

No. 26, Session II.—Petition of JAMES THOMPSON.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for land taken as a public road.

I am directed to report that the Committee still adheres to its previous report on the petitioner's case.

10th October, 1879.

No. 99, Session I.—Petition of THOMAS ESCOTT.

THE petitioner claims for pay, to which he states that he is entitled as Drill-sergeant to the Riverton Rifle Volunteer Corps, having been so engaged by the officers of that corps.

I am directed to report that the Committee adheres to its previous report on the petitioner's case.

10th October, 1879.

No. 91, Session I.—Petition of C. BASSTIAN and Others, of Southland.

THE petitioners pray for a deviation in the line of railway extension from the Invercargill-Kingston line to Mararoa, proposed by the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the subject-matter of this petition is one for the consideration of the Minister for Public Works, to whom the Committee recommends that the petition be referred.

10th October, 1879.

No. 94, Session I.—Petition of ALLEN and KINGSTREET.

THE petitioners pray for compensation for alleged loss in the construction of the Port Chalmers contract of the Dunedin and Moeraki Railway.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the Government to allow the case to be decided by a Court of law, if petitioners desire it, the Government waiving any technical forms that would prevent the matter in dispute being decided on its merits.

10th October, 1879.

No. 10, Session II.—Petition of ANGUS McMILLAN and Others, of Whangarei Heads.

THE petitioners pray that a wharf which has been washed away at Marsden Point, near Whangarei, in the Auckland Provincial District, may be reconstructed.

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

17th October, 1879.

No. 8, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM GARRICK.

THE petitioner prays for some further relief in consequence of an injury sustained while on active service in the Colonial Forces.

I am directed to report that, having made a recommendation in petitioner's case, and the Government having made a payment of £75 on the strength of such recommendation, the Committee has no further recommendation to make to the House in the petitioner's case.

17th October, 1879.

No. 51, Session I., and No. 51, Session II.—Petition of J. R. MARTIN.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for alleged dismissal, without reason, from the Permanent Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

I am directed to report that the Committee has made inquiry into the case of the petitioner, and it appears from the evidence submitted by the Railway Department that the petitioner was not competent to perform the services on which he was employed. The Committee cannot, therefore, recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the House.

17th October, 1879.

No. 110, Session I.—Petition of JOSEPH WORMS.

THE petitioner prays that the guardianship of his step-son, now in the Industrial School at Auckland, may be transferred to himself.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having made inquiry into the case of the petitioner, cannot recommend that his application be granted, as the action of the authorities with regard to the petitioner's children meets with the approval of the Committee.

17th October, 1879.

Nos. 131, 132, 133, 135, and 150, Session I., and Nos. 18, 19, and 20, Session II.—Petitions of W. W. DAVISON and Others, of St. Kilda, South Dunedin; A. BOYD and Others, of Tapanui, Otago; R. TELFORD and Others, of Mount Benger, Otago; J. R. RUSSELL and Others, of Caversham, Otago; DONALD ROSS and Others, of Wakatipu; SCHOOL COMMITTEE of Bull's, Rangitikei; R. HARRIS and Others, of Rangitikei; and ADAM OLIVER and Others.