

No. 456.—Petition of E. A. LONGMAN and 182 Others, of Belfast.

PETITIONERS pray for Government assistance to procure recreation- and burial-grounds for Belfast.

I am directed to report that the evidence shows that there is a considerable population congested at Belfast, the same being a part of the Avon Road District, and that, as there are no Crown lands available for the purposes named in the petition, the Committee recommends the matter to the consideration of the Government.

18th October, 1895.

No. 480.—Petition of J. M. LENNOX (Chairman, Stock Sharebrokers' Association) and Others of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the Stamp Act of 1882 and the Mining Companies Act may be amended as indicated.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of this petition involves a matter of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

18th October, 1895.

No. 404.—Petition of WILLIAM CHADWIN, Jun., and 73 Others, of Maungaturoto.

PETITIONERS pray that the sum of £500 may be placed upon the estimates for the erection of a wharf on the Otamatea River.

I am directed to report that, as the executive officer of the Lands Department reports that this matter has already been considered, and that there are no funds at present available for the work, the Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

22nd October, 1895.

No. 463.—Petition of H. HANSEN, of Kelso.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of injuries received while in the service of the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that, as it has been shown that the petitioner's case is now under consideration by the Government, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

22nd October, 1895.

No. 183.—Petition of H. H. HERON and 264 Others, of Roxburgh.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the Heriot-Roxburgh Railroad.

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

22nd October, 1895.

No. 482.—Petition of A. S. FORD, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that matches imported by him for the purposes of certain patent rights may be exempt from duty.

I am directed to report that, having taken evidence, and also seen experiments made with regard to the waterproof qualities of the petitioner's matches, the Committee recommends the subject-matter of the petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

22nd October, 1895.

No. 499.—Petition of GERALDINE COUNTY ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY (A. M. Clarke, President), Temuka.

PETITIONERS pray that Lakes Te Kapo, Pukaki, Ohau, and Alexandrina may be thrown open for the netting of trout.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the Government should relax the regulations upon this matter to the extent of allowing an officer of the said Acclimatisation Society to use nets for the purpose of catching trout in the lakes named, with the view of testing the advisability of the society's recommendation.

26th October, 1895.

No. 492.—Petition of F. HOPKINS, and 74 Others, of Christchurch.

PETITIONERS pray for redress on account of alleged injustice done to butchers by certain provisions in "The Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses Act, 1894."

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition is dealt with by a Bill now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

26th October, 1895.

No. 488.—Petition of F. S. HALL and 6 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of money in aid of road construction.

I am directed to report that, as it has been shown that the Government has already dealt with this matter in the estimates, the Committee has therefore no recommendation to make.

26th October, 1895.