

Nos. 636, 629, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 641, and 651.—Petitions of A. THOMPSON and 4 Others, of Pukearuru; H. BRENTON and 41 Others, WILLIAM COOK and 52 Others, GEORGE FROST and 14 Others, A. E. GIBBS and 20 Others, G. W. HILL and 26 Others, C. E. HYLTON and 37 Others, F. HOLDSWORTH and 47 Others, and JAMES COOPER and 80 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 the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th October, 1900.

No. 195, 1899.—R. J. FELTUS (No. 2), of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a sum of money for services rendered.

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

13th October, 1900.

No. 330, 399, 450, 434, 479, 480, 481, 487, 496, 497, 498, 495, 499, 520, 534, 535, 537, 540, 578, 543, 547, 548, 565, 546, 566, 567, 615, 590, 591, 604, 605, 607, 630, 638, 640, and 648.—Petitions of Rev. J. CHRISTIE and 153 Others, of Oamaru; C. ROBINSON and 258 Others, of Dunedin; R. B. M. SUTHERLAND and 163 Others, Dunedin; CHRISTINA BROWN and 5,050 Others, of Dunedin; OLIVE C. FEIST and 49 Others, of Masterton; D. FINLAYSON and 49 Others, of Masterton; H. JAMES and 63 Others, of Masterton; PETER McBEAN and 61 Others, of Taieri; JAMES SHANNON and 57 Others, of Dunedin; W. B. STEEL and 78 Others, of Dunedin; C. O. NELSON and 169 Others, of Nelson; BISHOP OF WELLINGTON and 4,499 Others, of Wellington; NIKORIMA POKIHA and 136 Others, of Wellington; MARK MORRIS and 340 Others, of Hamilton; J. H. MCKENZIE and 19 Others, of Nelson; J. WOOD and 67 Others, of Wellington; EMMA DAVIS and 30 Others, of Nelson; WIARI TURANGAPITO and 16 Others, of Wanganui; J. CRICHTON and 35 Others, of Stanley Brook; A. REID and 276 Others of Palmerston North; J. J. BUCKTON and 191 Others, of Waitemata; W. LINDSAY and 28 Other, of Paparata; D. SINCLAIR and 1,599 Others, of Opio; W. EARLAND and 304 Others, of Mornington; JOHN ELLING and 208 Others, of Black's Point; C. ELLIS and 19 Others, of Hunterville; T. BARR and 61 Others, of Temuka; D. GOLDIE and 120 Others, of Auckland; A. JAGO and 20 Others, of Springburn; W. PASK and 18 Others, of Havelock; A. GRANT and 15 Others, of Dannevirke; C. E. BEECROFT and 14 Others, of Devonport; SARAH H. HOLLARD and 22 Others, of Kaponga; JAMES KIRK and 3 Others, of Waikaka Valley; JANE M. BUCHANAN and 18 Others, of Collingwood; and A. W. ARCHIBALD and 101 Others, of Waikaka Valley.

PETITIONERS pray that licenses for the sale of liquor be not granted in the King-country.

I am directed to report that, as there is a Bill before the House dealing with this question, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th October, 1900.

No. 368.—Petition of JNO. TAMMADGE and Others, Te Kuiti.

PETITIONERS pray that the King-country be placed in the same position as regards the sale of liquor as any other licensed district in New Zealand.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition involves a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make, but that the report and evidence taken on the petition be laid on the table of the House and the evidence be printed. (*Vide* Appendix I.—1A.)

17th October, 1900.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee has held thirty-six meetings this session.

Number of petitions referred to the Committee	...	...	...	225
Number of petitions dealt with	...	...	...	218
Number of petitions not dealt with	...	...	...	7
Number of petitions, specific recommendation	...	...	...	20
Number of petitions for favourable consideration	...	...	...	21
Number of petitions for consideration	...	...	...	42
Number of petitions, no claim or no recommendation	...	...	...	131
Number of petitions referred to other Committees	...	...	...	4

I am directed to report that the following resolution was passed by the Committee: "That the Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by its Chairman, and tender their sincere thanks to him."

17th October, 1900.

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