No. 105.—Petition of MICHAEL CAHILL, of Tapanui.

Praying for payment of expenses incurred owing to contracting phosphorus poisoning whilst a Government employee.

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

3rd September, 1930.

No. 74.--Petition of W. Curran, of Awarua.

Praying for the settlement by arbitration of compensation for an area of 10 acres at Otatara taken under the Public Works Act.

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

3rd September, 1930.

No. 78.—Petition of F. J. LAKE, of Auckland.

Praying for compensation for alleged loss of business incurred by the passing of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 3rd September, 1930.

No. 121.—Petition of EMILY M. CREWE, of Pahiatua.

Praying for the reopening of her claim in respect of matters between petitioner and executors of her late husband's estate.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for inquiry; that the Committee recommends that the Government be asked to place the petition and files before the Solicitor-General, with a view to advising and assisting the petitioner. 9th September, 1930.

No. 398/29.—Petition of R. W. Thompson and 999 Others, of Timaru.

Praying for the abolition of capital punishment.

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

9th September, 1930.

No. 132.—Petition of John Thomas O'Halloran, of Te Kuiti.

Praying that a debt due by his late father's estate to the State Advances Department be written off.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration; that the amount due to the State Advances Department be written off.

9th September, 1930.

No. 142.—Petition of G. A. CADIGAN, of Napier.

Praying for the remission of a sum of money claimed by the Pensions Department from her mother's estate.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration; that the Government be recommended to advise the Pension Department to accept £100 cash in full settlement of the claim.

11th September, 1930.

No. 38.—Petition of HENRY L. BUCKLER, of Auckland.

Praying for a pension or compassionate allowance on account of orphan children of whom he is guardian. I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration; and that provision should be made for a payment of a pension to the guardians on behalf of the children, at the same rate as would have been payable had a widow's pension been in force at the time of the mother's death.

11th September, 1930.