No. 207.—Petition of FRANK D. BELL. [Further Report.]

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred back the above petition, relative to an injustice he received through the action of the Land Department, &c., have directed me to report that the Committee, having taken further evidence in this case, find that the petitioner's name was by an omission excluded from the other deferred-payment settlers, who became entitled to the benefits of the Government scheme, and recommend that he now be placed in the same position with them.

9th August, 1881.

No. 214 .- Petition of ROBERT LAMPLOUGH.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, praying for an inquiry into his claim for a lease of land, &c., have directed me to report that the Committee consider that the petitioner should represent his case to the Waste Lands Board, Nelson, and have therefore no further recommendation to make.

9th August, 1881.

"GISBORNE HARBOUR BOARD BILL, 1881."

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have directed me to report that the Committee have gone through the Bill, and recommend that the same be passed without amendment.

9th August, 1881.

"Education Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Bill, 1881." [Further Report]

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred back the above Bill, have directed me to report that they have gone through the Bill, and recommend that the same be passed with the amendments as shown in the attached copy

9th August, 1881.

No. 94.—Petition of WILLIAM McCormick.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, praying that a Crown grant may be issued to him, have directed me to report that they have ascertained that the Crown grant will be issued to the petitioner as soon as it is signed by the Governor.

9th August, 1881.

No. 85.—Petition of Charles Matthews.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, praying for compensation for loss through the action of the Waste Lands Board, Nelson, have directed me to report that they are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim, and that the imputation of corrupt influence having been exercised is entirely without foundation.

10th August, 1881.

No. 274.—Petition of J J RAMSAY and Others.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, praying for reductions in the price of sections leased on deferred payments, have directed me to report that they are of opinion that the petitioners have no claim.

10th August, 1881.

No. 42.—Petition of WILLIAM SEATON and Others.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, have directed me to report that they recommend the petitioners to refer their case to Mr. C. A. Wray, Commissioner of Crown Lands for the West Coast Land District.

19th August, 1881.

No. 123.—Petition of James Campbell.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, praying for a grant of land as a discharged soldier, have directed me to report that they are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim. 19th August, 1881.

No. 183.—Petition of R. McKinnon and Others.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred back the above petition, praying for compensation for losses sustained through rabbit-pest, have directed me to report that they recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the favourable consideration of the Government.

19th August, 1881.

No. 145.—Petition of WILLIAM GOLDIE.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, in which petitioner complains that he was not allowed to exercise Volunteer scrip in payment for land, have directed me to report that the petitioner's claim to exercise Volunteer scrip to the value of £26 is just, and ought to be met; the Committee therefore recommend the case to the Government, to be dealt with either by legislation or otherwise.

19th August, 1881.