No. 578.—Petition of D. J. Heenan and Others, of Opio, Beaumont Estate, Wairaki, Southland.

PETITIONERS pray for relief owing to the unproductiveness of their holdings, and the high rent thereof.

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

3rd September, 1901.

No. 580.—Petition of Angus Stewart, of Kaiwaka, Auckland.

PETITIONER complains of the action of the Native Lands Court, presided over by District Judge Edger, in awarding his holding at Otamatea to certain Natives, whereby petitioner was put to

great inconvenience and loss in getting the error rectified.

I am directed to report that the Committee is unanimously of opinion the petitioner should be reimbursed all expenses incurred by him through the erroneous action of the Native Land Court. The Committee further suggests the advisability of calling the attention of the Native Land Court Judge to the error committed by him, and considers he should be held responsible for the loss sustained by the petitioner, and recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

3rd September, 1901.

No. 587.—Petition of W. McKeever, of Tatham, Richmond River District, New South Wales. Petitioner complains of being debarred from his right to sue for land claimed for services during the war in New Zealand.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 3rd September, 1901.

No. 588.—Petition of George Ward Draper, of Milton, Otago.

PETITIONER complains of the action of the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, Otago, in closing a temporary road, by which access was cut off from his holding.

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

3rd September, 1901.

No. 201.—Petition of John Hughes and Others, of Welshman's, Westland.

Petitioners draw attention to the neglected state of the Old Marsden Road.

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

12th September, 1901.

No. 526.—Petition of H. Nilsson and Others, of Alfredton.

PETITIONERS pray for relief in connection with a loan raised for constructing and draining the Baker Road, Alfredton Riding.

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

12th September, 1901.

No. 643.—Petition of E. J. HAWKINGS and Others, of Wekaweka, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for revaluation of their holdings with a view to reduction of rents.

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

12th September, 1901.

No. 646.—Petition of James Moir and Others, of Ahuroa Parish, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for grant of £200 to repair certain roads in the Rodney County.

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

12th September, 1901.

No. 708.—Petition of W. Glasgow and Others, of Tuakau Special Settlement, Auckland. Petitioners ask for grant of £300 to continue work of construction of the Onewhero-Tuakau Road.

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

12th September, 1901.

No. 774.—Petition of W. Chadwin and Others, of Maungaturoto, Auckland. PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £100 to make a road to connect their holdings with the Great North Road.

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

12th September, 1901.