

No. 210.—Petition of Mrs. JANE WILSON, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance owing to the death of her husband after twenty-two years' service on the Government railways.

I am directed to report that, the subject of the petition having already been dealt with by the Government, the Committee have no recommendation to make, and consider that the petitioner has no further claim on the colony.

3rd October, 1899.

No. 177.—Petition of CHARLES HENRY CARTER, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER, who was tried for manslaughter in connection with the Rakaia railway accident, and found "Not guilty," prays that he may receive compensation for the expenses he has been put to in defending himself.

I am directed to report that, after full investigation and careful consideration of this case, the Committee have no recommendation to make. (*Vide* Appendix I.—6A.)

3rd October, 1899.

No. 482.—Petition of Mrs. CLARA RAPLEY, of Woodville.

PETITIONER prays for compensation owing to the death of her husband, who lost his life by an accident whilst in the execution of his duty.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the Government be asked to grant another £50 as compassionate allowance to the petitioner.

10th October, 1899.

No. 498.—Petition of JOHN MADDEN, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER prays for a reduction in the weight carried by lumpers.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the favourable consideration of the Government, and are of opinion that legislation should be introduced dealing with the subject.

10th October, 1899.

No. 316.—Petition of WILLIAM COLLARD, of Aramoho.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into his case, and that he may be granted relief.

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

10th October, 1899.

No. 370.—Petition of JOHN BURNS AND Co. and Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the Government may be pleased to reconsider the case of Mr. Stevenson, late Stationmaster at Auckland.

I am directed to report that, in the absence of any petition from Mr. Stevenson himself, and seeing that he has not taken advantage of his right to bring his case before the Railway Appeal Board, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

10th October, 1899.

No. 483.—Petition of JAMES HOWELL, of Waipia, Otago.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation for loss of a quantity of grass, caused by the spread of fires lit by employes on the Otago Central Railway-works.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that, the matter having been already dealt with by the Courts of the colony, they have no recommendation to make.

10th October, 1899.

No. 471.—Petition of GEORGE WILLIAMS and 55 Others, of Woodend, Southland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of property and damage, alleged to be caused by sparks from locomotives.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be added to others that are the subject of an adjourned debate with the same report.

10th October, 1899.

No. 501.—Petition of TIMOTHY MORIARTY, of Ahaura.

PETITIONER prays that his case may be reheard, and that he be granted compensation, &c.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition has already been dealt with during the present session, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

19th October, 1899.

No. 288.—Petition of HUGH McLAUGHLIN and 2 Others, of Little Grey Junction.

PETITIONERS pray that inquiry may be made into the encroachment of the Grey River on their land, caused by the erection of certain bridges, &c.

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

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