

## THE WESTPORT-NGAKAWAU RAILWAY EXTENSION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Railways Committee, to whom the above-mentioned Bill was referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same.

The Committee recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed as printed.  
2nd December, 1897.

## No. 215.—Petition of JOHN SCOTT, Sydenham.

PETITIONER states he was a platelayer on the Government railways; that owing to an accident in 1885 he was placed on light Government work up to 1895, when he was finally discharged. He prays for compensation, or further employment on light work.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that, owing to the petitioner having received an injury while in the Government employ, his petition should be referred to Government for consideration.

3rd December, 1897.

## No. 212.—Petition of WILLIAM OLIVER, Lyttelton.

PETITIONER states that he was an engine-driver on the Government railways; that he was discharged on the grounds of old age; that he is now eighty-four years of age. He prays for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

3rd December, 1897.

## No. 59.—Petition of ANTHONY AYREY, Christchurch.

PETITIONER states he was a railway servant from 1866 to 1895, when he was discharged. He prays for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

3rd December, 1897.

## No. 146.—Petition of THOMAS WALSH, Waitara.

PETITIONER states he was a railway servant for nineteen years; that owing to an accident he had to retire from the service. He prays for compensation.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

3rd December, 1897.

## No. 76.—Petition of JOHN McMENAMIN, Wellington.

PETITIONER states that in the year 1888 he was badly injured by a fall of earth when working on the Government railways; that in 1891 he was given £200 compensation. He prays for a further grant as he is totally incapacitated from doing any work.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the Government pay to the petitioner a further sum of £100 in final settlement of all claims.

3rd December, 1897.

## No. 67.—Petition of ANN QUINN, Auckland.

PETITIONER states she is the widow of Patrick Quinn, who died from the effects of an injury received in his eyes when working on the Government railways. She prays for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

3rd December, 1897.

Nos. 193 and 222.—Petitions of W. H. SALES and Others, Totara North, Bay of Islands; and W. F. THOMPSON and Others, Victoria Valley, Bay of Islands.

PETITIONERS pray that the Whangarei-Kawakawa Railway may be completed.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that these two petitions be referred to Government for consideration.

7th December, 1897.

Nos. 147, 170, 180, 158, 159, and 221.—HUGH GOURLEY and Others, Vincent; THOMAS W. KEMPTHORNE, Dunedin; JAMES BROWN and Others, Alexandra; DUNEDIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Dunedin; RICHARD McDUGALL and Others, Vincent; and CHARLES LAWRENCE and Others, Vincent.

PETITIONERS pray that the construction of the Otago Central Railway may be carried on more vigorously than hitherto.

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

7th December, 1897.