

No. 199.—Petition of GEORGE MOOR and Others, of Auckland.

THE petitioners pray for the completion of the construction of the main road north of Auckland.

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

13th August, 1890.

No. 67.—Petition of J. W. WHEELER and Others, of Sumner.

THE petitioners pray that the deaf-and-dumb institution at Sumner may not be removed elsewhere until the new Parliament has debated the question.

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

13th August, 1890.

No. 154.—Petition of JAMES MEEHAN, of Cheltenham, Wellington.

THE petitioner states that he entered the Police Force in March, 1878, and resigned in March, 1890; that in July, 1884, while arresting a prisoner, he was severely bitten on the hand; that he has never recovered from this injury, but still suffers and is likely to suffer greatly from it. He prays for some compensation for injuries received.

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

13th August, 1890.

No. 185.—Petition of JOHN MYNOTT, of New Plymouth.

THE petitioner states that last session he was accused of having been guilty of contempt of the House in connection with his petition. He now prays that his name may be erased from the parliamentary records, and that the House will express its satisfaction at the prompt and satisfactory way in which he cleared himself of the charge of contempt.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, effect should be given to the prayer of the petitioner to the extent that any record of his having been guilty of a breach of privilege in connection with a petition presented last session be expunged from the Journals of the House.

13th August, 1890.

No. 186.—Petition of the BISHOP OF WELLINGTON.

THE petitioner prays that the Private Schools Bill may be passed.

I am directed to report that, as this Bill is now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th August, 1890.

No. 155.—Petition of GEORGE M. SNELSON, Mayor of Palmerston North, and ROBERT N. KEELING, Town Clerk.

THE petitioners pray that the law may be so amended as to render the Railway Commissioners liable for rates on dwellings which they are letting to tenants.

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

13th August, 1890.

No. 158.—Petition of ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD.

THE petitioner prays for the return of certain fees paid in respect of "The Roman Catholic Lands Act Extension Act, 1890."

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

13th August, 1890.

No. 145.—Petition of J. D. MCKENZIE and Others.

THE petitioners, miners, leaseholders, and shareholders interested in the Puhipuhi Goldfields District, pray that the boundaries of the Whangarei County may be so altered as to include the whole of the Puhipuhi Block within the said county.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration. (*Vide* also Appendix I.—2A.)

19th August, 1890.

No. 178.—Petition of F. MACKENZIE and Others.

THE petitioners, members of the Bay of Islands County Council and settlers in the Bay of Islands County, pray that no alteration may be made in the boundaries of the said county.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration. (*Vide* also Appendix I.—2A.)

19th August, 1890.

No. 195.—Petition of the ODD FELLOWS FRIENDLY SOCIETY, of Hawke's Bay.

THE petitioners, members of the above-named society, pray that the House will take such steps as may be deemed necessary to remove the blemish and aspersions which they allege are cast upon the friendly societies in the colony by the statements of the Inspector of Hospitals in his report on the hospitals and charitable institutions.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioners have petitioned