No. 27.—Petition of JAMES MODERATE, of Cust.

Praying for compensation for loss of dwelling by fire, alleged to have been caused by spark from a railway-engine.

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

this petition.

10th September, 1915.

No. 251.—Petition of ISABELLA M. GLASS, of Mercer.

Praying for compensation for loss by fire alleged to have been caused by a spark from a railway-

I am directed to report that, on account of the conflicting evidence adduced, the Committee

has no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1915.

No. 252.—Petition of WAIKATO RIVER BOARD.

Praying that the Railway Department may give them a substantial subsidy for work done in preventing the Waikato River from overflowing the permanent-way between Mercer and Huntly.

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

16th September, 1915.

No. 137.—Petition of H. R. Thomason, of Wai-iti, near Nelson.

Praying that he be granted light employment in the Railway Department because of injuries sustained whilst in the employ of the Department.

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

16th September, 1915.

No. 27.—Petition of James Moderate, of Cust, near Christchurch. (Second Report.) Praying for compensation for loss of dwelling by fire, alleged to have been caused by a spark from a railway-engine.

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

this petition.
23rd September, 1915.

No. 97.—Petition of Maggie J. McQuilken, of Otane, Hawke's Bay. (Second Report.) Praying for compensation for loss sustained by fire alleged to have been caused by a spark from a locomotive.

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

23rd September, 1915.

No. 231.—Petition of A. E. TUNBRIDGE, of Wanganui.

Praying that the recommendation of the Appeal Board in connection with his dismissal from the Railway service be given effect to.

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

this petition.
23rd September, 1915.

No. 330.—Petition of A. SNODGRASS and 7 Others, of Wellington.

Praying that they be granted the same benefits as are given to the permanent employees of the

Government Railway service.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that all regular casuals paid at a daily rate, and who were ineligible for permanent staff when they first joined the Railway service, and who have been continuously employed for a period of ten years and over should be granted the privileges under Regulations Nos. 98 and 114, and that effect be given thereto at an early date, and recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for immediate and favourable consideration.

5th October, 1915.