REPORTS.

Quorum.

The Lands Committee has the honour to recommend that its quorum be increased from three to five.

15th July, 1903.

No. 36.—Petition of James Beattie, of Waikaka, Otago.

Petitioner prays for money compensation for loss of certain privileges.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee for consideration.

23rd July, 1903.

No. 41.—Petition of A. Wilson and Others, Birkenhead, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for a grant of £400 for road-making purposes.

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

23rd July, 1903.

No. 168.—Petition of P. E. Cheal, Authorised Surveyor, Auckland.

Petitioner prays for a refund of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in partially surveying Maunga-

papa No. 2 Block, in the Mokau district.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, as they consider Mr. Cheal lost the money claimed (£114-4s. 9d.) owing to an error made by an official of the Native Land Court at Auckland.

23rd July, 1903.

No. 57.—Petition of Alexander M. McClosky, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for redress for loss sustained through land which he settled on at Hokianga being misrepresented by the Lands Department.

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

6th August, 1903.

No. 97.—Petition of H. T. MARTIN and Others, Tangawahia, Auckland.

Petitioners pray for a grant of £300 for road-making purposes.

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

6th August, 1903.

No. 151. -Petition of EDWARD BAIN, Owharoa, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for redress in connection with his title to certain land in Ohinemuri.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends this petition be referred to the Goldfields and Mines Committee.

6th August, 1903.

No. 164.—Petition of J. A. Gubb and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £100 for road-making purposes.

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

6th August, 1903.

Nos. 165, 166, and 167.—Petitions of James Aikin and Others, Tokatoka; Louis Nisbet and Others, Arapohue; and T. F. Downs and Others, Tokatoka.

Petitioners pray for a grant of £1,000 for forming and metalling the Tokatoka-Mangapai Road. I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

6th August, 1903.

No. 190.—Petition of L. W. Murray and Others, Tokarahi, Otago.

PETITIONERS pray that Crown tenants be accorded the privilege of electing a proportion of members of the Land Boards of the colony.

I am directed to report that, as the question is one of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th August, 1903.