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# LANDS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. J. A. MACPHERSON, CHAIRMAN.)

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## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

FRIDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1935.

*Ordered*, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to whom shall stand referred, after the first reading, all Bills affecting or in any way relating to the lands of the Crown or education or other public reserves; the Committee to have power to recommend such amendments therein as it thinks proper, and to report generally, when necessary, upon the principles and provisions of the Bills: the Committee to consist of Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dickie, Colonel Hargest, Mr. Langstone, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. J. N. Massey, Mr. Richards, Mr. Savage, Mr. Stuart, and the Mover."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES, for Hon. Sir ALFRED RANSOM.)

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1935.

*Ordered*, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1934-35 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

THURSDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1935.

*Ordered*, "That the Lands Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. MACPHERSON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1935.

*Ordered*, "That the Lands Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. MACPHERSON.)

THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1935.

*Ordered*, "That the Lands Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. MACPHERSON.)

### *Memoranda for the Chairman of the Lands Committee:—*

The Bill intituled the Whaling Industry Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (11th September, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (19th September, 1935.)

The Bills intituled the Masterton Trust Lands Amendment Act, and the Napier Foreshore Extension Act, stand referred to the Lands Committee for report. (21st September, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Mining Amendment Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (26th September, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Small Farms (Relief of Unemployment) Amendment Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (2nd October, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Napier Airport Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (3rd October, 1935.)

The Bills intituled the Hauraki Plains County Eastern Water-supply Empowering Act, and the Hawke's Bay County Empowering Act, stand referred to the Lands Committee for report. (9th October, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Featherston County Water-race Districts Validation Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (17th October, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Nelson Waterworks Extension Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (18th October, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Land Laws Amendment Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (22nd October, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (23rd October, 1935.)

The Bill intituled the Southland Land Drainage Act stands referred to the Lands Committee for report. (24th October, 1935.)

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MASTERTON TRUST LANDS AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Masterton Trust Lands Amendment Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects public reserves, the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.  
2nd October, 1935.

WELLINGTON CITY EMPOWERING AND AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects public reserves, the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.  
2nd October, 1935.

NAPIER FORESHORE EXTENSION BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Napier Foreshore Extension Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.  
2nd October, 1935.

MINING AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Mining Amendment Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.  
2nd October, 1935.

No. 88.—Petition of J. CAMPBELL and 131 Others, of Waikaia District.

PRAYING that a license to erect and operate a sawmill on Run No. 328, Waikaia Survey District, be granted to Messrs. Campbell Brothers, of Dunedin.  
I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition and has no recommendation to make.  
2nd October, 1935.

WHALING INDUSTRY BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Whaling Industry Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.  
9th October, 1935.

## SMALL FARMS (RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Small Farms (Relief of Unemployment) Amendment Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

10th October, 1935.

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## HAURAKI PLAINS COUNTY EASTERN WATER-SUPPLY EMPOWERING BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Hauraki Plains County Eastern Water-supply Empowering Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

10th October, 1935.

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## NAPIER AIRPORT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Napier Airport Bill and recommends that, so far as it affects a public reserve, the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

10th October, 1935.

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## HAWKE'S BAY COUNTY EMPOWERING BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Hawke's Bay County Empowering Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments shown on the copy of the Bill hereto annexed.

10th October, 1935.

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No. 359, 1934-35, and No. 129.—Petition of H. C. WHEELER, of Muriwai Beach, Kaipara, Farmer.

PRAYING for compensation for losses allegedly due to erroneous valuation of his property by the Valuation Department.

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

10th October, 1935.

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No. 336.—Petition of J. O. LAW, of Orini, Farmer.

PRAYING for reinstatement on his farm and compensation for losses sustained through alleged unjust acts of the Lands Department.

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

16th October, 1935.

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No. 157.—Petition of A. A. SMITH and 8 Others, of Otorohanga, Settlers.

PRAYING that provision be made for reclassifying their lands in the Mangapu Drainage District.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th October, 1935.

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No. 34.—Petition of RUBY E. WATSON and 39 Others, of Onetangi, Waiheke Island.

PRAYING for the preservation of a certain area of native bush on Waiheke Island.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th October, 1935.

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## FEATHERSTON COUNTY WATER-RACE DISTRICTS VALIDATION BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Featherston County Water-race Districts Validation Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects the rights and prerogatives of the Crown, the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

17th October, 1935.

J. A. MACPHERSON, Chairman.

## NELSON WATERWORKS EXTENSION BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Nelson Waterworks Extension Bill and recommends that, so far as it affects the rights of the Crown or public reserves, the Bill be allowed to proceed.

J. N. MASSEY, for Chairman.

22nd October, 1935.

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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 the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

23rd October, 1935.

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## No. 92.—Petition of MARGARET BEDELL, of Wellington.

PRAYING for compensation or a compassionate allowance in respect of loss sustained by her late husband's estate through farming Crown land in Murchison County.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd October, 1935.

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## No. 60.—Petition of T. Y. FORMAN, of Kimbolton.

PRAYING for a refund of moneys expended by petitioner in connection with a claim by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to possession of land at Kimbolton.

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 inquiry and consideration.

23rd October, 1935.

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## No. 362.—Petition of W. R. AYSON and 16 Others, of Otautau, Settlers, and No. 363.—J. McLEAY and 9 Others, of Edendale and Seaward Downs Districts.

PRAYING (1) That a reduction be made in the interest charged on their Capital and Current Accounts; (2) that their instalment mortgages be written down; (3) that their lands be revalued; (4) that the system of orders and percentages on milk cheques be done away with.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered these petitions, and recommends that the petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd October, 1935.

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## No. 171.—Petition of T. HARRIS, of Putaruru.

PRAYING for compensation for loss sustained through alleged forced sale of his property.

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 consideration.

23rd October, 1935.

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## No. 191.—Petition of S. F. G. WILLIAMS, of Runciman.

PRAYING for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the loss of his land.

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

23rd October, 1935.

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## No. 351, 1934–35.—Petition of T. JACKSON and 8 Others, of Rotorua.

PRAYING that the right of reasonable access for the public to all lakes and waterways in the Rotorua-Taupo Thermal and Lakes District be secured.

I have the honour to report that, the honourable member presenting this petition being desirous of withdrawing it, the Committee recommends that the petition be allowed to be withdrawn.

23rd October, 1935.

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## SOUTHLAND LAND DRAINAGE BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Southland Land Drainage Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects the rights and prerogatives of the Crown, the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendment shown on the copy of the Bill hereto annexed.

23rd October, 1935.

## RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendment shown on the copy of the Bill hereto annexed.

24th October, 1935.

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No. 193.—Petition of R. J. A. DALLEY, of Woodend, North Canterbury.

PRAYING for an inquiry into the administration of his affairs by the Lands Department.

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

25th October, 1935.

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No. 28.—Petition of W. E. TIMMINGS, of Wellington.

PRAYING for restoration of property of which he was allegedly wrongfully dispossessed, or for compensation.

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

J. A. MACPHERSON, Chairman.

25th October, 1935.

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## SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Lands Committee unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this Committee places on record its appreciation of the care and ability with which the Chairman, Mr. Macpherson, has conducted the business of the Committee during the session, and directs that this resolution be reported to the House."

H. G. DICKIE, a Member of the Committee.

25th October, 1935.

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## SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that at its final meeting the Lands Committee expressed by resolution its appreciation of the services rendered to the Committee by the Clerk, Mr. W. J. Organ, and directed that the resolution be reported to the House.

25th October, 1935.

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## FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee, consisting at the commencement of the session of ten members, has held eight meetings, with an average attendance of seven members. The Committee has to record the loss it sustained by the death of one of its number, the late Mr. Connolly.

Fourteen Bills and fifteen Petitions were referred to the Committee, and all have been considered and reported on to the House.

J. A. MACPHERSON, Chairman.

25th October, 1935.

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