

No. 242.—Petition of ELIZABETH A. COLEMAN, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of the services rendered by her late husband while he was a member of the New Zealand Defence Force.

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

21st October, 1919.

No. 17.—Petition of HENRIETTA V. M. DOCHERTY, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of the loss of her husband, who was a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces.

I am directed to report that the petitioner should apply for the war pension under the provisions of section 16, subsection (1) (b), of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1917; and, further, that the Committee directs the attention of the Government to clause 13 of the departmental report on this petition.

21st October, 1919.

No. 9.—Petition of DUSTINS LIMITED, of Wanganui.

PRAYING for compensation for loss sustained in connection with the purchase of canteen premises at Trentham.

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

21st October, 1919.

No. 262.—Petition of MARY A. HARDING, of Palmerston North. (Second Report.)

PRAYING for reduction of the death duties on a deceased relative's estate.

I am directed to report that, on account of existing legislation, the Committee has no recommendation to make on the prayer of the petition, but recommends that legislation should be introduced making a reduction on death duties where the successors die within a year of each other, thus following on the lines of the Death Duties Act, 1914, and Finance Act, 1914, of the Imperial Parliament.

21st October, 1919.

No. 3.—Petition of HEATHCOTE COUNTY COUNCIL, of Armagh Street, Christchurch, and 5 similar Petitions (as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for the repeal of clause 9 of the Selwyn County Subdivision Act, 1910.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee an amendment of the Act is necessary in order that each county shall receive its full subsidy. The Committee recommends the petitions for the consideration of the Government.

21st October, 1919.

SCHEDULE.

No. 39.—Selwyn County Council.
No. 247.—Ellesmere County Council.
No. 281.—Halswell County Council.

No. 282.—Springs County Council.
No. 283.—Paparua County Council.

No. 16.—Petition of IVAN BLACK, of Auckland.

PRAYING for redress for alleged wrongful prosecution.

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

22nd October, 1919.

No. 295.—Petition of C. H. CLEMENS, of Wellington.

PRAYING for inquiry into the methods used by the Defence Department for the transportation of his son, an invalided soldier who subsequently died.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration and inquiry. The Committee desires to express its sympathy with the petitioner in the loss of his son, and places on record the high sense of duty actuating him in presenting the petition, its purpose being to make a recurrence of his unfortunate case impossible.

22nd October, 1919.

No. 269.—Petition of T. M. DRISCOLL, of Wellington.

PRAYING for an inquiry into his claim for military pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for immediate and favourable consideration, and that the pension granted be such as will, together with the salary he is receiving, enable the petitioner to properly provide for a home.

27th October, 1919.