

No. 93.—Petition of THOMAS MCKENZIE and Others, of Wellington.

THE petitioners pray that the Municipal Corporations Bill now before the House, be not passed into law, as it materially interferes with their rights and privileges.

I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of this petition being now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not deem it necessary to make any recommendation.

29th June, 1880.

No. 97.—Petition of MARGARET BEITH.

THE petitioner states that her husband was killed while in the employ of the Government in erecting a steam-crane, by the falling of a portion of the machinery on him; that the Government paid her a sum equal to the wages her late husband was entitled to receive for six months. She prays that a further sum, making a total of twelve months' wages, be paid her.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not deem it advisable to interfere with the decision arrived at by the Government in the petitioner's case.

29th June, 1880.

Nos. 98A, 98B, 98C, 98D, 98E, 98F, 99, and 100.—Petitions of ALEXANDER CRAWFORD and Others; WILLIAM MURRAY and Others, and THOMAS GUTHRIE and Others; DAVID DUNBAR, and DUNBAR and Others; JOHN LAMONT and Others, and ALEXANDER KING and Others; JOSEPH CUFF and Others; ANDREW POLLOCK and Others; W. P. GRINSTED and Others; HOGG and HUTTON and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the system of issuing licenses to sell wines and spirits by the bottle be continued, and that provision be made accordingly in the Licensing Bill now before the House.

I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of these petitions being now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not deem it necessary to make any recommendation.

29th June, 1880.

No. 105.—Petition of WILLIAM BROOKING and other Members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, New Plymouth.

THE petitioners state that they are already burdened with liabilities not imposed on other trades or callings, and the imposition of a tax on colonial beer will fall entirely on them: they therefore pray that their view of the case be taken into consideration, and that they be relieved from the tax, or that its provisions be modified.

I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of this petition being now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not deem it necessary to make any recommendation.

29th June, 1880.

No. 114.—Petition of JOSEPH SOLER.

THE petitioner states that he is a vintner in the Town of Wanganui, where he cultivates the vine and manufactures wine; that, owing to the absence of a bottle license, he cannot sell less than two gallons of wine. The authority to issue bottle licenses would materially assist him; and he prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of this petition being now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not deem it necessary to make any recommendation.

29th June, 1880.

No. 28.—Petition of ROBERT ATKINSON.

THE petitioner was dismissed from the Customs Department in 1874 for not reporting the irregularities of a superior officer, of which he had a knowledge, and he prays for further investigation of his claim for employment in the public service.

I am directed to report that, as, during the session of 1879, on the recommendation of the Committee, the petitioner was employed in the Armed Constabulary, but lost his appointment in consequence of exceeding his leave of absence, the Committee have no further recommendation to make in the case of the petitioner.

29th June, 1880.

No. 2.—Petition of THOMAS SANDERSON.

THE petitioner prays for further compensation for alleged injury to his property by the making of a public road by the Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim for further compensation against the colony; but if he is of a different opinion he can avail himself of the protection which the law provides in such cases.

6th July, 1880.

No. 67.—Petition of J. H. SUTTER and Others, of Timaru.

THE petitioners state that in their opinion the property-tax is unfair in principle, and will prove exceedingly injurious to the progress of the colony. They pray that it be repealed.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition involves a question of public policy now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

6th July, 1880.