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PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).
(MR. F. W. SCHRAMM, CHAIRMAN.)

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1937.

Ordered, "That the petition from G. V. Smith and others presented on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, be referred direct to the Public Petitions A to L Committee when set up."—(MR. HULTQUIST.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1937.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all petitions from A to L that may be referred to it; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House; and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House: the Committee to consist of Mr. Cotterill, Mr. Endean, the Hon. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hultquist, Mr. Neilson, Mr. Roy, Mr. Schramm, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Thorn, and the Mover."—(HON. MR. PARRY.)

THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1937.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1936 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(RIGHT HON. MR. SAVAGE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1937.

Ordered, "That the Public Petitions A to L Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(MR. THORN, for MR. SCHRAMM.)

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No. 192/1936.—Petition of M. KOSTANICH, of Auckland.

PRAYING for additional compensation in the form of a weekly allowance in respect of injuries received while in the employ of the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that the member presenting the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw it, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

27th October, 1937.

No. 206/1936.—Petition of R. F. JAMIESON, of Walton.

PRAYING that his total period of service with the Education and Mines Departments be counted for superannuation purposes on payment of back contributions.

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

27th October, 1937.

No. 209/1936.—Petition of W. BLACK, of Timaru.

PRAYING for the cancellation of the second mortgage on his property.

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

27th October, 1937.

No. 214/1936.—Petition of J. DINEEN, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for permission to complete a contract in connection with licensed railway refreshment-rooms at Ashburton.

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

27th October, 1937.

No. 225/1936.—Petition of J. B. BLINKHORNE, of Palmerston North.

PRAYING for reinstatement in the Railways Department.

I am directed to report that the Public Petitions A to L Committee has carefully considered this petition and has no recommendation to make.

27th October, 1937.

No. 255/1936.—Petition of R. H. DALHOUSIE, of Wairoa.

PRAYING for compensation for injuries allegedly sustained while employed by the Public Works Department at Lake Waikaremoana.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and the Committee recommends that a grant of a compassionate allowance be made to the petitioner on account of the injury he has sustained.

27th October, 1937.

No. 254/1936.—Petition of J. A. HART, of Greymouth.

PRAYING for additional compensation for losses sustained in connection with the construction of the Milford Sounds Hostel.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of the opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and recommends that an additional payment be made to the petitioner.

4th November, 1937.

No. 281/1936.—Petition of C. E. GREGORY, of Invercargill.

PRAYING for compensation and re-employment in the Railways Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and the Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to appeal with a view to his reinstatement in his former position.

4th November, 1937.

No. 288/1936.—Petition of ADA I. CHANDLER, of Palmerston North.

PRAYING for compensation for injuries allegedly received whilst travelling on the New Zealand Government Railways.

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

4th November, 1937.

No. 22.—Petition of G. V. SMITH, and 10 Others.

PRAYING that a Commission of inquiry be set up to investigate certain matters in Cook County.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, as a matter of Government policy is involved.

4th November, 1937.

No. 98.—Petition of A. A. FRASER, and 5 Others.

PRAYING for relief from burden allegedly imposed by the abolition of riding accounts in the Waikohu County.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, as a matter of Government policy is involved.

4th November, 1937.

No. 257/1936.—Petition of W. COWARD, of Auckland.

PRAYING for a rehearing of the case following a motor accident in which his motor-truck was involved, or that the previous conviction be quashed.

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

10th November, 1937.

No. 272/1936.—Petition of H. HAWKE, of Tauranga.

PRAYING that his salary as an officer of the Post and Telegraph Department be reinstated as from date of degrading, and that he be granted the increments and grading to which he would have been entitled had such degrading not taken place.

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

10th November, 1937.

No. 293/1936.—Petition of ETHEL COSGROVE, of Devonport.

PRAYING for an allowance in lieu of the widow's pension.

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

10th November, 1937.

No. 16.—Petition of F. H. FEARNLEY, of Auckland.

PRAYING for increased superannuation.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, and is of the opinion that the petitioner should apply under the provisions of section 62 of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, for an increased allowance.

10th November, 1937.

No. 27.—Petition of MYRTLE E. BURNE, of Feilding.

PRAYING for compensation on account of the death of her husband allegedly arising out of an accident caused by a fallen telegraph line.

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

17th November, 1937.

No. 63.—Petition of J. CAMPBELL, of Waipahi.

PRAYING for remission of fines and other costs incurred under the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

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

17th November, 1937.

No. 271/1936.—Petition of J. CORNELIUS, and 788 Others.

PRAYING for the reinstatement of ex Constable Scandrett in the Police Force.

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

18th November, 1937.

No. 303/1936.—Petition of J. A. CRUICKSHANK, of Auckland.

PRAYING for an allowance or compensation in consideration of his services as a member of the Police Force.

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

18th November, 1937.

No. 66.—Petition of H. W. COSTAR, of Kaeo.

PRAYING for the remission of succession duty in respect of the estate of Steve Mate Yerkovich.

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

18th November, 1937.

No. 20.—Petition of C. H. HOGG, of Wellington.

PRAYING for compensation on account of an accident allegedly sustained while employed by the Post and Telegraph Department.

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

24th November, 1937.

No. 39.—Petition of H. H. COOK, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for a refund of stamp duty.

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

24th November, 1937.

No. 18.—Petition of F. C. JORDAN and Another (representing the Auckland Harbour Preservation Society).

PRAYING for investigation and other action in respect of a sewerage scheme proposed for Auckland City and suburbs.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view to fuller investigation being made of alternative sewerage schemes to prevent the pollution of the waters and foreshores of the Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf.

1st December, 1937.

No. 104.—Petition of F. E. HUNT, of Wellington.

PRAYING that legislation be enacted providing for payment of full superannuation to members of the Railways Department compulsorily retired on an actuarial equivalent basis in 1931.

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

1st December, 1937.

24/1935.—Petition of H. BARNES, of Auckland.

PRAYING that he be granted compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Public Service.

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.

2nd December, 1937.

No. 9.—Petition of J. M. CHALMERS, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for payment of invalidity pension.

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

2nd December, 1937.

No. 10.—Petition of IDEAN A. MILES, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for payment of invalidity pension.

I am directed to report that, as the subject of the petition comes within the provisions of the amended legislation relative to pensions passed by Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd December, 1937.

No. 35.—Petition of MAUD DAVEY, of Dunedin.

PRAYING that she be granted an invalidity pension.

I am directed to report that, as the subject of the petition comes within the provisions of the amended legislation relative to pensions passed by Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd December, 1937.

No. 53.—Petition of A. B. JOHNSON, of Dunedin.

PRAYING that he be granted an invalidity pension.

I am directed to report that, as the subject of the petition comes within the provisions of the amended legislation relative to pensions passed by Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd December, 1937.

No. 54.—Petition of ADA M. TAPPER, of Auckland.

PRAYING that she be granted an invalidity pension.

I am directed to report that, as the subject of the petition comes within the provisions of the amended legislation relative to pensions passed by Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd December, 1937.

No. 64.—Petition of J. WALDERS, of Gore.

PRAYING that he be granted an invalidity pension or other relief.

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

2nd December, 1937.

No. 120.—Petition of J. KIRK, of Gore.

PRAYING that he be granted an invalidity pension.

I am directed to report that as the petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedy the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd December, 1937.

No. 123.—Petition of JESSIE McINNES, of Dunedin.

PRAYING that she be granted an invalidity pension.

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

2nd December, 1937.

No. 128.—Petition of CATHERINE HUTTON, of Dunedin.

PRAYING that she be granted an invalidity pension.

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

2nd December, 1937.

No. 28.—Petition of KATHLEEN NEILSON, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for an invalidity pension or other financial assistance.

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

10th March, 1938.

No. 57.—Petition of THE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS OF NEW ZEALAND
INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

PRAYING that the period served as juniors by certain individuals prior to the 15th December, 1913, be taken into account when determining their total length of service for classification purposes, or, alternatively, when promotions are being made such service be counted for seniority purposes.

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

10th March, 1938.

No. 65.—Petition of S. GRAHAM and 8 Others.

PRAYING for the provision of suitable road access to their properties.

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

F. W. SCHRAMM, Chairman.

10th March, 1938.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Public Petitions A to L Committee passed the following resolution: "That this Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the very capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Mr. F. W. Schramm, has presided over its deliberations during the session, and directs that this resolution shall be recorded in the minutes and be reported to the House."

J. B. F. COTTERILL, Member of the Committee.

15th March, 1938.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Public Petitions A to L Committee passed the following resolution: "That this Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Clerk, Mr. R. L. Cross, has carried out his duties during the session, and directs that this resolution shall be recorded in the minutes and be reported to the House."

15th March, 1938.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Public Petitions A to L Committee, consisting of ten members, held fourteen meetings during the session; the average attendance at each meeting being five. The following table shows the disposal of the business which came before the Committee:—

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F. W. SCHRAMM, Chairman.

15th March, 1938.

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