

No. 213.—Petition of THOMAS GRANT, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that his old-age pension be increased from £9 to £18 per annum.

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

15th September, 1899.

Nos. 398 and 373 (similar).—Petitions of A. M. ALEXANDER and 33 Others, of Mangaweka; and Rev. J. MACDONALD and 74 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the suppression of gambling.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of these petitions involves a question of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

19th September, 1899.

No. 91.—Petition of JAMES HERRING, of Kumara.

PETITIONER prays that the sum of £116 4s. be paid to him by way of compensation for injuries sustained by his wife and two children through being knocked down by a bolting horse, the property of the Government.

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

19th September, 1899.

No. 405.—Petition of CHARLES HADDON, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services rendered during the Maori war.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having inquired into the facts of this case, find that the petitioner is sixty-eight years of age; that he has been absent from the colony since the year 1862—a period of thirty-seven years; and that he returned only eleven weeks ago. The Committee are of opinion, therefore, that petitioner has no claim against the colony, but they recommend the Government to pay his passage-money back to Sydney.

19th September, 1899.

No. 289.—Petition of CHRISTOPHER P. GARDNER, of Herekino.

PETITIONER prays that immediately upon his becoming a naturalised British subject he be granted an old-age pension.

I am directed to report that, as a Bill dealing with the subject-matter of this petition is now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1899.

Nos. 201, 202, 215, 235 (similar).—Petitions of D. KENEALY, of Kumara; W. HUNTER, of Wellington; R. BRADY, of Brisbane; and STEPHEN HORNE, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of land for military services rendered.

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

29th September, 1899.

No. 401.—Petition of MARY FAIRCHILD, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation for the death of her husband, the late Captain Fairchild, caused by an accident while he was carrying out his duties in the Government service.

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

3rd October, 1899.

No. 178.—Petition of THOMAS CULLING and Others, of Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray for compensation for damage done to the property of the St. Kilda Borough Council by the breaking in of the sea.

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

3rd October, 1899.

No. 375.—Petition of H. E. CROFTS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office in the Institution for Deaf-mutes at Sumner.

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

3rd October, 1899.

Nos. 151 and 212.—Petitions of D. GOLDIE and 641 Others, of Auckland; and J. BERNACH and Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that Captain T. C. Tilly be retained in the position of Examiner of Masters and Mates at Auckland.

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

3rd October, 1899.

No. 366.—Petition of T. C. TILLY, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office as Examiner of Masters and Mates at Auckland.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, petitioner is entitled to the sum of £123 19s. 1d., which was placed on the estimates in 1894, but was not received by petitioner owing to his reappointment in that year.

3rd October, 1899.