

No. 159.—Petition of R. SPEIGHT, Hon. Secretary, Philosophical Institute of Canterbury.

PETITIONER prays for the publication of a Student Handbook of New Zealand Flora, the authorship to be undertaken by Mr. Thomas Kirk, F.L.S.

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

19th July, 1893.

No. 147.—Petition of A. C. MILNE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Waimate Riding of the County of Hawera may not be included in the proposed new County of Egmont.

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

19th July, 1893.

No. 180.—Petition of A. McKEOWN and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Waimate Riding of the Hawera County may be included in the proposed new County of Egmont.

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

19th July, 1893.

Nos. 146, 150, 174, 175.—Petitions of A. WEBBER and Others, G. H. ROACH and Others, C. A. WILSON and Others, NEAL AND CLOSE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Saturday afternoon may be the fixed half-holiday.

No. 139.—Petition of A. SLIGO and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that it should not be made compulsory to close on Saturday afternoon.

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

19th July, 1893.

No. 59.—Petition of D. T. SMITH, late Assistant-Librarian, Parliamentary Library.

PETITIONER prays that he may be allowed some additional retiring-allowance.

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

19th July.

No. 85.—Petition of Mrs. ELLEN SMITH (First Report).

PETITIONER prays that "The Public Trust Office Acts Amendment Act, 1891," may be so amended so as to empower and direct the Public Trustee to pay to the petitioner the residue of the estate of her late husband.

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

19th July, 1893.

No. 105.—Petition of F. H. VON SCHONBERG, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that a Commission may be set up to inquire into certain matters in connection with the Resident Magistrate's Court at Timaru; he also prays that the House will grant him some relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted as regards a Commission of inquiry; and further, is of opinion that the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

19th July, 1893.

Nos. 16 and 162.—Petition of Mrs. MARY A. MUIR, of Hawera, and MARTIN MURPHY, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of land for military services.

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

21st July, 1893.

No. 170.—Petition of MARGARET SMITH, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry may be held into certain charges that have been made against her.

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

21st July, 1893.

No. 61.—Petition of J. M. WILLIAMSON, of Parnell.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for wrongful dismissal from the Railway Service, or to be reinstated in that service.

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

21st July, 1893.