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### No. 19.—Petition of WILLIAM MCKEEVER, of Tamworth, New South Wales.

PETITIONER prays for consideration of his claim to be paid the value of 50 acres and 1 town acre in the Waikato, say, £51, and compound interest for forty-two years at 5 per cent., being grant for military services, the same having been recognised by the Petitions Committee of the House of Representatives.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that Mr. McKeever, having been presented with the New Zealand War Medal, disposes of the allegation that he had previously deserted, and it therefore recommends that the sum of £50 be placed on the estimates in satisfaction of his claim.

18th July, 1905.

### Nos. 17 and 29.—Petitions of JOHN JAMES MEIKLE and J. A. L. MEIKLE and 9 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that effect may be given to the recommendations made in respect to the case of J. J. Meikle, &c.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petitions be referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee for consideration by that Committee.

19th July, 1905.

### No. 6.—Petition of WILLIAM WATSON, of Maori Road, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for grant of 250 acres of land as an emigrant under existing arrangements with the Provincial Government.

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

21st July, 1905.

### No. 13.—Petition of J. R. STEWART and 895 Others, of Opunake.

PETITIONERS pray that the sentence passed upon Thomas Brown may be remitted.

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

21st July, 1905.

### No. 51.—Petition of JESSIE MACKENZIE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER asks for information as to the home for imbecile children.

I am directed to report that this Committee desires to confirm the reports given by it in previous years on this question, and would urge on the Government the necessity of instituting a home or homes for imbecile children with as little delay as possible.

21st July, 1905.

### No. 54.—Petition of JOHN H. RICE and 209 Others, of Whangamomona.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway may be extended to Whangamomona.

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

21st July, 1905.