

REPORT ON PETITION OF LICENSED VICTUALLERS, THAMES GOLD FIELD.

THE petitioners pray that the annual license for the sale of spirituous liquors be reduced.

I am directed to report that, as the subject of the licensing laws is now before the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

THOMAS KELLY,
Chairman.

28th August, 1877.

REPORT ON PETITION OF RESIDENTS, CLYDE, WAIROA.

THE petitioners pray that a suburban section of land containing eight acres, set apart as a Government reserve, be vested in trustees as a public recreation-ground.

I am directed to report that, in the event of the reserve in question not having been dealt with for any specific purpose, the Committee recommend that it be vested in the Chairman of the Wairoa County Council, in trust for the inhabitants of Clyde, for a public recreation-ground.

THOMAS KELLY,
Chairman.

28th August, 1877.

REPORT ON PETITION OF ANDREW THOMPSON.

THE petitioner complains of the action of the Provincial Government of Otago in reference to the Township of Hawkesbury, and prays that redress be afforded him.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the petitioner to the favourable consideration of the House.

THOMAS KELLY,
Chairman.

28th August, 1877.

REPORT ON PETITION OF CHRISTIAN NELSON.

THE petitioner states that he served as a boatman in Taranaki, and during the war was employed by General Cameron, in the Patea District, in charge of a surf-boat, and subsequently a ferryman at Waitara; that he is now out of employment, being unable to labour in consequence of heart disease. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the petitioner's case to the consideration of the Government, with the view of providing the petitioner with employment, in the event of any vacancy arising for which he is suitable.

THOMAS KELLY,
Chairman.

28th August, 1877.

REPORT ON PETITION OF GEORGE ROBERTSON.

THE petitioner states that he served in the Hutt Militia in 1846 against the rebel Natives, but that, owing to his absence from the colony when land was awarded for such service to the militia, he did not obtain an award of land. He prays that his case be taken into consideration.

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

THOMAS KELLY,
Chairman.

28th August, 1877.

REPORT ON PETITION OF RATEPAYERS OF Te ARAI HIGHWAY DISTRICT.

THE petitioners pray that the power they formerly possessed of voting rates at a public meeting of the ratepayers be restored to them.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make to the House on the subject-matter of this petition.

THOMAS KELLY,
Chairman.

28th August, 1877.

REPORT ON PETITION OF SETTLERS OF MATAURA.

THE petitioners pray that four acres of the northern portion of the police reserve in the Mataura be set apart for the use of the Agricultural Association.

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

THOMAS KELLY,
Chairman.

28th August, 1877.

REPORT ON PETITION OF IHAKARA RANGIAHUA and OTHERS.

THE petitioners state that it is wrong for the Government to encourage and allow the sale of liquor for revenue purposes. So long as the Government permit this, their teachings are deceitful. The use of liquors causes much crime, and they are forbidden by the Scriptures; they therefore pray that their sale be prohibited, and all the publichouses in both Islands smashed.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no opinion to offer to the House on the subject-matter of this petition.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

3rd September, 1877.