No. 44.—Petition of WILLIAM ROBERTSON and Others.

Petitioners state that the area of land purchased by them at the Peninsula, Otago, in 1862 has been wrongly stated in the Crown grant issued in 1866, and that they have therefore had conveyed to them less than they are entitled to. They pray that a sum of £302 may be given to them by way of compensation.

I am directed to report that, this petition having been considered by the Waste Lands Committee on several previous occasions, and no new facts or evidence being adduced in the present instance, the Committee sees no reason to alter the decision arrived at last session, viz., "That they

have no recommendation to make.

14th July, 1893.

No. 9.—Petition of John Peter Oakes.

PETITIONER lays claim to a block of land on the Hauraki Gulf, known as the Waiharareke Block, comprising 12,000 acres, which he alleges was purchased by his father, since deceased, in 1840.

He prays a Crown grant may now be issued to him for the land.

I am directed to report that, this petition having been considered by the Waste Lands Committee on several previous occasions, and no new facts being adduced in the present instance, the Committee sees no reason to alter its former decisions—namely, "That the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

14th July, 1893.

THE TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Tongariro National Park Bill, have the honour to report that they have considered the same, and beg to recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments thereto which are shown in the attached copy.

18th July, 1893.

No. 149.—Petition of Robert Wyles and 63 Others.

Petitioners pray for roads to be constructed between Mongonui, Oruru, Fairburn's, Victoria Valley, Kaitaia, and Awanui, in the Province of Auckland.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion this petition should be

referred to the Government for consideration.

18th July, 1893.

No. 153.—Petition of John C. Johnson and Others.

Petitioners pray that a sum of £400 may be placed on the supplementary estimates for the purpose of constructing roads between Whananaki and Opuawhanga, in the Province of Auckland.

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

18th July, 1893.

No. 151.—Petition of A. J. McKay and Others.

Petitioners pray that roads may be constructed between Waipu, Waikiki, and Mareretu, Province of Auckland.

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

18th July, 1893.

No. 50.—Petition of T. Brown and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a road may be constructed to the property of T. R. Clements, at Waimate, Canterbury, or that other relief may be granted to him.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should

be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st August, 1893.

No. 217.—Petition of MICHAEL O'CONNOR.

Petitioner prays for a reward for military services.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Public Petitions Committee M to Z for consideration. 1st August, 1893.

Nos. 163, 83, and 46.—Petitions of G. Sutherland and Others, C. Dore and Others, A. McLennan and Others.

Petitioners pray for an extension of the provisions of "The Selectors' Land Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Act, 1892," in order that they may obtain a revaluation of their properties.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee having carefully considered these petitions, they are of opinion that the petitioners have no claim for a revaluation of their properties, and they therefore do not recommend any legislation on the subject.

1st August, 1893.