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PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. CRAIGIE, CHAIRMAN.)

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ORDER OF REFERENCE.

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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 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. Clark, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Craigie, Mr. J. Duncan, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Myers, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. Pearce, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. BUDDO.)

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No. 20.—Petition of SARAH E. McCASKILL, of Hikutaia, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained during Maori War.

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. 87.—Petition of ALEXANDER McDONALD, of Ngakawau, Westport.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for services as overseer in the Public Works Department.

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

23rd August, 1911.

No. 51.—Petition of CATHERINE T. MCGAHEY, of Wadestown, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that she may be allowed a further sum of money as compassionate allowance for services rendered by her late husband.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the petitioner should be granted £100.

23rd August, 1911.

No. 745 (1910).—Petition of JOHN O'KANE and 1,210 Others, of Hastings.

PETITIONERS pray that the Government pass legislation for supplying the town of Hastings with electrical power, water-supply, and drainage.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, as a question of policy is involved.

23rd August, 1911.

No. 745 (1910).—Petition of T. TANNER and 184 Others, of Hawke's Bay.

PETITIONERS pray that the Pukahu Riding be excluded from the operation of the Hawke's Bay Rivers Bill.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition, as the matter has been dealt with by legislation.

23rd August, 1911.

No. 82.—Petition of EUGENIE TILLMAN, of Woolston.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of the death of her husband, an overseer in the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the petitioner should be granted a sum of £25.

23rd August, 1911.

Nos. 85 and 86.—Petitions of EMILY MEYNELL and ARCHIBALD CRICHTON, of Miramar, Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the conduct of the police that led up to the committal of the children of the said Emily Meynell to a Government receiving home, and for the return of the said children.

I am directed to report that, until legal relationships are established between the petitioners, the Committee is of opinion that the Meynell children should not be returned to the home of their mother.

31st August, 1911.

No. 46.—Petition of ALBERT PLUMMER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss on account of contract with the Government at the Chatham Islands in 1868.

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

31st August, 1911.

No. 790 (1910).—Petition of WILLIAM ROBERTSON, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance and removal of petitioner's name from prison records.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
31st August, 1911.

No. 122.—Petition of JACOB TROUGHTON, of Motumaoho, Morrinsville. (First Report.)

PETITIONER prays for payment for work done on a road contract in Awakino.

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

31st August, 1911.

No. 58.—Petition of PHILIP VERCOE, of Springlands, Blenheim.

PETITIONER prays for an annuity or a grant of land for military services rendered.

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

31st August, 1911.

No. 48.—Petition of THOMAS PARKINGS WILLIASON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into circumstances surrounding his dismissal as a gardener, Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
7th September, 1911.

No. 125.—Petition of R. MACALISTER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for increased pension.

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

20th September, 1911.

No. 523 (1909).—Petition of D. A. MCINTYRE, of North Sydney, N.S.W.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injury sustained while in the employ of the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
20th September, 1911.

No. 120.—Petition of JAMES O'BRIEN, of Ngahere, Greymouth.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry in respect of damage done to his land by construction of railway embankment at Ngahere.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.
20th September, 1911.

No. 182.—Petition of T. F. O'CONNOR, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged wrongful arrest.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
20th September, 1911.

Nos. 79 and 136.—Petitions of JOHN POPPELWELL, of Eketahuna.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss on sawmilling plant.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on these petitions.
20th September, 1911.

No. 80.—Petition of JESSE SAGE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a small annual pension in consideration of military services rendered.

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

20th September, 1911.

No. 137.—Petition of ALFRED E. SCHULTZ, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into the matter of the loss of his wholesale license.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

20th September, 1911.

No. 47.—Petition of JOHN JOSEPH STEPHENSON, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for relief in connection with the dispensing of his services whilst messenger and orderly in Defence Department.

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

20th September, 1911.

No. 184.—Petition of WILLIAM STIRLING and 326 Others, of Clutha Valley.

PETITIONERS pray for construction of the Balclutha—Tuapeka Mouth Railway.

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

20th September, 1911.

No. 224.—Petition of A. F. WIMSETT, of Nelson.

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

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

20th September, 1911.

No. 168.—Petition of FLORA NEWPORT, of Hillmorton, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the petitioner be granted the sum of £100.

27th September, 1911.

No. 209.—Petition of THOMAS NICHOLSON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for further relief in connection with his application for an old-age pension.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the petitioner be granted the sum of £26.

27th September, 1911.

No. 225.—Petition of Messrs. PARR and TROUGHTON, of Awakino.

PETITIONERS pray for payment for work done on a road contract at Awakino.

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. 101.—Petition of J. W. SMITH and 6 Others, of Auckland District.

PETITIONERS pray for inquiry into administration and methods of the Public Works Department, Auckland.

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

27th September, 1911.

No. 122.—Petition of JACOB TROUGHTON, of Motumaoho, Morrinsville. (Second Report.)

PETITIONER prays for payment for work done on a road contract at Awakino.

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. 3.—Petition of JAMES JOHNSTON WILSON, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries sustained whilst serving with Australasian Squadron.

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

27th September, 1911.

No. 45.—Petition of T. MITCHELL and 72 Others, of Puhipuhi, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for inquiry into the dismissal of T. Mitchell by the overseer of the Puhipuhi Plantation.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
6th October, 1911.

No. 210.—Petition of the WELLINGTON CITY CORPORATION.

PETITIONERS pray that the passing of the Plumbers Registration Bill be stayed pending inquiry.

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. 223.—Petition of JOHN WILKS, of Avondale, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for grant of land on account of military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
6th October, 1911.

No. 269.—Petition of JOHN MEE and 16 Others, of Brighton, Otago.

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

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

11th October, 1911.

No. 153.—Petition of LANGLEY POPE and 6,549 Others, of St. Clair. Also Petitions No. 164, W. GORDON and 57 Others; No. 201, JOHN TAYLOR and 16 Others; No. 216, V. C. HAMILTON and 23 Others; and No. 217, J. D. LAWRENCE and 21 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the House will be pleased to pass the Daylight Saving Bill.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, but there is no evidence before the Committee to show that the Bill would be of any advantage to the people in the country districts.

11th October, 1911.

No. 100.—Petition of GEORGE ROUTHAN, of Goldsborough, Westland.

PETITIONER prays for a pension under the Superannuation Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
11th October, 1911.

No. 215.—Petition of G. F. G. WILLIAMS, of Marua, Auckland District.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry in connection with the refusal to grant him a loan under the State-guaranteed Advances Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
11th October, 1911.

No. 230.—Petition of ALEXANDER YULL, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation in respect of injury occasioned to him by reason of his temporary discharge as Taxidermist at the Museum, and loss of retiring-allowance.

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

11th October, 1911.

No. 244.—Petition of MARGARET MACDOUGALL, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance in respect of her husband's services to the Dominion in connection with coal-mines on the west coast of the South Island.

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. 295.—Petition of H. M. MARTIN and 148 Others, of Rotorua.

PETITIONERS pray for further relief to John Gallen in consideration of services rendered to the Government as surfaceman at Rotorua.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
18th October, 1911.

No. 296.—Petition of LAURENCE MCGOVERN, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for grant of land for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition
18th October, 1911.

No. 287.—Petition of WILLIAM McDONALD, of Dannevirke.

PETITIONER prays for pension or grant of money for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee, as the applicant has been unable by reason of physical disabilities to appear before the Stipendiary Magistrate, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

18th October, 1911

No. 288.—Petition of EDWIN F. NORTH and 16 Others, of Hastings.

PETITIONERS pray for total exemption from the provisions of section 183 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition has been provided for by legislation, the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.

18th October, 1911.

Nos. 303 and 308.—Petitions of COLEMAN PHILLIPS, of Carterton.

PETITIONER prays for the transfer of the capital from Wellington to a site on the Moroa Plain between Featherston and Greytown.

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. 238.—Petition of WALTER RUTHERFORD, of New Lynn, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for losses and injuries sustained 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.

18th October, 1911.

No. 250.—Petition of SIMON RYAN, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of 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.

18th October, 1911.

No. 298.—Petition of J. S. TAYLOR, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays that he may be given an opportunity of vindicating his innocence in connection with a police prosecution.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
18th October, 1911.

No. 23.—Petition of JOHN WRIGHT, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays for grant of land, or cash equivalent, and war medal for 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.

18th October, 1911.

No. 280.—Petition of JAMES NEIPER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss through his premises being closed by the Public Health Department on suspicion that plague existed.

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 petitioner be granted a sum of £25 as a compassionate allowance.

20th October, 1911.

No. 278.—Petition of GEORGE EDWARD SOLE, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays for issue of further scrip in place of scrip previously issued and lost, or money value of same, for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee, the scrip having been granted, the Government, if they are satisfied that no payment has been made, be recommended to issue new scrip, or make a money grant in lieu thereof.

20th October, 1911.

No. 291.—Petition of C. A. YOUNG and 5 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the encouragement by the Government of viticulture in the Dominion.

I am directed to report that, as regards clause 1 of the petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make, as a question of policy is involved. That the Committee is of opinion that a system of inspection should be carried out to ensure the production of a light, pure wine, free from outside adulteration.

20th October, 1911.

No. 157.—Petition of STUART NEWALL and 32 Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for pensions of 10s. per week as a military pension in lieu of any pension to which they may be entitled under the Old-age Pensions Acts.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, in respect to veterans holding the New Zealand War Medal and who reside in New Zealand.

24th October, 1911.

No. 315.—Petition of JANE MEIKLE, of Matakau.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of loss sustained through her husband being wrongfully convicted and imprisoned.

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

25th October, 1911.

No. 310.—Petition of WILLIAM J. MURPHY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss sustained through certain land transactions.

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

25th October, 1911.

No. 289.—Petition of JOHN RUNCIMAN, of Orakau.

PETITIONER prays for consideration on account of services rendered during the course of the Maori War.

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

25th October, 1911.

SPECIAL REPORT (*re* Chairman).

I am directed to report 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 in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

24th October, 1911.

SPECIAL REPORT (*re* Clerk).

I am directed to report that the Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the services of the clerk, Mr. J. L. Haselden, and that the Government be recommended to permanently appoint him, so that the Committee will be assured of his capable services and experience for future sessions.

20th October, 1911.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has held 19 meetings during the session of 1911.

Number of petitions referred to the Committee	...	...	...	63
Number of petitions dealt with	...	...	...	59
Number of petitions held over	...	...	...	4
Number of petitions reports presented to the House	56
Number of specific recommendations made therein	8
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Number referred for consideration	10
Number referred for inquiry	1
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