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RAILWAYS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. HOGAN, 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 7TH DAY OF JULY, 1910.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to examine and report upon questions relating to the railways; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Brown, Mr. Buick, Mr. Craigie, Mr. Hine, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Ross, Mr. Witty, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MILLAR.)

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PETITIONERS pray that Longlands Stockyard siding be made a flag station.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
12th August, 1910.

No. 134.—Petition of M. E CATTON, of Division Street, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance on account of an injury to her husband while working on the railway-line.

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

12th August, 1910.

No. 6.—Petition of GEORGE GAYNOR, of 67 Cashel Street, Linwood, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance for past services.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
12th August, 1910.

No. 103.—Petition of EDWARD PRENDERGAST, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for an allowance for injuries received when in the Railway service.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
12th August, 1910.

No. 102.—Petition of THOMAS PATTERSON, of Brown Street, Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received as the result of a railway accident.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
12th August, 1910.

No. 29.—Petition of A. H. PHILIP, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance for injuries received while in Government employ

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
14th September, 1910.

No. 192.—Petition of A. M. WILLIAMS and 162 Others, of Te Aute.

PETITIONERS pray that the name of Te Aute Railway-station be altered, to save confusion.

I have to report that, as the Railway Department is agreeable to giving the name "Te Aute" to the present Pukehou Station, and to giving a new name (other than "Lower Te Aute") to the present Te Aute Station, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

14th September, 1910.

No. 414.—Petition of J. A. NASH and 28 Others, of Palmerston North.

PETITIONERS pray that compensation be given to Joseph Hanna for injuries received as the result of an accident at a railway-crossing at Palmerston North.

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

28th September, 1910.

No. 182.—Petition of PATRICK CAVANAGH, of Kaiwarra, Wellington

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of horses, which, together with drays and drivers, were hired from petitioner by Railway Department in connection with the Hutt Railway and Road improvement scheme.

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

11th October, 1910.

No. 429.—Petition of JAMES LARKIN, of Timaru, Canterbury

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of alleged wrongful dismissal from the Railway service at Timaru.

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

11th October, 1910.

No. 400.—Petition of ALEXANDER BROWN and Another, of Green Island, Otago.

PETITIONERS pray that a private siding recently closed be reopened, or that a siding be constructed from the nearest point on Walton Park branch line to the property of the said Alexander Brown, or that a siding be placed on said line, and payment made to petitioner for making a connection with the said siding, and also to recompense John Loudon for annual way-leave charge for such connection.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that a siding connection be given Messrs. Brown and Loudon on the Walton Park line, at the 1 m. 70 ch. point, and that in addition the sum of £500 be paid in full compensation for all claims in connection with the closing of the old siding, and in full settlement for the closing of the crossing on the main line.

31st October, 1910.

No. 515.—Petition of WILLIAM CONYERS, of 483 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance in consideration of former services in Railway Department.

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

3rd November, 1910.

No. 347.—Petition of FOXTON HARBOUR BOARD, of Foxton

PETITIONER prays for financial assistance to enable it to properly deal with the Manawatu River and improve it for navigation.

I am directed to report that, as there is a willingness on the part of the Railway Department to sell, and on the part of the Foxton Harbour Board to purchase, the wharf at Foxton, this petition be referred to the Government with a view to arriving at a settlement of the price of the wharf and goodwill, by arbitration [*Vide* also Appendix I.—6B.]

3rd November, 1910.

No. 349.—Petition of CHRISTINA DE YOUNG MCTAINSH, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of her husband being killed by express train.

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

3rd November, 1910.

No. 8.—Petition of W McARLEY and 14 Others, of Lyttelton (and also 58 similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray for official recognition of the Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association.

I am directed to report,—

Clause 1. That in the opinion of this Committee the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants has represented the engine-drivers, firemen, and cleaners equally as well as the other sections of the Railway service.

Clause 2. That due prominence has always been given to the requirements of the engine-drivers, firemen, and cleaners when the Railway Department has been approached by the delegates of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

Clause 3 That, notwithstanding this, and after hearing the evidence from both sides and carefully considering it, the Committee is of opinion that there is no possibility of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and the Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association coming to an agreement, and that, as it is in the best interests of the Railway service that these two sections should work in harmony, this Committee recommends the petition of the Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association to the Government for favourable consideration. [*Vide* also Appendix I.—6A.]

3rd November, 1910.

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” 64.—T. Milroy and 20 others.	” 129.—W. T. Scott and 19 others.
” 65.—J. C. Murdin and 27 others.	” 130.—H. C. Bishop and 19 others.
” 66.—Arthur Payne and 5 others.	” 425.—J. Ahern and 25 others.

SECOND REPORT

I am directed to report that the Committee, having reconsidered the report on the petitions of the Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association and the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, referred back to them by the House, has the honour to report that, while confirming same, it submits the following addenda thereto:—

The Committee is of opinion that the Amalgamated Society's present powers should be in no way curtailed, and that the society should be permitted to retain full power of representing such of the engine-drivers, firemen, and cleaners as may be or remain members of the society, and of representing to the Minister their grievances and complaints. [*Vide* also Appendix I.—6A.]

10th November, 1910.

No. 634.—Petition of WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 28, I O O F of 18 Kipling Street, Sydenham, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that a compassionate allowance may be granted to Harry Robinson on account of accident at Blith's Crossing

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
4th November, 1910.

No. 436.—Petition of T MCGAHAN, of Tuakau, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted arrears of pay alleged to be owing by the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that petitioner be paid back pay for the period between the date of the decision of the Appeal Board that he should be reinstated and the date of actual reinstatement by the Railway Department.
4th November, 1910.

No. 633.—Petition of ALICE ROBINSON, of 374 Worcester Street, Linwood, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that a compassionate allowance may be granted to her husband for injury received at Blith's railway-crossing

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
4th November, 1910.

No. 731.—Petition of H. M. CLINTON and 291 Others, of Orari.

PETITIONERS pray that the 8 a.m. express train, Christchurch to Dunedin, and the 11 15 a.m. train, Dunedin to Christchurch, may stop at Orari.

I am directed to report that, as the Railway Department have recently arranged that the 8 a.m. train going south will stop at Orari to set down passengers from north of Ashburton, and the train coming north will likewise stop at Orari to set down passengers from south of Timaru, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

17th November, 1910.

No. 716.—Petition of JACQUES MARRETT, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries sustained through being run over by railway-trucks at Westport.

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

28th November, 1910.

No. 428.—Petition of JAMES JENKINS, of Wanganui

PETITIONER prays for recognition of length of service in Railway Department.

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

28th November, 1910.

No. 740.—Petition of ALBERT JUDD and 9 Others, of Tokomaru, Wellington (and also 8 similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray for relief in respect of maintenance of Manawatu Railway fences.

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

28th November, 1910.

SCHEDULE.

No. 741.—O. J. D'Ath and 7 others.
„ 742.—P. Mungavin and 11 others.
„ 743.—W. H. Simcox and 2 others.
„ 744.—G. Tully and 11 others.

No. 748.—Bell and Inge and 6 others.
„ 749.—James Jackson and 6 others.
„ 750.—F. W. Smith and 7 others.
„ 753.—H. Small and 4 others.

No. 725.—Petition of MARGARET J. MELSON, of Woolston, Canterbury

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of the death of her husband, who was killed on the Lyttelton-Christchurch Railway line.

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

28th November, 1910.

SPECIAL REPORT

THE Railways Committee has the honour to report that at the final meeting of the Committee, held on the 29th November, 1910, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

“That this Committee desires to record its high appreciation of the zeal, courtesy, and tact displayed by the Chairman, Mr J. T. Hogan, in dealing with the large volume of business which came before it during the session; also that the best thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Clerk, Mr N. Jacobs, for the able and businesslike manner in which he has carried out his duties; and that this resolution be recorded on the minutes of the Committee and reported to the House.”

30th November, 1910.

No. 764.—Petition of M. J. MACK, Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants,
Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that the Government Railways Amendment Bill (No. 2) be not proceeded with until evidence is taken thereon.

I am directed to report that, as the Minister proposes to amend the Bill in Committee of the House, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

1st December, 1910.

No. 31.—Petition of SAMUEL VAILE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a trial of the stage system on the New Zealand railways.

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

1st December, 1910.

FINAL REPORT

I HAVE the honour to report that the Railways Committee held fifteen meetings during the session of 1910.

Number of petitions referred to the Committee.	95
Number of reports presented to the House	28
Number of petitions referred for consideration...	16
Number of petitions referred for favourable consideration	64
Number of petitions with no recommendation	14
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1st December, 1910.

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