

No. 15, Petition of E. E. VAILE and 58 Others, of Waioapu; No. 50, Petition of TAURANGA BOROUGH COUNCIL and 8 other Public Bodies; No. 77, Petition of TUKAIRANGI MOHI and 49 Others; No. 150, Petition of M. MORRISON and 16 Others.

PRAYING for construction of a railway from Rotorua to Taupo.

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

15th September, 1920.

No. 171.—Petition of JAMES TAIT and 10 Others, of Waikari.

PRAYING for the construction of a groyne at the mouth of the Waikari River.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a view to a fresh report on the matter by an engineer being obtained.

22nd September, 1920.

No. 175.—Petition of B. WILLIAMS and 1,104 Others, of Gisborne.

PRAYING for some further protection against assaults on young children.

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

22nd September, 1920.

No. 214.—Petition of HUGH MACKENZIE and 1,128 Others, of Wellington.

PRAYING that the denaturalization of Henry N. C. Joosten be investigated, either by a parliamentary Committee or by a Commission presided over by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

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 restoration of Mr. H. N. C. Joosten's rights of citizenship at the earliest possible moment.

29th September, 1920.

No. 182.—Petition of B. R. MACDONALD and 234 Others, of Geraldine (and 7 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for the construction of the Geraldine railway deviation.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration and investigation, with a view to meeting the needs of the district.

29th September, 1920.

SCHEDULE.

No. 176.—Robert Yates and 33 others.

No. 177.—E. L. Clattin and 57 others.

No. 178.—G. T. Gale and 26 others.

No. 179.—R. Vucetich and 74 others.

No. 180.—H. M. Clinton and 73 others.

No. 181.—J. Fifield and 124 others.

No. 183.—T. MacCullough and 36 others.

No. 210.—Petition of the NEW ZEALAND SYRIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for legislation defining the term "Asiatics" under the Pensions Act, 1913, and in any other Act which creates disabilities for natives of Syria as "Asiatics."

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

6th October, 1920.

No. 238.—Petition of the PUBLIC TRUSTEE OF NEW ZEALAND.

PRAYING that the value of the library presented to the nation should be excepted from the dutiable estate of the late Alexander Horsbrugh Turnbull, or that estate duty shall only be payable by the residuary beneficiaries at the rate at which it would have been paid by them if the said library had been so excepted.

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

6th October, 1920.

No. 128.—Petition of OLIVER MEWHINNEY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for reimbursement of his costs of certain legal proceedings.

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

19th October, 1920.