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PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. DAVEY, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1908.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from A to L 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 thereon to this House; also to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Aitken, Mr. Davey, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Remington, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Wood, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MILLAR.)

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No. 15.—Petition of CHARLES BARRIBALL, of Egmont Road, New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received whilst on his way to attend the District Court, under subpoena.

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

29th July, 1908.

No. 24.—Petition of JOHN FREEBODY, of Te Wharau, Wairarapa.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged wrongful imprisonment.

I am directed to report that the Committee strongly recommends this petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

29th July, 1908.

No. 11.—Petition of SAMUEL C. FARR, of 40 Worcester Street, Linwood, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for relief in consideration of public services rendered to the Dominion.

I am directed to report that the Government be requested to take into favourable consideration the granting to Mr. and Mrs. Farr a sum equal to the amount they would have received as old-age pension had it been granted.

29th July, 1908.

No. 4.—Petition of MARGARET CARTMILL, of Hill's Road, St. Albans, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services in the Police Force.

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

29th July, 1908.

No. 40.—Petition of CAROLINE GUTHRIE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for monetary consideration in connection with her late husband's life-insurance policy.

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

29th July, 1908.

No. 26.—Petition of H. A. HAWKE and 22 Others, of Pukekawa.

PETITIONERS pray for inquiry into the metalling of the road between the Tuakau Bridge and Pukekawa.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the Government should be requested to hold an inquiry into the allegations of the petitioners.

30th July, 1908.

No. 25.—Petition of CHARLES H. GREENHEAD, of Waiuku.

PETITIONER prays for a rehearing of a certain action, heard by the Supreme Court, Auckland, on the 5th June, 1905.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the Minister of Justice to supply Mr. Greenhead with a copy of Mr. H. W. Brabant's report.

30th July, 1908.

No. 23.—Petition of F. E. BANKS, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into and consideration of the merits of his case.

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

30th July, 1908.

No. 20.—Petition of FREDERICK WILLIAM KIRK, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for redress in connection with dismantling the Christchurch Exhibition.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends this claim to the Government for favourable consideration.

30th July, 1908.

No. 125.—Petition of WILLIAM EDGECOMBE, of New Plymouth

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land, or compensation in lieu thereof, for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
6th August, 1908.

No. 123.—Petition of JAMES JOHN CLARK, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that effect may be given to the recommendation of this Committee last year on his case.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the Government should be requested to pay the petitioner the pay of a lieutenant and allowances while he was making up the King's Medal roll.

6th August, 1908.

No. 42.—Petition of ELIZA LONGTON, of No. 1 Princes Street, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of the death of her husband while on duty as night-watchman.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.
6th August, 1908.

No. 49.—Petition of SAMUEL ADAM and 10 Others, of Hawera.

PETITIONERS pray for relief under the Old-age Pensions Act.

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

6th August, 1908.

No. 98.—Petition of EDWARD DONOVAN, of Poplar Grove, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of his services as gardener.

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

6th August, 1908.

No. 69.—Petition of CAROLINE M. JORGENSEN, of Hukanui, Eketahuna.

PETITIONER prays for remission of penalty under the Stamp Act.

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

6th August, 1908.

No. 60.—Petition of EDWIN COX and 30 Others, of Cambridge.

PETITIONERS pray that the Acts making vaccination compulsory be repealed.

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

6th August, 1908.

Nos. 16, 52, 68, 100, 111, 121, 122, 126, and 147.—Petitions of E. J. DECK and 599 Others, R. HOLLAND and 24 Others, W. S. HARRISON and 525 Others, W. FULLER and 77 Others, M. LAING and 63 Others, C. R. ADAMSON and 115 Others, D. BEGG and 357 Others, R. A. HALL and 116 Others, and W. A. BLAIR and 360 Others.

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

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

3rd September, 1908.

No. 70.—Petition of JAMES LANE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation for loss of office as a warder.

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

3rd September, 1908.

No. 3.—Petition of ELIZABETH GORDON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services to the Government.

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

4th September, 1908.

No. 201.—Petition of EILERT ABBENSETH, of Waimate.

PETITIONER prays that provision be made for the payment of two instalments of pension due at the time of her death to his late wife, Sophia Abbenseth.

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

4th September, 1908.

No. 37.—Petition of EDWARD P. COYLE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of cutter "Eleanor" on Maori Rock.

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

4th September, 1908.

No. 395.—Petition of J. C. R. ISHERWOOD, of Lyttelton.

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

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

10th September, 1908.

No. 97.—Petition of ALBERT CROSS, of Mornington, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of employment as overseer.

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

10th September, 1908.

No. 173.—Petition of MARY E. LARKIN, of Geraldine.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of her husband while working on co-operative works at Broken River.

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

10th September, 1908.

No. 208.—Petition of DENIS COFFEY, of Rotorua.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for military services rendered.

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

10th September, 1908.

No. 489.—Petition of C. FOSTER and 56 Others, of Kenana, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of money to form the road between Mangonui and Kenana.

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

22nd September, 1908.

No. 369.—Petition of F. KLAUSE and 330 Others, of Katikati.

PETITIONERS pray for the authorisation of a railway-line from Waihi to Gisborne *via* Tauranga, Te Puke, Whakatane, and Opotiki.

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

22nd September, 1908.

No. 436.—Petition of W. GUNSON AND Co. and 51 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that a Commission may be appointed to consider amendments in the bankruptcy laws of the Dominion.

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

22nd September, 1908.

No. 370.—Petition of G. M. LOVE and 77 Others, of Moa Flat.

PETITIONERS pray for an extension of the railway for six miles from Edievale towards Moa Flat.

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

22nd September, 1908.

No. 350.—Petition of ABNER CLOUGH, of Chatham Islands.

PETITIONER prays for reward for the great services rendered to the Dominion by his late father.

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

22nd September, 1908.

No. 353.—Petition of J. BRIGHTLING and 50 Others, of Christchurch, together with fifteen similar Petitions as per attached Schedule.

PETITIONERS pray for amendment of heavy-traffic by-laws.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee these petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

22nd September, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

No. 354.—J. Berry and 163 others.
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 „ 367.—E. W. Wood and 17 others.
 „ 368.—J. Connal and 47 others.

No. 210.—Petition of H. J. GILL and 3 Others, of Te Puke.

PETITIONERS pray for railway communication between Manaku, Te Puke, and Tauranga.

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

22nd September, 1908.

Nos. 125 (1907) and 29 (1908).—Petition of MARY HENDERSON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into and redress for alleged ill treatment, &c., while undergoing imprisonment.

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

24th September, 1908.

No. 150.—Petition of OLIPHANT HUGHES, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for inquiries to be made with the view of a rehearing of the charge of perjury on which he was convicted.

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

29th September, 1908.

No. 581.—Petition of E. FITZPATRICK and 30 Others, of Horotiu.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £200 for metalling a road from Horotiu Railway-station to Te Kowhai district.

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

2nd October, 1908.

No. 568.—Petition of HAPETA HENARE and 60 Others, of Mangamuka.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £450 to improve a road at Mangamuka.

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

2nd October, 1908.

Nos. 550, 551, and 564.—Petitions of E. H. RIDDER and Co. and 11,182 Others, J. BRIEN and 69 Others, and B. BURLAND and 15 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the repeal of all legislation dealing with vaccination.

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

2nd October, 1908.

No. 546.—Petition of JOSEPH BRENNAN, of Waipukurau.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for services rendered in the Maori war.

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

2nd October, 1908.

No. 1.—Petition of JOHN DAWSON and 27 Others, together with 54 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule.

PETITIONERS pray that the granting of licenses for the sale of alcoholic liquors be decided by a bare majority.

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

2nd October, 1908.

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No. 393.—Petition of W. W. CHALKLEN, of Rotorua.

PETITIONER prays for a grant for military services rendered.

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

2nd October, 1908.

No. 607.—Petition of MATTHEW CASHEN, of Garrett Street, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for further relief for services rendered.

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

2nd October, 1908.

No. 605.—Petition of ANDREW MAGNUS BYSTROM, of Thames.

PETITIONER prays for further relief on account of military services rendered to the Dominion.

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

9th October, 1908.

No. 606.—Petition of MARION CARNAHAN, of Ravensbourne, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for further relief on account of the death of her husband while in Government employ.

I am directed to report that this Committee has no recommendation to make

9th October, 1908.

No. 636.—Petition of GEORGE JOHN FRY, of Smithfield, Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for relief for loss of money.

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

9th October, 1908.

No. 566.—Petition of JOHN E. G. GILES, of Ensor's Road, Woolston.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted a fresh deed for land-grant destroyed, or compensation.

I am directed to report that this Committee has no recommendation to make in connection with this petition.

9th October, 1908.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report,—

- (1.) That the Committee held 11 meetings during the session.
- (2.) That the Committee dealt with 128 petitions.
- (3.) That the number of specific recommendations was 2.
- (4.) That the number referred to the Government for consideration was 18.
- (5.) That the number referred to the Government for favourable consideration was 28.
- (6.) That the number on which the Committee had no recommendation to make was 76.
- (7.) That the number held over until next session was 4.

I am also directed to report that the following resolution was passed by the Committee:—

“That this Committee expresses its high appreciation of the manner in which the Chairman (Mr. T. H. Davey) has conducted the business of this Committee. That this resolution be properly recorded.”

9th October, 1908.

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