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REPORTS.

Nos. 20, 25, 38, 48, and 49.—Petitions from the Whangarei County Council (No. 1), the Mongonui County Council (No. 2), the Waipawa County Council (No. 2), the Wairoa County Council (No. 1), and the Collingwood County Council (No. 2).

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom were referred the above petitions, praying that for each county comprised in a land district the Council may elect one representative on the Board of such land district, have the honor to report that, as they consider the subject-matter of these petitions to be a question of public policy, they have no report to make thereon.

28th June, 1881.

Nos. 11, 21, 24, 37, 50, and 51.—Petitions from the Akaroa County Council (No. 2), the Whangarei County Council (No. 2), the Mongonui County Council (No. 1), the Waipawa County Council (No. 1), the Wairoa County Council (No. 2), and the Selwyn County Council.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom were referred the above petitions, praying that counties should be placed on the same footing as municipalities as regards landed endowments, have the honor to report that, as they consider the subject-matter of these petitions to be a question of public policy, they have no report to make thereon.

28th June, 1881.

OAMARU HARBOUR BOARD BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Oamaru Harbour Board Bill, have the honor to report that they have gone through the Bill, and recommend that it be passed without amendment.

28th June, 1881.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 44, and 116.—Petitions of J J DUROSS, E. J FAULKNER, M. COLLINS, THOMAS STEWART, E. D. HALSTEAD, JOHN WILKS, and WILLIAM SIMMS and Others.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom were referred the above petitions, praying for grants of land in consideration of military services and as discharged soldiers, have directed me to report that, as similar petitions to the foregoing have had the consideration of previous Committees appointed by this House, who decided that the petitioners had no claim, this Committee sees no reason to recommend the prayers of the above petitioners.

5th July, 1881.

No. 70.—Petition from the WAIROA HARBOUR BOARD.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above petition, praying for a suitable landed endowment to the Board to enable it to successfully carry out its duties, have directed me to report that they have no recommendation to make thereon.

5th July, 1881.

Nos. 72 and 78.—Petitions from the Rodney County Council (No. 1) and the Southland County Council (No. 3)

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom were referred the above petitions, praying that counties may be placed on the same footing as municipalities as regards landed endowments, have directed me to report that, as they consider the subject-matter of these petitions to be a question of public policy, they have no report to make thereon.

5th July, 1881.