No. 105, Sess. II.—Petition of Mary Elizabeth White, of Wellington.

Petitioner states her husband agreed to make certain Maori translations, &c., for which he was to receive a bonus of £500, but the work was stopped before its completion by the Government.

She prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner is entitled to the bonus in proportion to the work done by her husband, and therefore recommends the Government to place such sum on the supplementary estimates. The Committee is also of opinion that the passage of the petitioner and family back to Auckland should be paid if she desires to return there.

28th July, 1891.

Nos. 137 and 189, Sess. II.—Petitions of ROBERT S. ROST and 67 Others, residents, North of Auckland, and ROBERT MACKAY and 8 Others, North of Auckland.

Petitioners pray that a sum of money may be voted to complete the North Main Trunk Road.

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

28th July, 1891.

No. 93, Sess. II.—Petition of Joseph Sandlant, of Gisborne.

PETITIONER states he is the founder of the perpetual-leasehold system, but that the fact has never been recognised. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th July, 1891.

No. 193, Sess. II.—Petition of RICHARD MILLER, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER states he was injured while in the Government employ, whereby he lost one of his legs. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 28th July, 1891.

No. 168, Sess. II.—Petition of W. PAGE, of Wellington.

Petitioner states he was discharged from his position in the Railway Department without compen-

sation. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, petitioner is fairly entitled to compensation, and recommends the Government to place such sum on the supplementary estimates. 31st July, 1891.

No. 364, Sess. II.—Petition of J. Townley and Another, of Gisborne.

PETITIONERS state that the Gisborne Harbour-works are in an incomplete condition, and pray Government to grant such funds as will put them in a workable state.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the

Government for favourable consideration.

4th August, 1891.

No. 135, Sess. II.—Petition of Charles F. Mitchell, of Paeroa.

Petitioner states he advanced stores, &c., to the Natives on behalf of the Government, but has never been reimbursed for the same. The petitioner states he is unable, through ill-health, to appear in support of his claim, and therefore wishes to withdraw the petition.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitioner be granted permission

to withdraw his petition.

4th August, 1891.

No. 369, Sess. II.—Petition of BRIDGET READY, of Woodville.

Petitioner states that, through the incompetency of a herbalist, she suffered great bodily hurt. She prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th August, 1891.

No. 236, Sess. II.—Petition of John T. Young and Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS state that the passing of the Shop Hours Bill will prove disastrous to their interests, &c. They pray for relief.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a Bill now before Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th August, 1891.

No. 190, Sess. II.—Petition of John A. Wilson, of Auckland (No. 1).

PETITIONER states he was a Judge of the Native Land Court, and was entitled to pension, and that his services were dispensed with on compensation only. He prays for relief.

I have the honour to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, petitioner did not become a Civil servant until 1875, and, therefore, is not entitled to pension; and, further, that the petitioner is not entitled to greater compensation than has already been authorised by the Auditor-General. 5th August, 1891.