

## No. 279.—Petition of HARRIET WIN and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the franchise may be extended to women.

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

2nd August, 1893.

## No. 15.—Petition of A. MACKAY and Others, of the County of Southland.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway known as the Forest Hill Railway may be extended to a point near the Borough of Gore.

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

2nd August, 1893.

## Nos. 266 and 267.—Petitions of D. McLEOD and Others and J. McKINNON and Others, Residents of Hikurangi and Whangarei Districts.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the Whangarei-Kamo Railway to a point near the Whakapara River, a distance of about three miles.

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

2nd August, 1893.

## No. 248.—Petition of PEARSON, HOCKLEY and Others, Sandon Small-Farm Block, Rangitikei.

PETITIONERS pray for a subsidy to assist them to build a bridge across the Rangitikei River at Vinegar Hill.

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

2nd August, 1893.

## No 10.—Petition of Mrs. ELIZABETH WALLS, of Sydenham.

PETITIONER, as administratrix of the estate of the late Thomas Kelly, of Wairoa, Auckland, claims to be the owner of a piece of land in the Parish of Okahu, which the Hobson County Council caused to be sold for arrears of rates due on the same, without previously having given the notice required under the provisions of "The Rating Act, 1882." She prays for relief.

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

2nd August, 1893.

## No. 194.—Petition of WILLIAM OLIVER, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER was engine-driver on the New Zealand Railways from November, 1873, to October, 1889, when he was discharged on the alleged grounds of "old age." He prays for some light employment or compassionate allowance.

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

2nd August, 1893.

## No. 247.—Petition of H. STROUD, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER, who was bailiff and crier of the Resident Magistrate's and Supreme Court at New Plymouth, was discharged at a minute's notice, and was paid compensation equal to two months' pay; he prays for further compensation.

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

9th August, 1893.

## No. 300.—Petition of JAMES PEARCE.

PETITIONER claims land for military services rendered to the colony.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

9th August, 1893.

## Nos. 322, 307, 302, 321, 323, 310, 318, 319, and 312.—Petitions of G. TOWNSEND and Others, G. LOGAN and Others, R. W. WEBER and Others, W. COE and Others, J. C. LEACH and Others, J. SKINNER and Others, G. E. TARRANT and Others, W. J. BAXTER and Others, J. EAST and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Direct Veto Bill may be passed into law.

I am directed to report that, as a Bill is now before the House dealing with this question, the Committee is of opinion these petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

9th August, 1893.

## No. 311.—Petition of G. SIMPKINS and Others, of Whakatane.

PETITIONERS pray that a sufficient sum of money may be put on the estimates to erect a bridge across the Whakatane River, on the main road to Oxford, Cambridge, and the Thames.

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

9th August, 1893.