

No. 870.—Petition of G. M. LOVE and 48 Others, of Moa Flat.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the Waipihi Railway line to Moa Flat.

I am directed to report that, as this is a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th November, 1907.

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No. 826.—Petition of H. R. HOGG and 332 Others, of Opotiki.

PETITIONERS pray for the authorisation of the railway-line from Gisborne to Rotorua *via* Opotiki.

I am directed to report that, as this is a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th November, 1907.

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No. 526.—Petition of HORSLEY AND HARRIS and 82 Others, of Wanganui. (Second Report.)

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the management of the State Coal-mines Department.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government; that, as the State coal depots come into competition with other long-established businesses, this Committee recommends that the State Coal Department be put on exactly the same footing as privately owned concerns in regard to royalties, other charges, dues, rates, taxes, &c., and the making of reasonable profit, and that, especially regarding the sale of screened coal, small consumers shall receive preference.

19th November, 1907.

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No. 398 (1906).—Petition of MARY E. CONEY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for extra compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services.

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

19th November, 1907.

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No. 133 (1906).—Petition of JAMES CHEETHAM, of Whiteman's Valley.

PETITIONER prays that inquiry may be made into the matter of his bankruptcy.

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

19th November, 1907.

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No. 818.—Petition of RICHARD COX, of Kopu, Thames.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of land grant for military services rendered.

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

19th November, 1907.

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No. 876.—Petition of R. H. BARNES and 299 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that "Larnach Camp" be not used as a mental hospital.

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

19th November, 1907.

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No. 848.—Petition of J. ELLIOTT and 162 Others, of Middlesmarch.

PETITIONERS pray that consumptive sanatorium be not established at Middlesmarch.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, and that the Health Department be recommended to take every care in permitting sanatoria to be established near centres of population.

19th November, 1907.

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No. 833.—Petition of WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, of Rotorua.

PETITIONER prays for a reward for having propounded a scheme for the relief of poverty.

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

19th November, 1907.

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Nos. 579 (1906) and 603 (1906).—Petitions of J. GRIEVE and 79 Others, and W. CALLAGHAN and 31 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for sums of money to be expended on public works.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, as the petitions deal with a matter of policy.

19th November, 1907.