

No. 253.—Petition of CATHERINE COWPER, Christchurch.

PETITIONER states she was employed as attendant in the ladies' waiting-room at Christchurch Railway-station; that in July, 1898, she was discharged for being drunk on duty. She prays consideration.

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

21st October, 1898.

Nos. 289, 291, 290, and 292.—Petitions of ALFRED STEVENTON and Others, Kaipara; WALTER PERKINS and Others, Aratapu; THOMAS A. GUBB and Others, Port Albert; PETER GARDNER and Others, Aoroa.

PETITIONERS pray that the Mount Rix Wharf, at the junction of the Kaipara and Kaukapakapa Rivers, may be opened for traffic; and a subsidy granted for a steamer calling once a month.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that these four petitions be referred to Government for favourable consideration.

26th October, 1898.

No. 346.—Petition of W. B. DAVIES and 424 Others.

PETITIONERS pray some provision may be made for Charles Tasch, late railway porter at New Plymouth, who was run over by a train in August last and lost both his legs.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to Government for favourable consideration; and that they be specially requested to find Charles Tasch suitable employment at the first opportunity.

26th October, 1898.

No. 282.—Petition of JOHN SCOTT, Christchurch.

PETITIONER states that he has been discharged from the Government railway service on the grounds of debility, the result of an injury received when in the railway service. He prays a compassionate allowance, or employment at light work.

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

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