

No. 628, 1892.—Petition of WILLIAM DODDS, of Otaki.

PETITIONER states that in the year 1848 his father, brother, and himself were promised grants of land for erecting a flour-mill at Otaki, and that the land so promised has never been given to them. He prays for relief.

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

1st September, 1893.

No. 79.—Petition of CHARLES BIXBY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that after over eighteen years' service in the Public Works Department as carpenter, overseer, and then inspector, he has been discharged without any compensation, although his work has always been satisfactorily performed. He prays for relief.

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

5th September, 1893.

No. 420.—Petition of PETER COIRA, of Temuka.

PETITIONER states that he found certain jewellery in his paddock, which was handed over to the police for identification. The jewellery has never been claimed, and is still in the custody of the police. He prays that the jewellery be given back to him.

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

5th September, 1893.

No. 425.—Petition of JOHN CAMPBELL, of Southland.

PETITIONER states that, through having undertaken a contract with the Government to supply 150,000 creosoted sleepers, he set up a large creosoting plant in Southland, and that now the Government will not let any further contracts for the supply of creosoted sleepers, consequently his expensive plant is now lying idle. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the petitioner has no claim against the Government; but, in the opinion of the Committee, some further experiments should be made by which the soft woods of the colony could be utilized.

5th September, 1893.

No. 418.—Petition of JOSEPH BOWMAR, of Waikawa.

PETITIONER states that he acquired certain land and erected a boundary-fence thereon. It has since been ascertained that the survey-line was an incorrect one. He prays for relief.

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

7th September, 1893.

No. 485.—Petition of JOHN DRUMMOND, of Wairarapa.

PETITIONER states that between the years 1877 and 1890 he paid away the amount of £402 15s. 4d. in travelling-expenses out of his own moneys while performing the duties as Stock Inspector for the Government, through pressure of work, and inability to obtain receipts at the time. He prays that the above amount be refunded to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the amount due to the petitioner, as per audited accounts furnished, be paid to him.

12th September, 1893.

No. 496.—Petition of WILLIAM DUNN and 1,443 Others, of Brunner, Greymouth, and County of Grey.

PETITIONERS pray for a reduction to 6d. per ton on the royalties paid on coal taken from the mines at Brunner.

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

12th September, 1893.

No. 410.—Petition of THOMAS JOHNSTON JONES, of Granity Creek.

PETITIONER states that on Easter Monday last he met with a serious accident at the Granity Creek Railway-station, and that the said accident was caused by the approach to the line being out of repair, and that he did not receive proper attention from the District Railway Manager. He prays for an inquiry.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the Resident Magistrate at Westport be instructed to make further inquiries into the statements made by the petitioner, and to report to the Government.

13th September, 1893.

No. 471.—Petition of JOHN BERRELL and 69 Others, of Port Chalmers.

PETITIONERS pray that powers be granted to corporate bodies to pass a by-law to cause all fish to be passed through a market.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

13th September, 1893.