

sold to petitioner's son at a low rate, the Committee are of opinion that the Government have dealt liberally in the matter, and cannot recommend the petitioner's claim to the House.

27th July, 1882.

No. 302.—Petition of THOMAS GREEN and Others, Gore District.

THE petitioners pray that amendments may be made in "The Town Districts Act, 1881."

I am directed to report: The subject-matter of this petition being one of public policy, as affecting local government, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation to the House.

27th July, 1882.

No. 243.—Petition of GERMANS, Ohaupo.

THE petitioners pray that the money paid for letters of naturalization may be refunded to them.

I am directed to report: The Committee cannot recommend the House to refund money paid to secure letters of naturalization.

27th July, 1882.

No. 279.—Petition of PENINSULA ROAD BOARD, Dunedin.

THE petitioners pray that an Act to alter the boundaries of the Peninsula Road District and the Portobello Road District may not be allowed to pass into law.

I am directed to report: That, as the subject-matter of this petition is now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion.

27th July, 1882.

No. 56.—Petition of THOMAS GIBBONS, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he was employed as a labourer on the Auckland-Waikato Railway, and that in July, 1881, while loading a truck he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of two fingers and serious injury to his hand. He states he was under the doctor's hands six months, during which time he received 3s. per diem at first, and afterwards 1s. 6d. per diem, which is now discontinued. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report: That the Committee have no recommendation to make on the petitioner's case.

28th July, 1882.

No. 176.—Petition of LICENSED VICTUALLERS, Auckland.

THE petitioners pray that "The Licensing Act, 1881," may be amended.

No. 242.—Petition of DAVID CHALMERS and Others.

THE petitioners pray that "The Licensing Act, 1881," may receive a fair trial, and remain for a time unaltered.

No. 245.—Petition of JAMES TREADWELL and Others, Wanganui.

THE petitioners pray that "The Licensing Act, 1881," be not amended.

No. 194.—Petition of F. W. EVANS and Others, Wanganui.

THE petitioners pray that "The Licensing Act, 1881," may be amended.

I am directed to report: The subject-matter of these petitions being under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation to the House.

28th July, 1882.

No. 225.—Petition of the BREWERS of AUCKLAND.

THE petitioners state that great injustice has been done to them through the imposition of the duty on beer. They pray the House to relieve them of the burden complained of.

No. 246.—Petition of MARSHALL, COPELAND, and Co., and Others, Otago (No. 2).

THE petitioners pray that the House will repeal the beer-tax.

No. 182.—Petition of the BREWERS of NELSON.

THE petitioners pray that the House will repeal "The Beer Duty Act, 1880."

No. 189.—Petition of MARSHALL, COPELAND and Co., and Others, Otago (No. 1).

THE petitioners pray that the House will repeal the beer-tax.

No. 206.—Petition of J. J. BLACKMORE and Co., and Others, Greymouth.

THE petitioners pray that the House will repeal "The Beer Duty Act, 1880."

I am directed to report: The subject-matter of these petitions being one of public policy, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation to the House.

28th July, 1882.

No. 168.—Petition of JAMES FLOOD and Others, Port Underwood (No. 1).

THE petitioners state that there is a want of communication between Waikawa and Hakahaka Bay, and pray the House to grant them relief.

No. 187.—Petition of WHAINGAROA and Other HIGHWAY BOARDS.

THE petitioners state that the Raglan and Waipa Road requires many alterations to render it safe for traffic, and pray the House to grant them assistance in making it safe for wheel-traffic.