

No. 332.—Petition of Dr. HOCKEN, President of the Otago Institute, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that a new work of the flora on New Zealand may be prepared, and suggests that Mr. Thomas Kirk be associated with Sir Joseph Hooker in order to compile the work.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

25th August, 1893.

No. 369.—Petition of WILLIAM G. GARRARD, of Auckland (No. 1).

PETITIONER states that he applied for a warrant for the arrest of his son, who was a minor, and who had left the district with £27 10s., and that the application was refused. He prays for relief.

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

31st August, 1893.

No. 60.—Petition of MATTHEW EDGAR, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that twenty years ago he supplied the Government with 33,600 sleepers, and was paid for 23,000, the balance of 10,600 sleepers were afterwards used by the Government, but petitioner has never received payment for the same. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee considers the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

31st August, 1893.

No. 295.—Petition of THOMAS DAVIDSON, of Waitahuna.

PETITIONER states that the railway-line to Lawrence was taken through his property, and that he has not been compensated for the same. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitioner, on showing a clear title to the land, be fairly compensated for the land taken.

31st August, 1893.

No. 359, 1892.—Petition of CHARLES RICHARD LAIRD, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER states that through the negligence of certain police constables a man named J. T. Kenny set fire to the Commercial Hotel, the property of petitioner, whereby he suffered serious loss. He prays for relief.

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

31st August, 1893.

No. 376.—Petition of WILLIAM FALCONER, of Owake.

PETITIONER states that certain land belonging to him was taken for railway purposes, and that he considers he did not receive sufficient compensation for same. He prays for relief.

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

31st August, 1893.

No. 377.—Petition of EDWARD LENNON, of Motukaraka.

PETITIONER states that the expenditure of public money on the Herd's Point-Takahue Road is wasted, and prays that all future road-work north of Auckland be done under the co-operative system among the village settlers.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the request of the petitioner *re* having all future road-work in the village settlements constructed under the co-operative system by the village settlers should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

31st August, 1893.

No. 306.—Petition of Mrs. BUCKWORTH, of Whakatane.

PETITIONER states that in the year 1865 her father, James Fulloon, was murdered by the Natives while in charge of the Government cutter "Kate," and that certain lands petitioner was entitled to were confiscated by the Government. She prays that she be granted compensation to the extent of £500.

I am directed to report that the Committee fail to see why the department awarded compensation only to James Fulloon's sister when his wife and child were alive, and recommend the petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

1st September, 1893.

No. 406.—Petition of Mrs. ISABELLA DONNE HAMLIN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that her late husband died while in the service of the Government as Native Interpreter, and that she has never received any compassionate allowance. She prays for relief.

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

1st September, 1893.

Nos. 451 and 407.—Petitions of ROBERT KILPATRICK and 402 Others, and J. ASHER and 3,299 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the principle of the direct veto be not sanctioned by Parliament.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st September, 1893.