## No. 323.—Petition of J. W. Harrison, of Greta Valley.

Praying for compensation for loss sustained through fire caused by sparks from railway-engine.

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

4th November, 1919.

No. 266.—Petition of Thomas Gage, of Kaitangata, and 298 Others.

PRAYING for acquisition by the Government of the Kaitangata and Taratu Railways.

I am directed to report that, as this is a question of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th November, 1919.

No. 265.—Petition of R. Potts, of Kumeu, and 52 Others.

Praying for improved railway facilities on Kaipara line.

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

4th November, 1919.

No. 328.—Petition of the TARANAKI FARMERS' MEAT COMPANY, of New Plymouth.

Praying for refund of money paid by the company in respect to the railway-siding at Smart Road.

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

4th November, 1919.

No. 8.—Petition of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of New Zealand, Wellington.

Praying that the circumstances in connection with the appeal of A. N. Longton be reviewed; also the question of abolishing the Minister's power of veto.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th November, 1919.

No. 287.—Petition of HILDA M. OVERTON, of Christchurch.

Praying for compensation for loss sustained through fire caused by sparks from railway-engine.

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

4th November, 1919.

No. 294.—Petition of G. Thomas, of Levin.

Praying for a compassionate allowance for loss of son killed in railway accident at Terrace End, Palmerston North.

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

4th November, 1919.

No. 322.—Petition of F. J. LOPDELL and 15 Others, of Eskdale.

Praying for a new site for railway-station near Eskdale.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, and further recommends that the Government hold an inquiry into the matter.

4th November, 1919.

## SPECIAL REPORT.

I am directed to report that the Committee places on record its high appreciation of the services of the Chairman (Mr. Bollard), and its recognition of the able and impartial manner in which he carried on the business of the Committee.

4th November, 1919.

T. K. Sider, Member of the Committee.

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