

No. 139.—Petition of JAMES GILMOUR and Others, of Winton.

THE petitioners pray for conversion of the Forest Hill Tramway into a railway.

Nos. 216 and 217.—Petitions of J. D. HILL and Others, of Auckland; and JAMES MCPHERSON and Others, of Kirikiriroa.

THE petitioners pray for abolition of the present system of railway management and for the substitution of a stage system.

No. 238.—Petition of E. R. ANDERSON and Others, of Wyndham.

THE petitioners pray for erection of a flag station and formation of a siding at McKay's Crossing, on the Wyndham-Glenham Railway.

I am directed to recommend that these four petitions be referred by the Government to the Railway Commissioners for consideration.

26th August, 1890.

No. 213.—Petition of G. N. BLACKWELL and Others, of Christchurch.

THE petitioners pray that the Factories and Shops Bill may not be allowed to become law during the present session of Parliament.

I am directed to report that, as there is now before the House a Bill dealing with the subject-matter of this petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

26th August, 1890.

No. 221.—Petition of WILLIAM J. FARRAUD, J.P., of Te Arai, and Others.

THE petitioners pray for construction of a main trunk road north of Devonport.

No. 226.—Petition of HENRY T. CLARKE and Others, of Waimate North.

THE petitioners pray for construction of a road to the Port of Opuā, Bay of Islands.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these two petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

26th August, 1890.

No. 228.—Petition of R. R. BRADLEY and Others.

THE petitioners pray for abolition of the County of Akaroa.

I am directed to report that this petition, not being in compliance with Standing Order No. 265, is informal, and that the Committee has therefore no recommendation to make.

26th August, 1890.

No. 232.—Petition of G. S. FLEMING and Others.

THE petitioners pray for abolition of the County of Akaroa.

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

26th August, 1890.

No. 184.—Petition of J. N. CUNNINGHAM and Others, of Moa Flat.

THE petitioners pray that the Waipahi-Heriot Railway may be extended to Culvert Creek.

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

28th August, 1890.

No. 225.—Petition of MARTIN CHAPMAN and Others, of Wellington.

THE petitioners pray that the destruction of marine birds and their eggs, except for food, may be prohibited by law on all islands within the boundaries of New Zealand.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, legislative action ought immediately to be taken to control and limit the destruction of birds, seals, and other animals frequenting the islands named in the petition, as well as the Macquarie Islands, should these be transferred to the jurisdiction of New Zealand. (*Vide* also I.—1A.)

28th August, 1890.

No. 234.—Petition of GEORGE KING and Others, of Christchurch.

THE petitioners pray that New Brighton may be declared a sanatorium, and provided with a sea-wall and planted with trees.

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

28th August, 1890.

No. 236.—Petition of H. S. FITZHERBERT and Others.

THE petitioners oppose the projected removal of the railway-station at Palmerston North from its present site in the middle of the Square.

Nos. 246 and 247.—Petitions of JOHN DOUDICAN and Others, of Alexandra; and ANDREW PRIMROSE and Others, of Kirikiriroa.

THE petitioners pray for abolition of the present system of railway management and for the substitution of a stage system.