

No. 256.—Petition of THOMAS WALSH, of New Plymouth.

PRAYING that he may be granted a compassionate allowance in recognition of his past services in the New Zealand Railway Department.

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

No. 262.—Petition of JAMES JENKINS, of Wanganui.

PRAYING that he may be allowed further length of service for superannuation purposes.

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

No. 221.—Petition of SAMUEL VAILE, of Auckland.

PRAYING that a trial be made of the stage system on the New Zealand railways.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.
4th November, 1912.

No. 2.—Petition of ROBERT C. MORGAN, of Princes Street, Dunedin.

PRAYING that the recommendation of the Railways Committee on the petition of the general secretary of the New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute be given effect to.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
4th November, 1912.

No. 356.—Petition of ROBERT JAMES BUCHANAN and 8 Others, of the Railway Department.

PRAYING that the decision of the Railway Appeal Board may be given effect to.

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

SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Railways Committee has the honour to report that at the final meeting of the Committee, held on the 4th day of November, 1912, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"That the Railways Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the great care and attention devoted by the Chairman, Mr. Buick, to the business of the Committee, and of the courteous manner in which his duties have been carried out during this session of Parliament. Further, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House."

4th November, 1912.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee held its final meeting on Monday, the 4th November, 1912.

The number of meetings held by the Committee was	..	..	..	11
The number of petitions referred to the Committee was	..	..	..	24
The number of petitions referred to the Government for consideration was	..	..	..	2
The number of petitions referred to the Government for favourable consideration was	..	..	..	6
The number of petitions on which the Committee had no recommendation to make was	..	..	..	15
The number of petitions held over was	..	..	..	1
The number of reports brought down by the Committee and presented to the House was	..	..	..	24
Average attendance of members at meetings of Committee was	..	..	..	6.9

6th November, 1912.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (1,400 copies), £2 2s. 6d.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1912.

Price 3d.]