

No. 72.—Petition of JOSEPH STEVENSON and 9 Others, of the Pomahaka Downs Estate.
 PETITIONERS pray for a revaluation of the Pomahaka Downs Estate.

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

16th July, 1895.

No. 24.—Petition of WILLIAM MCCALLUM and 65 Others, of Waipahi.

PETITIONERS pray for the erection of a traffic-bridge over the Waipahi Stream, at the Township of Waipahi (Clutha County).

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

16th July, 1895.

No. 69.—Petition of ABRAHAM STOTT, of Wellington (No. 1).

PETITIONER states that he was for four and a half years Drill Instructor to the Volunteers in New Zealand, and that he was disabled through an accident while following his occupation. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having carefully considered the evidence submitted to them in connection with this petition, is of opinion that the petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

18th July, 1895.

No. 79.—Petition of E. TOWNLEY and 323 Others, of Gisborne.

PETITIONERS pray that legislation may be passed this session to remove the disabilities which at present hinder women from sitting as members of the Legislature, or from being elected or appointed to any public office or position in the colony, &c.

I am directed to report that, as there is legislation now before Parliament dealing with the subject-matter of the petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

18th July, 1895.

No. 85.—Petition of PONSONBY PEACOCKE and 31 Others, of Tauhoa.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of £250 may be placed on the estimates to make the Te Pahi Road fit for wheel-traffic.

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

18th July, 1895.

No. 93.—Petition of JAMES MCGONAGLE and 54 Others, of Maruia.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of money be placed on the estimates for the repair of the Fern Flat to the Maruia Valley horse-track.

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

18th July, 1895.

No. 91.—Petition of HORATIO D. NELSON, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that an extra duty may be imposed on all packets and boxes of tea under 20lb. weight imported into the colony.

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

18th July, 1895.

No. 61.—Petition of JOHN SCHOLLUM, Jun., and 32 Others, of Puhoi.

PETITIONERS pray for an extension of the Postal Service in the parish of Puhoi and adjoining districts.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition is already being considered by the Government, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd July, 1895.

No. 74.—Petition of ROBERT ROSS, of Hokitika.

PETITIONER states that he was employed in repairing ballast-wagons on the Greymouth-Hokitika Railway for the Public Works Department, and while so employed he sustained a fracture of the thigh-bone, which injury has completely disabled him. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitioner be granted the full amount to which he is entitled under the regulations of the Public Works Department.

23rd July, 1895.

No. 98.—Petition of ELIZABETH WHITTOCK, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER states that her husband, who was a messenger in the Customs Department at Dunedin, was lost on his way home on the night of the 12th June, 1891, and that she is now in very straitened circumstances. She prays for relief.

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

23rd July, 1895.