No. 245, 1897.—Petition of John Fitzgerald.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injury done to his land by flooding, caused by the erection of a railway-bridge over the Grey River.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that, whilst the ownership of the Midland Railway is in dispute, it is inadvisable to proceed with the petition.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 69, 1897.—Petition of WILLIAM WALKER and Another.

Petitioners pray compensation for certain lands, their property, taken for the purpose of constructing a railway at Otautau.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 336, 1897.—Petition of John Findley and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a branch line of railway may be constructed between Waicolo and the Orawia Flat.

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

26th July, 1898.

No. 339, 1897.—Petition of W. J. Conradi and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a light line of railway be constructed through the Raglan County connecting with the Auckland-Frankton line.

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

26th July, 1898.

No. 253, 1897.—Petition of J. McFarlane and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a railway be constructed to connect Gisborne with Auckland.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

26th July, 1898.

No. 252, 1897.—Petition of Rev. WILLIAM WELSH and Others.

Petitioners pray that a railway be constructed between Gisborne and Napier.

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

26th July, 1898.

No. 285, 1897.—Petition of RICHARD WITTY, Dunedin.

Petitioner prays compensation for injuries sustained by his attempting to get on a train when it was in motion, at Kensington, in December, 1884.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

2nd August, 1898.

No. 351, 1897.—Petition of H. J. WILKIE and Others, Hawera.

Petitioners pray that a line of railway be constructed between Opunake and the Mountain Road near Eltham.

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

2nd August, 1898.

No. 338, 1897.—Petitions of John Guy and Others, Opunake.

Petitioners pray that a line of railway be constructed between Opunake and the Mountain Road near Eltham.

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

2nd August, 1898.

No. 313, 1897.—Petition of James Ness and Others, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray compensation for injuries sustained by them through an omnibus on which they were riding having been run down by a railway-train at Auckland, on 1st October, 1897.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that petitioners have no claim upon the colony.

2nd August, 1898.