No. 549.—Petition of WILLIAM DIACK, of Mokotua.

Petitioner prays that the approach to the Tumai Station be improved.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Railways Committee.

11th September, 1903.

No. 522.—Petition of Walter Fuller, of Kirikiri.

Petitioner prays that the Government will contribute towards fencing of road taken through his property.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred

to the Lands Committee.

11th September, 1903.

No. 344.—Petition of DAVID GRINTON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that relief may be granted him on account of sickness contracted during the Boer

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th September, 1903.

No. 15.—Petition of H. H. A. HITCHENS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that compensation be granted him on account of wrongful prosecution.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

11th September, 1903.

No. 498.—Petition of J. C. R. ISHERWOOD, of Palmerston North.

Petitioner prays that he may receive a land-grant as a military settler.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th September, 1903.

No. 201.—Petition of Christina Ferguson, of Gore.

PETITIONER prays that compassionate allowance may be granted her on account of her late husband's public services.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred

to the Government for consideration.

1st October, 1903.

No. 270.—Petition of New Zealand Coal and Oil Company (Robert Lee—Attorney), of Orepuki.

Petitioners pray that assistance may be given them in the development of the shale industry.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

1st October, 1903.

No. 371. -- Petition of W. J. WATERS and 16 Others, of Port Chalmers.

Petitioners pray that they may receive compensation for loss of licenses in Chalmers Licensing District, and inquiry into the local-option poll.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred

to the Government for consideration.

1st October, 1903.

No. 367.—Petition of James P. Young and 159 Others, of Orepuki.

Petitioners pray that the Orepuki Shale-works may be assisted in the development of the shale industry.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

1st October, 1903.

No. 511.—Petition of W. J. BARRY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive some compassionate allowance in recognition of his past services.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

2nd October, 1903.

No. 624.—Petition of PATRICK BROWN, of Whakatane.

Petitioner prays that he may receive a land-grant for past military services.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Lands Committee.

2nd October, 1903.