No. 28, Session I.—Petition of R. H. HANSON. (No. 2.)

Petitioner prays for compensation for injuries received while in the Railway service.

The previous report having been referred back by the House for reconsideration, I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

7th December, 1909.

No. 7.—Petition of WILLIAM MORRIS, of Greymouth, Sawmiller.

PETITIONER prays for relief in connection with a sawmilling siding at Baxter's.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 14th December, 1909.

No. 13.—Petition of E. W. Henderson and Others; also 74 similar Petitions as per Schedule attached, containing 722 Signatures of Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners.

Petitioners pray that official recognition be granted to them as a separate organization from those of other branches of the Railway service.

I am directed to report,-

Clause 1. That in the opinion of this Committee the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants has represented the engine-drivers, firemen, and cleaners equally as well as the other sections of the Railway service.

Clause 2. That due prominence has always been given to the requirements of the enginedrivers, firemen, and cleaners when the Railway Department has been approached by the delegates of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

Clause 3. That by internal reorganization of the society the petitioners could always get direct

representation on the executive of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

Clause 4. That, as the Railway Department is a State Department, it is desirable that one representative body should place the requirements of the men before the Department, the Minister, and Parliament.

Clause 5. That, having gone exhaustively into the evidence, and given the fullest consideration to the prayer of the petitioners, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

14th December, 1909.

[Vide Appendix I.-6A.]

SCHEDULE. 13.—E. W. Henderson and 6 others. 14.—T. McCalman and 5 others. 15.—R. McKee and 3 others. 45.—Robert Findlay and 4 others. 46.—W. J. McGonigal and 13 others. 47.—R. Phillips and 13 others. 62.—James McNeely and 12 others. No. 331.—W. J. Delahenty and 7 others. ,, 332.—H. Dunn and 2 others. No. 333.—R. Lindsay and 6 others. 334.—E. A. Pickering and 12 others. 355.—F. Watkins and 5 others. 350.—E. R. Crone and 6 others. 351.—James Hosie and 12 others. 351.—James Hosie and 12 others. 352.—P. Ibbotson and 13 others. 353.—A. E. McDonald and 5 others. 354.—R. S. Thompson and 13 others. 355.—Y. M. Wills and 13 others. 365.—R. J. McAddie and 4 others. 382.—R. A. Borrows and 13 others. 110.—J. Davidson and 9 others. 111.—J. Dow and 9 others. 112.—E. Ericson and 4 others. 113.—J. R. Evans and 9 others. 114.—W. McArley and 13 others. 115.—G. Munrow and 2 others. 116.—A. A. Rowe and 13 others. 383 .- J. Foster and 13 others 383.—J. Foster and 13 others. 384.—J. G. Ingram and 29 others. 405.—J. Conway and 11 others. 406.—W. E. Corbett and 3 others. 407.—F. W. Downs and 11 others. 408.—W. Greig and 14 others. 409.—T. S. Hickey and 3 others. 410.—J. H. Leisham and 27 others. 132.—G. Brown and 14 others. 133.—A. J. Hodge and 18 others. 134.—W. H. Kelly and 7 others. 135.—F. H. Murphy and 13 others. 165.—H. S. Loudon and 7 others. J. Meachen and 8 others. G. Bull and 9 others. 166.-410.—J. H. Leisham and 27 others. 411.—P. Kiegan and 14 others. 412.—F. McCalman and 4 others. 413.—J. R. McLaren and 6 others. 414.—J. Milne and 5 others. 415.—J. Stevens and 6 others. 427.—C. J. Lee and 13 others. 428.—W. J. Thompson and 12 others. 438.—M. J. Thompson and 12 others. 438.—A. W. Peterkin and 27 others. 444.—C. J. Sturvant and 39 others. 450.—W. J. Robb and 13 others. 462.—G. Leyden and 4 others. 463.—J. Reardon and 10 others. 471.—J. W. Hunter and 13 others. 472.—Peter Salter and 3 others. 517.—A. Torrance and 4 others. -J. J. Bergin and 7 others. -J. A. Froude and 3 others. -S. A. McGavin and 3 others. 202.~ -D. Muchie and 5 others 205.—A. E. Parkes and 13 others. 206.—F. O. Riley and 4 others. 216.—T. Melroy and 13 others. 247.—W. E. Costello and 5 others. 274.—G. J. Bryce and 23 others. 275.—P. D. Clark and 12 others. 276.—P. Haston and 12 others. 282.—W. A. Veitch and another. 300.—A. B. Adams and 2 others. 301.—J. Henderson and 4 others. 302.—E. J. Gray and 3 others. 303.—E. Sloway and 15 others. 517.-A. Torrance and 4 others.

No. 564.—Petition of A. G. C. Glass, of Wairangi Station, Waikato, Auckland. Petitioner prays for inquiry and compensation in connection with loss of wattle-bark at Wairangi Station.

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

17th December, 1909.