No. 192.—Petition of A. M. WILLIAMS and 162 Others, of Te Aute.

Petitioners pray that the name of Te Aute Railway-station be altered, to save confusion. I have to report that, as the Railway Department is agreeable to giving the name "Te Aute" to the present Pukehou Station, and to giving a new name (other than "Lower Te Aute") to the present Te Aute Station, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

14th September, 1910.

No. 414.—Petition of J A. Nash and 28 Others, of Palmerston North.

Petitioners pray that compensation be given to Joseph Hanna for injuries received as the result of an accident at a railway-crossing at Palmerston North.

I am directed to report that the petition should be referred to the Government for con-

sideration

28th September, 1910.

No. 182.—Petition of PATRICK CAVANAGH, of Kaiwarra, Wellington

Petitioner prays for compensation for loss of horses, which, together with drays and drivers, were hired from petitioner by Railway Department in connection with the Hutt Railway and Road improvement scheme.

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

11th October, 1910.

No. 429.—Petition of James Larkin, of Timaru, Canterbury

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of alleged wrongful dismissal from the Railway service at Timaru.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 11th October, 1910.

No. 400.—Petition of Alexander Brown and Another, of Green Island, Otago.

Petitioners pray that a private siding recently closed be reopened, or that a siding be constructed from the nearest point on Walton Park branch line to the property of the said Alexander Brown, or that a siding be placed on said line, and payment made to petitioner for making a connection with the said siding, and also to recompense John Loudon for annual way-leave charge for such

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that a siding connection be given Messrs. Brown and Loudon on the Walton Park line, at the I m. 70 ch. point, and that in addition the sum of £500 be paid in full compensation for all claims in connection with the closing of the old siding, and in full settlement for the closing of the crossing on the main line.

31st October, 1910.

No. 515.—Petition of William Convers, of 483 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria. PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance in consideration of former services in Railway Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 3rd November, 1910.

No. 347.—Petition of Foxton Harbour Board, of Foxton

Petitioner prays for financial assistance to enable it to properly deal with the Manawatu River and improve it for navigation.

I am directed to report that, as there is a willingness on the part of the Railway Department to sell, and on the part of the Foxton Harbour Board to purchase, the wharf at Foxton, this petition be referred to the Government with a view to arriving at a settlement of the price of the wharf and goodwill, by arbitration [Vide also Appendix I.-6B.]

3rd November, 1910.

No. 349.—Petition of Christina De Young McTainsh, of Christchurch. Petitioner prays for compassionate allowance on account of her husband being killed by express train.

I have to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition 3rd November, 1910.