

REPORTS.

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS BILL.

THE Education Committee have the honour to report that, having carefully considered the New Zealand Society of Musicians Bill, referred to them by your honourable House, the Committee recommend that the said Bill be allowed to proceed, subject to the amendments in the Bill attached hereto.

10th November, 1909.

No. 390.—Petition of HENRY BROMLEY. (No. 1.)

PETITIONER represents that he was overseer of the Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa, Levin; that he was wrongfully dismissed from his position; and he makes a series of charges against the management of the institution, and prays that he may receive compensation for pecuniary loss sustained.

The Education Committee have the honour to report on the petition of Henry Bromley that they have no recommendation to make.

23rd November, 1909.

Nos. 294, 307, and 347.—Petitions of E. WATKINS and 456 Others, J. A. FINLAYSON and 13 Others, and JOHN McLEOD and 7 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the privilege of travelling free on the railways to attend classes may be continued to teachers of schools under the Education Department.

The Education Department have the honour to report on the petitions of E. Watkins and others, J. A. Finlayson and others, and John McLeod and others, that in the opinion of the Committee they should be referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd November, 1909.

No. 12.—Petition of GEORGE WILMOT.

PETITIONER represents that he is a retired school-teacher, having served under the Education Department for twenty-one years; that he was compelled through blindness to resign his position; and that, having been excluded from participation in the benefits of the Teachers' Superannuation Act, he prays that a compassionate allowance may be granted him.

The Education Committee have the honour to report on the petition of George Wilmot that they have no recommendation to make.

23rd November, 1909.

Nos. 252 and 253.—Petitions of J. PHILLIPS and 33 Others and C. QUESTED and 44 Others.

PETITIONERS allege that Nightcaps School is overcrowded, and pray that more adequate accommodation be provided.

The Education Committee have the honour to report on the petitions of J. Phillips and others and C. Qusted and others that they have no recommendation to make.

23rd November, 1909.

No. 180.—Petition of HOWARD J. S. ELLIS.

PETITIONER, who is head teacher of Aoroa School, Northern Wairoa, prays that a reduction made in his salary be refunded.

The Education Committee have the honour to report on the petition of Howard J. Ellis that they have no recommendation to make.

23rd November, 1909.

No. 391.—Petition of JAMES KERR MENZIES.

PETITIONER represents that he has served as a teacher under the Otago Board of Education for thirty years, and is now fifty-five years of age; that when the Teachers' Superannuation Act came into force he could not afford to join it, having a large family to maintain and certain other pecuniary engagements to meet. He now prays to be admitted to the benefits of the fund, and is prepared to pay arrears of premiums and interest thereon.

The Education Committee have the honour to report on the petition of James Kerr Menzies that they recommend that the enactment of provisions similar to those contained in subsections (1) and (2), section 225, of "The Education Act, 1908," be referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd November, 1909.