No. 65, Session II.—Petition of James Roger, of Khandallah, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for redress for alleged wrongful dismissal from the position of Deputy Official Assignee at Timaru, in July, 1892.

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

prayer of this petition.

18th November, 1909.

No. 29, Session II.—Petition of Patrick Madigan, of Auckland.

Petitioner prays that he may be relieved from the liability of supporting a child at present an inmate of St. Mary's Industrial School at Auckland.

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

to the Education Committee.

18th November, 1909.

No. 9, Session II.—The New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Distributing Company (Limited), of Allen Street, Wellington.

Petitioners pray for relief in respect to alleged damage caused to property from coaldust from the State Coal Depot, Wellington.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee the Government be recommended to refer the matter to arbitration for the purpose of ascertaining the damage (if any) the company is entitled to.

19th November, 1909.

No. 349.—Petition of Mrs. Maun Rookes, of Auckland.

Petitioner prays for a compassionate allowance as widow of the late Colonel Rookes, in considera-

tion of military services rendered by him.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 30.—Petition of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth McCaskill, of Hikutaia, Auckland.

Petitioner prays for compensation for losses sustained during the Maori war.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 255.—Petition of A. Walford and Others, of Manurewa, near Auckland.

Petitioners pray for a grant for a road from Weymouth to Manurewa Railway-station.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 372.—Petition of Major William Gilbert Mair, of Takapuna, Auckland.

Petitioner prays for recognition of services rendered to the Dominion.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 155.—Petition of John Ward, of Lower Hutt, settler.

PETITIONER prays that legislation may be introduced for the purpose of protecting tenants from

liability for rates in certain cases.

I am directed to report that this Committee is of opinion that the question of introducing legislation to secure redress in this case and similar cases should be recommended to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th December, 1909.

No. 280.—Petition of Walter Martin, of Erinwood, Seafield, near Ashburton. PETITIONER prays for further compensation for loss of office as Chief Clerk in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court at Christchurch.

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

7th December, 1909.

No. 33.—Petition of Mrs. Florence B. Rolfe, of College Street, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for assault committed by two constables whilst in plain clothes. I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th December, 1909.