

Nos. 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 256, 257, 258, 259, 282, 283, 292, and 296.—Petitions of A. Price and 52 Others, of Thames; Thomas Crisp and 25 Others, of Gisborne; H. W. Atkinson and 19 Others, of Whangarei; R. Farrell and 34 Others, of Onehunga; Kearns, Younghusband, and Co. and 25 Others, of Auckland; E. Morton and 271 Others, of Auckland; R. H. Nolan and 103 Others, of Hawera; James Scanlon and 11 Others, of Westport; W. Spedding and 101 Others, of Auckland; John Fisher and 9 Others, of Auckland; W. H. Smith and 13 Others, of Auckland; Robert Gilmour and 21 Others, of Invercargill; B. Curtis and 50 Others, of Dunedin; J. H. Dalton and Co. and 42 Others, of Auckland; H. W. Burgess and 51 Others, of Wellington; C. Nicholls and 32 Others, of Auckland; E. H. Wyatt and 5 Others, of Whangarei; George Murch and 51 Others, of Wanganui; T. Vivian and 11 Others, of Auckland.

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No. 297.—Petition of HENRY PARKER, of Waiuku.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation for the loss of office as district constable at Waiuku.

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

23rd August, 1900.

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No. 165.—Petition of AMELIA MOONEY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted further compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as messenger.

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

23rd August, 1900.

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No. 284.—Petition of J. C. SWAINSON and 92 Others, of Otaki.

PETITIONERS pray that the Old-age Pensions Act may be so amended as to allow aged persons who have resided in the colony for upwards of fifty years, but who do not receive the benefits of the Act because they have not attained the age of sixty-five years, to be eligible for pensions.

I am directed to report that, as it is the intention of the Government to bring down an Old-age Pension Bill this session, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd August, 1900.

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No. 177.—Petition of MARY JOSEPHINE TAYLOR, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that inquiry may be made into the cause of her dismissal as charwoman at the Parliamentary Buildings.

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

23rd August, 1900.

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No. 238.—Petition of JAMES VICTOR, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry may be made into the circumstances of his dismissal from office as headmaster of the Native school at Raukamaunga and the cancellation of his teacher's certificate.

I am directed to report that, considering the gravity of the offence for which the petitioner was dismissed, and of which there is ample evidence, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1900.

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No. 210.—Petition of DONALD PETRIE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation for loss of office as Inspector of Schools under the Provincial Government of Otago for the period of three years ending the 31st December, 1876.

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

28th August, 1900.

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No. 327.—Petition of R. MITCHELSON and 127 Others, of Dargaville.

PETITIONERS pray that the post- and telegraph-office at Dargaville may be moved to a more central site, and that it also be enlarged.

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

29th August, 1900.

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No. 345.—Petition of JOHN WILKS, of Wade.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive a grant of land for military services rendered to the colony.

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

29th August, 1900.