

together with an independent Chairman. In the meantime and until this Commission of engineers reports, the Committee recommends that the taking of shingle be carried out only below the high-water level and under the close supervision of the Ministry of Works.

13th October, 1948.

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No. 63.—Petition of MARJORIE TOWNLEY

PRAYING for permission to amend her election to take a lump-sum refund of contributions in lieu of superannuation.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for consideration.

10th November, 1948.

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No. 88.—Petition of G. H. RUSSELL

PRAYING for inquiry into certain business transactions and for compensation.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

10th November, 1948.

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No. 3.—Petition of A. G. PROTHEROE and Others

PRAYING for the provision of shopping facilities in the Taita district.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that, so long as the Taita Settlement consists almost entirely of State houses, the shops should also be provided by the Housing Construction Department; that the Hutt Valley Consumers Co-operative Society, Ltd., should have first claim on these to accommodate the shops now operating in temporary premises; that thereafter applications for tenancies be called generally, and that in making allocations the State Advances Corporation pay due regard to the rehabilitation of returned servicemen.

A. M. FINLAY, Chairman.

25th November, 1948.

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