No. 532.—Petition of R. MACKAY, of Takapau. (Second Report.)

Petitioner prays for a grant for a road giving access to petitioner's land.

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

17th October, 1905.

No. 501. - Petition of ALEXANDER MACKAY, of Paeroa, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land or money for military services.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of this petition.

17th October, 1905.

No. 495.—Petition of J. Muir and Others, of Flaxbourne

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to put the main Seddon-Flaxbourne Road in a better condition.

I am directed to report that the Government be recommended to carry out the recommendation of the District Engineer, to form and metal about five miles of the road in question, which will include the worst sections unformed, at a total cost not exceeding £2,875.

17th October, 1905.

No. 502.—Petition of Rev. J. H. McKenzie and 487 Others, of Nelson.

Petitioners pray for a vote on the State control of the liquor traffic under a non-political Board.

I am directed to report that, as this petition involves a question of public policy, it be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th October, 1905.

No. 569.—Petition of G. A. NEILL, of St. Kilda.

Petitioner prays for an inquiry into and compensation for alleged illegal arrest, &c.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of this petition.

17th October, 1905.

No. 439.—Petition of CATHERINE PALMER, of Te One, Chatham Island.

PETITIONER prays to be paid the sum of £200, which had been awarded to the late Captain Beamish. I am directed to report that this Committee is of opinion that very great injustice has been suffered in this case, and strongly recommends the Government to pay the amount claimed, and thus give effect to the recommendation of their own officer and to the previous findings of parliamentary Committees.

17th October, 1905.

No. 559.—Petition of A. J. PALMER and 124 Others, of Motueka.

Petitioners pray for a vote on the State control of the liquor traffic under a non-political Board.

I am directed to report that, as this petition involves a question of public policy, it be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th October, 1905.

No. 436.—Petition of Pullen, Armitage, and Co. and 554 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry to be made into the cartage fees charged by the various local bodies in the district of Auckland City.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of this petition.

17th October, 1905.

No. 519.—Petition of Louisa Wadham, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for deprivation of her land.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that it was impossible for Mrs. Wadham to have known earlier of the deprivation of her land, and the further fact that she had paid her rates till 1904, twenty years after the land was taken, the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to be paid the value of the land at the time the Department's mistake was discovered. 17th October, 1905.