

Nos. 102, 103, 104, 105, and 147.—Petitions of ELIZABETH GAMBRAZZI, AUGUST JOHANSEN, WILLIAM ROUTHAN, JOHN MATHEWS, and S. STEWART.

PETITIONERS seek to obtain compensation for prospective damage to their properties through the proclamation of the Waimea Creek as a sludge-channel wherein tailings and other mining *débris* may be deposited.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the above-mentioned petitions that they have no recommendation to make.

28th September, 1911.

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No. 163.—Petition of JAMES HOSIE, of Karangahake.

PETITIONER seeks to obtain a reward for the discovery, which he alleges was made by him, of gold at Waihi, Karangahake, and Puru.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of James Hosie that, having duly considered the same, they have no recommendation to make.

28th September, 1911.

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No. 89.—Petition of GEORGE WATERS, of Stafford Riding, Westland.

PETITIONER prays for relief on account of the proclamation of Waimea Creek as a sludge-channel wherein may be deposited tailings and mining *débris*.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of George Waters that they recommend that the petitioner may be allowed to have his claim placed for consideration with others on the "C" list of the report of the Waimea Creek Compensation Commissioners.

28th September, 1911.

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No. 239.—Petition of ARTHUR D'OYLY BAYFEILD.

PETITIONER represents that in April of last year the sum of £1,000 was distributed to shareholders of the Westport-Cardiff Coal Company in full satisfaction of their claims; he, however, notified at the time that he would not accept the payment made to him as a complete clearance. He seeks now, on behalf of himself and, as he alleges, the shareholders, to obtain a further grant of £1,182, notwithstanding that a complete discharge has been given.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of Arthur D'Oyly Bayfeild that they have no recommendation to make.

29th September, 1911.

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No. 119.—Petition of LAURA McKENNA.

PETITIONER represents that her late husband was employed in the Waihi Company's mine, where he contracted pneumoconiosis, from which he died; that her late husband was in the receipt of a compassionate allowance from his late employers of £4 10s. per week, an allowance which she has no doubt would have been continued to her but for the legislation which established the Gold-miners' Relief Fund, to which her husband's late employers had to contribute largely; that she is unable to obtain any relief under the Workers' Compensation Act or from the Gold-miners' Relief Fund, and she prays for a compassionate allowance.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of Laura McKenna that they recommend that the said petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the amount of such consideration be £50.

29th September, 1911.

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No. 124.—Petition of F. HAMILTON.

PETITIONER represents that on the 15th September he met with an accident whilst working at the Popora Mine, sustaining a double fracture of his left leg, complicated by dislocation of ankle. Through an omission on the part of the secretary of his union at Popora his application for relief from the Gold-miners' Relief Fund was not forwarded to the Inspector of Mines Office in time. He prays your honourable House to afford relief.

The Goldfields and Mines Committee have the honour to report on the petition of F. Hamilton that they recommend that the said petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

29th September, 1911.