No. 48.—Petition of HEYWOOD ARMSTRONG, of Oparau, Kawhia.

PRAYING for compensation for forfeiture of Section 2, Block V, Pirongia Survey District, which was

taken by the Auckland Land Board.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government with a recommendation that Mr. Armstrong be refunded any profit shown between the upset price at which the land was leased to Armstrong and the upset price at which it was leased to the new lessee, after deducting all actual expenses and outgoings.

10th September, 1913.

No. 97.—Petition of C. CARR, of Merrivale, Southland.

Praying for compensation for mistake made in area of land purchased by him at Merrivale.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

10th September, 1913.

No. 114.—Petition of T. H. KIRBY and 48 Others, of Ohakune.

Praying that legislation be introduced in order to allow them to obtain the freehold of their selections in Ohakune.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this is a question of policy, and the petition should be referred to the Government.

10th September, 1913.

No. 205 (1912).—Petition of TE MAARI MATUAAHU and Others, of Ruawhakahoro Block.

Praying for rehearing re ownership of the Ruawhakahoro Block.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petitioners be granted a rehearing. 10th September, 1913.

No. 243.—Petition of PATRICK JAMES MURPHY.

Praying for compensation in connection with a prosecution under section 69 of the Land Act, 1908.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

10th September, 1913.

LAND DRAINAGE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).

THE Lands Committee, to which was referred the Land Drainage Amendment Bill, has the honour to report the same to the House, and recommends that it be not proceeded with, as the subject-matter will be dealt with in another Bill.

11th September, 1913.

LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Lands Committee to which was referred the Land Laws Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on the copy attached hereto.

23rd September, 1913.

No. 188.—Petition of A. C. LANGE, of Maungatoroa.

Praying that he be granted the full benefit of all improvements effected on his Section 2, Block V, Mokotuku.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in regard to this petition.

26th September, 1913.

No. 12.—Petition of G. F. CAMPBELL and 350 Others, of St. Helier's Bay, Auckland.

Praying for compulsory purchase of certain Church lands in the Tamaki West Road District.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the Church of England Trust Board is making provision for the closer settlement of a portion of the property, and the balance being held under lease, the Committee refers the petition to the Government for consideration.

26th September, 1913.