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PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. REED, CHAIRMAN.)

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FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1911.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from A to L 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 thereon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Hon. Mr. T. Duncan, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hine, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Newman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. R. MCKENZIE.)

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No. 11.—Petition of ELIZA JANE ADAMS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services in the Customs Department.

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

23rd August, 1911.

No. 49.—Petition of DUNEDIN NEW CATHEDRAL BOARD (INCORPORATED), of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for the remission of certain legacy duty charged.

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

23rd August, 1911.

No. 34.—Petition of DONALD FRASER and 75 Others, of Bull's.

PETITIONERS pray that the Rangitikei Racing Club may have its licenses granted as heretofore.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the attention of the Minister of Internal Affairs be specially directed to the great injustice which has in this instance been done to the Rangitikei Club.

23rd August, 1911.

No. 41.—Petition of RICHARD J. FELTUS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry and compensation for alleged ill-treatment in Auckland Mental Hospital.

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

23rd August, 1911.

No. 274 (1910).—Petition of RICHARD KEARNS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that alleged arrears of salary owing by the Postal Department may be paid to him.

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

23rd August, 1911.

No. 60.—Petition of WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, of Newmarket, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he be allowed the full pension, and that the deductions made be paid to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that a compassionate allowance be granted the petitioner equal to the pension he might have received, and also recommends that legislation be passed to prevent the recurrence of such cases.

1st September, 1911.

No. 84.—Petition of MARGARET MARY COYLE, of Hokitika.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a license as barmaid.

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

1st September, 1911.

No. 40.—Petition of RICHARD J. FELTUS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for recognition for military services rendered by his late father.

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

1st September, 1911.

No. 16.—Petition of THOMAS J. GOLDSMITH, of Matawhero, Poverty Bay.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land and the New Zealand War Medal 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.

1st September, 1911.

No. 106.—Petition of HUGH LAMONT GREER, of Johnsonville.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into the action of the Government Fire Insurance Department for alleged surcharging him.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
1st September, 1911.

No. 115.—Petition of MATTHEW CASHEN, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for some relief for injury sustained while in the Government service.

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

6th September, 1911.

No. 2.—Petition of ALEXANDER DE WOLF CUNNABELL and 37 Others, of Kai Iwi, Wanganui.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted military pensions, or some other recognition, 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 favourable consideration.

6th September, 1911.

No. 14.—Petition of JOHN ELLIS and 14 Others, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted military pensions, or some other recognition, 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 favourable consideration.

6th September, 1911.

No. 15.—Petition of CHARLES FERRIS and 20 Others, of Gisborne.

PETITIONERS pray for a military pension 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 favourable consideration.

6th September, 1911.

No. 116.—Petition of JOHN T. FOLEY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry and compensation for being dismissed from the Police Force.

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

6th September, 1911.

No. 61.—Petition of RICHARD CRAIGIE and 294 Others, of Henley, Otago.

PETITIONERS pray that present regulations be amended to allow them to use nets for fishing for indigenous fish in the Taieri River.

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

12th September, 1911.

No. 12.—Petition of C. M. DAWSON and 2 Others, of Rarotonga.

PETITIONERS pray that the present Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands be removed from office, and that a Commission of Inquiry be set up.

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

12th September, 1911.

No. 132.—Petition of LARS ANDERSON, of Waikawau, Awakino.

PETITIONER prays that the sum of £244 and interest on it paid to date, being part of a loan from the Advances to Settlers Department, of which he alleges he has been defrauded by a solicitor who was acting as agent for the Department, be refunded to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee is satisfied the money was never paid to the petitioner, and recommends petitioner be paid £244 and interest to date.

26th September, 1911.

No. 114.—Petition of JOSEPH N. BELL and 18 Others, of Napier.

PETITIONERS pray for a military pension 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 favourable consideration.

26th September, 1911.

No. 5.—Petition of JOHN DILLON, of Otama, Gore.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained in connection with certain water-rights, and that the present law be amended.

I am directed to report that the application for compassionate allowance be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and the Government be recommended to introduce legislation this session to validate this and similar rights.

26th September, 1911.

No. 107.—Petition of W. H. HOSKING and 338 Others, of Bull's.

PETITIONERS pray that the Rangitikei Racing Club may have its license granted as heretofore.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the attention of the Minister of Internal Affairs be specially directed to the great injustice which has in this instance been done to the Rangitikei Club.

26th September, 1911.

No. 123.—Petition of JAMES CHISHOLM and 2 Others, of Sutherland's, Canterbury.

PETITIONERS pray that legislation may be introduced to enable them to get a rehearing of a Court case.

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

27th September, 1911.

No. 78.—Petition of MARY ANN CUTHBERTSON, of 26 Maitland Street, Dunedin.

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

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

27th September, 1911.

No. 200.—Petition of WILLIAM SMITH DRYDEN, of Ward, Marlborough.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance for injuries alleged to have been received whilst working on the North Island Main Trunk Railway.

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

27th September, 1911.

No. 166.—Petition of CHARLES JANION, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for an allowance as recompense for not having received an increase in salary or travelling-expenses whilst in the Government service.

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

27th September, 1911.

No. 2 (1910).—Petition of JOHN BELL, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for further inquiry into his case, recompense for loss sustained, and that his name be removed from the prison records.

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

6th October, 1911.

No. 133.—Petition of JAMES DAWSON, of St. Kilda, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance for the loss of an eye when a member of the Permanent Artillery Force.

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

6th October, 1911.

No. 160.—Petition of J. H. DRURY and 65 Others, of Christchurch.

PETITIONERS pray that the Christchurch cab-stands be vested in the Governor in Council; that no subsidy be paid to the City Council; and that all disputes between the cabmen and the Council be settled by the Arbitration Court.

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

6th October, 1911.

No. 143.—Petition of JOHN FLYNN, of Hawera.

PETITIONER prays for more adequate compensation for services rendered in the Maori wars.

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

6th October, 1911.

No. 165.—Petition of THOMAS INGLIS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for recognition of military services rendered during the Maori war.

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

6th October, 1911.

No. 247.—Petition of ELLEN BUCKLEY, of Geraldine.

PETITIONER prays for an allowance from the Government Life Insurance Department on account of her late husband's insurance policy.

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

11th October, 1911.

No. 241.—Petition of JOHN FOGARTY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of the military services of his late father, William Fogarty, H.M. 65th Regiment.

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

11th October, 1911.

No. 35.—Petition of JOHN E. KELSALL, of Onehunga. (First Report.)

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of shops at Onehunga, destroyed by order of the Stipendiary Magistrate, through being plague-infected.

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

11th October, 1911.

No. 249.—Petition of EDWARD LE GRICE and 209 Others, of Rotorua.

PETITIONERS pray that they be allowed to net fish in Rotorua and surrounding districts, also to fish without license during the season 1911-12.

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

11th October, 1911.

No. 248.—Petition of SARAH E. CHAPMAN, of Nelson.

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

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

13th October, 1911.

No. 234.—Petition of GEORGE GEORGE and 3 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant in aid of the art societies of New Zealand.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that an annual grant of £1,000 should be assured to each of the four city art societies.

13th October, 1911.

Nos. 149 and 242.—Petitions of HAWKE'S BAY HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD, and H. GUTHRIE-SMITH and 40 Others, of Hawke's Bay.

PETITIONERS pray that section 6 of the Hospital and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1910, be repealed, and that the boundaries of the Hawke's Bay Hospital District as now existing be left intact, or that part of the area be excluded.

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

13th October, 1911.

No. 253.—Petition of JOHN LYNCH, of Grey Lynn, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that his claim for military services may be given favourable consideration.

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

13th October, 1911.

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.

SCHEDULE.

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.

No. 268.—Petition of MARTHA M. GILL, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services in the Lands, Survey, and Public Works Departments.

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. 18.—Petition of H. W. GLYNN, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into the cause of his retirement from the Police Force, and that he be reinstated, or a suitable position in the service provided for him.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the conviction of the Magistrate was not justified, and that the constable's application for a rehearing should have been granted; and also recommends that the petitioner should be reinstated in the Police Force.

18th October, 1911.

No. 226.—Petition of NORMAN ST. C. HALES, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for the introduction of legislation to enable him to register under the Dentists Act, 1908.

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. 301.—Petition of JOHN JOHNSTON and 3 Others, of Rangiora. (First Report.)

PETITIONERS pray for a refund of costs incurred in defence of a case while being members of the Mandeville and Rangiora Licensing Committee.

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

18th October, 1911.

No. 35.—Petition of JOHN E. KELSALL, of Onehunga. (Second Report.)

(Referred back to the Committee by the House for reconsideration.)

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of shops at Onehunga, destroyed by order of the Stipendiary Magistrate, through being plague-infected.

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

18th October, 1911.

No. 312.—Petition of J. G. W. AITKEN and Another, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for the remission of stamp duty on account of the will of the late T. W. McKenzie, Esq.

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

19th October, 1911.

No. 299.—Petition of MAURICE BROWN and 68 Others, of Rotorua.

PETITIONERS pray for some alteration in the Prison Regulations, and a grant for the Reformatory at Pakatoa Island.

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

19th October, 1911.

No. 313.—Petition of ANN CRAWFORD, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for her brother's services in the Waikato Regiment.

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

19th October, 1911.

No. 308.—Petition of HENRY HAYNES and Another, of Christchurch.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the commitment of an adopted child into the Christchurch Receiving Home.

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

19th October, 1911.

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PETITIONERS pray for a refund of costs incurred in defence of a case while being members of the Mandeville and Rangiora Licensing Committee.

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

19th October, 1911.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I am directed to report that the Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the services of the clerk (Mr. E. D. Dunne), and that the Government be recommended to permanently appoint him, so that the Committee will be assured of his services and experience for future sessions.

19th October, 1911.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report,—

1. That the Committee held 13 meetings during the session.
2. That the Committee dealt with 81 petitions (including 3 held over from last year).
3. That the number referred to the Government for consideration was 38.
4. That the number referred to the Government for favourable consideration was 27.
5. That the number on which the Committee had no recommendation to make was 14.
6. That the number of the petitions held over until next session was 5.

I am also directed to report that this Committee desires to place on record the valuable services rendered by the Chairman (Mr. Reed). He has been most tactful in dealing with the various petitioners and their representatives, and has been exceedingly zealous in his attention to the Committee work.

20th October, 1911.

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