No. 386.—Petition of Matthew Fowler.

Praying for a grant of title to land at Howick, claimed by petitioner in right of his grandfather.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for inquiry.

7th November, 1929.

No. 393.—Petition of Hugh Cronin.

Praying that the Repatriation Branch of the State Advances Department should write off the sum of £203 17s. 1d. and interest owing by the petitioner to the Department, being the balance of an advance made to enable petitioner to start poultry-farming.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition,

and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th November, 1929.

No. 396.—Petition of Herbert Drummond Jamieson.

Praying that legislation be passed authorizing the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Auckland to permit the petitioner to acquire without ballot Sections 43 and 44, Block VI, Waihou Survey District.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th November, 1929.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that at its final meeting, held on Tuesday, the 5th November, 1929, the Lands Committee unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this Committee place on record its appreciation of the able services rendered throughout the session by Mr. J. A. Macpherson as Chairman of the Committee, and directs that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House."

W. LEE MARTIN, Member of the Committee.

7th November, 1929.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that at its final meeting on Tuesday, the 5th November, the Lands Committee expressed its appreciation of the services rendered by the Clerk, Mr. W. J. Organ, and directed that the resolution be recorded in the minutes and be reported to the House. The Committee desires also to express the opinion that the Government should endeavour to retain the services of the Committee Clerks during the recess.

7th November, 1929.

FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee, consisting of fourteen members, has held thirteen meetings during the session, and that the average attendance at each meeting has been nine members. Twenty-nine petitions were referred to the Committee, all of which have been considered and reported to the House. Eleven Bills were referred to the Committee, and all were considered and reported on.

J. A. Macpherson, Chairman.

7th November, 1929.

No. 363.—Petition of C. O. BAYLEY.

Praying for compensation for the cutting-off of the main water-supply to his property through the construction of the East Coast Main Trunk Line.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee, to which the above-mentioned petition was referred by special order of the House on the 7th November, has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration with a view to giving the petitioner some financial assistance in the expense to which he has been put.

8th November, 1929.

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