

No. 312.—Petition of J. J. STEPHENSON, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted a pension in return for services rendered in the Defence Department.

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

9th October, 1908.

No. 610.—Petition of H. R. RAE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays to be paid for overtime worked in the service of 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.

9th October, 1908.

No. 637.—Petition of W. J. TYERNAN and 329 Others, of Karangahake.

PETITIONERS pray that the Townships of Karangahake, Mackaytown, and Raratu may be formed into a borough.

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

9th October, 1908.

No. 479.—Petition of H. W. PRESTON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for payment of an account rendered to the Marine Department for goods supplied to the s.s. "Hinemoa."

I am directed to report that, notwithstanding the grave irregularity observed in ordering these goods, the Committee recommends the payment of this account to the favourable consideration of the Government.

9th October, 1908.

No. 609.—Petition of T. W. PORTER, of Gisborne.

PETITIONER prays for compensation or retiring-allowance in view of long service in the civil and military forces of the Dominion.

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

9th October, 1908.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has held fourteen meetings during the session of 1908.

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| Number of petitions referred to the Committee | ... | ... | ... | 200 |
| Number of petitions dealt with | ... | ... | ... | 197 |
| Number of petitions held over | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Number of reports presented to the House | ... | ... | ... | 70 |
| Number of specific recommendations made therein | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number referred for favourable consideration | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Number referred for consideration | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Number referred for inquiry | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number referred to other Committees | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Number no recommendation, &c. | ... | ... | ... | 36 |

I am also directed to report the following resolution passed by the Committee, viz. :—

"That this Committee desires to record its hearty appreciation of the great care and attention devoted by the Chairman (Mr. Buddo) to the business of the Committee, and of the able and courteous manner in which his duties have been carried out during the three sessions of Parliament; and that this resolution be recorded on the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House."

9th October, 1908.

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