No. 412.—Petition of Sir Julius Vogel, by his agent, H. B. Vogel, of Wellington.

Petitioner prays that an Act may be passed so as to enable him to present his claim for commission on a £5,000,000 loan in the Supreme Court.

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

5th September, 1893.

No 275.—Petition of W. H. REVELL, of Timaru.

Petitioner prays for compensation or retiring-allowance, he having served the colony in various capacities for nearly thirty-nine years.

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

Government for favourable consideration.

5th September, 1893.

No. 171.—Petition of PARKER AND MADDOCK, of Blenheim.

Petitioners, who were the contractors for certain railway-works, known as the Dashwood Railway Contract, state that £1,741 16s. 10d. was deducted by the Public Works Department on completion of the contract from their contract price. They pray that such balance as may be found to be fairly and equitably due to them may be paid to them.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to Government for favourable consideration; and the Committee suggest that the sum of £350 would

be a fair compromise.

5th September, 1893.

No 261.—Petition of the Maniototo County Council, by the Chairman, W. Guffie, and two Councillors.

PETITIONERS state that the cost of resuming Sections 14 and 15, Kyeburn District, for mining purposes, was fully £150 in excess of what it ought to have been, owing to the mistakes and errors in judgment of Government officials. They pray for relief.

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

5th September, 1893.

No. 455.—Petition of A. J. McCluskey, of Auckland (No. 1).

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Prisons Department, at Wanganui.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner is not entitled to

compensation.

18th September, 1893.

No. 456.—Petition of A. J. McCluskey, of Auckland (No. 2).

PETITIONER prays that a Committee may be appointed to inquire into certain grave charges that have been made against him, and to examine books, papers, and correspondence relating thereto, with a view of removing the stigma now cast upon him, so that he may obtain the compensation he would be entitled to when he was retired from the Inspectorship of Police.

I am directed to report that the charges made against the petitioner have been carefully inquired into, and as no new evidence has been adduced by the petitioner, the Committee is of

opinion that there is no need for further inquiry.

18th September, 1893.

No. 457.—Petition of A. J. McCluskey, of Auckland (No. 3).

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office as police constable.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the petitioner as being entitled to compensation.

18th September, 1893.

No. 489.—Petition of John McIvor, of Palmerston North.

Petitioner states he was appointed magazine-keeper at Normanby in September, 1881 (which office he held for eight years), at a salary of £10 per annum in addition to his pay as constable, but has received no salary. He prays that the sum of £80 may be paid to him.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitioner has no claim on the

colony.

18th September, 1893.

No. 472.—Petition of James Vipond and Others, of Matakana.

PETITIONERS, who are perpetual leaseholders, pray for a revaluation of their holdings.

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

18th September, 1893.