

No. 47, Sess. II.—Petition of LEONARD MONK, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER states that, whilst working in the Government employ, he received such injury as resulted in the loss of one of his eyes, and that since then the sight of the other eye has become impaired. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report the Committee considers the petitioner's case a deserving one, and to recommend the Government to place the sum of £250 on the supplementary estimates as compensation for the injury sustained by the petitioner.

3rd July, 1891.

No. 28, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS PATTERSON, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER states that, while driving his horse and cart over the railway-crossing, Conon Street, Invercargill, he was run into by an express-train, whereby he sustained severe bodily injuries and pecuniary loss. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner met with the accident through no fault of his own, and recommend the Government to place the sum of £100 on the supplementary estimates as compensation to the petitioner for the injuries received; and further recommend that the Railway Commissioners take steps to render the said crossing less dangerous.

3rd July, 1891.

No. 11, Sess. II.—Petition of WILLIAM OLLIVER, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER states he was employed as engine-driver on the New Zealand railways, and that he was discharged on the grounds of old age, but asserts he is still capable of performing his duties. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner is not altogether incapacitated by old age from working, the Committee strongly recommend the Railway Commissioners to find some light employment for the petitioner, and further recommend that the Government take into consideration the propriety of establishing a superannuation or insurance fund to meet such cases as the petitioner's.

3rd July, 1891.

No. 39, Sess. II.—Petition of ROBERT MCOWEN, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER states that, as a trustee of a private estate, he made an overpayment to the Property-tax Department. He prays for a refund.

I am directed to report that, as the evidence clearly shows that an overpayment was made by the petitioner, the Committee recommend the Government that the amount paid in error, £60 3s. 2d., be placed on the supplementary estimates, and refunded to the petitioner.

3rd July, 1891.

No. 99, Sess. II.—Petition of SAMUEL MORRISON, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER states that he was a warder in Her Majesty's gaol, Dunedin, and was dismissed. He prays for compensation.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner was properly dismissed from the service, and that he has no claim upon the colony.

8th July, 1891.

No. 109, Sess. II.—Petition of GEORGE MCLEAN, of Hawera.

PETITIONER states that he is the purchaser of a certain section of land. He prays for a title to the same.

By direction of the Committee I have the honour to report that, as the petition refers to a claim which has previously been before the Waste Lands Committee, it should be referred to that Committee for consideration.

8th July, 1891.

No. 10, Sess. II.—Petition of HENRY SMYTHIES, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER states he was prevented from following his profession as barrister and solicitor by the passing of "The Law Practitioners' Act Amendment Act, 1866." He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that as the petitioner has already received the sum of £1,000, for which he signed a receipt in full of all demands against the colony for losses sustained by him through the passing of "The Law Practitioners' Act Amendment Act, 1866," the Committee, while sympathizing with the petitioner in his misfortunes, cannot see their way to recommend the payment of any further sum.

8th July, 1891.

No. 42, Sess. II.—Petition of JOSEPH THOMPSON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states he was one of the Wellington Rifle Rangers, and was wounded during the Maori outbreak. He prays for compensation.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

10th July, 1891.