reserve and have twelve years' continuous service before being transferred to that list, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

10th September, 1907.

No. 473.—Petition of R. MILBANK and 8 Others, of Hunua.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for the Otau-Hunua Road.

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

11th September, 1907.

No. 554.—Petition of W. J. SCOTT, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for reinstatement in the Government service.

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

11th September, 1907.

No. 61.—Petition of W. MCKEEVER, of Tweed, N.S.W.

PETITIONER prays that his name as a deserter be removed from the books of the colony, and that the balance of the sum, which was recommended by the House in 1905 to be granted him, be paid.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that there is now no charge of desertion against W. McKeever, as he has been granted the New Zealand War Medal; and in respect to his claim for the balance of the sum recommended by this Committee in 1905, the Committee recommends it to the favourable consideration of the Government.

13th September, 1907.

No. 208.—Petition of HENRY SCHAUMANN and 577 Others, of Alexandra South.

PETITIONERS pray that a vote of £50,000 should be provided to carry out a scheme of water-conservation in Central Otago.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that, as this petition involves an important question of public policy, the total cost of which the Committee has no means of ascertaining, it should be referred to the Government for consideration.

13th September, 1907.

No. 385.—Petition of T. W. MILLAR and 38 Others, of Eweburn.

PETITIONERS pray for the retention of the post-office at Eweburn.

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

13th September, 1907.

No. 527.—Petition of J. E. MARGILL and 209 Others, of Waiuku.

PETITIONERS pray for the construction of a branch line of railway to connect Waiuku, Mauku, and Patumahoe with the Main Trunk line.

I am directed to report that, as this petition involves a question of public policy, the Committee is of opinion that it should be referred to the Government for consideration.

25th September, 1907.

No. 396.—Petition of ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, of South Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for services performed in the Public Works Department.

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

25th September, 1907.

No. 290.—Petition of ELIZA STENERSSEN, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation on account of the death of her husband while in Government employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that a recommendation should be made to the Government that a sum of £50 should be granted to petitioner.

25th September, 1907.

No. 116.—Petition of J. ROWLEY, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for a further retiring-allowance.

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

25th September, 1907.

No. 62.—Petition of J. E. PRUJEAN, of Denlair, Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for an investigation into the circumstances of his being placed under forcible restraint in a lunatic asylum.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having given the fullest consideration to the case as presented by the petitioner, and to the departmental reports thereupon, is unable to find any special features to warrant a recommendation that an inquiry should be held.

25th September, 1907.

No. 330.—Petition of JOHN PUNCH and 283 Others, of Raetihi.

PETITIONERS pray that a survey should be undertaken for a railway to connect Raetihi with the Main Trunk line.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that, as this petition involves a question of public policy, it should be referred to the Government for consideration.

25th September, 1907.

No. 555.—Petition of W. K. WILLIAMS and 359 Others, of Ohura.

PETITIONERS pray that the construction of the Stratford—Ongarue Railway may be commenced from the northern end.

I am directed to report that, as this petition involves a question of policy, the Committee is of opinion that it should be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st October, 1907.

No. 273.—Petition of AH MING, of Cambridge.

PETITIONER prays for the return of poll-tax paid for the second time.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that, as the Department reports it has made provision to meet the prayer of this petition, it should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

1st October, 1907.

No. 693.—Petition of MCCARROLL AND CHADWICK, of Mareretu.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the condition of timber sold to them by the Government, and for such relief and compensation as the House may deem fit.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the first prayer (a) of the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and, as the other clauses are contingent on the first prayer, it has no further recommendation to make.

1st October, 1907.

No. 96.—Petition of MARGARET MORRISON, of Caversham.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance in recognition of her late husband's services as a member of Parliament.

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

3rd October, 1907.

No. 700.—Petition of MARY ANNE SMITH, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services to the colony.

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

3rd October, 1907.

No. 627.—Petition of CATHERINE L. O'MEARA, of Pahiatua.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services to Parliament.

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

3rd October, 1907.

No. 686.—Petition of J. D. PIPER and 15 Others, of Woodville.

PETITIONERS pray that assistance be granted towards the cost of opening up the Woodville-Aohanga (Piper's) Road for vehicular traffic.

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

18th October, 1907.

No. 659.—Petition of T. USSHER and 140 Others, of Nihotapu.

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £500 to be granted for metalling and otherwise improving the Waikumete—West Coast Road.

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

18th October, 1907.

Nos. 205, 206, 207, 231, and 237.—Petitions of J. HORN and 188 Others, J. LITTLE and 313 Others, H. SCHAUMANN and 599 Others, J. McDUGALL and 268 Others, and H. E. STEVENS and 65 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the continuation of the work on the Otago Central Railway.

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

8th October, 1907.

No. 528.—Petition of A. G. SMITH, of Wellington, and N. McLEOD, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for the balance of pay to be handed over to them for acting as commissioned officers in South Africa whilst only being paid as non-commissioned officers.

I am directed to report that, in view of the admitted facts that these officers received commissions from the New Zealand Government, and served as lieutenants in South Africa, and, further, that they were not responsible for the non-confirmation of their commissions by the Imperial Government, the Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8th October, 1907.

No. 82.—Petition of A. PLUMMER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss on contract to feed Maori prisoners at the Chatham Islands, alleged to have been made with the Government.

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

8th October, 1907.

No. 720.—Petition of T. R. WOOLFELD, of Otahuhu.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land or other compensation for military services.

I am directed to report that the Committee, after giving further consideration to the petition and to departmental reports upon same, has no recommendation to make.

23rd October, 1907.

No. 766.—Petition of K. K. MOOKENJEE, of Calcutta.

PETITIONER prays for pecuniary assistance.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that consideration of this petition should be deferred until this day six months.

30th October, 1907.

No. 696.—Petition of WILLIAM STUBBLES, of Porirua.

PETITIONER prays for compensation to the extent of the rent and rations to which he claims to be entitled while serving as fireman at the Porirua Mental Hospital.

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

30th October, 1907.

Nos. 6 and 46.—Petition of MAUD VICARS and 50 Others, and 48 other similar Petitions, containing 36,471 Signatures, praying for the Abolition of the Totalisator; also Petition of E. J. AITKIN and 107 Others, and 301 other similar Petitions, containing 35,419 Signatures, praying for the Retention of the Totalisator.

I AM directed to report that, as it is the expressed intention of the Government to bring down legislation this session dealing with this question, the Committee is of opinion that these petitions, containing over 70,000 signatures, should be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st November, 1907.

SCHEDULE.

Petitions presented to the House of Representatives during the Session of 1907 praying for the Abolition of the Totalisator.

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Petitions presented to the House of Representatives during the Session of 1907 praying for the Retention of the Totalisator.

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" 113.—H. Ferris and 53 others.	" 244.—J. Cremer and 57 others.
" 114.—C. Gascoigne and 52 others.	" 245.—A. Edwards and 53 others.
" 115.—G. McCarty and 52 others.	" 246.—C. Gunson and 102 others.
" 122.—G. R. Hall and 52 others.	" 247.—E. E. Lewis and 51 others.
" 123.—A. Manning and 53 others.	" 248.—A. Lowndes and 53 others.
" 133.—N. Botica and 25 others.	" 249.—E. H. Nicholson and 26 others.
" 134.—W. Fisher and 53 others.	" 250.—W. Patterson and 106 others.
" 135.—J. Molony and 53 others.	" 251.—A. Pepper and 52 others.
" 136.—H. Mead and 53 others.	" 252.—S. B. Reid and 53 others.
" 137.—A. Perrin and 52 others.	" 253.—R. F. Stewart and 53 others.
" 138.—A. Ranson and 53 others.	" 254.—E. J. Williamson and 53 others.
" 139.—J. Ridler and 53 others.	" 262.—W. H. Armitage and 24 others.
" 140.—A. E. Wakeman and 53 others.	" 263.—D. Douglas and 55 others.
" 141.—W. Wood and 49 others.	" 264.—V. Jenkins and 52 others.
" 142.—W. Sands and 53 others.	" 265.—F. Morgan and 53 others.
" 143.—W. H. Wood and 53 others.	" 266.—E. S. Oliver and 215 others.
" 152.—S. Bishop and 53 others.	" 267.—A. Smith and 323 others.
" 153.—J. S. Fitch and 53 others.	" 268.—W. Temple and 53 others.
" 154.—L. Hillman and 53 others.	" 269.—D. Wells and 26 others.
" 155.—C. Humphrey and 50 others.	" 281.—D. Cash and 233 others.
" 156.—A. Hunt and 51 others.	" 282.—W. McRae and 52 others.
" 157.—M. J. Keane and 53 others.	" 283.—J. Renwick and 270 others.
" 158.—H. Mackay and 44 others.	" 284.—F. S. Patterson and 172 others.
" 159.—J. McKee and 53 others.	" 293.—A. J. Avey and 53 others.
" 160.—W. Pallett and 43 others.	" 294.—S. B. Bailey and 269 others.
" 161.—C. A. Robertson and 53 others.	" 295.—B. Delle Coste and 53 others.

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 ,, 475.—J. W. Anderton and 53 others.
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 ,, 765.—T. Smith and 107 others.
 ,, 769.—W. Redford and 161 others.
 ,, 770.—R. C. Boyd and 540 others.
 ,, 778.—C. W. Beasley and 107 others.
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 ,, 817.—H. Holder and 46 others.
 ,, 822.—A. Henderson and 539 others.

No. 869.—Petition of A. M. McLAUGHLIN, of Cadrona.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's and her own services in the Education Department.

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

14th November, 1907.

Nos. 865 and 866.—Petitions of E. D. MOSLEY and 13 Others, and E. O'LEARY and 116 Others. PETITIONERS pray that the Civil Service Superannuation Act may be passed into law during this session.

I am directed to report that this Committee is of the opinion that, as this question is at present being considered by the Public Accounts Committee, these petitions should be referred to that Committee.

14th November, 1907.

No. 705.—Petition of T. NICHOLSON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted the old-age pension.

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

19th November, 1907.

No. 800.—Petition of KWOK WAH SUI, of Alexandra South.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of the poll-tax paid on account of his wife.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and also that the Government be recommended to gazette or publicly notify that the poll-tax will be strictly enforced in all cases of Chinese entering the Dominion, whether male or female.

19th November, 1907.

No. 798.—Petition of Mrs. A. PENNIFOLD, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that the compassionate allowance granted to her late husband may be continued to her.

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

19th November, 1907.

No. 794.—Petition of Dr. F. W. MACKENZIE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for his reinstatement in the Volunteer service, and for an inquiry into the causes which led to his dismissal therefrom.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner's case has been practically met by the Government having carried out the recommendations of the Committee of last session, and, there being no charge against the petitioner, there seems no reason to hold any further inquiry.

19th November, 1907.

No. 815.—Petition of GEORGE SMITH (No. 2), of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of his services in the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that, a similar petition having already been reported upon and referred to the Government for consideration, the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

19th November, 1907.

No. 724.—Petition of W. J. PYE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation on account of an injury received while on duty as a Volunteer.

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

19th November, 1907.

No. 725.—Petition of GEORGE BULL and 18 Others, of Waikiekie, and 23 similar Petitions as per Schedule.

PETITIONERS pray for a survey and grant to carry out the extension of the Main Trunk Railway as far as Maungatapere.

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

19th November, 1907.

SCHEDULE.

No. 726.—N. H. Campbell and 15 others.	No. 738.—W. McKinstry and 18 others.
„ 727.—J. L. Clarke and 17 others.	„ 739.—A. Stephen and 7 others.
„ 728.—J. J. Fraser and 10 others.	„ 740.—F. G. Watson and 18 others.
„ 729.—W. H. Griffin and 3 others.	„ 753.—E. C. Mason and 18 others.
„ 730.—J. F. Henry and 12 others.	„ 754.—F. S. Millington and 6 others.
„ 731.—A. E. Mason and 6 others.	„ 755.—J. Montaine and 10 others.
„ 732.—R. Millar and 17 others.	„ 756.—R. H. Skelton and 18 others.
„ 733.—McCarroll Bros. and 10 others.	„ 757.—R. Turner and 11 others.
„ 734.—D. McGregor and 9 others.	„ 758.—J. Williams and 7 others.
„ 735.—J. M. McGregor and 18 others.	„ 805.—A. J. McKay and 17 others.
„ 736.—D. McKenzie and 17 others.	„ 806.—Samuel Poutai and 17 others.
„ 737.—M. D. McKenzie and 11 others.	

No. 840.—Petition of C. WOOD and 25 Others, of Oropi and surrounding districts
PETITIONERS pray for road to be constructed in the district.

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

19th November, 1907.

Nos. 808, 811, and 812.—Petitions of E. PAULL and 1,048 Others, D. FARQUHARSON and 2,155 Others, and G. S. HAYCOCK and 394 Others, of Dunedin, Roslyn, Richmond, and surrounding districts.

PETITIONERS pray for the abolition of bottle licenses.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of these petitions involves an alteration of the existing law, the Committee is of opinion that they should be referred to the Government for consideration.

19th November, 1907.

No. 847.—Petition of S. RYAN, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of his services in the Imperial army in the Crimea, and in the New Zealand troops in the Maori War.

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

19th November, 1907.

No. 859.—Petition of Mrs. H. B. VILE, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services to the New Zealand Parliament.

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

19th November, 1907.

No. 824.—Petition of T. FISHER and 107 Others, and 8 similar Petitions as per Schedule.

PETITIONERS pray for the retention of the totalisator.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that these petitions, containing 800 signatures, should be referred to the Government for consideration.

19th November, 1907.

SCHEDULE.

No. 825.—G. Gardner and 107 others.	No. 839.—W. Lockhead and 107 others.
„ 829.—A. W. Hazelwood and 107 others.	„ 842.—S. G. Pearce and 53 others.
„ 832.—W. Newson and 107 others.	„ 843.—A. Atkinson and 53 others.
„ 835.—E. R. Haybittle and 107 others.	„ 856.—F. McGregor and 52 others.

No. 854.—Petition of JAMES MCLEAVEY, of Ohau.

PETITIONER prays that the State do pay the remaining liabilities of the Horowhenua Mounted Rifle Corps, lately disbanded.

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

19th November, 1907.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has held sixteen meetings during the session.

Number of petitions referred to the Committee	...	...	...	455
Number of petitions dealt with	...	...	...	454
Number of petitions held over	...	...	...	1
Number of reports presented to the House	...	...	...	71
Number of specific recommendations made therein	...	...	...	5
Number referred for favourable consideration...	...	...	...	9
Number referred for consideration	...	...	...	30
Number referred to other Committees	...	...	...	4
Number no recommendation, &c.	...	...	...	23

I am also directed to report the following resolutions passed by the Committee, viz. :—

“That this Committee desires to record its hearty appreciation of the able, courteous, and businesslike manner in which the Chairman, Mr. Buddo, has carried out the business of the Committee during the past session.”

“That the Committee desires to place on record its approval of the courtesy, attention, and ability with which the clerk, Mr. Farr, has discharged his duties during the session.”

20th November, 1907.

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