

No. 311.—Petition of ANNIE G. MCKENZIE and 4 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the claims of the late John Lundon (the father of the petitioners) for compensation for losses sustained in inaugurating the village special-settlement scheme.

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

30th September, 1908.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LAND BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Auckland University College Land Bill, having carefully considered the Bill, has the honour to report the same without amendment.

30th September, 1908.

GORE PUBLIC LIBRARY VESTING BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Gore Public Library Vesting Bill, has carefully considered the Bill, and has the honour to report the same without amendment.

5th October, 1908.

HAURAKI PLAINS BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Hauraki Plains Bill, has carefully considered the Bill, and has the honour to report the same without amendment.

5th October, 1908.

FOXTON HARBOUR BOARD BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Foxton Harbour Board Bill, having carefully considered the same, has the honour to report the Bill as amended by the Local Bills Committee.

5th October, 1908.

CARTERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL VESTING AND ENABLING BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Carterton Borough Council Vesting and Enabling Bill, having carefully considered the same, has the honour to report the Bill as amended by the Local Bills Committee.

5th October, 1908.

MENTAL HOSPITALS RESERVES BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Mental Hospitals Reserves Bill, having carefully considered the same, recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments shown on the attached copy.

5th October, 1908.

EDUCATION RESERVES LEASES VALIDATION AND EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Education Reserves Leases Validation and Empowering Bill, has carefully considered the Bill, and has the honour to report the same without amendment.

5th October, 1908.

No. 554.—Petition of the BRUCE COUNTY COUNCIL.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of money be placed on the estimates to repay the Land Board for the rents received by the Bruce County Council.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the Government be recommended to return half the money to the Bruce County Council, as the Committee considers that there was neglect on the part of both the Land Board and the Bruce County Council.

5th October, 1908.

No. 491.—Petition of MARGARET MILNE, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for relief in connection with a lease in the Pourerere Survey District.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration. The Committee is also of opinion that, had the Land Board taken advantage of the information at their disposal and declared the section forfeited, the section could have again been disposed of with a minimum loss to the petitioner.

5th October, 1908.