

No. 39.—Petition of B. H. DARNELL.

THE petitioner prays for revision of the rents charged on certain Native lands.

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

10th November, 1887.

No. 55.—Petition of G. W. GANE.

THE petitioner states that in January, 1885, he purchased at auction from the Taranaki County Council, for £155, the right to collect the dog registration fee for the County of Taranaki; that in November, 1885, he obtained judgment in the Resident Magistrate's Court against certain Natives for fines of 5s. and costs, or seven days' imprisonment; that the fines and other penalties were afterwards remitted by the Government, whereby the petitioner suffered loss. He prays for compensation.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, any claim the petitioner may have is not against the Government, but against the County Council.

10th November, 1887.

No. 58.—Petition of H. W. FARNALL.

THE petitioner prays that his deposit of £10, forfeited according to the provisions of "The Electoral Acts Amendment Act, 1887," may be returned to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on the subject of this petition.

10th November, 1887.

No. 76.—Petition of H. G. BARBER.

THE petitioner states that he is improperly detained in the Auckland Lunatic Asylum, being of sound mind; and prays for his discharge.

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

10th November, 1887.

No. 66.—Petition of A. AYERS and Others.

THE petitioners pray for the construction of four and a half miles of railway between Sumner and the Ferry-mead Junction, on the Christchurch and Lyttelton Railway, submitting that such a work is a desirable one in itself, and that its construction would be a proper measure of relief to the "unemployed" of the Christchurch District.

I am instructed to report that the Committee recommend this work to the favourable consideration of the Government, the line to be constructed by the "unemployed," and by piece-work.

10th November, 1887.

Nos. 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 103, 105, and 107.—Petitions of T. M. JACKSON and Others, R. KAY and Others, J. ABBOTT and Others, W. HUNTER and Others, W. FERGUS and Others, J. H. FORSMAN and Others, S. J. EDMONDS and Others, S. Y. COLLINS and Others, and W. S. JONES and Others.

THE petitioners pray for the construction of a line of railway connecting the North Island Trunk Railway with the Government West Coast Railway at Stratford.

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

10th November, 1887.

No. 151.—Petition of E. HAYLOCK and Others.

THE petitioners, being tenants of the Crown in the Provincial District of Nelson, pray for amendment of certain clauses in their leases.

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

10th November, 1887.

No. 3.—Petition of JOHN CASWELL.

THE petitioner, on his dismissal from the post of Warder in the Auckland Lunatic Asylum, signed an agreement to accept four months' pay "in full satisfaction of all claims." He received a cheque for £23 6s. 8d., being four months' wages at the rate of £70 a year. He claims a further payment of £17 in lieu of four months' board and lodging at the Asylum.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no further claim against the colony.

15th November, 1887.

No. 77.—Petition of J. CONLEY.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for loss of a boat, supposed to have been stolen by boys escaped from Kohimarama Industrial School.

No. 137, Sess. I.—Petition of G. N. BRASSEY.

THE petitioner prays for payment of five guineas, alleged to have been awarded to him by arbitrators on a claim against the Postmaster-General.