No. 200.—Petition of WILLIAM HODGE, of 64 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch.

Praying for redress in connection with his employment in the Railway service.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 1st October, 1912.

No. 249.—Petition of Thomas Patterson, of Brown Street, South Invercargill.

Praying for further compensation for injuries sustained at a railway-crossing in Conon Street, Invercargill.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 8th October, 1912.

No. 59.—Petition of John Green and 7 Others, of Granity.

Praying for reduction of rent of their sections at Granity.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 8th October, 1912.

No. 320 (1911) and No. 58 (1912).—Petition of Alexander Frame, jun., of Bradshaw Street, South Dunedin.

Praying for redress in connection with his dismissal from the Railway service.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 8th October, 1912.

No. 247.—Petition of JOHN D. COOPER, of Wellington.

Praying for compensation for accident sustained at the Kaitoke Railway-station.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 8th October, 1912.

No. 59.—Petition of John Green and 7 Others, of Granity. (Second Report.)

Praying for reduction of rent of their sections at Granity.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having further considered the prayer of this petition, has no recommendation to make thereon.

24th October, 1912.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AMENDMENT BILL.

The Railways Committee, to whom was referred the above-mentioned Bill, have the honour to report that they have taken evidence thereon, and have carefully considered the same, and recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed as amended in the copy annexed hereto.

28th October, 1912.

No. 129.—Petition of the Paparoa Coal-mining Company (Limited).

Praying that the Government purchase the company's railway and modify the charges for carrying coal.

I am directed to report,-

- (1.) That with regard to the purchase of the Paparoa Coal-mining Company's railway the Committee has no recommendation to make.
- (2.) That the removal of anomalies regarding the carriage of coal be referred to the Government for favourable consideration (vide also I.-6A).
  29th October, 1912.

No. 248.—Petition of MICHAEL LUCY, of Rangiora.

Praying for relief on account of the imprisonment of his son.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 4th November, 1912.

No. 280.—Petition of ROBERT OLD, of Fitzroy, New Plymouth.

Praying for compassionate allowance to the widow of Alfred Old, on account of the death of her husband whilst in the employ of the Railway Department.

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

4th November, 1912.