

## No. 280.—Petition of GEORGE THORP, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry may be made into the conduct of Dr. Hooper, one of the visiting officers of the Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, in not properly attending to one of his children when called upon to do so.

I am directed to report that, as there is not sufficient evidence before the Committee to show culpable neglect on the part of Dr. Hooper, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

1st October, 1895.

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## Nos. 382 and 430.—Petitions of W. H. TUCKER (Nos. 1 and 2).

PETITIONER prays for redress in connection with the Crown grant and the subdividing of the Makauri, Poututu, and other blocks of Native Lands.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitions be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

1st October, 1895.

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## Nos. 431 and 432.—Petitions of THOMAS NUTSFORD and 2 Others, and JOHN MCCARROLL and 2 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Helensville Northwards Railway may be completed.

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

1st October, 1895.

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## No. 436.—Petition of W. WHITE and 166 Others, of Canterbury.

PETITIONERS pray that the construction of the Midland Railway may be proceeded with, in order to find employment for the unemployed.

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

1st October, 1895.

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## No. 284.—Petition of JAMES McCULLUM, of Okato.

PETITIONER states that he leased certain lands in Rahotu from the Natives, erected buildings thereon, and greatly improved the land; that the Public Trustee, under "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892," ousted petitioner from his occupation of the said land, whereby he has suffered a loss of £285. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee desires to express its sympathy with the petitioner in the loss of his property, but is unable to make any recommendation which will grant him relief. The Committee, however, is of opinion that on the motion of the Public Trustee the sanction of the Court might have been obtained to the granting of a lease to the petitioner which would have conserved the interests of the Natives, and at the same time have kept within the legal powers of trustees.

1st October, 1895.

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## No. 354.—Petition of ROBERT MCCARROLL and 273 Others, of Otamatea and Whangarei.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of money to complete the road from Pahi to Waikiekie and Whangarei.

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

1st October, 1895.

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## No. 371.—Petition of E. B. OSTLER and 50 Others, of Cashmere.

PETITIONERS pray that the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment Bill may not be passed in its present form.

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

1st October, 1895.

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## No. 347.—Petition of PETER MURPHY, of Maheno.

PETITIONER states that on New Year's Day, 1888, one John Clark knocked him down and seriously injured him, thereby incapacitating him from following his business. He prays for relief.

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

1st October, 1895.

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## No. 387.—Petition of GERALD MORRIS and 20 Others, of Duntroon.

PETITIONERS pray that County Councils may be placed on the same footing as Borough Councils in respect of compelling proper drainage, &c.

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

1st October, 1895.