

No. 111.—Petition of P. R. McRAE.

THE petitioner states that he is a sheep-farmer residing in the Awatere District; that in 1883 he held a clean certificate, but in November of said year his sheep were declared infected with scab; that on the 18th August, 1884, notwithstanding that he had used every means in his power to clean the said sheep, he was convicted and fined £250 and costs; that he continued to make every exertion to eradicate the disease, but on the 15th May, 1885, he was fined £147 2s. and costs, three diseased sheep having been found in his flock; that in August, 1885, he received a clean certificate, which he still holds; that he has paid the foregoing fines and costs, amounting to £399 18s. He prays for an inquiry into his case, a remission of penalties, or other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee can see no reason to alter the decision arrived at last year.

15th June, 1886.

No. 21.—Petition of CAMERON and BASSETT.

THE petitioners state that they are the contractors with the Government for the morning mail service between Hokitika and Kumara; that according to contract the service was to be carried out by a two-horse coach, but that, owing to the Arahura Bridge having been washed away, they have been compelled to employ four horses, and have been put to other expenses in order to fulfil their contract. They pray for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider the petitioners have any claim against the Government.

16th June, 1886.

No. 137.—Petition of JOHN MUIR and Others.

THE petitioners, settlers in the Wairoa District, pray for improvement in the railway management.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Committee appointed on the 28th May to inquire into Mr. Samuel Vaile's scheme.

16th June, 1886.

Nos. 138 and 139.—Petitions of F. GERMANN, and JAMES RYBURN (No. 1).

THE petitioners pray that effect may be given to a resolution of the Auckland District Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, by constituting the Counties of Waipa, Waikato, Raglan, and the Borough of Hamilton into a hospital district, under the name of the "Waikato District."

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

16th June, 1886.

No. 128.—Petition of C. K. ROSKRUGE and Others.

THE petitioners, inhabitants of Auckland, state that a petition is in the course of signature praying that a railway loop-line may be constructed from Auckland to Penrose, running along the foreshore at Parnell. They pray that the prayer of the said petition may not be granted.

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

16th June, 1886.

No. 86.—Petition of W. CARPENTER and Others.

THE petitioners, policy-holders in the Government Life Insurance Association, pray that the Government will resume entire control of the department; that in lieu of managers and agents the Postmasters should be the district appointees of the Government in matters of insurance, and that, instead of salaried local and itinerant agents, the right should be accorded to every policy-holder to canvass for and receive a commission on insurances effected by them.

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

17th June, 1886.

No. 119.—Petition of GEORGE PENNEY and Others.

THE petitioners, ratepayers of the Town District of Gordon, pray that Gordon and Gore may not be amalgamated as one municipality.

I am directed to report that, as a Bill dealing with this matter is now before the House, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

17th June, 1886.

No. 96.—Petition of JOHN MACGIBBON and Others, of Gordon.

THE petitioners, ratepayers of the Town District of Gordon, pray that Gordon and Gore may be amalgamated as one municipality.

I am directed to report that, as a Bill dealing with this matter is now before the House, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

17th June, 1886.

No. 151.—Petition of WILLIAM KELLY, of Rotorua.

THE petitioner states that he leased a piece of land at Ohinemutu from the Natives in November, 1880, for the term of twenty-one years; that owing to the passing of the "Thermal Springs Act, 1881," his lease became invalid; that the Government refused to confirm his lease for more than