No. 78.—Petition of Allan McLean and Others, of Hawke's Bay.

Petitioners pray that the House will take steps to prevent the use of the totalisator.

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

4th July, 1893.

No. 9.—Petition of John Peter Oakes, of Auckland.

PETITIONER claims a block of land, situated on the eastern side of the Hauraki Gulf, in the District of Auckland.

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

12th July, 1893.

No. 11.—Petition of HENRY SALT, of Sydenham.

Petitioner, who was employed on the railway from March, 1876, to the 1st December, 1892, as crane-driver, and also on the Rangitata Bridge, where he alleges he had to work night and day, in all kinds of weather, without any shelter, he so injured his health that, in all probability, he will be an invalid for life. He prays for compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petitioner be paid the sum of

£100 in full discharge of all claims.

12th July, 1893.

No. 26.—Petition of WILLIAM RACKLEY.

Petitioner prays that he be paid compensation, or retiring-allowance, in connection with services

faithfully rendered whilst in the employ of the New Zealand Government Railways Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the petitioner to apply to the New Zealand Railway Commissioners, who state in their report that he is entitled to £184 as retiringallowance, and are prepared to recommend the payment of such sum to the petitioner.

12th July, 1893.

No. 29.—Petition of W. G. SUTHERLAND and Others, of Waiongona, Taranaki. Petitioners pray that the Railway-station at Waiongona may not be removed.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the petition. 12th July, 1893.

No. 39.—Petition of Peter McKegney, of Huxley Street, Sydenham.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of injuries sustained while in the employ of the Railway Commissioners, or for suitable employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the petitioner.

12th July, 1893.

No. 44.—Petition of WILLIAM ROBERTSON and Others, of Sandymount, Otago.

Re a Crown grant.

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

12th July, 1893.

No. 47.—Petition of Joseph Sandlant, of Gisborne.

Petitioner states he is the founder of the perpetual-lease system; he prays for compensation. I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim whatever on the colony.

12th July, 1893.

No. 76.—Petition of James Plumley, of Otahuhu, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for serious injuries he sustained while in the employ of the Railway Commissioners.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petitioner be paid the sum of £100 in full discharge of all claims.

12th July, 1893.

No. 81.—Petition of WILLIAM WALLNUTT and Others, of Mangawai, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for protection against proposed influx of Austrians on the gum-fields.

I am directed to report that, as a Bill is before the House proposing to deal with this question, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

12th July, 1893.

No. 106.—Petition of the BISHOP of WAIAPU.

Petitioner prays that resolution of Diocesan Synod of Waiapu in favour of direct veto may be given effect to by legislation.

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

to the Government for consideration.

12th July, 1893.