

Nos. 182, 189, 200, 181, 211, 183, 218, 208, 220, 202, 224, 227, 203, 222, 205.—Petitions of T. J. WILLS and Others, of Hawke's Bay, W. S. McDONALD and Others, W. WEST and Others, J. SOWRY and Others, J. MCGREGOR and Others, F. W. REDWARD and Others, J. A. WILSON and Others, B. C. ROBBINS and Others, E. WALKER and Others, W. M. VOWELL and Others, W. WHITEFIELD and Others, J. WILLIS and Others, W. MOIR and Others, M. E. THOMAS and Others, R. F. WEBSTER and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Direct Veto Bill may be passed into law.

I am directed to report that, as the Direct Veto Bill is now before the House, these petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

26th July, 1893.

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No. 235.—Petition of E. W. P. SEON and Others, of Hokianga.

PETITIONERS state that the subsidy of £50 per annum, offered by the Government to a medical man to become resident in the district and attend on the Natives, is altogether too small; they pray for a larger subsidy.

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government for its favourable consideration by granting the prayer of petitioners, by payment of an annual subsidy not exceeding £100, so as to insure the residence in the district of a duly-qualified medical practitioner.

28th July, 1893.

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No. 73.—Petition of H. MEHAFFY, of Stratford, Taranaki.

PETITIONER states he presented an indictment for perjury against one J. Sharrock, at the last sitting of the Supreme Court at New Plymouth, which the Grand Jury threw out; he prays that the Crown Prosecutor at Taranaki may be directed to re-present a bill of indictment against the said J. Sharrock.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has shown no reason for reopening the case, and cannot therefore recommend the Government to take any action in the matter.

28th July, 1893.

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No. 214.—Petition of JOHN WILLETTS and Others, of Herbert.

PETITIONERS pray that relief may be granted to Mrs. Irvine, whose husband was killed in the coal-mine at Kurow.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that Mrs. Irvine should apply to the Board constituted by the provisions of "The Kaitangata Relief Fund Transfer Act, 1892," for relief; failing obtaining it from that Board, the Committee would recommend that the Government should take this case into consideration and deal with it as if the application had been made within the ten days prescribed by the Coal-mines Act.

28th July, 1893.

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No. 234.—Petition of JOHN WRIGHT and Others, of Outram.

PETITIONERS pray that a Bill may be passed fixing the scale of fees, as to attendance, mileage, &c., of medical men.

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

28th July, 1893.

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No. 216.—Petition of JOHN McARTHUR and Others, of Hanmer Plains.

PETITIONERS pray for telephonic communication between Hanmer Plains and Culverden.

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

28th July, 1893.

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No. 262.—Petition of T. H. SMITH, of Maketu, Bay of Plenty.

PETITIONER prays that a title may be granted him to certain Native lands in the Maketu District.

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

2nd August, 1893.

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Nos. 246, 249, 250.—Petition of J. B. SIMPSON and Others, WILSON BROTHERS and Others, H. T. GREEN and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Saturday may be declared the statutory half-holiday.

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

2nd August, 1893.

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Nos. 245, 274, 281, 269, 276.—Petition of J. L. WALTON and Others, of Thames; S. H. STOKES and Others, of Ashburton; D. D. ROGERS and Others, of Cust; J. THOMPSON and Others, of Greendale; W. S. STEWART and Others, of Foxton.

PETITIONERS pray that the Direct Veto Bill may pass into law.

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

2nd August, 1893.