Nos. 232 and 254.—Petitions of Mayor and Councillors of Onehunga, and F. A. White and Others.

PETITIONERS pray in favour of the passing of the Borough of Onehunga Boundaries Alteration Bill. I am directed to report that, as this Bill is now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th August, 1892.

No. 263.—Petition of A. C. Saunders and Others.

RE Catlin's Railway.

I am directed to report that this petition should be referred to the Government. 11th August, 1892.

No. 121.—Petition of Joseph Smart, of Lyttelton.

Petitioner prays for a compassionate allowance on account of injuries incurred while in the service of the Railway Department.

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

12th August, 1892.

No. 29.—Petition of Lachlan McQueen, of Invercargill.

Petitioner states that while in the service of the Railway Commissioners he has sustained injuries which will make him a cripple for life. He prays for compensation.

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

12th August, 1892.

No. 139.—Petition of George Neale, of Napier.

PETITIONER alleges that he has been unjustly dismissed from the Police Force, and prays for

compensation.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot comply with the prayer of the petition, but strongly recommend that an independent inquiry should be made by Government into the circumstances of the case alleged in the petition.

16th August, 1892.

No. 114.—Petition of WILLIAM and MARY SMITH, of Sydenham.

Petitioners pray for consideration on account of long service under the Immigration Department. I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, petitioners have no claim against the colony.

17th August, 1892.

No. 125.—Petition of Peter McKegney, of Sydenham.

Petitioner prays that compensation may be granted to him on account of injuries sustained while working for the Railway Commissioners, or that suitable employment may be found for him. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

17th August, 1892.

No. 321.—Petition of EBENEZER WAYMOUTH, of Auckland.

Petitioner, secretary of the Northern Railway League, prays that a Committee of the House may be appointed to summon witnesses, take evidence, and report within a month, as to the best method of connecting by railway the cities of Auckland and Wellington.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the prayer of this petition should

be granted.

17th August, 1892.

No. 109.—Petition of Dennis Murphy, of Te Aroha (Report No. 1).

Petitioner alleges that he has been improperly and unjustly dismissed from his position as roadoverseer in the Rotorua district. He prays for reinstatement, and also that he may be recouped the losses he has sustained.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee—from the facts of the case before it, and the evidence taken—the petitioner has not shown any reason for granting the prayer of the petition, nor any cause for a reopening of the case.

18th August, 1892.

## No. 59.—Petition of Charles William Reardon.

PETITIONER alleges that, owing to the improper action of the Native Land Court, he is kept out of certain moneys due to him for the survey of the Mangaohane Blocks, whereby he has suffered loss

and inconvenience. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has suffered considerable inconvenience and loss through the action of the Native Land Court, and therefore recommends that the department arrange for a rehearing without delay; and, when the title is ascertained, the Government register a survey lien on the land for the amount of work performed by the petitioner, and pay the same to him.

18th August, 1892.