No. 78.—Petition of Edward Kennedy, of Wellington.

Praying for reinstatement in his former position in the Post and Telegraph Department. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1923.

No. 178.—Petition of George J. Lee and 24 Others, of Oroua.

Praying for legislation to license bookmakers under the control of the Racing Conference.

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

28th August, 1923.

No. 172.—Petition of F. R. WARREN and 23 Others, of Auckland.

Praying for legislation to license bookmakers under the control of the Racing Conference.

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

28th August, 1923.

No. 130.—Petition of W. A. Hulston and 22 Others, of Auckland.

Praying for legislative enactment which will prevent the rents of railway leases being increased unduly to sublessees.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 28th August, 1923.

No. 10.—Petition of Frederick John Cowling, of New Plymouth. (Second Report.) Praying for a compassionate allowance to cover loss sustained by him through wrongful prosecution by the Crown.

I am directed to report that the Committee, seeing the danger of establishing a precedent in such cases, has no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1923.

No. 75.—Petition of Charles Fleming, of Auckland.

Praying for an extra allowance as compensation for being retired from the New Zealand Public Service prior to his having reached his maximum salary.

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

28th August, 1923.

SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Mr. Wright, has presided over its deliberations during the session. J. BITCHENER,

28th August, 1923.

Member of Committee.

FINAL REPORT.

THE Public Petitions A to L Committee, consisting of ten members, held eleven meetings during the session, with an average attendance of seven members. Forty-two petitions were referred to the Committee, and thirty-six were dealt with as under :-

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