

## No. 574.—Petition of MATILDA FRIEND, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation for services rendered to the Government by her late husband.

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

3rd October, 1900.

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Nos. 106, 90 (1899), 60, 143 (1899), 66, 93, 109, 111, 117, 169, 273, 298, 435, and 455.—Petitions of W. H. CLARKE, of Whakarewarewa; R. J. FELTUS, of Auckland; R. J. FELTUS, of Ngunguru; M. CAREY, of Auckland; R. CLIFFORD, of New Plymouth; J. KING (No. 2), of Tauranga; W. HUNTER, of Wellington; G. COCK, of Taranaki; D. COFFEY, of Opotiki; M. FITZGERALD, of Wairoa; J. HUMPHREYS, of Leithfield; D. KENEALEY, of Remuera; R. COX, of Kopu; J. CASH, of Pambula, New South Wales.

PETITIONERS pray for grant of land for past military service.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend these petitions be referred to the Government, and that the claims be further inquired into.

5th October, 1900.

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No. 551.—Petition of CHURCHILL JULIUS (Bishop of Christchurch), and Others, of Christchurch. PETITIONERS pray that an institution in which all the idiot and imbecile children may be cared for and protected, be provided.

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

9th October, 1900.

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Nos. 511 and 595. — Petitions of J. H. ANDERSON and Others, of Te Kopuru; JOHN DOWNEY and Others, of Maunganui Bluff.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £500 to erect ferry slips over the Wairoa.

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

9th October, 1900.

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## No. 447.—Petition of JOHN GRAY and Others, of Tauranga.

PETITIONERS pray that the limits of restricted navigation from the Port of Tauranga be amended.

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

9th October, 1900.

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## No. 130.—Petition of EDMOND CARRIGAN and Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for further compensation for land taken by the Wellington Harbour Board.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having taken the evidence of the petitioners, and having heard counsel on both sides, are of the opinion that the petitioners have suffered loss by the legislation of 1898, and that therefore the law should be so amended as to enable them to obtain a rehearing before the Compensation Court.

9th October, 1900.

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## No. 542.—Petition of EDWIN T. HART and 1,039 Others, of Caversham.

PETITIONERS pray that there be established a uniform scale of teachers' pay throughout the colony.

I am directed to report that, as the petition deals with a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th October, 1900.

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Nos. 570, 571, 603, 611, 612, 613, 614, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, and 587.—Petitions of JAMES GORRIE and 60 Others, of Mungaroa; MURRAY AYNLEY and 40 Others, A. B. EGLINTON and 40 Others, T. R. LAWSON and 56 Others, H. G. MASON and 157 Others, J. MURPHY and 70 Others, J. ROBINSON and 42 Others, S. BOLTON and 35 Others, J. BROWN and 43 Others, C. SWANSON and 30 Others, A. J. SPEEDY and 149 Others, A. WATSON and 151 Others, A. WALLIS and 140 Others, H. W. WILLIAMS and 21 Others, D. J. CAMERON and 12 Others, A. D. J. DUNCAN and 139 Others, C. ELGAR and 17 Others, T. O. HAYCOCK and 25 Others, ROBERT NEIL and 21 Others, J. R. NICOL and 60 Others, C. A. SCHULTZ and 79 Others, DAVID SIMPSON and 52 Others, and W. STAPLES and 104 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that means be devised to vest the Mount Cook Reserve in the Victoria College Council, to be administered by that body for University purposes.

I am directed to report that, as the petitions deal with a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

10th October, 1900.