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No. 393/22.—Petition of Horace John Preston, of Auckland, and 743 Others.

Praying that no legislation should be enacted authorizing the establishment of a rubbish-destructor in the Mount Eden Borough to meet the requirements of other local bodies.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 20th July, 1923.

No. 395/22.—Petition of WILLIAM MCKEAN, of Taumarunui.

Praying for a refund of £8 stolen by a Post and Telegraph officer from an unregistered letter. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 20th July, 1923.

No. 397/22.—Petition of E. J. Maher, of Tikokino, and 64 Others.

Praying that the Smedley Estate, Waipawa, be subdivided and thrown open for settlement.

I am directed to report that, special legislation (section 38, Finance Act, 1922) having been passed relieving the position complained of by the petitioners, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

20th July, 1923.

No. 98.—Petition of P. T. WILLIAMS and 5,220 Others.

Praying for legislation to amend the ballot-paper which is used at the licensing polls, with the object

of securing corporate control of the licensed liquor traffic.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that a special Committee has been set up to hear all matters pertaining to the licensing question, this Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to that Committee for consideration.

25th July, 1923.

No. 36.—Petition of John Scott Myers, of Marshland, Christchurch.

Praying for the passing of legislation removing all judgments given by the late Mr. Justice Denniston with reference to petitioner from the files of the Supreme Court.

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

25th July, 1923.

No. 57.—Petition of C. W. Stephenson, of Wellington.

Praying for redress for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Post and Telegraph Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has considered the above petition and has no recommendation to make.

2nd August, 1923.

No. 69.—Petition of ADA M. SHADBOLT, of Okauia, near Matamata.

Praying for compensation for loss of a section drawn in a ballot, which she was compelled to surrender owing to inadequacy of roading-facilities.

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

2nd August, 1923.

No. 28.—Petition of Henry Mehaffey and Jessie Mehaffey, of Drury, near Auckland.

Praying for the grant of a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances attending the sale of a certain block of land, situated near Drury.

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

2nd August, 1923.