No. 35.—Petition of F. Neilson, of Maitland Street, Dunedin.

PETITIONER, who is the owner of a section of land in Maitland Street, Dunedin, had a lawsuit with the owner of the adjoining section respecting the frontage, which lawsuit he lost, with costs amounting to about £150; he prays that the House will take his case into consideration and grant him relief.

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

16th August, 1893.

No. 355.—Petition of C. F. MITCHELL and Others, of Paeroa.

Petitioners pray that the Government will see their way to erect a Courthouse and Police-station in the township of Paeroa.

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

to the Government for consideration.

16th August, 1893.

No 342.—Petition of F. Smith, of Waimate, South Canterbury.

PETITIONER prays that the duty on certain important photographic materials, which cannot be manufactured in the colony, may be abolished, and that the duty upon imported photographic pictures of New Zealand scenery may be increased.

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

to the Government for consideration.

16th August, 1893.

No. 329.—Petition of D. McGregor and others, of Hampden Riding, Central Buller. Petitioners pray that a cart bridge may be erected across the Buller River, on the Main Trunk Line from Murchison to Longford.

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

to the Government for consideration.

16th August, 1893.

No. 356.—Petition of M. Robertson and others, of the Gordon Special Settlement, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for a bi-weekly mail service from Te Aroha.

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

16th August, 1893.

Nos. 358 and 360.—Petitions of L. F. Rattray and Others, of Auckland; and J. W. Wilson and Others, of Whangarei.

Petitioners pray that the franchise may be extended to women.

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

23rd August, 1893.

No. 317.—Petition of A. J. Perrott and others, of Waimate Riding, County of Hawera. 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, as a Bill is now before the House dealing with this question, the

Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd August, 1893.

Nos. 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, and 397.—Petitions of S. Carnell and Others, of Napier; T. M. B. Muir and Others, of Invercargill; D. A. De Maus, of Port Chalmers; J. R. Morris, Junr., of Dunedin; C. Martin, of Oamaru; A. Fischer; J. J. McCaskey, of Geraldine; J. Ellery, of Kumara; Wrigglesworth and Binns and Others, of Christchurch; J. Chinn, of Blenheim; James Bragge and Others; W. Dawson and Others, of Hellyer's Creek; W. Tylee and Others, of Nelson; A. Martin and Others, of Wanganui; A. Muir; C. P. Browne and Another, of Gisborne; J. R. Hanna and Others, of Auckland; J. Low, of Kawakawa; and J. M. Foy.

Petitioners pray that the duty on certain important photographic materials which cannot be manufactured in the colony may be abolished, and that the duty upon imported photographic pictures of New Zealand scenery may be increased.

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

referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd August, 1893.

No. 375.—Petition of Charles O. Mules, President of the Philosophical Society, Nelson. Petitioner prays for the publication by the Government 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 favourable consideration.

23rd August, 1893.