

No. 28.—Petition of CHARLES BROWN, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER states that he was paid on short measurement for certain work done for the Railway Department, and that he was unjustly dismissed from his employment. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a matter of contract, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

27th July, 1893.

No. 148.—Petition of ROBERT LAMBIE and 154 Others, of Waimate and Hawera.

PETITIONERS pray for the constitution of a new county, to be called the Egmont County.

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

27th July, 1893.

No. 142.—Petition of WILLIAM LONGLEY FOWLER, of Aylesbury.

PETITIONER states, that by agreement with the Stock Department, he killed 1,767 of his sheep, and was to receive 2s. 6d. per head for so doing, in order to stamp out scab on his run; but now petitioner alleges the Stock Department refuse to pay him £220 17s. 6d., the value of the sheep destroyed. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the full amount of petitioner's claim of £220 17s. 6d. be paid to him.

1st August, 1893.

No. 24.—Petition of THOMAS KENNEDY, Junior, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that in 1885 his services in the Lands Department were dispensed with, and that he received compensation for only part of the time he was in the Service, his temporary service for over five years not being counted. He prays that he be granted compensation for the full period, and payment of three months' pay in lieu of notice.

I am directed to report that, after hearing further evidence from the Surveyor-General, the Committee are of opinion that, if it is usual to grant retiring-allowances from the date of an officer's temporary service, the full amount should be paid to the petitioner, but without payment in lieu of three months' notice.

1st August, 1893.

No. 349, 1892.—Petition of The CHAIRMAN, COOK COUNTY COUNCIL, and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the passing of the Cook and Waiapu Counties Property Adjustment Bill be held over until due notice is given.

I am directed to report that, as "The Cook and Waiapu Counties Property Adjustment Act, 1892," has been passed by the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

1st August, 1893.

No. 126.—Petition of H. J. JEROMSON and 96 Others, of Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray that Government will encourage the manufactures from sheepskins in the colony.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Manufactures and Industries Committee.

No. 30.—Petition of MOSES S. BREACH, New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of certain land which he alleges has been wrongly taken from him.

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

1st August, 1893.

No. 691, 1892.—Petition of J. C. ANDREW, of Masterton.

PETITIONER prays that "The Rabbit Nuisance Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1886," be amended, so as to allow an appeal against a fine of under £10.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion the petition should be referred to the Live-stock and Rabbits Committee.

2nd August, 1893.

No. 261, 1892.—Petition of the BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray that certain alterations be made in the Government conditions of contract.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that a copy of the evidence taken be attached to the report.

2nd August, 1893.

No. 190.—Petition of JOHN HENRY HANNAN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that the system of Grand Juries may be abolished by an Act of Parliament.

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

4th August, 1893.