Nos. 186, 187, 205, 232, 231, and 236.—Petitions of R. Dunn and 553 Others, R. Lambie, Sen., and 1,061 Others, T. A. Bridge and 24 Others, W. A. O'Neill and 129 Others, T. Bennett and 113 Others, and C. Preece and 47 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the construction of a branch railway-line through South Taranaki, to connect the Opunake district with the main line.

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

17th October, 1911.

No. 174.—Petition of S. H. Ellis and 165 Others, and 15 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached.

PETITIONERS pray that the Auckland University College Site Bill, introduced by the Hon. Mr. Fowlds, be passed this session.

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

17th October, 1911.

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No. 175.—G. L. Giesen and 146 others.
,, 176.—E. L. Hall and 378 others.
,, 177.—A. Kennedy and 736 others.
,, 178.—T. W. Leys and 426 others.
,, 179.—W. N. McIntosh and 69 others.
,, 180.—W. E. Moore and 230 others.
,, 181.—A. J. Parker and 614 others.
,, 194.—C. Armitage and 89 others.

No. 195.—A. E. Doran and 44 others. ,, 196.—R. E. Dowle and 40 others. ,, 197.—J. Halstead and 47 others. ,, 198.—E. Rohan and 66 others. ,, 199.—S. Upton and 101 others. ,, 208.—H. E. Myers and 351 others. ,, 214.—D. H. Whiting and 288 others.

No. 162.—Petition of ROBERT GALLAGHER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land 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 consideration.

17th October, 1911.

Nos. 155, 152, 128, and 173.—Petitions of W. J. HARKNESS and 45 Others, A. MELHUISH and 3,119 Others, J. CRICKETT and 739 Others, and J. BENNETT and 205 Others.

Petitioners pray that the Government House grounds at Auckland be not given for University purposes, as proposed in the Auckland University College Site Bill.

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

17th October, 1911.

No. 283.—Petition of FLORENCE E. BOULTON, of Porirua.

PETITIONER prays for a monetary grant on account of the death of her husband by typhoid fever while nursing patients in Porirua Mental Hospital.

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

18th October, 1911.

No. 284.—Petition of Edmond Carrigan and 2 Others, of Wellington.

Petitioners pray for compensation for losses sustained through taking their land under the Wellington Harbour Board Reclamation and Empowering Act, 1898.

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

18th October, 1911.

No. 161.—Petition of T. J. FRANKLIN, of Waihi.

Petitioner prays for compassionate allowance for injuries received in the Grand Junction Company's mine at Waihi.

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

18th October, 1911.