

No. 88.—Petition of NEW ZEALAND AIRWAYS, LIMITED, and Another.—Special Report.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has passed the following resolution: "That the proceedings of the Committee during the taking of evidence on the petition of New Zealand Airways, Limited, and another, be open to accredited representatives of the press, and that the Chairman do report this resolution to the House, and move the adoption thereof by the House."

6th August, 1936.

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No. 171.—Petition of J. M. SMITH, of Kakanui.

PRAYING for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the inquest in connection with the death of his daughter.

I am directed to report that the Committee, after hearing the evidence, is of the opinion that the unfortunate death of the deceased was due to misadventure, and the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

6th August, 1936.

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No. 36.—Petition of MARY PILLING and 113 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING for enactment of legislation enabling certain Court proceedings to be reopened.

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

6th August, 1936.

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No. 99.—Petition of E. TANGNEY, of Timaru.

PRAYING for additional compensation for injuries received while employed by the Railways Department, or for suitable employment in the Public Service.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration with a view to the petitioner being placed in some suitable light employment in the Railways or other State Department.

6th August, 1936.

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No. 90.—Petition of W. J. MATHER, of Wanganui.

PRAYING for a compassionate grant on account of injuries received while employed by the Railways Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration with a view to a sufficient compassionate allowance being granted to cover the cost of their transport to Auckland and the maintenance of the petitioner and his family while the petitioner is undergoing training at the New Zealand Institute for the Blind at Auckland. The Committee is further of the opinion that if the petitioner desires that his property at Wanganui be administered by the Public Trustee, the Public Trustee should undertake that duty.

18th August, 1936.

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No. 10.—Petition of P. WILD, of Invercargill.

PRAYING for a refund of stamp duty.

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

18th August, 1936.

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No. 92.—Petition of C. R. WILLCOCKS, of Lyttelton.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal from the position of Harbourmaster at Apia, or reinstatement in the Public Service.

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

18th August, 1936.

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No. 175.—Petition of W. S. CLINCH and 474 Others, of Matamata.

PRAYING for amendment of the Licensing Act, 1908, to provide for the issue of a license or licenses at Matamata.

I am directed to report that, as a question of policy is involved, in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration. (Referred back to Committee for further consideration, 27th August, 1936.)

27th August, 1936.