

No. 445.—Petition of RICHARD TORPEY, of Albert Road, Epsom, Auckland.

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

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 392.—Petition of ELLEN TAYLOR and 3,627 Others, of Devonport, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for consideration in connection with the Auckland drainage scheme.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 541.—Petition of JAMES A. SCHMIDT, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged wrongful arrest while in the employ of the Post Office Department.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 486.—Petition of A. F. WIMSETT, of Nelson.

PETITIONER prays for relief in connection with expenses incurred in defending prosecution for alleged burglary.

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

16th December, 1909.

No. 552.—Petition of JOSEPH PACKARD and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that money be voted for formation of a road up to Section 24, Block II, Waitapu Survey District.

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

20th December, 1909.

No. 4, Session I.—Petition of WILLIAM YSKER, of Otira.

PETITIONER prays for relief in respect of injuries alleged to have been caused through his falling over a steep bank on the Christchurch-Otira Road.

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

20th December, 1909.

No. 530.—Petition of DAVID POTTER, of Hanmer Springs.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for deterioration in value of his property at Hanmer Springs caused by the opening by the Government of a rubbish-pit in close proximity to his property.

I am directed to report that, as in the opinion of this Committee the petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

20th December, 1909.

No. 537.—Petition of H. SPEAR and Others, of Colac Bay.

PETITIONERS pray for a road to connect Riverton and Colac Bay.

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

23rd December, 1909.

Nos. 586 and 587.—Petitions of ROBERT HEATH and Others and WILLIAM PHILPOTT and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway-line may be extended from Edievale to tap Moa Flat.

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

23rd December, 1909.

No. 603.—Petition of Mrs. BRIDGET SCALLY, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for the death of her son while employed on co-operative works.

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

23rd December, 1909.

Nos. 11 and 281.—Petitions of J. J. SUTHERLAND and Others and T. NEILD and Others (and other similar Petitions as per Schedule attached).

PETITIONERS pray as follows:—

*Petition No. 11.*—That the North of Auckland Railway line shall not be deviated so far west as proposed, but retained on what is known as the "eastern route," and that a Royal Commission may be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances concerning the suggested deviation of the line.

*Petition No. 281.*—That the adoption of the western route may be adhered to.