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REPORTS OF PUBLIC PETITIONS, A TO L, COMMITTEE

(MR. SEYMOUR, CHAIRMAN.)

Presented to the House of Representatives, Session II., 1887, and ordered to be printed.

No. 17.—Petition of CAROLINE GUTHRIE.

THE petitioner states that she is unable, for want of funds, to appeal against the judgment which was given against her in an action brought by her against Charles Thomas Tatum. She prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make. 8th November, 1887.

No. 7.—Petition of James Hallam and Others.

The petitioners, working-men of Christchurch, pray the House to consider the necessity of finding work for the "unemployed."

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

8th November, 1887.

No. 13.—Petition of Thomas B. Hannaford (No. 1).

The petitioner invites the attention of the House to his invention of a beacon.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make.

8th November, 1887.

Nos. 31 and 52.—Petitions of RICHARD DAVIS and PATRICK FLYNN.

The petitioners state that they were formerly soldiers in the Imperial service, and that they served in Maori wars in New Zealand. They pray for grants of land.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these petitions should be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

8th November, 1887.

No. 64.—Petition of the BISHOP of WELLINGTON.

THE petitioner prays for grants from the public funds in aid of denominational schools.

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

8th November, 1887.

Nos. 79 and 80, and 81.—Petitions of Monsignor Walter McDonald and Others and Thomas Cleary and Others.

THE petitioners, Roman Catholics, pray that their schools may be placed on an equality with the public schools of the colony.

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

8th November, 1887.

No. 33.—Petition of Alexander McCausland Hamilton.

The petitioner states that in April, 1879, he, being in the service of the New Zealand Railways Department, was injured while on duty by the negligence of an engine-driver, and consequently suffered amputation of his leg. That the sum of £50 was paid to him by the Government by way of compensation, which sum he considers to be inadequate. He prays for further consideration.

I am directed to report that the Committee, being of opinion that the consideration of £50

I am directed to report that the Committee, being of opinion that the consideration of £50 already awarded to the petitioner is insufficient, recommends the Government to pay the petitioner a further sum of £50 in full satisfaction of all claims.

10th November, 1887.

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