

REPORT ON PETITION OF INHABITANTS OF GOLDEN BAY AND OTHER PLACES.

THE petitioners state that there is a large and increasing trade carried on in the District of Golden Bay, that they are isolated from other settled districts, and have to depend upon a weekly postal communication by sea.

They state that telegraphic communication could be established at a comparatively small cost, and would be of great benefit to the district.

They pray that steps be at once taken to extend the telegraph line from Motueka to Collingwood.

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

15th October, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TARANAKI.

THE petitioners state that the New Zealand Titanic Steel and Iron Company (Limited) have not fulfilled the conditions which entitled them to a grant of 5,000 acres of land in Taranaki. They pray that the land be granted to the Taranaki County Council, with power of sale, for making district roads.

I am directed to report that it appears from evidence taken by the Committee that the land referred to by the petitioners has not yet been forfeited, and the Committee, having made a recommendation with respect to the land, have at present no further recommendation to make.

15th October, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TARANAKI.

THE petitioners pray that certain reserves set apart for the No. 12 and 14 Road Districts be vested in the County Council for like purposes.

REPORT ON PETITION OF COMMISSIONERS OF NO. 12 ROAD DISTRICT, TARANAKI COUNTY.

THE petitioners pray that certain reserves set apart for their road district may be vested in the County Council.

REPORT ON PETITION OF COMMISSIONERS OF NO. 14, OR MOA, ROAD DISTRICT.

THE petitioners pray that certain reserves set aside for their road district be vested in the County Council.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that a transfer of these reserves be made to the Taranaki County Council, with power to give long leases, but without power of sale, provided the original trust be maintained.

15th October, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION OF WILLIAM MCKEEVER.

THE petitioner prays that the land to which he is entitled as a military settler be granted to him.

When this case was under consideration last session, the Committee came to the conclusion, from the evidence before them, that the petitioner had deserted from the colonial force; but, having taken additional evidence this session, it appears that the petitioner was allowed to leave the service.

I am directed to report that the petitioner did not desert from the colonial force, but, as he did not serve his three years in accordance with the conditions of service, the Committee cannot recommend his claim.

15th October, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION OF GEORGE PAUL CLIFFORD.

THE petitioner prays that assistance be given him to procure photographic views of New Zealand, for the purpose of inducing persons from the rural districts in Great Britain to come to the colony, by exhibiting such views by the lime light, and delivering lectures.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

15th October, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION OF GEORGE MORLEY (No. 1).

THE petitioner prays that inquiry be made into his claims against the late Provincial Government of Taranaki on account of contract work done, the balance which he considers due not having been paid owing to the unjust decision of the engineer in charge of the work.

I am directed to report that, as it appears that the Provincial Government of Taranaki inquired into and finally decided on petitioner's claim, the Committee distinctly decline to reopen the case.

15th October, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.