

No. 588.—Petition of E. G. ALLEN and 6 Others, of Port Chalmers.

PETITIONERS pray that the Otago Dock Trust may receive, by subsidy or otherwise, fair and reasonable compensation for dock purposes.

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 440.—Petition of ANNIE BAIRD and 27 Others, of Dunedin.

PETITIONERS pray that they may receive compensation for the forced sale of the Lake Wakatipu Shipping Company's property.

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 574.—Petition of W. G. BASSETT, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that redress for certain grievances be granted him.

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 408.—Petition of S. F. BOLER and 49 Others, of Tauhoa.

PETITIONERS pray that telephonic communication may be extended to that district (Tauhoa).

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 416.—Petition of CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN and 33 Others, of Ponui Island.

PETITIONERS pray that they may receive the pre-emptive right of leasing oyster-beds adjoining their property.

I am directed to report that, as legislative effect has been given to the prayer of the petitioners, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th October, 1903.

No. 415.—Petition of WILLIAM CLEARY, of Puhipuhi.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive some relief for the seizure of gum by officials.

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 457.—Petition of R. CRAWFORD, of Palmerston North.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive some compassionate allowance for loss of his son.

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 536.—Petition of C. M. DAVIS and 99 Others, of Aratapu (together with 6 other similar Petitions, as per attached Schedule).

PETITIONERS pray that the Dargaville-Kahu Railway be extended to Hokianga.

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

16th October, 1903.

SCHEDULE.

No. 537.—G. Massey and 11 others.

" 538.—H. J. Slade and 24 others.

" 539.—J. Benjamin and 14 others.

No. 540.—R. C. Pollock and 13 others.

" 582.—Thos. Webb and 11 others.

" 591.—A. Neild and 135 others.

No. 458.—Petition of J. M. DAVIDSON and 402 Others, of Tauranga.

PETITIONERS pray that provision may be made for the survey of the railway-line Te Puke to Rotorua.

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 55.—Petition of J. DUDSON and 131 Others, of Maketu.

PETITIONERS pray that provision may be made for the erection of a wharf at Maketu.

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

16th October, 1903.

No. 462.—Petition of JOHN WILLIAM FREEMAN, of Palmerston North.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive a grant of land as a military settler.

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

16th October, 1903.

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