

No. 334.—Petition of TIMOTHY MORIARTY, of Stillwater.

PETITIONER prays for relief on account of his holding under lease from the Crown having been injured.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee for consideration.

10th September, 1902.

No. 345.—Petition of H. J. DAVIS and Others, of Lawrence.

PETITIONERS pray that the Government acquire the Greenfield Estate for close settlement.

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

10th September, 1902.

No. 352.—Petition of J. C. CONNOLLY and Others, of Kaero.

PETITIONERS pray that a bridge be erected over the Waitangi on the road from Kaero to Kawakawa.

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

10th September, 1902.

No. 371.—Petition of N. K. MACDIARMID and Others, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONERS pray that section 18 of the "The Reserves and other Lands Sale, Disposal, and Enabling and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1901," be amended so as to place them in the same position in regard to certain reserves as before the passing of the said Act.

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

10th September, 1902.

No. 386.—Petition of S. A. WAITE and Others, of Waipuna, Whangamarino.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum be placed on the estimates for the Waipuna Valley Road.

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

10th September, 1902.

No. 444.—Petition of W. A. BANKS and Others, of Loburn, Christchurch.

PETITIONERS claim that the Waimakariri-Ashley Water-supply Board and the Waipara, Kowai, Ashley, Eyreton, and West Eyreton Road Boards, in the Ashley County, have a right to one-third of the proceeds from the sale of certain land by the Midland Railway Company.

I am directed to report that, having heard the evidence of Mr. W. A. Banks, Chairman, Ashley Road Board; Mr. John O'Halloran, Chairman of conference of local bodies on "thirds"; and Mr. M. J. Dixon, Chairman, Water-supply Board; and having made full inquiries into the claims of the local bodies petitioning, and also the roading of the Midland Railway lands sold by the company, your Committee is of opinion that there is no necessity for a Commission of inquiry as requested by the petitioners, as, in the opinion of your Committee, the petitioners have no claim against the colony.

26th September, 1902.

No. 409.—Petition of JAMES BISHOP, of Rotorua.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry and compensation regarding land transactions at Rotorua.

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

26th September, 1902.

No. 429.—Petition of O. ERICKSEN and Others, of Waipawa, Napier.

PETITIONERS pray for a subsidy in lieu of uncollected rates.

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

26th September, 1902.

No. 447.—Petition of HARRY REEVE and Others, of Ngunguru, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that Puhipuhi State Forest may be opened for gum-diggers.

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

26th September, 1902.

No. 448.—Petition of PATRICK SMITH and Others, of Okaihau, Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for grant of money to open road through Waitemana Valley.

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

26th September, 1902.

No. 449.—Petition of GEORGE WARD DRAPER, of Milton, Otago.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged injury by the closing of a road.

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

26th September, 1902