REPORTS.

No. 172.—Petition of Adam Harris, Sen., of Saddle Hill, near Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of an injustice inflicted on him by the Noxious Weeds Act. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 4th September, 1908.

No. 212.—Petition of W. Maddison, of Gisborne.

PETITIONER prays for an investigation of his improved system of earmarking live-stock, with a view to its adoption by the Government.

I am directed to report that the Government be requested to make inquiries with a view to bringing in some improved general system of earmarking flocks.

9th September, 1908.

No. 211.—Petition of W. D. LYSNAR and 22 Others, of Gisborne.

PETITIONERS pray that some relief may be granted from the present system of earmarking livestock, which has been found to afford inadequate protection to flocks.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to

the Government for consideration.

9th September, 1908.

THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE SALE AND IMPORTATION BILL.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee, to whom was referred the Agricultural Produce Sale and Importation Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment. 9th September, 1908.

THE IMPOUNDING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee, to whom was referred the Impounding Act Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments shown on the attached copy. 9th September, 1908.

No. 57.—Petition of DONALD KERR, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that effect may be given to the Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee's report of the 23rd October, 1906.

I am instructed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th September, 1908.

No. 141.—Petition of John Hale, of Nelson.

PETITIONER prays for consideration for serious misfortune and monetary loss he has been called upon to suffer, and is loyally suffering, for the good of the community, owing to the destruction of his orchard.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st October, 1908.

No. 459.—Petition of John W. RAYMOND, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER represents that his retiring-allowance under the Superannuation Act, after nineteen years' service as Inspector of Stock and Fruit at Bluff, is inadequate, &c.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th October, 1908.