

Nos. 56 and 90.—Petitions of ALBERT H. RUSSELL and Others, and WALTER MCGILL and Others, of Waihi and Karangahake.

PETITIONERS pray that a deviation may be made of the Paeroa-Waihi Railway-line through the Township of Karangahake, and an additional station placed there.

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

21st September, 1900.

No. 304.—Petition of MARIA MARTIN, widow of Peter Martin, late of Greymouth, Platelayer, who was killed by a railway-engine on 12th May last.

PETITIONER, having been left without means of support for herself and eight children, of whom none are above school-age, prays for assistance.

I am directed to report that, as Martin met his death in endeavouring to save Government property, and has left a large family unprovided for, the Committee recommends that his widow be paid a further sum of £50, payable either in monthly instalments or in a lump sum, at the discretion of the Public Trustee.

25th September, 1900.

Nos. 378, 386, and 490.—T. C. SAINSBURY and 76 Others, JOHN OHATSON and 13 Others, and WILLIAM WHARFE and 49 Others, of Kaipara Flats, North Albertland.

PETITIONERS pray for the extension of the Helensville Railway northwards.

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

25th September, 1900.

No. 513 (1899).—JAMES NEILSON, and 10 Others, of Fern Hill, near Green Island.

PETITIONERS pray for remission of 4½d. per ton extra haulage-rate now charged on Branch Railway from Fern Hill Coalmine to the Main Trunk line at Abbotsford.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to Government for consideration.

25th September, 1900.

No. 388.—Petition of JOHN BOYLAN and 99 Others, of Auckland [and 45 other similar petitions, as per Schedule.]

No. 394. C. Bagnall and 699 Others, of Ponsonby.
No. 398. L. Entrican and 99 Others, of Auckland.
No. 407. E. W. Laceron and 99 Others, of Parnell.
No. 408. E. T. Bowden and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 409. R. Cohen and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 410. Ella Coldicutt, and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 411. Emily Chapman, and 19 Others, of Grafton.
No. 412. T. Diver and 19 Others, of Arch Hill.
No. 413. W. Gibson and 19 Others, of Mount Roskill.
No. 414. Tobias Harrison and 19 Others, of Ellerslie.
No. 415. Phoebe Hildreth and 22 Others, of Auckland.
No. 416. John Judd and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 417. C. J. Jenner and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 418. T. Jagger and 19 Others, of Remuera.
No. 419. Charles Murcott and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 420. Agnes Minnie and 19 Others, of Grafton Road.
No. 421. W. Saunders and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 422. T. Simon and 19 Others, of Auckland.
No. 423. John H. Scott and 18 Others, of Auckland.
No. 424. P. H. Swain and 17 Others, of Auckland.
No. 425. M. Webber and 19 Others, of Mount Eden.
No. 426. H. Whitehead and 19 Others, of Mount Eden.
No. 457. E. Anderson and 79 Others, of Mangere.

No. 458. A. Aspden and 19 Others, of Mauku.
No. 459. John Blake and 19 Others, of Drury.
No. 460. S. Bond and 19 Others, of Te Awamutu.
No. 461. Rose Baddeley and 99 Others, of Mount Eden.
No. 462. H. Collison and 19 Others, of Te Awamutu.
No. 463. T. B. Cooper and 19 Others, of Te Awamutu.
No. 464. J. S. Clark and 19 Others, of Te Awamutu.
No. 465. F. Foster and 19 Others, of Waihi.
No. 466. E. Haire and 144 Others, of Birkdale.
No. 467. C. S. Hutchinson and 19 Others, of Newstead.
No. 468. G. McCarthy and 19 Others, of Kyber Pass.
No. 469. John Merryweather and 19 Others, of Te Awamutu.
No. 470. Jane McCallum and 19 Others, of Puni.
No. 471. John Sinclair and 479 Others, of Auckland.
No. 472. G. Speakman and 19 Others, of Mangere.
No. 473. L. S. Smith and 99 Others, of Parnell.
No. 474. W. Taylor and 19 Others, of Te Awamutu.
No. 475. Clara Tribe and 19 Others, of Kirikiriroa.
No. 476. E. Woodward and 599 Others, of Onehunga.
No. 477. G. C. H. Wishart and 19 Others, of Hamilton.
No. 478. F. L. Wright and 19 Others, of Drury.
No. 485. H. Edwards and 99 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that railway communication between Auckland and Wellington be completed without further delay.

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

25th September, 1900.

No. 560.—Petition of E. R. HUGHES and Others, of Westport.

PETITIONERS, who represent the shareholders of the Westport-Cardiff Coal Company, having been forced into liquidation, and had their lease determined by the Government, pray for relief.

I am directed to report that, as the company has lost its capital and also the profits on working invested in the mine, the Committee recommends the prayer of the petitioners to the favourable consideration of the Government.

9th October, 1900.