

No. 170.—Petition of ANNE MORRISON.

PETITIONER states she is the owner of Lot 97 and part Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block VII., Kaipara District; that she has lost 15 acres of land through overlapping of the survey of adjoining sections, and that she is entitled to the full measurement of land granted to her by the Crown. She prays that the land lost be given back to her, or she be compensated for the loss thereof.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that, provided Mrs. Anne Morrison has not hitherto been recompensed for the land cut off her sections, they recommend she be paid compensation at the rate of £4 per acre as soon as the actual amount of area she has been deprived of can be ascertained.

20th August, 1895.

No. 196.—Petition of SAMUEL AUSTIN.

PETITIONER mentions a large number of engagements during the Maori wars in which he took prominent part, and prays that on account of his acknowledged meritorious military services he be granted some relief now that he is unfitted for active work.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government, with a recommendation that the petitioner be found some light employment.

20th August, 1895.

No. 225.—Petition of JAMES MCCREADY.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land on account of military services rendered to the colony.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to Government.

20th August, 1895.

No. 231.—Petition of T. E. W. DORWARD and 11 Others.

PETITIONERS, who are Crown tenants of Rangitata, Geraldine Survey District, pray for a reclassification of each of their holdings.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to Government.

20th August, 1895.

No. 245.—Petition of EDWIN EDWARDS and Others.

PETITIONERS state that settlement in the Ohinemuri District is retarded owing to the provisions of "The Native Lands Court Act, 1894," and pray for some amendment of the law to enable the Natives to sell and lease their lands at fair prices.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to Government.

20th August, 1895.

Nos. 311 and 267.—Petitions of JOHN FULTON and JOHN BRACE.

PETITIONERS pray for grants of land for military services.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that these petitions should be referred to Government.

6th September, 1895.

No. 167.—Petition of WILLIAM BROADBENT.

PETITIONER applied to the Southland Land Board for a refund of rent and license-fee deposited on account of Section 5, Block XV., Paterson's District, Stewart Island, stating that owing to an accident he could not proceed on to the land. The Board aforesaid resolved to cancel the application and refund the fees (£3 16s. 5d.). It was subsequently ascertained that this could not be done without parliamentary authority. He prays that the necessary permission be granted.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to Government with a recommendation that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

6th September, 1895.

No. 324.—Petition of W. G. GARRARD.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for naval services, and disclaims having committed any crimes whilst on board any warship.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they have no recommendation to make.

6th September, 1895.

No. 337.—Petition of MARY MAHER.

PETITIONER states that her late husband served for thirteen years in the Imperial and Colonial Forces, and was entitled to a grant of land. She prays that the claims of her late husband may be considered.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government.

6th September, 1895.