No. 225.—Petition of JOHN SCOTT MYERS, of Marshland, Christchurch.

PRAYING that the honourable House will cause searching investigation to be made into the facts set out in his petition, and that the Crown do compensate him by the payment of the sum of £20,000 for the wrongs and injuries the Crown by its servants has inflicted on him.

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

5th October, 1915.

No. 321.—Petition of Thomas McLaughlin, of Auckland, and 4,599 Others.

Praying the honourable House to consider State regulation of prices during the progress of the war; and that all future awards of the Arbitration Court shall provide for a sliding scale of wages in accordance with the rise in the prices of necessaries.

I am directed that in the opinion of the Committee, as the Government is about to introduce

a Bill dealing with the question, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th October, 1915.

No. 133.—Petition of John S. Taylor, of Wanganui.

Praying for the reheaving of a certain case in respect of which he underwent a term of imprisonment.

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

5th October, 1915.

No. 316.—Petition of J. E. Wilson and 388 Others.

Praying that more active steps should be taken to remove German and other alien enemies from responsible positions, and to more stringently and completely control the German element in New Zealand.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee the matter involved being one of policy, it has no recommendation to make.

5th October, 1915.

No. 254.—Petition of Francis Roil, of Sydenham.

Praying for compensation for loss sustained by him through the default of certain trustees and the failure of the Court to adequately protect his interest when the matter was before the Judge at Christchurch on the 12th June, 1874, and when a considerable portion of the estate was still in existence.

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

5th October, 1915.

No. 345.—Petition of Victoria University College Council.

Praying that no legislation be passed which will have the effect of interfering with the free exercise by the petitioner of its functions under the Victoria College Act, 1905, and the Acts amending the same.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee the question raised by this

petition being one of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th October, 1915.

No. 298.—Petition of PETER MALONEY, of Cobden.

Praying for a proper public inquiry into certain charges against him which led to his dismissal from the Police Force.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a view to the Minister in charge of the Police Department directing an inquiry to be held under section 16 of the Police Act, 1913, petitioner to have reasonable notice and to be allowed the assistance of his legal adviser.

5th October, 1915.

No. 225.—Petition of John Scott Myers, of Marshland, Christchurch. (Second Report.) PRAYING that the honourable House will cause searching investigation to be made into the facts set out in his petition, and that the Crown do compensate him by the payment of the sum of £20,000 for the wrongs and injuries the Crown by its servants has inflicted on him.

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

7th October, 1915.