No. 437 of 1913.—Petition of John Paton Miller, of Auckland.

Praying for a rehearing of the proceedings upon which he was declared an habitual inebriate.

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

8th October, 1914.

No. 445.—Petition of C. Christiansen and 39 Others, of Silverdale, Waitemata.

Praying that a trial survey of a railway route from the northern shore of the Waitemata Harbour to a suitable junction on the North Auckland Main Trunk line be authorized this session.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee, the matter involved being one of policy, this petition should be referred to the Government.

8th October, 1914.

No. 9.—Petition of MARTIN LESLIE MILLETT, of Apiti, Feilding.

PRAYING for relief on account of injuries received whilst a member of the New Zealand Permanent Defence Staff.

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

15th October, 1914.

No. 287.—Petition of H. W. Northcroft and 7 Others, of Wellington.

Praying that the name of Harry Charles Wrigg be removed from the roll of holders of the New Zealand Cross.

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

15th October, 1914.

No. 464.—Petition of WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, of Tauranga.

Praying that his superannuation allowance may be increased.

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

15th October, 1914.

No. 267.—Petition of A. M. MYERS and 3 Others, Trustees of Cornwall Park, Auckland. (First Report.) Praying that the Government will pass legislation exempting from liability for local rates the said Cornwall Park and all lands similarly held for the use and enjoyment of the public.

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

15th October, 1914.

No. 366.—Petition of H. A. W. McKenzie and 11 Others, of Wellington.

Praying for the remission of portion of death duties on estate of the late Thomas Wilmor McKenzie.

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

15th October, 1914. *

No. 454, Petition of Thomas E. Martin, and No. 455, Petition of Beatrice Martin, of Aratika, Westland.

Praying that the ordinary land-tax be increased by 2d. in the pound; that the Customs taxes on the necessaries of life be reduced by the amount of the revenue so raised; and that a referendum be taken on the issue.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to these petitions. \cdot

15th October, 1914.

No. 405.—Petition of ISAAC WARD and 300 Others, of Maraetai.

Praying that the road near the Maraetai Explosives Magazine be not closed or deviated, and that a sufficient sum be placed on the estimates to complete the said road for wheel traffic.

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

21st October, 1914.