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RAILWAYS COMMITTEE  
(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. HOGAN, 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 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1909.

*Ordered*, “ That a Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to examine and report upon questions relating to the railways, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to be a quorum : the Committee to consist of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Brown, Mr. Buick, Mr. Clark, Mr. Craigie, Mr. Hine, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Ross, and the mover.”  
—(Hon. Mr. MILLAR.)

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### No. 3, Session I.—Petition of GEORGE SWANN ROSS.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for the invention of a protective plate in locomotive-boilers.

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

28th October, 1909.

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### No. 64, Session II.—Petition of LOUIS GEORGE PRATT.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of an accident received while in the Railway service.

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

28th October, 1909.

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### No. 3, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM CONYERS.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of injuries received while in the Government Railway service.

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

28th October, 1909.

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### No. 1, Session II.—Petition of Mrs. T. BROWN.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of her husband through an accident at the Railway workshops.

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

29th October, 1909.

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### No. 10, Session II.—Petition of JANE ELIZABETH SELMAN, of Georgetown, Papakaio.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for crop destroyed by fire caused by sparks from railway-engine.

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

12th November, 1909.

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### No. 127.—Petition of W. GOLDSWORTHY, of Pukekohe.

PETITIONER prays for compensation in respect of damage to cart and horse through being struck on a level crossing at Pukekohe Railway-station.

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

12th November, 1909.

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### No. 182.—Petition of WILLIAM HODGES, of High Street, Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for payment by Railway Permanent Employees' Sick Benefit Society of £30, and amendment of the law.

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

19th November, 1909.

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### No. 248.—Petition of WILLIAM CROMBIE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of his disratement while in the employ of the Railway Department.

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

19th November, 1909.

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### No. 254.—Petition of JOHN TELFORD, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that his full time be counted in computing his pension as a Railway employee.

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

19th November, 1909.

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### No. 291.—Petition of THOMAS PATTERSON, of Brown Street, Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received as a result of a railway accident.

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

26th November, 1909.

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### No. 28, Session I.—Petition of R. H. HANSON, of Auckland. (No. 1.)

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

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

26th November, 1909.

## 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 engine-drivers, 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.

No. 13.—E. W. Henderson and 6 others.	No. 331.—W. J. Delahenty and 7 others.
" 14.—T. McCalman and 5 others.	" 332.—H. Dunn and 2 others.
" 15.—R. McKee and 3 others.	" 333.—R. Lindsay and 6 others.
" 45.—Robert Findlay and 4 others.	" 334.—E. A. Pickering and 12 others.
" 46.—W. J. McGonigal and 13 others.	" 335.—F. Watkins and 5 others.
" 47.—R. Phillips and 13 others.	" 350.—E. R. Crone and 6 others.
" 62.—James McNeely and 12 others.	" 351.—James Hosie and 12 others.
" 110.—J. Davidson and 9 others.	" 352.—P. Ibbotson and 13 others.
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" 135.—F. H. Murphy and 13 others.	" 407.—F. W. Downs and 11 others.
" 165.—H. S. Loudon and 7 others.	" 408.—W. Greig and 14 others.
" 166.—J. Meachen and 8 others.	" 409.—T. S. Hickey and 3 others.
" 200.—G. Bull and 9 others.	" 410.—J. H. Leisham and 27 others.
" 201.—J. J. Bergin and 7 others.	" 411.—P. Kiegan and 14 others.
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" 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.

No. 465.—Petition of GEORGE DEAN, of Paeroa, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for flax destroyed by fire caused by sparks from railway-engines.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.  
17th December, 1909.

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No. 547.—Petition of SAMUEL VAILE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for a trial of the Vaile stage system on the New Zealand railways.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.  
17th December, 1909.

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No. 585.—Petition of J. JENKINS, of Aramoho.

PETITIONER prays that a further two years and two months of his past services be recognised for the purpose of superannuation.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.  
22nd December, 1909.

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No. 588.—Petition of R. SALMON AND SON and 34 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for relief in connection with the slaughtering and the carriage of meat at and from the Auckland Municipal Abattoirs.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.  
22nd December, 1909.

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#### FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report,—

- (1.) That the Committee held 13 meetings during the session.
- (2.) The Committee dealt with 92 petitions, 74 of these being on the same subject.
- (3.) The number referred to the Government for consideration was 2.
- (4.) The number referred to the Government for favourable consideration was 4.
- (5.) The number on which the Committee made no recommendation was 86.

23rd December, 1909.

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