REPORTS.

No. 302/1936.—Petition of Mary Dillon, of Timaru, Widow.

Praying for the remission of arrears of rent in respect of land at Rosewell Settlement, Opawa 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 consideration.

20th October, 1937.

No. 21.—Petition of J. W. Silcock and Others, of Waitoki and Mangaiti, Farmers. Praying for compensation for damage allegedly caused to their lands by the Waihou River Stop-bank Scheme.

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

20th October, 1937.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has passed the following Resolution and directed me to report the same to the House: "That, in the opinion of this Committee, the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills should provide that the descriptions of land in the Schedules to Local Bills be certified to by the Chief Surveyor of the Land District in which the land is situated." 4th November, 1937.

NEW PLYMOUTH AIRPORT BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the New Plymouth Airport 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 annexed.

4th November, 1937.

D. Barnes, Chairman.

WHANGAREI AIRPORT BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the Whangarei Airport Bill and recommends that, so far as it affects the rights and prerogatives of the Crown, the Bill be allowed to proceed.

The Committee, while unwilling to delay the progress of this Bill, desires to express the opinion that some provision of land for recreation purposes should be made, in replacement of the block of 8 acres of formed recreation ground which is being taken under the Bill for the purposes of an aerodrome. 11th November, 1936.

No. 21.—Petition of J. W. Silcock and Others, of Waitoki and Mangaiti, Farmers.

Praying for compensation for damage allegedly caused to their lands by the Waihou River Stop-bank Scheme

I have the honour to report that this petition, which was, by Order of the House dated the 20th day of October, 1937, referred back to the Lands Committee for further consideration, has again been considered, and the Committee, having heard further evidence thereon, recommends that it be referred to the Government for inquiry.

11th November, 1937.

E. L. Cullen, for Chairman.