

No. 70.—Petition of FREDERICK GEORGE CRAY, of Ravensbourne.

PETITIONER prays for relief owing to expense incurred through an accident to his wife, caused by stepping out of a railway-train.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make in this case.
14th September, 1899.

No. 136.—Petition of THOMAS McCLUGGAGE, of Caversham, near Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance owing to having had his arm injured by a railway-truck.

I am directed to report that in this case the Committee have no recommendation to make.
14th September, 1899.

No. 161.—Petition of JAMES J. NIBLOCK and 72 Others, of Hunua and Paparata.

PETITIONERS pray that a goods-shed be provided at Hunua Station.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government.
14th September, 1899.

Nos. 309, 310, 311, 323, 324, 341, 342, 343, 368, 372, 378, 379, and 404.—Petitions of JOHN H. O'NEILL and 9 Others, J. M. LAXON and 6 Others, FRANK BODLE and 44 Others, R. T. BIRT and 40 Others, JOSEPH GRIFFIN and 133 Others, WILLIAM F. THOMPSON and 46 Others, C. E. HAYWARD and 69 Others, WILLIAM CRAWFORD and 60 Others, GEORGE A. CRUICKSHANK and 10 Others, FRANK DYE and 19 Others, J. B. STEPHENSON and 38 Others, A. M. MACKAY and 20 Others, and ANDREW HOOD and 21 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for an extension of the Helensville Railway northward.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that these petitions be referred to the Government.
14th September, 1899.

Nos. 140, 141, and 237.—Petitions of SAMUEL VAILE and 52 Others, W. A. CARRUTH and 999 Others, and M. F. M. WHITELAW and 59 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for an extension of the Whangarei Railway to deep water.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the above petitions be referred to the Government.
14th September, 1899.

No. 183.—Petition of HENRY ATKINSON and 1,071 Others, of Oamaru.

PETITIONERS pray that the proposed new passenger railway-station at Oamaru may be proceeded with at once.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government.
15th September, 1899.

No. 244.—Petition of J. M. BROWN and 389 Others, of Oamaru.

PETITIONERS pray that before the proposed new passenger railway-station is proceeded with at Oamaru the Railway Engineer may be directed to meet a deputation of the petitioners to discuss the matter.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government.
15th September, 1899.

No. 6.—Petition of THOMAS PATTERSON, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays that the sum of £50, balance of a sum of £100 recommended by the Public Petitions M to Z Committee in 1891 to be given him as a compassionate allowance, be now paid.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the Government be urged to give full effect to the recommendation of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee dated 1st July, 1891, which was as follows: "That, in the opinion of this Committee, the accident to Thomas Patterson was caused partly through the belt of trees obscuring the view of an approaching train, and from the very high wind blowing at the time preventing him hearing the whistle, and that the Railway Commissioners be recommended to take steps to render this crossing less dangerous; and that the Government be recommended to place the sum of £100 upon the supplementary estimates as a slight compensation to Patterson for the severe injuries and loss sustained by him through the accident."

15th September, 1899.

No. 149.—Petition of TIMOTHY MORIARTY, of Ahaura.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry may be made into his case, and that he may be reinstated in his former employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee decline at present to consider the petition of Timothy Moriarty on the ground that he has not as yet exhausted all means of redress, he not having placed his case before the Railway Appeal Board.

15th September, 1899.