No. 28.—Petition of John Henry Brown, of Flaxmill.

Praying for a further revaluation of his stock, and for other relief in connection with his holding at Flaxmill under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that, in accordance with the request of the member presenting the petition, leave be given for the petition to be withdrawn.

15th September, 1925.

No. 33.—Petition of Flora M. Commins, of Marcretu, North Auckland.

Praying for compensation for loss sustained owing to Public Works Department taking a portion of her holding for railway purposes.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that, in accordance with the request of the member presenting the petition, leave be given for the petition to be withdrawn.

15th September, 1925.

No. 378/24.—Petition of R. B. Neill, of Mount Somers.

Praying for consideration with regard to term of his lease of Pastoral Run 115B, Mount Somers, Ashburton County.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that, in accordance with the request of petitioner, leave be given for the petition to be withdrawn.

15th September, 1925.

No. 124.—Petition of W. J. Steen, of Maramarua, Waikato County.

Praying for legislation to enable the acquisition of the freehold of his holding in Maramarua Parish, Whangamarino Road District.

I have the honour to report that, while the Committee is in sympathy with the prayer of the petitioner, as a question of policy is involved the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1925.

No. 95.—Petition of Daniel B. Millward, of Taniwha, Waikato County.

Praying for legislation to enable revaluation of his holding as a civilian in Taniwha Soldier Settlement. I have the honour to report that the Committee, while realizing the advisability of making provision by legislation to meet cases of this nature, also realizes the far-reaching effect which provision to meet this particular case would involve, and as the matter is a question of policy the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1925.

No. 193.—Petition of Victoria University College Council, of Wellington.

Praying for reimbursement of moneys lost owing to alleged negligent administration of certain lands by Commissioner of Crown Lands, and for inquiry as to whether some other system of administration should be adopted.

I have the honour to report that, in accordance with the request of the representative of the petitioners, the Committee recommends that leave be given for the petition to be withdrawn.

16th September, 1925.

RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL AND PUBLIC BODIES EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

16th September, 1925.

RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL AND PUBLIC BODIES EMPOWERING BILL (AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL).

I have the honour to report that the Lands Committee has carefully considered the above-mentioned proposed amendments, and recommends that, in so far as the proposed new clauses are concerned, they be allowed to proceed without amendment.

24th September, 1925.

HUTT VALLEY LANDS SETTLEMENT BILL.

THE Lands Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached.

24th September, 1925.