No. 3 of Session II, 1923.—Petition of James Wall and 18 Others, of Pukerua. (Second Report.) Praying that the Government construct a road and bridge over railway at Pukerua.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this is not a matter for its consideration, and accordingly it has no recommendation to make.

3rd November, 1924.

No. 295.—Petition of Isabella Rutherford Ward, of Christchurch.

Praying for a compassionate allowance, in addition to the £1,000 already granted her, for loss of husband in North Island Main Trunk Railway accident.

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

3rd November, 1924.

No. 383.—Petition of John Neil, of Manawaru.

Praying for a compassionate allowance for injuries sustained in North Island Main Trunk Railway accident.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above petition, and, in view of the special circumstances of the case, it is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th November, 1924.

No. 393.—Petition of HARRY FLAY, Jun., of Te Aroha.

Praying for a compassionate allowance for injuries sustained in the North Island Main Trunk Railway accident.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above petition, and, in view of the special circumstances of the case, it is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th November, 1924.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Railways Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman (Mr. Witty) has presided over its deliberations during the session, and that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House.

4th November, 1924.

G. R. SYKES, Member of the Committee.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Committee, consisting of ten members, during the session held nine meetings, the average attendance being six members at each meeting.

The number of meetings held by the Committee ... 9 The number of petitions referred to the Committee 12 The number of petitions referred to the Government for consideration 1 The number of petitions referred to the Government for favourable consideration 3 The number of petitions on which the Committee had no recommednation to make The number of reports brought down by the Committee and presented to the House 14 ٠. The number of petitions withdrawn

The Government Railways Amendment Bill was referred to the Committee, duly considered, and reported upon.

4th November, 1924.

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