

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they recommend that the Government should allow the petitioner an abatement of £2 per annum, for the full term of his lease on his rental of £15 5s., on account of the reduced area he has been able to occupy. The petitioner at same time to give the Government a full release from all further claims.  
24th July, 1891.

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THE LAND BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom the above-mentioned Bill was referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they have duly considered same; and they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments thereon, as set forth on accompanying copy of the Bill.

11th August, 1891.

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No. 38, Sess. II.—Petition of G. C. HAWSON.

PETITIONER prays that he may be awarded a bonus for having planted 100 acres of land with the wattle-tree.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

12th August, 1891.

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No. 22, Sess. II.—Petition of ROBERT RAY and Others.

PETITIONERS state that they are deferred-payment settlers holding land at Karamea. They pray that the price of their sections may be reduced.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they recommend that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

12th August, 1891.

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No. 57, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS SPEER.

PETITIONER states that a land-scrip issued to him for services during Maori wars has been lost in transmission through the Government departments. He prays for consideration.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that his petition should be referred to the Government, with a recommendation that a new land-order should be issued to petitioner.

12th August, 1891.

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THE SELECTORS' LAND REVALUATION CONTINUANCE AND AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom the above Bill was referred for consideration, have the honour to report that they recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments thereon, as set forth on accompanying copy.

13th August, 1891.

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No. 207, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS ANDREW and 41 Others, of Roxburgh.

PETITIONERS pray that the recreation-grounds in the Borough of Roxburgh may be deleted from the reserves and added to the suburban sections, with a view to enlarging the town.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they recommend that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

14th August, 1891.

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No. 184, Sess. II.—Petition of JOHN FORSYTH, of Catlin's River.

PETITIONER states that in the year 1869 he purchased land at Catlin's River, and settled there with his family; that since that period similar land to his has been sold at a much lower rate in that district. He prays for consideration.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

14th August, 1891.

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No. 239, Sess. II.—Petition of JAMES GRAY, of Green Island.

PETITIONER prays legislation anacting that the Public Works Amendment Act of 1889 shall not apply to the Fernhill Colliery branch line of railway.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that, from the evidence given before them, they are led to believe that the company is willing to accept the cost of the land and rails procured for the construction of the Fernhill branch railway in satisfaction of their claim; and the Committee are of opinion it would be equitable and in the interest of the colony that the Government should accept the terms offered by the company.

14th August, 1891.