

PAPER No. 171.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has considered the proposals contained in the notices of intention to issue Orders in Council cancelling the reservation over the Buffalo Domain, Auckland Land District, and over Recreation Reserve, Section 59, Block XII, Cape Survey District, Tararaki Land District, as set out in Paper No. 171, and recommends that the proposals be approved.
2nd December, 1932.

RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
6th December, 1932.

AUCKLAND CITY EMPOWERING BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Auckland City Empowering Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects the rights and prerogatives of the Crown, the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
7th December, 1932.

WAITANGI NATIONAL TRUST BOARD BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Waitangi National Trust Board Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
7th December, 1932.

HAWKE'S BAY RIVERS AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Hawke's Bay Rivers Amendment Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects the rights and prerogatives of the Crown, the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments shown on the copy of the Bill hereto attached.
8th December, 1932.

WHANGAREI HARBOUR BOARD VESTING BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting Bill, and recommends that, so far as it affects the rights and prerogatives of the Crown, the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
8th December, 1932.

No. 262, Petition of HUGH MACKENZIE and 85 Others; also on Petitions Nos. 263, A. C. NICHOLS and 17 Others; 266, H. F. BLATCH and 3 Others; 267, W. R. MACAULAY and 12 Others; 268, S. D. TAYLOR and 20 Others; and 269, W. G. McMILLAN and 8 Others; all of Otago and Southland, Sheep-farmers.

PRAYING for the appointment to the Otago Land Board and to the Southland Board of at least one member actively engaged in business as a sheep-farmer on high country, and for amendment of the Land Act, 1924, to give effect to this prayer.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the foregoing petitions. The Committee is of opinion that sufficient statutory provision for giving effect to the prayer of the petitioners already exists, and also that, as far as possible, regard is paid to the "balance" between the classes of farming represented on the Land Boards as well as to geographical representation. The Committee, therefore, has no recommendation to make.

9th February, 1933.

No. 277.—Petition of JOSEPH ORMOND LAW, of Orini, Farmer.

PRAYING for reinstatement on farm or other relief.

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

9th February, 1933.