## REPORTS.

No. 63.—Petition of E. G. Phillips and 29 Others, of Whangaripo, Auckland District. Petitioners pray for a sum of £200 to finish the road from Whangaripo creamery to Wellsford Station.

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

4th November, 1909.

(Referred back to Committee.)

No. 141.—Petition of Masterton County Council and 14 other Local Bodies.

PETITIONERS pray that the Wairarapa Hospital District be constituted into a separate hospital and charitable aid district.

I am directed to report that, the prayer of the petition being already embodied in the Bill now before the House—namely, "The Hospital and Charitable Institutions Bill, 1909"—the matter be referred to the Government.

4th November, 1909.

No. 628, of 1908.—Petition of W. H. Newenham, of 63 Hopper Street, Wellington.

Petitioner prays for further compensation for loss of office in the Defence Department, Wellington. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 4th November, 1909.

No. 34.—Petition of Louis Charles Roskruge, of Wellington.

Petitioner prays for payment of alleged increase of salary due to him.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 4th November, 1909.

No. 67.—Petition of Mrs. Catherine Thomson, of Sawyer's Bay, Dunedin.

Petitioner prays for compensation for loss of her son, William Hay Rennie, who was murdered at Papakaio.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 4th November, 1909.

No. 66, Session II.—Petition of Mrs. Margaret Stewart and Others, of Kaiwaka, Auckland. Petitioners pray for compensation for damage by fire alleged to have been caused by a survey party under the charge of a District Engineer in the employ of the Public Works Department, whereby a kauri bush was destroyed.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee the Crown Suits Act should be waived with a view of the petitioners being afforded the opportunity of testing the justice of their claim.

10th November, 1909.

No. 185, Session II.—Petition of Henry Palmer and 7 Others, of the Taieri District, Otago. Petitioners pray for inquiry into and redress for certain grievances in connection with the drainage of the Taieri Plain.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee this petition should be referred direct to the Lands Committee.

10th November, 1909.

No. 63, Session II.—Petition of E. G. Phillips and 29 Others, of Whangaripo, Auckland District. (Second Report.)

PETITIONERS pray for a sum of £200 to finish the road from Whangaripo creamery to Wellsford Station.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of this Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th November, 1909.