No. 137.—Petition of W. Courtney, New Plymouth.

PETITIONER prays for redress for land taken from him by the Taranaki Land Board under arbitrary conditions.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to Government with a recommendation that the wishes of the Land Board to remit a portion of the rent forfeited be given effect to.

13th August, 1903.

No. 176.—Petition of James Holland, Kaiapoi.

Petitioner prays for compensation for shortage of land under Land Transfer title. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 13th August, 1903.

No. 189.—Petition of George A. Wilson and Others, Hunua.

Petitioners pray for a grant of money to complete a dray-road in the Hunua district.

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

20th August, 1903.

No. 202.—Petition of John Matheson and Others, Hunua.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of £550 be placed on the estimates for road-making purposes in the Opaheke Road District.

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

20th August, 1903.

No. 338.—Petition of W. F. Parsons and Others, Ruapekapeka.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £350 for the completion of the Hukerenui-Waiotu Valley Road to the railway-station.

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

20th August, 1903.

BUSH AND SWAMP CROWN LANDS SETTLEMENT BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Bill by the Hon. the Speaker, returns it to the House, having no recommendation to make. 20th August, 1903.

SAND-DRIFT (No. 2) BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Sand-drift (No. 2) Bill, have the honour to report that it had carefully considered the said Bill, and it recommends that the same be allowed to proceed, with the amendments shown in the copy attached hereto.

28th August, 1903.

No. 218.—Petition of J. T. Stembridge and Others, Hunua.

Petitioners pray for a grant of £300 to form and metal Whisky Creek Road, Hunua District.

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

28th August, 1903.

No. 306.—Petition of A. Cochran, Jun., and Others, Waikumete.

Petitioners pray for a grant of money to make roads in Waikumete Riding, Waitemata County.

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

28th August, 1903.

No. 308.—Petition of W. E. Johns and Others, Upper Waiwera.

Petitioners pray for a grant of £700 for road purposes at Upper Waiwera.

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

28th August, 1903.

No. 317.—Petition of P. L. HARNETT and Another, Lower Hutt (No. 1).

PETITIONERS ask for completion of contract for sale of land at Western Hutt, or compensation. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 28th August, 1903.

No. 305.—Petition of JAMES McCORMICK, Settler, Thames.

PETITIONER prays for relief from forfeiture of section at Te Aroha.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 4th September, 1903.