REPORTS.

No. 26.—Petition of the Westland County Council.

Petitioners pray that legislation be passed entitling local bodies to receive the royalties derived from the sales of timber and flax.

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

12th August, 1904.

No. 2.—Petition of Mackenzie County Council and 25 Others, as per Schedule attached. Petitioners pray that legislation be passed entitling local bodies to receive a proportion of the royalties derived from the sales of timber and flax.

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

Government for favourable consideration.

12th August, 1904.

SCHEDULE.

No. 3.—Wairau Road Board.

, 4.—Coromandel County Council.

, 5.—Thames County Council.

, 27.—Cook County Council.

, 28.—Wallace County Council.

, 37.—Woodville County Council.

, 46.—Whangaroa County Council.

, 47.—Patea County Council.

, 74.—Whangarei County Council.

, 75.—Rodney County Council.

, 85.—Inangahua County Council.

108.—Grey County Council.

", 135.—Mauriceville County Council.
", 181.—Bay of Islands County Council.
", 182.—Pohangina County Council.
", 183.—Hutt County Council.
", 197.—Southland County Council.
", 198.—Ashburton County Council.
", 199.—Kaikoura County Council.
", 200.—Waitaki County Council.
", 312.—Otamatea County Council.
", 313.—Masterton County Council.

No. 110.—Waitotara County Council. ,, 134.—Selwyn County Council.

109.—Manawatu County Council.

No. 7.—Petition of N. and E. S. PATERSON and 50 Others.

Petitioners pray for an amendment of the Public Works Act.

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

19th August, 1904.

Nos. 179, 230, 499, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, and 512.—Petitions of J. Malyon and Others, W. W. Kerr and Others, L. S. Ford and Others, R. H. Bowman and Others, O. J. J. Fisher and Others, T. Pennycuick and Others, G. H. Beard and Others, C. M. Powell and Others, and J. A. Kirk and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for amendment of the Land Act so as to give them the option of acquiring the freehold of their sections.

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

26th August, 1904.

No. 408.—Petition of Alexander Campbell.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of land through not being allowed to purchase the freehold.

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

26th August, 1904.

Nos. 130, 396, 428, 463, and 506.—Petitions of Eketahuna County Council, Waipa County Council, Lake County Council, Tauranga County Council, and Opotiki County Council.

PETITIONERS pray that legislation be passed entitling local bodies to receive a proportion of the royalties derived from the sales of timber and flax.

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

26th August, 1904.