No. 9.—Petition of D. B. W. Somerville, of Auckland

Praying for compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of a motor-car.

I am directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

10th September, 1947.

No. 11.—Petition of W. T. Morpeth, of New Plymouth

Praying for compensation for alleged loss of promotion in his employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee is satisfied that the petitioner was a capable and conscientious officer of the Lands and Survey Department, but, owing to the lapse of time since the occurrence of the events complained of, it is now impossible to establish the truth of the allegations in the petition, and the Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

10th September, 1947.

No. 35.—Petition of M. E. R. MINGAY, of Auckland

Praying for relief in respect of payment of succession duty.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration. The Committee further recommends that adoptions made in accordance with the law of the country where the adopting parents are domiciled at the time of the adoption be recognized for death-duty purposes in this country.

17th September, 1947.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has passed the following resolution:—

"That the written submissions laid before the Public Petitions M to Z Committee at the hearing on the 14th and 15th of October, 1947, of the petition of the Second N.Z.E.F. Association (Incorporated) be made available to accredited representatives of the press."

Ordered, That the report be adopted and agreed to.

16th October, 1947.

No. 64.—Petition of Second N.Z.E.F. Association (Incorporated)

Praying that legislation be passed ensuring maintenance of stable purchasing-power in the monetary unit.

I have the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has carefully considered this petition, and is of the opinion that the petitioner is correct in emphasizing the imperative need for maintaining a stable internal price-level, and that the Government should examine closely all factors that may upset this equilibrium, including the power of the trading banks to create money by issuing credit, and should by legislative action assume and exercise whatever further powers are necessary to stabilize the purchasing-power of the monetary unit. In view, however, of the fact that Government policy is directly involved, the Committee has resolved that it is undesirable that it should make any recommendation on the actual prayer of the petition.

30th October, 1947.