No. 869.—Petition of A. M. McLaughlin, of Cadrona.

Petitioner prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's and her own services in the Education Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Education Committee.

14th November, 1907.

Nos. 865 and 866.—Petitions of E. D. Mosley and 13 Others, and E. O'Leary and 116 Others. Petitioners pray that the Civil Service Superannuation Act may be passed into law during this session.

I am directed to report that this Committee is of the opinion that, as this question is at present being considered by the Public Accounts Committee, these petitions should be referred to that Committee.

14th November, 1907.

No. 705.—Petition of T. NICHOLSON, of Wellington.

Petitioner prays that he may be granted the old-age pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to this petition.

19th November, 1907.

No. 800.—Petition of Kwok Wah Sui, of Alexandra South.

Petitioner prays for a refund of the poll-tax paid on account of his wife.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and also that the Government be recommended to gazette or publicly notify that the poll-tax will be strictly enforced in all cases of Chinese entering the Dominion, whether male or female.

19th November, 1907.

No. 798.—Petition of Mrs. A. Pennifold, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that the compassionate allowance granted to her late husband may be continued to her.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to this petition.

19th November, 1907.

No. 794.—Petition of Dr. F. W. MACKENZIE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for his reinstatement in the Volunteer service, and for an inquiry into the causes which led to his dismissal therefrom.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner's case has been practically met by the Government having carried out the recommendations of the Committee of last session, and, there being no charge against the petitioner, there seems no reason to hold any further inquiry.

19th November, 1907.

No. 815.—Petition of George Smith (No. 2), of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of his services in the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that, a similar petition having already been reported upon and referred to the Government for consideration, the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

19th November, 1907.

No. 724.—Petition of W. J. PYE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted compensation on account of an injury received while on duty as a Volunteer.

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

19th November, 1907.