No. 55.—Petition of V. C. Edwards, Hauraki Mining District.

Praying that he be granted a miner's pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th November, 1933.

STEWART REID, for Chairman.

No. 139.—Petition of C. H. COGHLAN, of Takahue.

Praying that he be granted a miner's pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. In view of the occasional conflict of opinion between doctors as to whether a miner is suffering from pneumoconiosis, resulting in numerous petitions to Parliament and much distress and physical agony to petitioners in travelling for purposes of reinspection, this Committee is of opinion that men who, as the result of having been miners, have contracted a disease similar to pneumoconiosis, which incapacitates them from work, should be allowed to qualify for a miner's pension.

28th November, 1933.

No. 206.—Petition of A. W. Moore, of Auckland.

Praying that a miner's pension be granted to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. In view of the occasional conflict of opinion between doctors as to whether a miner is suffering from pneumoconiosis, resulting in numerous petitions to Parliament and much distress and physical agony to petitioners in travelling for purposes of reinspection, this Committee is of opinion that men who, as the result of having been miners, have contracted a disease similar to pneumoconiosis, which incapacitates them from work, should be allowed to qualify for a miner's pension.

28th November, 1933.

A. M. SAMUEL, for Chairman.

No. 230.—Petition of W. J. Stafford, of Auckland.

Praying that he be granted a miner's pension.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8th December, 1933.

W. A. Bodkin, Chairman.

No. 253.—Petition of W. Danby and 230 Others, of Thames.

Praying that A. C. Houghton be granted a miner's pension.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

20th December, 1933.

STEWART REID, for Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the members of the Goldfields and Mines Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the ability, tact, and unfailing courtesy during the session manifested by the Chairman, Mr. Bodkin, in the conduct of the business of the Committee; and the members of the Committee further desire that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee, and also that it be reported to the House.

20th December, 1933.

A. M. SAMUEL, Member of the Committee.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Goldfields and Mines Committee, consisting of ten members, has during the session held five meetings, with an average attendance of five. Eleven petitions were referred to the Committee, all of which were finally dealt with and reported to the House.

20th December, 1933.

STEWART REID, for Chairman.

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