No. 131.—Petition of H. J. McCubbin, of Golden Downs.

Praying for payment for stores supplied to men engaged on construction works on Glenhope-Murchison Railway.

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

29th October, 1931.

No. 130.—Petition of Christina Pointon, of Murchison.

Praying that access destroyed by Murchison Earthquake, 1929, be restored, or, alternatively, that compensation be paid.

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

29th October, 1931.

No. 137.—Petition of J. H. RANKIN, of Motueka.

Praying that auctioneer's commission be paid him by State Advances Superintendent for sale of property at Motueka.

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

29th October, 1931.

[Referred back to Committee, 29th October, 1931.]

No. 137.—Petition of J. H. RANKIN, of Motueka (Second Report).

Praying that auctioneer's commission be paid him by State Advances Superintendent for sale of property at Motueka.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the

Government for consideration.

7th November, 1931.

No. 169.—Petition of J. S. Pullan, of Wellington.

Praying for readmission to the Public Service, or other alternative.

I am directed to report that, in view of the most distressing circumstances of the petitioner, the Committee is of the opinion the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with the suggestion that a compassionate allowance be granted.

7th November, 1931.

No. 186.—Petition of the TARANAKI ELECTRIC-POWER BOARD.

Praying for inquiry into issue of license to New Plymouth Borough Council to supply electric-power to certain districts.

I am directed to report that the member in charge of the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

7th November, 1931.

No. 160.—Petition of Janet McNaughton Shirriffs, of Christchurch.

Praying for amendment of the Family Protection Act.

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

7th November, 1931.

Special Report.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee desires to express its sincere appreciation of the able manner in which the Chairman, Mr. F. Lye, has presided over and conducted the business brought before the Committee during the session. His courteous and tactful manner in dealing with members and witnesses has helped the Committee to arrive at its conclusions in an impartial manner; and the Committee further desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

7th November, 1931.

H. S. S. KYLE, Member of the Committee.