

No. 333.—Petition of JAMES MCCREADY, of Whakatane, and 18 Others.

PRAYING that the western portion of the Borough of Whakatane lying to the west of Hinemoa Street be excluded from the said borough and be included in the County of Whakatane.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Department of Internal Affairs, to be dealt with under the procedure laid down by section 132 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

26th September, 1922.

No. 176.—Petition of ELIZABETH MADDEN, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance or a pension equivalent to a widow's pension.

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

28th September, 1922.

No. 2.—Petition of the SHANNON CO-OPERATIVE CASH TRADING SOCIETY (LIMITED), of Shannon, and 57 Others.

PRAYING for an inquiry into the Government's alleged liability in respect of a bankrupt caterer at Mangahao.

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

28th September, 1922.

No. 286.—Petition of ARCHIBALD MCCALLUM, of Dunedin.

PRAYING that as a partially disabled soldier he may be given regular employment of a light nature.

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

28th September, 1922.

No. 132.—Petition of JOHN W. REID, of Wellington.

PRAYING for employment in the Public Service equivalent to his former position in the Crown Estates Department, Samoa, or for compensation.

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

3rd October, 1922.

No. 218.—Petition of GEORGE TOOGOOD, of Wellington.

PRAYING that he be paid certain moneys alleged to be due to him under a contract with the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. The Committee is of opinion that, as there appears to have been a genuine misunderstanding between the petitioner and the Public Works Department as to whether the price of the cement which is the subject-matter of the petition was gross or net, net with casks extra, or net casks free, the sum of £250 should be paid by the Department to petitioner in full settlement.

3rd October, 1922.

No. 225.—Petition of MARTHA I. MCKEE, of Wellington.

PRAYING for an extension of the provisions of the Widows' Pension Act, or a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, the circumstances of the case being very exceptional.

4th October, 1922.

No. 337.—Petition of W. R. NEWALL, of Wellington, and 3,821 Others.

PRAYING that the Government will prevent affiliation of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association with the Alliance of Labour.

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

4th October, 1922.