No. 101.—Petition of James Neil, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that he may be paid the sum of £7, being the value of 14 gallons of tricopherous destroyed by the Customs authorities on account of the non-payment of duty on the same.

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

the colony.

3rd November, 1898.

No. 384.—Petition of JEREMIAH O'LEARY, of Woodville.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation on account of injuries received while

employed upon the Government co-operative works on the Kawatau Valley Road.

I am directed to report that the Committee sees no reason for departing from the decision arrived at during last session, viz.: "That, while regretting the circumstances of the case, the Committee has no recommendation to make."

4th November, 1898.

No. 376.—Petition of MICHAEL POWER, of Porirua.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation for loss of office as an attendant at the Porirua Asylum, or that an inquiry into his case may be held.

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

4th November, 1898.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the above Committee has held forty-eight meetings during the past session.

Number of petitions referred to the Committee		 	97
Number of petitions dealt with by the Committee		 	92
Number of petitions unconsidered		 	5
Number of reports presented to the House		 	92
Number of specific recommendations made therein		 	8
Number referred to Government for favourable consider	ration	 	2
Number referred to Government for consideration		 	19
Number "no recommendation." &c.		 	63

I am also directed by the Committee to further report: "That this Committee desires to place upon record its high appreciation of the courteous and able manner in which the Chairman (Mr. Meredith) has conducted the business of the Committee during the past session."

4th November, 1898.

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