

No. 368.—Petition of RATEPAYERS and PROPERTY-OWNERS of Karangahape, County of Eden.

THE petitioners pray that relief be given them in making and maintaining the roads in their district.

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

27th August, 1880.

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No. 353.—Petition of SETTLERS resident in the Makarewa Valley.

THE petitioners pray that the route of the Forest Hill Tramway be to the south of Forest Hill, as the public interest would be better served and the Crown lands receive greater value than if the Gap route was adopted by the Government.

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

27th August, 1880.

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No. 361.—Petition of C. GREENWOOD and Others, of Christchurch.

THE petitioners pray that licenses to sell spirits by the bottle be not authorized.

I am directed to report that, as the Licensing Bill is withdrawn for this session, the petition is referred to the Government.

27th August, 1880.

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No. 320.—Petition of F. W. F. LUKIS and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the Hawera Light Horse Volunteers be placed on the same footing as regards pay as the Waikato Cavalry Volunteers.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the subject of this petition is one for the consideration of the Government, to whom the petition is referred.

27th August, 1880.

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No. 359.—Petition of RATEPAYERS of Portobello Road District.

THE petitioners pray that the House will take such steps as may be necessary to make the harbour beach-road a main district road, and that the boundary of the road districts be altered.

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

27th August, 1880.

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Nos. 322 and 335.—Petitions of A. ROGERS and other Persons employed on the Auckland Railways; and JOHN HISLOP and other Persons employed on the Southland Railways.

THE petitioners pray that a reduction of 10 per cent. be not made in their wages.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the subject-matter of these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

27th August, 1880.

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No. 327.—Petition of ARTHUR PITTAR and other Settlers of Great Barrier Island.

THE petitioners pray that steam-communication be established with that island.

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

27th August, 1880.

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No. 343.—Petition of RESIDENTS of Seventy-mile Bush.

THE petitioners state that they were promised, when they were located on the land, that employment would be afforded them till the line of railway reached Woodville, and hitherto this promise has been kept, and they have struggled on under many privations, hoping that the railway would be extended to their district. They pray that the twelve miles beyond Makatoko which is cleared of bush be proceeded with, as a small sum spent on the earthworks would give great relief to them.

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

27th August, 1880.

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No. 352.—Petition of WANGANUI VOLUNTEERS.

THE petitioners pray that the Volunteer capitation grant be continued, and that a sum of £300 be given towards the cost of a drill-shed.

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

27th August, 1880.

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No. 19.—Petition of JAMES EDMUND FITZGERALD COYLE.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for loss sustained by him in carrying out a contract for surveying 85,782 acres of land in Canterbury, the loss being occasioned in consequence of the terms of his contract not having been observed by the Chief Surveyor of Canterbury, in not supplying him with a triangulation of the block in advance of his sectional surveys, and in deviating from the terms of the contract by requiring preliminary plans, and delaying his working staff by not returning them promptly. That, owing to the delays so occasioned, he has sustained great loss, and prays that relief be afforded him.