No. 254.—Petition of M. M. MASSEY and Others, of Waipu, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for completion of road between the settlements of Waipu, Mangawai, and Hakaru.

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

21st August, 1902.

No. 257.—Petition of Edward Harnett and Others, of Hukerenui, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for a grant of £300 to form a road to Hukerenui Railway-station.

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

21st August, 1902.

No. 258.—Petition of WILLIAM HUNTER and Others, of Horse Terrace, Upper Matakitaki. Petitioners pray for a grant of £300 towards completing road from Horse Terrace to Matakitaki Plain.

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

21st August, 1902.

No. 270.—Petition of WILLIAM DAVIDSON and Others, of Tapanui, Otago.

Petitioners pray that 2,000 acres of land on Run 140B, Tapanui, be opened for close settlement. I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to Government for consideration.

21st August, 1902.

No. 113.—Petition of ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for relief in respect of land sold by Government at Table Hill.

I am directed to report that petitioner states that in 1869 and 1870 he and his deceased brother leased from the Provincial Government of Otago certain land at Table Hill, and that at the expiry of their lease in 1876 and 1877, through the negligence of their solicitor, they lost their opportunity of purchasing the property, and the land was sold by the Crown. The profit thus lost appears to have amounted to £911. Your Committee considers petitioner has no legal claim, but they recommend that his petition be referred to Government for consideration.

27th August, 1902.

No. 315.—Petition of Joseph Healby, of Whakatane.

PETITIONER prays for payment of money due for work done on Ruatoki-Rangitaiki Road.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Public Petitions A to L Committee for consideration.

27th August, 1902.

No. 322.—Petition of MAURICE HARDING and Others, of Horehore, Mititai, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for grant of £500 towards formation of Mititai-Tokatoka Road.

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

27th August, 1902.

No. 323.—Petition of WILLIAM CHADWIN and Others, of Maungaturoto, Auckland. PETITIONERS pray for grant of £300 for improvement of Finlayson's Road, Wairau Riding, Otamatea County.

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

Government for consideration.

27th August, 1902.

No. 211.—Petition of MARGARET GIESEN, of Feilding.

Petitioner prays for relief under the Land Act.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 2nd September, 1902.

Nos. 284 and 285.—Petitions of John Gould and Albert John Gould, of Feilding. Petitioners pray for refund of £12 10s. and £6 5s. paid on Sections 4 and 11, Block VIII..

Waimarino, Gladstone Small-farms Association, respectively.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petitions be referred to Government for favourable consideration, as was done in similar cases last year. 10th September, 1902.

Nos. 329, 330, 331, 353, and 358.—Petitions of W. G. Drever and Others, W. Morgan and Others, H. A. Pyke and Others, Joseph Dobson and Others, and L. Gardiner and Others, of Kaurihohore, &c.

PETITIONERS pray that the Puhipuhi State Forest may be opened to gum-diggers.

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

10th September, 1902.