

SESSION II.
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REPORTS OF PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE.

(MR. BUDDO, CHAIRMAN.)

Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1906.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from M to Z that may be referred to it by the Petitions Classification Committee, to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House; and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereupon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Alison, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. Thomson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. FOWLDS.)

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No. 657, 1905.—Petition of R. C. BLACK and 19 Others, of Dannevirke (and 11 other similar Petitions of 1905 as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray for a Civil Service superannuation scheme.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that these petitions should be referred back to the House, in order for them to be referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee, as that Committee is dealing with other petitions of a similar nature.

11th September, 1906.

SCHEDULE.

No. 658.—H. Giffellan and 13 others.
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No. 656, 1905.—Petition of HUGH JAMES SWEENEY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation or employment by the Government, as petitioner was injured while in the execution of his duty in the New Zealand Permanent Artillery.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petition has been met by the Government since the petition was presented, and petitioner has given a receipt in full satisfaction of all claims he may have had against the Government, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th September, 1906.

No. 668, 1905.—Petition of JOHN THOMAS SLINES, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation or employment by the Government, as petitioner was injured while in the execution of his duty in the New Zealand Permanent Artillery.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petition has been met by the Government since the petition was presented, and the petitioner has given a receipt in full satisfaction of all claims he may have had against the Government, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th September, 1906.

No. 655, 1905.—Petition of J. W. PEARCE and 16 Others, of Kaipara.

PETITIONERS pray for buoys to be placed to more conspicuously mark the safe channel in Kaipara Harbour.

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

11th September, 1906.

No. 1, Session I.—Petition of JAMES MILNE and 351 Others, of Taieri Beach.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to assist in erecting a bridge across the Taieri River.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, provided the local bodies interested contribute £1 for £1 to the Government grant.

20th September, 1906.

No. 21, Session II.—Petition of C. E. N. MACKESY and 107 Others, of Whangarei.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to improve the Whangarei – Grahamtown – Parua Bay Road.

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

20th September, 1906.

No. 42, Session II.—Petition of A. MATHEWS and 47 Others, of Kaitara.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to improve the Bush Road, Kaitara.

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

20th September, 1906.

No. 120, Session II.—Petition of D. STERLING and 72 Others, of Matakoho.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to improve the Matakoho Main Road.

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

20th September, 1906.

No. 159, Session II.—Petition of the TOWN BOARD OF PAPA KURA.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to improve the Great South Road within the boundaries of the Papakura district.

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

20th September, 1906.

No. 140, Session II.—Petition of J. MEFFEN and 88 Others, of Fairburn.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to improve the Flatbush portion of the Main North Road.

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

20th September, 1906.

No. 145, Session II.—Petition of P. O'DWYER and 87 Others, of Paemako.

PETITIONERS pray for the Government to proceed with the metalling of the main road between Te Kuiti and Mahoenui at earliest possible date.

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

20th September, 1906.

No. 169, Session II.—Petition of BOROUGH COUNCIL OF ONEHUNGA.

PETITIONERS pray for an extension of wharfage accommodation at Onehunga.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that there is not sufficient accommodation at the Onehunga Wharf for the shipping that regularly visits the port, and recommends the Government to have a comprehensive report made on the wharfage accommodation at Onehunga, and that any deficiency of same should be provided for as soon as possible.

25th September, 1906.

No. 598, 1905, and No. 162, 1906, Session II.—Petition of L. F. SHAKESPEARE and 659 Others, of Patumahoe.

PETITIONERS pray for a railway-line to connect Waiuku, Mauku, and Patumahoe with the Main Trunk line.

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

25th September, 1906.

No. 164, Session II.—Petition of J. S. WRATT and 30 Others, of Motueka.

PETITIONERS pray for the validation of their land leases, in order to secure the value of the improvements made thereon by the petitioners.

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

25th September, 1906.

No. 312, Session II.—Petition of F. W. KIRK and 138 Others, of Opotiki.

PETITIONERS pray for the construction of a line of railway between Gisborne and Rotorua, *via* Opotiki and Whakatane.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 205, Session II.—Petition of L. C. MCGAVESTON and 71 Others, of Ngatimoti.

PETITIONERS pray for the erection of a footbridge over the Motueka River.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 209, Session II.—Petition of H. S. WILLIAMS and 456 Others, of Russell.

PETITIONERS pray for a railway between Hukerenui and Kawakawa.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of this petition, as the matter is already being dealt with by the Government.

28th September, 1906.

No. 261, Session II.—Petition of F. MACKENZIE and 23 Others, of Kawakawa.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to be expended in construction-works upon the Kaikohe-Ngapipito-Kawakawa Road.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 277, Session II.—Petition of F. MACKENZIE and 26 Others, of Kawakawa.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to be expended in construction-works upon the Kaikohe-Ngapipito-Kawakawa Road.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 208, Session II.—Petition of G. WILKINSON and 39 Others, of Oruru.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for metalling a portion of the Great North Road.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 180, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM MEIKLE and 47 Others, of Waitakerei.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant towards metalling the Swanson - West Coast Road.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 154, Session II.—Petition of A. F. MATHEWS and 194 Others, of Brighton.

PETITIONERS pray for an extension of the Walton Park Railway to Brighton.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 186, Session II.—Petition of the COUNTY COUNCIL OF WAITEMATA.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for improving the Waikumete - West Coast Road.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 185, Session II.—Petition of T. WEBB and 186 Others, of Waitemata County.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for improving the Waikumete - West Coast Road.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 11, Session II.—Petition of THOMAS SPEED SIBBALD, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the administration of trusts in the estate of the late John Sibbald.

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

28th September, 1906.

No. 92, Session II.—Petition of GEORGE WADMAN, of Onehunga.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for an accident sustained while in the service of the Government.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 632, 1905, and No. 62, 1906.—Petition of Mrs. GRACE PERHAM, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of services rendered in the Government service by her late husband.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 28, Session II.—Petition of H. A. WARNER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance for other members of his family, on account of the services of the late Mr. H. N. Warner.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 25, Session II.—Petition of A. PEACHEY and 124 Others, of South Linwood.

PETITIONERS pray for the establishment of a telephone bureau in the neighbourhood of Ferry Road, South Linwood.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 110, Session II.—Petition of R. WILSON and 46 Others, of Ohura.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to be expended in metalling a portion of the Ohura Road.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 322, Session II.—Petition of W. SNEDDON, of Waverley.

PETITIONER prays for further remuneration for services rendered as overseer in the Public Works Department.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 103, Session II.—Petition of J. F. MORRIS, of Alexandra South.

PETITIONER prays for an improvement in his position in the Public Works Department.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 45, Session II.—Petition of EDWARD PRUJEAN, of Denlair, Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for an investigation into the circumstances of his being placed under forcible restraint in a lunatic asylum.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 51, Session II.—Petition of T. R. WOOLFELD, of Papatoetoe.

PETITIONER prays for a land-grant for military services rendered.

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

3rd October, 1906.

No. 155, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM MCKEEVER, of Tatham, N.S.W.

PETITIONER prays for a further £20 to be granted to him, being the balance required to make up the £50 recommended by this Committee to be paid to him last year.

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

5th October, 1906.

No. 266, Session II.—Petition of J. S. MYERS, of Marshland.

PETITIONER prays to be heard at the bar of the House.

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

5th October, 1906.

No. 204, Session II.—Petition of J. MCCREADY and 12 Others, of Kawakawa.

PETITIONERS pray for a mail-service to be established between Hukerenui and Kawakawa.

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

5th October, 1906.

No. 276, Session II.—Petition of F. MACKENZIE and 59 Others, of Kawakawa.

PETITIONERS pray for a mail-service to be established between Hukerenui and Kawakawa.

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

5th October, 1906.

No. 157, Session II.—Petition of A. J. McCLUSKY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office as police constable.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered the papers submitted with this petition, and, in view of the many recommendations made by this Committee in previous years, has no further recommendation to make.

5th October, 1906.

No. 158, Session II.—Petition of A. J. McCLUSKY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injury received while acting on duty as prison warder, and for inquiry upon oath as to the causes of his discharge from the service.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered the papers submitted with this petition, and, in view of the many recommendations made by this Committee in previous years, has no further recommendation to make.

5th October, 1906.

No. 144, Session II.—Petition of JOHN McMAHON, of Onehunga.

PETITIONER prays for further remuneration in addition to his contract price for the removal of rocks in the Manukau Harbour.

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

5th October, 1906.

No. 179, Session II.—Petition of JOHN McANERGNEY, of Mosgiel.

PETITIONER prays for the removal of the charges preferred against him from the records of the Postal Department, and for compensation for his dismissal from the service.

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

5th October, 1906.

No. 105, Session II.—Petition of A. ORR and 16 Others, of Ashburton.

PETITIONERS pray for the restoration of the charter to the Ashburton Club.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the charter has been revoked by vote of the people and force of law, the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of this petition.

5th October, 1906.

No. 404, Session II.—Petition of C. H. ROBINSON and 28 Others, of Ballance.

PETITIONERS pray for relief by making the special-district rates more general.

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

12th October, 1906.

No. 405, Session II.—Petition of R. H. TRAVERS and 18 Others, of Pungarehu.

PETITIONERS pray for the work on the Pungarehu Road to be proceeded with.

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

12th October, 1906.

No. 304, Session II.—Petition of J. WOTHERSPOON and 24 Others, of Whangaripo.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant to be used in constructing a road from the Pakiri Parish to the Whangaripo Creamery.

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

12th October, 1906.

No. 29, Session II.—Petition of Miss F. M. WILLIS, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of effects destroyed while nursing a small-pox patient at Christchurch.

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

12th October, 1906.

No. 322, Session II.—Petition of W. SNEDDON, of Waverley. (No. 2.)

PETITIONER prays for further remuneration for services rendered as overseer in the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having reconsidered the petition, has no further recommendation to make.

12th October, 1906.

No. 106, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM PATRICK, of Okarito.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of stamp duty paid on estate.

I am directed to report that, in view of the decision of Mr. Justice Williams in the case of C. M. A. Stewart (*vide* Gazette Law Reports, Vol. vi, 1903, p. 227), which is on all-fours with the case under consideration, and as the time has expired within which the Commissioner could legally comply with the request made for the refund of the stamp duty paid, the Committee is of opinion that a sufficient sum should be placed on the estimates by the Government, and paid to the trustee of the estate, to recoup him for his loss in the matter.

12th October, 1906.

No. 645, Session II.—Petition of D. J. O'CARROLL and 25 Others, of Maungakaramea.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £500 for metalling the Whangarei-Maungakaramea Road at the worst portions.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 626, Session II.—Petition of D. PRINGLE and 14 Others, of Moa Flat.

PETITIONERS pray for a pound-for-pound subsidy up to £600 for improving the Moa Flat Road.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 586, Session II.—Petition of J. O'REILLY and Another, of Ohiwa, Whakatane.

PETITIONERS pray for further remuneration for work done for the Roads Department.

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

23rd October, 1906.

Nos. 325 and 326, Session II.—Petitions of C. FERRIS and 4 Others, of Gisborne, and J. R. RUSTON and 50 Others, of Ohiwa.

PETITIONERS pray for pensions for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to these petitions.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 549, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM McCONAT, of Opani Point, Thames.

PETITIONER prays for a pension for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of the opinion that the petitioner has no claim against the colony, except that he may be entitled to an old-age pension, and has no recommendation to make.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 461, Session II.—Petition of C. G. THURSTON, of Gore.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of health and mental distress caused by imprisonment.

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

23rd October, 1906.

Nos. 427, 428, and 570, Session II.—Petitions of C. G. MARSH and 34 Others, of Glentunnel; H. A. WHEELER and 74 Others; and W. J. NELSON and 93 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that no alteration may be made in the present legally used fishing-baits.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that there should be no alteration of the regulations governing the use of fly or bait fishing, other than that prescribed in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 22nd September, 1904; and that fly or bait fishing should be optional on the part of any one who holds a license from any acclimatisation society; and that no waters should be specially reserved for fly fishing.

23rd October, 1906.

Nos. 411, 412, 413, 439, and 440, Session II.—Petitions of S. BAILY and 110 Others, of Palmerston North; A. G. MACKAY and 186 Others; G. RICHARDS and 161 Others; A. A. BARTON and 133 Others; and A. NICHOLLS and 69 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Mr. F. Webb, herbalist, of Wellington, be exempted from the Quackery and other Frauds Bill.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to these petitions.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 181, Session II.—Petition of M. B. PAGE and 98 Others, of Masterton.

PETITIONERS pray that reputable herbalists be exempted from the Quackery and other Frauds Bill.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 614, 1905.—Petition of R. WHILEY, of Miramar.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the circumstances of his bankruptcy.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 533, Session II.—Petition of R. TORPEY, of Morrinsville.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services rendered.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 211, Session II.—Petition of MESSRS. BRISCOE AND Co. and 10 Others, of Auckland (and 37 other similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray for a railway to be constructed on the east coast of the North Island.

I am directed to report that, as these petitions involve a question of public policy, the Committee is of opinion that they should be referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd October, 1906.

SCHEDULE.

No. 212.—J. Cahill and 11 others.
 „ 214.—A. Clark and 9 others.
 „ 215.—W. Coleman and 21 others.
 „ 216.—J. J. Craig and 10 others.
 „ 217.—T. Finlayson and 10 others.
 „ 218.—A. E. Glover and 10 others.
 „ 219.—J. J. Holland and 10 others.
 „ 220.—A. E. Ivis and 10 others.
 „ 221.—L. Lewis and 13 others.
 „ 222.—W. H. Lyon and 21 others.
 „ 224.—J. C. Macky and 10 others.
 „ 225.—A. B. Robertson and 10 others.
 „ 226.—Sharland and Co. and 11 others.
 „ 227.—R. McVeagh and 10 others.
 „ 228.—T. H. Pickering and 21 others.
 „ 229.—H. M. Smeeton and 11 others.
 „ 230.—J. A. Williams and 10 others.
 „ 231.—J. Wilson and 10 others.
 „ 233.—E. Mitchelson and 10 others.

No. 235.—New Zealand Shipping Company and 11 others.
 „ 236.—G. L. Peacocke and 21 others.
 „ 238.—H. Mantel and 224 others.
 „ 283.—R. Abbott and 10 others.
 „ 284.—C. Andrea and 10 others.
 „ 285.—E. Benjamin and 10 others.
 „ 286.—W. Blyth and 10 others.
 „ 287.—Brown, Barrett, and Co., and 9 others.
 „ 288.—G. Coldicutt and 10 others.
 „ 289.—R. Currie and 10 others.
 „ 290.—Gilmore and Co. and 10 others.
 „ 291.—J. W. Heather and 10 others.
 „ 292.—F. E. Jackson and 10 others.
 „ 293.—P. M. Mackay and 10 others.
 „ 294.—W. Philson and 10 others.
 „ 311.—A. Heather and 10 others.
 „ 336.—W. H. P. Evans and 417 others.
 „ 532.—G. Peacocke and 10 others.

No. 118, Session II.—Petition of MESSRS. NOSWORTHY BROS., of Waitara (and 10 other similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the methods of the Press Association.

I am directed to report that, as the representation of the petitioners indicates that the New Zealand Press Association is a close corporation, and that the terms of membership are prohibitory to small newspapers, the Committee is of opinion that the complaint of the petitioners should be investigated, and recommends that the general methods of the agency should be referred to a Select Committee of the House for investigation and report.

23rd October, 1906.

SCHEDULE.

No. 119.—A. W. Ellis.
 „ 124.—Algil Bros.
 „ 125.—W. Jack.
 „ 126.—F. Mackenzie.
 „ 127.—W. C. Nation.

No. 128.—H. Pellet.
 „ 129.—J. W. Reid.
 „ 130.—T. D. Taylor.
 „ 131.—H. C. Thomson.
 „ 132.—A. Warburton.

No. 90, Session II.—Petition of ALBERT PLUMMER, of Symonds Street, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged loss on Government contract.

I am directed to report that, as no evidence exists to confirm the statement of the petitioner that he ever had a contract to supply the Hauhau prisoners with food, &c., the Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 280, Session II.—Petition of J. J. STEPHENSON (late Assistant Magazine-keeper), Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a pension for services rendered in the Defence Department.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 302, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM PECK, of Waione.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received whilst assisting the police in the execution of their duty.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that, in addition to the sum of £55 which has been offered to Mr. Peck by the Police Department, a further sum of £55 should be given him, and recommends the Government to compensate the petitioner with a total sum of £110.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 456, Session II.—Petition of OPAHEKE ROAD BOARD, of Opaheke Road District.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £500 for metalling the Ararimu Main Road.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the Government should make a grant on a pound-for-pound basis, and therefore recommends the petition to the Government for consideration.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 429, Session II.—Petition of JAMES MARTIN and 115 Others, of Weymouth and Manurewa Road Districts.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £300 for metalling the Weymouth Road.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 362, Session II.—Petition of J. T. STENBRIDGE and 175 Others, of Hunua.

PETITIONERS pray for a deviation in a proposed line of railway between Paeroa and Pokeno.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 3, Session I, and No. 591, Session II.—Petition of A. THURKETTLE and 49 Others, and 99 other Petitions praying for the Abolition of the Totalisator; and of W. A. STEAD and 24 Others, and 5 other Petitions in Favour of the Retention of the Totalisator (as per Schedule attached).

I am directed to report that, as the general question of betting is one that the Government proposes to deal with at an early date, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd October, 1906.

SCHEDULE.

Petitions praying for the Abolition of the Totalisator.

No. 26.—R. F. Sanson and 14 others.	No. 385.—M. Morrison and 2,799 others.
„ 34.—F. J. Eastwood and others.	„ 386.—R. Officer and 44 others.
„ 35.—J. Foster and 302 others.	„ 387.—J. O. Robertson and 19 others.
„ 41.—E. Martin and 70 others.	„ 388.—R. Ronald and 42 others.
„ 63.—F. Ritchie and 18 others.	„ 389.—A. Smith and 168 others.
„ 68.—W. Banks and 40 others.	„ 390.—W. Soulby and 359 others.
„ 69.—R. M. Sheldon and 39 others.	„ 391.—J. Stewart and 21 others.
„ 134.—G. Walsh and 303 others.	„ 392.—J. H. Warson and 1,344 others.
„ 184.—M. L. Maclachy and 89 others.	„ 393.—J. White and 755 others.
„ 206.—Canon Pascoe and 17 others.	„ 394.—J. Wrigley and 51 others.
„ 267.—G. A. Burroughs and 96 others.	„ 438.—J. Fisher and 131 others.
„ 268.—M. R. Wilson and 96 others.	„ 447.—S. Botheras and 22 others.
„ 281.—Rev. E. Tait and 99 others.	„ 448.—J. Duncan and 353 others.
„ 308.—F. W. Chatterton and 58 others.	„ 449.—C. A. Grayling and 128 others.
„ 309.—J. G. McLeod and 48 others.	„ 450.—E. Mossman and 47 others.
„ 310.—L. D. Thomas and 388 others.	„ 451.—O. C. Machardy and 28 others.
„ 330.—G. P. Hunt and 25 others.	„ 452.—H. T. Stealey and 18 others.
„ 331.—D. Hutcheson and 119 others.	„ 453.—J. Withers and 49 others.
„ 332.—J. Haselden and 200 others.	„ 462.—C. Adams and 157 others.
„ 333.—J. Olphert and 188 others.	„ 463.—A. Armstrong and 160 others.
„ 339.—J. Bright and 3 others.	„ 464.—E. Drake and 420 others.
„ 340.—F. Hancox and 10 others.	„ 465.—D. Gordon and 23 others.
„ 341.—A. House and 27 others.	„ 466.—A. H. Knigge and 57 others.
„ 342.—B. Jansen and 50 others.	„ 467.—B. Runciman and 1,099 others.
„ 343.—H. R. Jacks and 69 others.	„ 539.—W. Chambers and 37 others.
„ 344.—C. Jennings and 26 others.	„ 540.—T. Clayton and 33 others.
„ 345.—J. Labberton and 22 others.	„ 541.—A. Gray and 45 others.
„ 346.—E. J. Lewis and 7 others.	„ 542.—J. W. Renah and 50 others.
„ 347.—H. Renwick and 9 others.	„ 543.—H. Kitchen and 39 others.
„ 348.—J. Spottiswoode and 37 others.	„ 544.—E. Norris and 55 others.
„ 349.—J. Sutherland and 33 others.	„ 545.—M. Reckie and 29 others.
„ 350.—A. Trim and 49 others.	„ 546.—R. H. Smith and 35 others.
„ 351.—M. Tunny and 11 others.	„ 547.—W. Turbot and 215 others.
„ 352.—R. Watkins and 6 others.	„ 560.—W. Dawe and 54 others.
„ 368.—F. Bischoff and 199 others.	„ 561.—W. Knight and 43 others.
„ 369.—C. Dawkins and 43 others.	„ 562.—N. Knight and 44 others.
„ 370.—J. Doak and 23 others.	„ 563.—W. Saunders and 56 others.
„ 371.—W. Huston and 25 others.	„ 573.—W. H. Beets and 41 others.
„ 372.—G. B. Inglis and 33 others.	„ 574.—G. A. Berry and 48 others.
„ 373.—G. H. B. Lill and 37 others.	„ 575.—W. G. Irwin and 212 others.
„ 374.—J. McCallum and 396 others.	„ 576.—E. D. Patchett and 42 others.
„ 375.—A. Peters and 59 others.	„ 583.—J. M. Kennedy and 57 others.
„ 376.—W. C. Smith and 36 others.	„ 599.—B. E. Clarke and 271 others.
„ 377.—F. G. Stockwell and 35 others.	„ 600.—A. Clarke and 364 others.
„ 379.—J. Buchanan and 460 others.	„ 601.—J. Mackay and 56 others.
„ 380.—R. Don and 3,462 others.	„ 611.—H. Fraser and 27 others.
„ 381.—A. Fry and 39 others.	„ 612.—J. Hindman and 23 others.
„ 382.—T. F. Gibson and 61 others.	„ 613.—E. Rill and 52 others.
„ 383.—S. J. Kirk and 58 others.	„ 635.—T. W. Maunder and 95 others.
„ 384.—J. A. Lopdell and 24 others.	

Petitions in Favour of the Retention of the Totalisator.

No. 598.—F. Caulton and 52 others.	No. 637.—W. J. Stratton and 54 others.
„ 597.—J. W. Beatson and 49 others.	„ 638.—R. R. Takiwi and 53 others.
„ 636.—M. D. Minogue and 53 others.	

No. 446, Session II.—Petition of W. R. THOMAS and 176 Others, of Ohura.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of a railway-line between Stratford and Ongarue.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 590, Session II.—Petition of F. T. MOORE, of Johnsonville.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry to be made into matters connected with the meat trade.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 553, Session II.—Petition of F. ROBBIE and 7 Others, of Aohanga South.

PETITIONERS pray for an alteration of the boundaries between the Counties of Akitio and Masterton.

I am directed to report that, as no alteration of boundaries can legally be made without the consent of the local bodies interested, the petitioners have no remedy excepting through that source, and therefore the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 279, Session II.—Petition of JAMES REGAN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry to be held into the management of the Avondale Asylum, and the treatment of the patients by Dr. Beattie.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 531, Session II.—Petition of W. MARTIN, of 10 Ruskin Street, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for further retiring-allowance or compassionate grant for service in the Magistrate's Court at Christchurch.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 303, Session II.—Petition of R. SKINNER and 76 Others, of Tuapeka Mouth.

PETITIONERS pray for an alteration of the boundaries of the Bruce and Tuapeka Counties.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitioners to request the Bruce and Tuapeka County Councils to confer with reference to the proposed alteration of boundaries, with a view to benefiting the area occupied by the petitioners, and therefore the Committee has no further recommendation to make to the Government.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 445, Session II.—Petition of W. PRYOR and 228 Others, of Ross.

PETITIONERS pray for the railway to be brought into the Ross Township.

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

26th October, 1906.

No. 653, Session II.—Petition of J. McCLUGGAGE and 119 Others, of Waitara.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for a road.

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

26th October, 1906.

No. 594, Session II.—Petition of J. R. MARTIN, of Mount Albert, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for fines inflicted against him in a Health Act prosecution at Auckland.

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

26th October, 1906.

No. 658, Session II.—Petition of G. A. WILSON and 22 Others, of Hunua.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant for a road.

I am directed to report that the petitioners evidently refer to the main road running from Hunua to Papakura, and the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

26th October, 1906.

No. 656, Session II.—Petition of HELEN STAVELEY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a small compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the Government should make a grant of £50 to the petitioner, on account of her late husband's long and valuable services to the colony in the Volunteer Forces.

26th October, 1906.

No. 552, Session II.—Petition of P. W. RIVE and 74 Others, of Georgetown.

PETITIONERS pray for the addition of a money-order office, &c., at Georgetown.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the Government should establish a money-order and postal-note office as prayed for.

26th October, 1906.

No. 182, Session II.—Petition of A. PENNIFOLD, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance.

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

26th October, 1906.

Nos. 651, 1905, and 61, 1906, Session II.—Petition of Dr. F. W. MACKENZIE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for the Government to pay a debt, for which petitioner was held responsible, for uniforms in the Wellington Bearer Corps, and for reinstatement in the Volunteer service.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the cost of the uniforms of the Wellington Bearer Corps should be paid by the Government, as promised by both the late and the present Defence Ministers, and that the application of the petitioner for reinstatement in his previous position in the Volunteers should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

26th October, 1906.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has held fourteen meetings during Session II, 1906, and the business dealt with was as follows:—

Number of petitions held over from last year	...	...	...	20
Number of petitions referred to the Committee	...	...	...	238
				<u>258</u>
Number of petitions dealt with	...	...	...	258
Number of reports presented to the House	...	...	...	83
Number of specific recommendations made therein	...	...	...	4
Number referred for favourable consideration	...	...	...	13
Number referred for consideration	30
Number no recommendation, &c.	36
Number referred to other Committees	14

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