

No. 219.—Petition of THOMAS CARTER.

THE petitioner states that, being induced by the provisions of "The Forest Trees Planting Encouragement Act, 1871," he planted with forest-trees over 124 acres upon the Hillersden and Wantwood Runs, his property; that he has complied with all the provisions of the Act except as to sections 6 and 8. He prays that a land-order may be granted to him in accordance with the Act.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that, inasmuch as Mr. Carter has fulfilled all the requirements of the Forest Trees Planting Encouragement Acts of 1871 and 1872, with the single exception of giving the required notice to inspect, this Committee is of opinion that the land applied for should be granted to him so soon as the Lands Department has satisfied itself that the planting is satisfactory.

3rd September, 1890.

No. 112.—Petition of JOHN BELL.

THE petitioner states that in the year 1883 he purchased an allotment in Chapel Street, Auckland; that prior to his purchase the said allotment was surveyed by a Government surveyor, who afterwards gave evidence in the Land Transfer Court to the effect that this allotment was of the specified area; that by subsequent survey the allotment has been found to be deficient in area to the extent of 83½ square feet; that petitioner has been offered £50 compensation by the Government, which he does not consider sufficient. He prays for further consideration.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the sum of £100 be granted to petitioner in full satisfaction of his claim.

No. 111.—Petition of J. D. GREENWOOD.

THE petitioner states that prior to July, 1888, he had been the leaseholder of a run in Canterbury called Teviotdale; that he paid his rent annually in advance on the 1st May; that on the 1st May, 1888, he paid his rent as usual in advance, and when doing so pointed out to the Commissioner that he might lose his rent if the run was sold to another party in July of same year, for which date the sale of it was then advertised; that the Commissioner stated that if such occurred the rent paid by petitioner would be refunded to him; that in July, 1888, petitioner purchased the run himself, and the Commissioner refuses to carry out his promise and refund the rent.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that the petitioner must have known that rent once paid in could not be refunded, it being one of the conditions of his occupation of the land. The Committee therefore are of opinion that petitioner has no claim.

3rd September, 1890.

No. 190.—Petition of ARTHUR SMITH and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the remaining portion of Run No. 199, Otago, consisting of 10,930 acres, may be divided into four small runs, so as to enable them, who are local settlers, to take them up.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government, with a recommendation that the prayer of the petition be acceded to.

4th September, 1890.

No. 423 of 1889.—Petition of D. H. LUSK.

THE petitioner states that he served as an officer in the colonial forces during the Maori wars. He prays that no technical objection may be raised to his receiving a grant of land for his services.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th September, 1890.

No. 171.—Petition of T. H. BASHFORD.

THE petitioner states that he served in the colonial forces during the Maori war. He prays that he may be given a grant of land for his services.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

4th September, 1890.

No. 33.—Petition of the WAIKATO LAND ASSOCIATION.

THE petitioners state they are the owners of land in the Waikato district; that prior to the year 1885 the association planted with forest-trees 142 acres and 22 perches of their land, with the object of obtaining a grant of land under the Forest Trees Planting Encouragement Acts of 1871 and 1872; that in 1885 petitioners applied for a land-order under the provisions of the said Acts, but the same has been withheld. They pray for consideration and relief.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that a land-order in proportion to the area planted should be issued to the petitioners by the Government.

4th September, 1890.

No. 201.—Petition of T. BRIGHTWELL and 26 Others.

THE petitioners state that they are village settlers at Woodville; that their holdings are not large enough to live upon; that by the rules of village settlement they are debarred from acquiring more land. They pray for legislation for their relief.