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NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. CRAIGIE, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

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FRIDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1909.

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. Buchanan, Mr. Buxton, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Craigie, Mr. J. Duncan, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hogan, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Pearce, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. BUDDO.)

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No. 63.—Petition of E. G. PHILLIPS and 29 Others, of Whangaripo, Auckland District.
 PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £200 to finish the road from Whangaripo creamery to Wellsford Station.

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th November, 1909.

(Referred back to Committee.)

No. 141.—Petition of MASTERTON COUNTY COUNCIL and 14 other Local Bodies.
 PETITIONERS pray that the Wairarapa Hospital District be constituted into a separate hospital and charitable aid district.

I am directed to report that, the prayer of the petition being already embodied in the Bill now before the House—namely, “The Hospital and Charitable Institutions Bill, 1909”—the matter be referred to the Government.

4th November, 1909.

No. 628, of 1908.—Petition of W. H. NEWENHAM, of 63 Hopper Street, Wellington.
 PETITIONER prays for further compensation for loss of office in the Defence Department, Wellington.

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

4th November, 1909.

No. 34.—Petition of LOUIS CHARLES ROSKRUGE, of Wellington.
 PETITIONER prays for payment of alleged increase of salary due to him.

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

4th November, 1909.

No. 67.—Petition of MRS. CATHERINE THOMSON, of Sawyer's Bay, Dunedin.
 PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of her son, William Hay Rennie, who was murdered at Papakaio.

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

4th November, 1909.

No. 66, Session II.—Petition of MRS. MARGARET STEWART and Others, of Kaiwaka, Auckland.
 PETITIONERS pray for compensation for damage by fire alleged to have been caused by a survey party under the charge of a District Engineer in the employ of the Public Works Department, whereby a kauri bush was destroyed.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee the Crown Suits Act should be waived with a view of the petitioners being afforded the opportunity of testing the justice of their claim.

10th November, 1909.

No. 185, Session II.—Petition of HENRY PALMER and 7 Others, of the Taieri District, Otago.
 PETITIONERS pray for inquiry into and redress for certain grievances in connection with the drainage of the Taieri Plain.

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

10th November, 1909.

No. 63, Session II.—Petition of E. G. PHILLIPS and 29 Others, of Whangaripo, Auckland District.
 (Second Report.)

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £200 to finish the road from Whangaripo creamery to Wellsford Station.

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

11th November, 1909.

No. 65, Session II.—Petition of JAMES ROGER, of Khandallah, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for redress for alleged wrongful dismissal from the position of Deputy Official Assignee at Timaru, in July, 1892.

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

18th November, 1909.

No. 29, Session II.—Petition of PATRICK MADIGAN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be relieved from the liability of supporting a child at present an inmate of St. Mary's Industrial School at Auckland.

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

18th November, 1909.

No. 9, Session II.—THE NEW ZEALAND FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE DISTRIBUTING COMPANY (LIMITED), of Allen Street, Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for relief in respect to alleged damage caused to property from coaldust from the State Coal Depot, Wellington.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee the Government be recommended to refer the matter to arbitration for the purpose of ascertaining the damage (if any) the company is entitled to.

19th November, 1909.

No. 349.—Petition of MRS. MAUD ROOKES, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance as widow of the late Colonel Rookes, in consideration of military services rendered by him.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 30.—Petition of MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH McCASKILL, of Hikutaia, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for losses sustained during the Maori war.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 255.—Petition of A. WALFORD and Others, of Manurewa, near Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for a road from Weymouth to Manurewa Railway-station.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 372.—Petition of MAJOR WILLIAM GILBERT MAIR, of Takapuna, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for recognition of services rendered to the Dominion.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 155.—Petition of JOHN WARD, of Lower Hutt, settler.

PETITIONER prays that legislation may be introduced for the purpose of protecting tenants from liability for rates in certain cases.

I am directed to report that this Committee is of opinion that the question of introducing legislation to secure redress in this case and similar cases should be recommended to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th December, 1909.

No. 280.—Petition of WALTER MARTIN, of Erinwood, Seafield, near Ashburton.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation for loss of office as Chief Clerk in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court at Christchurch.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 33.—Petition of MRS. FLORENCE B. ROLFE, of College Street, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for assault committed by two constables whilst in plain clothes.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 8.—Petition of MRS. MARY MUIRHEAD, of Woodhaugh, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation from the Government Accident Insurance Department for an accident that occurred to her husband.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.
7th December, 1909.

Nos. 60 and 69.—Petitions of S. McALLISTER and 5 Others, and A. D. WEIR and 6 Others, all of Mangapai, near Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £500 for the purpose of metalling on the Mangapai-Waikiekie Road.

I am directed to report that these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.
9th December, 1909.

No. 470.—Petition of WILLIAM JOHN WIGMORE and Another, of Rarotonga.

PETITIONERS pray for refund of alleged overcharge of estate duty.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13th December, 1909.

No. 267.—Petition of the NEW ZEALAND FARMERS' UNION.

PETITIONERS pray for legislation for granting to Maoris the same political and local-government privileges as those of the European race.

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

13th December, 1909.

No. 219.—Petition of ALEXANDER YULL, of Newtown Museum, Wellington South.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for the loss of office as taxidermist.

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

13th December, 1909.

No. 533.—Petition of WILLIAM J. MURPHY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained on purchase of land, &c.

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

13th December, 1909.

No. 443.—Petition of GEORGE SANGSTER and Others, of Stratford.

PETITIONERS pray for refund of £20 paid as guarantee by Mrs. Laura Lambert for the bringing-back to the Dominion of F. H. Lambert on a charge of wife-desertion.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13th December, 1909.

No. 268.—Petition of GEORGE PANNILL and Others, of Albany, Auckland, Vine-growers.

PETITIONERS pray for legislation to provide for the sale of New Zealand wines by growers.

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

13th December, 1909.

Nos. 373 and 374.—Petitions of ADAM JOHN McCLUSKEY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays (a) for compensation for loss of office in the Police Force; (b) for compensation for injury incurred while on duty at prison-works, Wanganui.

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

13th December, 1909.

No. 469.—Petition of JOHN WARD, of Aberdeen Road, near Gisborne.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services rendered to the Dominion.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the Government is going to authorise Magistrates or other Commissioners during the recess to inquire into the claims of old soldiers, this Committee recommends that inquiry be made into the petitioner's claim by the Commission.

13th December, 1909.

No. 616, of 1908.—Petition of ROBERT TROUP, of Waikawa Valley, Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into financial dealings between Irven Willis Raymond, of Invercargill, and petitioner.

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

13th December, 1909.

No. 311.—Petition of JAMES SPOOR, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of services rendered during the Maori war.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the Government is going to authorise Magistrates or other Commissioners during the recess to inquire into the claims of old soldiers, this Committee recommends that inquiry be made into the petitioner's claim by the Commission.

13th December, 1909.

No. 136.—Petition of JAMES METHERS and ANOTHER, of Port Chalmers.

PETITIONERS pray for compensation for the loss of their son, who was drowned whilst proceeding to a Volunteer camp.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

13th December, 1909.

Nos. 35, 266, 377, and 447.—Petitions of WILLIAM STEWART and Others, A. G. MACKENZIE and Others, WILLIAM SIMPSON and Others, and GEORGE T. CLENDON and Others, all residents of Hokianga County.

PETITIONERS pray that an extension of the Whangarei—Kawakawa Railway to Kaikohe be included in this year's Authorisation Bill.

I am directed to report that these petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

13th December, 1909.

No. 441.—Petition of H. R. M. McCALLUM and Others, all of Te Awamutu, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the erection of the bridge over the Puniu River near Te Awamutu be proceeded with.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, as the Government has the matter in hand.

13th December, 1909.

No. 186.—Petition of ALBERT PLUMMER, of 102 Symonds Street, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he should be allowed compensation for loss on contract to supply rations to Maori prisoners deported to the Chatham Islands.

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

13th December, 1909.

Nos. 191 and 192.—Petitions of C. P. MURRAY-AYNSLEY and Others, and THOMAS LEWIS and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for an amendment of "The Licensing Act, 1908."

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 544.—Petition of MRS. HELEN MACINTYRE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as a Civil servant.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 442.—Petition of MURRAY, ROBERTS, AND CO., of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for refund of fine in connection with unpaid stamp duty.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 139.—Petition of CHARLES WOOD, of 9 Tweed Street, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 367.—Petition of G. D. MACFARLANE, of 97 Lichfield Street, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for refund of duty on certain cases of fruit.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 445.—Petition of RICHARD TORPEY, of Albert Road, Epsom, Auckland.
 PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
 16th December, 1909.

No. 392.—Petition of ELLEN TAYLOR and 3,627 Others, of Devonport, Auckland.
 PETITIONER prays for consideration in connection with the Auckland drainage scheme.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
 16th December, 1909.

No. 541.—Petition of JAMES A. SCHMIDT, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged wrongful arrest while in the employ of the Post Office Department.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 486.—Petition of A. F. WIMSETT, of Nelson.

PETITIONER prays for relief in connection with expenses incurred in defending prosecution for alleged burglary.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 552.—Petition of JOSEPH PACKARD and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that money be voted for formation of a road up to Section 24, Block II, Waitapu Survey District.

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

20th December, 1909.

No. 4, Session I.—Petition of WILLIAM YSKER, of Otira.

PETITIONER prays for relief in respect of injuries alleged to have been caused through his falling over a steep bank on the Christchurch-Otira Road.

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

20th December, 1909.

No. 530.—Petition of DAVID POTTER, of Hanmer Springs.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for deterioration in value of his property at Hanmer Springs caused by the opening by the Government of a rubbish-pit in close proximity to his property.

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

20th December, 1909.

No. 537.—Petition of H. SPEAR and Others, of Colac Bay.

PETITIONERS pray for a road to connect Riverton and Colac Bay.

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

23rd December, 1909.

Nos. 586 and 587.—Petitions of ROBERT HEATH and Others and WILLIAM PHILPOTT and Others.
 PETITIONERS pray that the railway-line may be extended from Edievale to tap Moa Flat.

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

23rd December, 1909.

No. 603.—Petition of Mrs. BRIDGET SCALLY, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for the death of her son while employed on co-operative works.

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

23rd December, 1909.

Nos. 11 and 281.—Petitions of J. J. SUTHERLAND and Others and T. NEILD and Others (and other similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray as follows:—

Petition No. 11.—That the North of Auckland Railway line shall not be deviated so far west as proposed, but retained on what is known as the "eastern route," and that a Royal Commission may be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances concerning the suggested deviation of the line.

Petition No. 281.—That the adoption of the western route may be adhered to.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee, the question being one for expert engineering opinion and public policy, affecting the needs of the greater number of settlers not served by water carriage, the question be referred to the Government for consideration and further inquiry.

23rd December, 1909.

SCHEDULE.

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FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has held fifteen meetings during the session of 1909.

Number of petitions referred to the Committee	...	...	...	119
Number of petitions dealt with	...	...	...	113
Number of petitions held over	...	...	...	6
Number of reports presented to the House	...	...	...	49
Number of specific recommendations made therein	...	...	...	4
Number referred for favourable consideration	7
Number referred for consideration	18
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I am also directed to report the following resolution passed by the Committee, viz.:—

“That this Committee desires to record its hearty appreciation of the great care and attention devoted by the Chairman (Mr. Craigie) to the business of the Committee, and of the able and courteous manner in which his duties have been carried out during this session of Parliament; and that this resolution be recorded on the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House.”

23rd December, 1909.

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