

No. 407, Petition of E. M. BLATCH; and No. 408, Petition of ROBERT ANDERSON and 3 Others.
PRAYING that legislation be passed authorizing leaseholders of education reserves to purchase the freehold of their holdings.

I am directed to report that, as a question of policy is involved, 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.

22nd September, 1914.

No. 126.—Petition of JAMES HICKEY, of Coromandel.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of land.

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

1st October, 1914.

No. 94.—Petition of JOHN ROUNTREE. (First Report.)

PRAYING for compensation for loss of standing timber through fire.

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

1st October, 1914.

PAPER No. 243 C (Proposal to withdraw 7,200 Acres of Land in Blocks II and III, Tennyson Survey District, and Blocks I and II, Wakamarina Survey District, Marlborough Land District, from reservation under the State Forests Act, 1908, under the Provisions of Section 28 of the said Act).

THE Lands Committee, to which was referred the above parliamentary paper, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered same, and recommends that the Government set aside portions of this land as small scenic reserves either along the course of the stream or at other suitable places.

2nd October, 1914.

No. 283.—Petition of C. J. PARR, C.M.G., and Others.

PRAYING that steps be taken in order to preserve the volcanic hills in and around Auckland.

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

2nd October, 1914.

No. 153, Petition of WILLIAM C. ROBERTS and 5 Others; and No. 222, Petition of E. S. BENTLEY and 2 Others.

PRAYING that the Crown purchase certain lands from the Auckland University College Council, and either sell or lease same to the petitioners.

I am directed to report that, as a question of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make, but is of opinion that the Government should provide uniformity of lease for tenants of education reserves, giving security of tenure on terms that would encourage improvements to be effected, and also securing to these tenants the value of their improvements.

2nd October, 1914.

No. 412.—Petition of F. G. REYNOLDS and 14 Others.

PRAYING for the option of freehold or right of renewal of education endowment leases.

I am directed to report that, as a question of policy is involved, 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.

5th October, 1914.

No. 361.—Petition of JOSEPH CLARK and 126 Others.

PRAYING that the Government acquire certain Church lands for workers' dwellings.

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

8th October, 1914.

No. 152.—Petition of W. J. HUNT. (First Report.)

PRAYING for compensation for loss of timber rights in Ngarara Block.

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

8th October, 1914.