

No. 4, Sess. 1, Petition of EDGAR T. SHAND and 363 Others; also on Petitions Nos. 15, Sess. 1, of ARTHUR F. T. MUNRO and 26 Others; 16, Sess. 1, R. B. HARCOURT and 59 Others; 17, Sess. 1, C. G. MATHIESON and 11 Others; 18, Sess. 1, W. D. RUTHERFORD and 14 Others; 19, Sess. 1, A. V. BACON and 6 others; 43, Sess. 1, R. M. A. MUNRO and 11 Others; and 44, Sess. 1, J. E. RUSSELL and 3 Others; all of Otago and Southland, Sheepowners.

PRAYING for the remission or refund of the whole or part of one or more years' rent of their pastoral leaseholds, for a reduction of rent for the remainder of the leases, and for an extension of the terms of the leases.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the foregoing petitions, but, as statutory provision under which the petitioners may be granted relief already exists and is being sympathetically exercised by the Government, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

17th November, 1932.

No. 86/31.—Petition of L. P. JENSEN and 29 Others, of Omanawa, Tauranga, Farmers.

PRAYING that certain land in Tauranga County be opened for settlement.

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 consideration.

24th November, 1932.

No. 192.—Petition of JOSEPH ORMOND LAW, of Orini, Farmer.

PRAYING for reinstatement on farm or other relief.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

24th November, 1932.

No. 99, Sess. 1.—Petition of JAMES McCAMBRIDGE and 14 Others, of Fruitlands, Otago.

PRAYING for the remission of their unpaid irrigation charges and the reduction of future charges to a lower scale.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, but, in view of the facts that statutory power to afford relief already exists and that the subject-matter of the petition is being referred to the Mortgagors' Adjustment Commission for consideration, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th November, 1932.

No. 163/31.—Petition of FRANK EDWIN MITCHINSON and Another, of Raetihi, Farmers.

PRAYING that the sum of £2,902 10s. 1d. owing by them to the Raetihi Bush Fire Relief Fund be written off and the securities therefor released.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

24th November, 1932.

No. 2, Sess. 1.—Petition of LEWIS E. B. JACKSON, of Onehunga, Farmer.

PRAYING that he be granted assistance to take up a farm.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

24th November, 1932.

NAPIER HARBOUR BOARD EMPOWERING BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Napier Harbour Board Empowering Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects a public reserve, the Bill be allowed to proceed.

1st December, 1932.

PAPER NO. 170.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee recommends that the proposed reservation of primary education endowments in Whangape Survey District, North Auckland Land District, and Wharepapa Survey District, Auckland Land District, as set out in Paper No. 170 be approved.

2nd December, 1932.