

REPORTS.

No. 23, Petition of CHARLES A. STEVENS and 30 Others; and No. 214, Petition of ARTHUR NUNNS and 18 Others.

PRAYING for right to convert their leaseholds into freeholds.

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

6th August, 1914.

No. 250.—Petition of H. M. MARTIN and 13 Others, also 15 similar Petitions (as per Schedule attached hereto).

PRAYING that legislation be passed authorizing leaseholders of endowment reserves to purchase the freehold of their holdings.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of these petitions is a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make, but is of opinion that it is desirable that the Government should introduce legislation giving a uniformity of tenure to tenants of education reserves.

13th August, 1914.

SCHEDULE.

No. 197.—F. Bartlett and 32 others.
No. 219.—William Benzie and 4 others.
No. 248.—John Templeton and 2 others.
No. 249.—James Watt and 6 others.
No. 319.—Thomas R. Eades and 29 others.
No. 323.—W. Burdon and another.
No. 324.—George Harker and another.
No. 325.—Richard Keast and another.

No. 326.—William McKee and 11 others.
No. 335.—John Clark and 12 others.
No. 347.—John Kirkpatrick and another.
No. 348.—Alexander Bell and 5 others.
No. 349.—J. A. Merrifield and 2 others.
No. 350.—John Dickson and 3 others.
No. 351.—Hugh Mathieson and 2 others.

No. 184.—Petition of JOHN HUGHIE and Another.

PRAYING for compensation on Kawakawa property.

I am directed to report, this being a matter dealing with Native lands, this Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Native Affairs Committee for consideration.

13th August, 1914.

No. 31 and No. 308.—Petitions of WILLIAM E. TIMMINGS.

PRAYING for inquiry and relief *re* loss of a Crown lease.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to these petitions.

2nd September, 1914.

TAKAPUNA BOROUGH FORESHORE VESTING BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed as amended by the Local Bills Committee.

10th September, 1914.

No. 68.—Petition of CECIL A. DE LAUTOUR, of Gisborne.

PRAYING for compensation on improvements made during the term of his lease of Whakaangi Blocks 5A and 5B.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee the prayer of the petition should be favourably considered by the Government, and that a sum of money should be put on the estimates such as will equitably compensate the petitioner for the improvements which he effected on the land referred to in the petition.

17th September, 1914.

WHANGAREI BOROUGH LAND VESTING BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed as amended by the Local Bills Committee.

17th September, 1914.