# No. 380.—Petition of P. Bolton, of Whangamarino.

PETITIONER prays that Sections Nos. 451 and 452, in the Parish of Whangamarino, held by him under perpetual lease, be revalued, and that he be allowed to take them up at the new valuation without competition or surrender of his present lease.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1900.

### No. 222.—Petition of EDWARD SCHISCHKA, of Puhoi.

Petitioner prays for an allowance to compensate for loss alleged to have been sustained owing to shortage of land in certain allotments purchased by him in the Parish of Puhoi, Rodney County. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1900.

## No. 486.—Petition of Alfred Hills and 18 Others, of Whangape.

Petitioners pray that the sum of £250 be at once granted for the completion of two lengths of road connecting Whangape Block, Raglan County, with the Post-office, Tuakau, to enable them to get their wool to market by wheel traffic this season.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the

Government for favourable consideration.

21st September, 1900.

No. 482.—Petition of M. Bradley and Co. and 97 Others, of Whangarei.

PETITIONERS pray that the Puhipuhi Forest may be declared a reserve under the Kauri-gum Industry Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the

Government for consideration.

21st September, 1900.

No. 525.—Petition of E. Trounson and 161 Others, of Kaihu.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted sums of money for forming and metalling roads to their sections at Ahikiwi and Maunganui Bluff.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the

Government for consideration. 27th September, 1900.

No. 126.—Petition of Thomas A. Yeoman and Co., of Pahiatua, and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS complain of the action of the Lands Department in charging a higher rental for their sections than that stated at time of sale.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

27th September, 1900.

No. 528.—Petition of John Wakeham and 22 Others, of Wellington District.

Petitioners pray that a Bill may be passed to enable a loan to be raised against "thirds" without the necessity of levying any special rate, &c.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the

Government for favourable consideration.

27th September, 1900.

#### No. 518.—Petition of A. Kirk and 8 Others, of Waipoua.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted a reduction of rent for their holdings, &c.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

27th September, 1900.

### No. 154.—Petition of Charles Wagland, of Masterton.

PETITIONER states that owing to an inaccurate statement by a Government valuer he was induced to purchase from the Advances to Settlers Office the Lake Estate, at Waitotara, for considerably

more than its value, and he claims compensation for his losses.

I am directed to report that the Committee, after hearing evidence, considers the petitioner was misled with reference to the amount of improvements and value of fencing, and recommends a

refund of £500.

27th September, 1900.

No 522.—Petition of F. Reed and 18 Others, of Utakura, &c.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted a sum of money sufficient to repair the Okaihau-Horeke Main Road, &c.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

27th September, 1900.