REPORTS.

MINING 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, in so far as it affects the lands of the Crown, the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

7th July, 1926.

PEEL FOREST 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 July, 1926.

Scenery-preservation Amendment 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 amendment as shown on the copy of the Bill attached.

16th July, 1926.

No. 217/25.—Petition of George Hay, of Onehunga.

Praying for refund of amount paid in connection with the purchase of certain sections at Mangere. I have the honour to report that, in view of the arrangement entered into between the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland Land District, and the petitioner, and approved by the Minister of Lands on 11th February, 1926, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st July, 1926.

No. 16.—Petition of Alfred Ward, of Christchurch.

Praying for compensation for losses incurred during occupation of land purchased from the Crown.

I have the honour to report that, in view of the arrangements entered into between the petitioner and the Crown, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st July, 1926.

No. 27.—Petition of Mrs. Melicent Theresa Moulin, of Arahiwi, Rotorua Line.

Praying that the Government will take over her interests in a certain farm property at Piopio.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

21st July, 1926.

No. 260/25.—Petition of Jessie A. Elder, of Waipapa.

Praying for compensation for loss, and for inquiry with regard to the exchange of a Governmen^t property in Canterbury.

I have the honour to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted her legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th July, 1926.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER No. 115.—Proposal to reserve Lands in Hoteo Parish, North Auckland Land District, as Endowments for Primary Education.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having considered Paper No. 115, referred to it by the House, proposing reservation of lands in Hoteo Parish, North Auckland Land District, as endowments for primary education, recommends that the proposal be given effect to. 12th August, 1926.

No. 177/25.—Petition of STANLEY FORBES GOUGH WILLIAMS, of Runciman, Auckland.

Praying for compensation for loss incurred as a soldier settler on the Minden Estate.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition, 12th August, 1926,