No. 140.—Petition of J. GRUBB and Others, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONERS pray for consideration for John Ross, for thirty-eight years a school-teacher.

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

18th September, 1902.

Nos. 248 and 249.—Petitions of E. J. H. FREKE and T. C. KERRY, of Christchurch.

PETITIONERS pray for relief for losses sustained through the action of the Police Department.

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

24th September, 1902.

No. 363.—Petition of T. H. GILES and 9 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that free passes on the railways be given to pupils of private secondary schools in Auckland.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition involves a question of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th September, 1902.

No. 307.—Petition of J. E. Coney, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for an increase to his pension.

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

24th September, 1902.

No. 385.—Petition of A. C. Blake, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injustice arising out of the passing of the Public-School Teachers' Salaries Act.

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

24th September, 1902.

No. 343.—Petition of W. Foreman, of Tataraimaka.

PETITIONER prays that a fine imposed upon him under section 34 of "The Stock Act, 1893," be remitted.

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

24th September, 1902.

No. 293.—Petition of C. W. GAUNTLETT, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for further compensation on account of the death of her husband while he was

serving in the Torpedo Corps.

I am directed to report that, owing to the reference made to the petitioner's case on page 894of Hansard for 1899, and the evidence brought before the Committee, it recommends the petition to the Government for favourable consideration.

24th September, 1902.

No. 8.—Petition of S. A. LEECH, of Westport.

PETITIONER prays that he be granted compensation for loss of office as Harbourmaster at Westport, as recommended by Public Petitions A to L Committee for the years 1896, 1897, and 1901.

I am directed to report that the Committee, not having anything to add to its reports of the years 1896, 1897, and 1901, recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

26th September, 1902.

No. 90.—Petition of Thomas Allen, of Greymouth.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on being retired from the Public Works Department after thirteen years and ten months' service.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petition should be referred to

the Government for favourable consideration.

26th September, 1902.

Nos. 157, 169, and 171.—Petitions of A. G. Christophers, F. Mallard, and S. G. Smith, of Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the circumstances connected with their removal from the Commission of the Peace, and relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 26th September, 1902.

No. 213.—Petition of J. HARE and Others, of Kaeo.

PETITIONERS pray for a telegraph-office at Kaeo in lieu of the telephone.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 26th September, 1902.