

ROTORUA BOROUGH VESTING AND EMPOWERING BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Rotorua Borough Vesting and Empowering Bill, and that, so far as the Bill affects the lands of the Crown, the Committee has no objection to make; but, in view of the decision of the Local Bills Committee against the Bill, the Lands Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

29th September, 1930.

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No. 103.—Petition of H. L. ALEXANDER and 27 Others, of Reporoa Settlement.

PRAYING for a revaluation of Reporoa Settlement lands.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration; and the Committee desires to express the opinion that (1) the revaluation as assessed by Messrs. Galvin and Meredith should be adhered to and the settlers' valuations reduced accordingly; and (2) the question of the formation of a Drainage Board over a portion or the total area of the Reporoa Settlement should be held in abeyance. The Committee is of opinion that the creation of a Drainage Board as at present proposed would impose a hardship on the settlers concerned.

2nd October, 1930.

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No. 420.—Petition of P. J. MATSON, of Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, Settler.

PRAYING that he be reinstated as a Crown tenant on Section 15, Ardkeen Soldiers Settlement, Wairoa.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

2nd October, 1930.

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No. 423/1929, Petition of TE KUITI BOROUGH COUNCIL and 38 Others; and No. 208/1930, Petition of TAUMARUNUI BOROUGH COUNCIL and 37 Others.

PRAYING that reductions be made in the valuations and prices of lands purchased from the Crown on the deferred-payment system.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered these petitions, and, as a question of policy is involved, has no recommendation to make.

2nd October, 1930.

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No. 131.—Petition of S. F. G. WILLIAMS, of Runciman, Settler.

PRAYING that the Crown inform petitioner what it proposes to do in respect of moneys owing by petitioner to the Lands Department.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

2nd October, 1930.

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LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Land Laws Amendment Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on the copy of Bill attached.

8th October, 1930.

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LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Local Legislation Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

8th October, 1930.