

sion without compensation on twelve and six months' notice respectively; that the Railway Commissioners have now given them notice that their leases are cancelled and they are required to give up full possession.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, Charles Seaton should be paid the sum of £150, and Henry Jones the sum of £200, and have the right to remove all their buildings.

9th July, 1891.

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No. 25.—Petition of JAMES DRINNAN and Others, of Kaukapakapa.

PETITIONERS pray that a railway station-master may be appointed at Kaukapakapa.

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

9th July, 1891.

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No. 30.—Petition of E. A. HAGGEN and Others, of Woodville and Pahiatua.

PETITIONERS allege that they suffer inconvenience and loss in connection with the train service on the Napier-Woodville Railway. They pray for relief.

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

9th July, 1891.

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No. 153.—Petition of W. DYMCK and Others, of Dunedin.

PETITION against the passing of the Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill.

No. 161.—Petition of JOHN CARROLL and Others, of Dunedin.

PETITION in favour of the passing of the Dunedin Cemetery Extension Bill.

I am directed to report that, as the Bill referred to in these petitions is now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th July, 1891.

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No. 13, SESS. I.—Petition of JAMES HILL, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER states that he and his wife were employed in the New Plymouth Hospital for sixteen years; that owing to charges unjustly preferred against him, and of which he was acquitted, he resigned, but considers he is entitled to compensation of one month's pay for each year of service. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, after having given all the evidence in connection with this case the most careful consideration, the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim whatever against the colony.

10th July, 1891.

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No. 27.—Petition of JAMES ATKINSON, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER states that he was wounded in the head by rebel Maoris in 1865 while carrying mails, and that he has lost his sight in consequence of the wound. He pleads that the sum of £50 already paid to him is insufficient, and prays for further relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner having rendered good services to the colony, is deserving of consideration, and would therefore recommend that the Government should make arrangements with some institution, such as the Costley Home for the aged poor at Auckland, should there be no such institution at Wanganui. The charge for maintenance to be paid by the Government.

10th July, 1891.

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No. 102.—Petition of JAMES LOADER, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER states that in the year 1886, through no fault of his own, he met with a serious accident while in the service of the Railway Department, whereby he received permanent injury to his spine. He prays that some light employment may be found for him, or compensation awarded.

I am directed to report that the Committee would recommend the Government to find some light employment for the petitioner if possible.

10th July, 1891.

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No. 106.—Petition of JAMES BOURKE, of Mangaone.

PETITIONER prays for amendment of the Selectors' Land Revaluation Act.

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

10th July, 1891.

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No. 142.—Petition of WILLIAM FRASER and Others, of Te Aroha.

PETITIONERS pray that such steps may be taken as to the House shall seem fit to remove the electoral disqualification from which Mr. William Sheppard Allen now suffers.

I am directed to report that, inasmuch as the offence committed by William Sheppard Allen while a candidate for the Te Aroha district in December, 1890, and for which his election was subsequently declared void, was not the act of Mr. Allen himself, but of an agent representing him during his absence in England, and was merely of a technical nature even on the part of that agent, it is, in the opinion of the Committee, desirable that any stigma resting upon Mr. Allen should be removed, and that he should be relieved from any disqualifications imposed upon him by a judgment