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No. 9.—Petition of J. H. KELLY, of Ngaruawahia.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for sheep said to have been poisoned by a Rabbit Inspector.

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

4th November, 1897.

No. 82.—Petition of H. E. CROFTS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

4th November, 1897.

No. 85.—Petition of JOHN HAY, of Middlesmarch.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged ill-treatment by the police.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not supported his statements by evidence, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th November, 1897.

No. 35.—Petition of J. H. DYER, of Hokianga.

PETITIONER prays for redress as against the decision of a Stipendiary Magistrate.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th November, 1897.

No. 46.—Petition of J. L. HASELDEN and Son, of Molesworth Street, Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray for redress as against a certain action of the University Senate.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of the opinion that the November examinations should be advertised in the public Press in the same manner as those held in December, and that, if this were done, such cases as the petitioners' would be much less frequent; also that, under the circumstances, the University Senate should afford the petitioners, and others similarly situated, an opportunity of sitting for examination in June next.

4th November, 1897.

No. 120.—Petition of A. H. JONES, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the matter of his compulsory resignation from the Police Force.

I am directed to report that, taking into consideration all the facts of the case, the Committee is of the opinion that the Police Regulations should be amended so as to allow men placed in similar circumstances a chance to recover their position; but that, as the facts are admitted, there is no necessity for the inquiry asked for.

4th November, 1897.