### No. 304.—Petition of the BAY Town BOARD and 1,199 Others.

Petitioners pray for a recreation reserve at Anderson's Bay.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the subject-matter of the petition should be dealt with by a local Bill; therefore the Committee has no recommendation to make. 15th December, 1909.

Nos. 105, 106, 107, 108, and 109.—Petitions of Thomas Allan and 10 Others, J. M. Cleary and 12 Others, A. R. Duncan and 25 Others, W. Geared and 10 Others, and W. J. Hopkins and 17 Others.

Petitioners pray that the option of the freehold may be granted to them.

I am directed to report that, as the question is one of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th December, 1909.

### No. 131.—Petition of F. M. Kenny and 431 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for acquisition of land in the vicinity of Woodville for closer settlement.

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

15th December, 1909.

### No. 546.—Petition of John Riddell. (No. 1.)

PETITIONER prays that holders of leases of small grazing-runs prior to the passing of "The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1907," be enabled to obtain an exchange of their leases for renewable leases on terms and conditions not inconsistent with "The Land Act, 1908."

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 15th December, 1909.

#### No. 128.—Petition of M. D. O'KEEFE and 34 Others.

Petitioners pray that a block of land at the Hauraki Plains be opened for selection.

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

15th December, 1909.

### No. 468.—Petition of M. G. Power.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for buildings in township of Paeroa destroyed by fire. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 15th December, 1909.

#### No. 215.—Petition of WILLIAM J. ELLIS.

PETITIONER prays for return of deposit on section of land in Paeroa Township.

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

15th December, 1909.

#### No. 59.—Petition of Frank Marshall and 95 Others.

Petitioners pray for a reserve for recreation and water-supply to be set aside near Morrinsville.

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

15th December, 1909.

## WAITARA BOROUGH RESERVES VESTING BILL.

The Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Waitara Borough Reserves Vesting Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed as amended by the Local Bills Committee.

16th December, 1909.

# No. 393.—Petition of A. A. Whatman and 15 Others, of Waimarama.

PETITIONERS pray for relief from payment of rates on the Waimarama Special Settlement.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition, 16th December, 1909.