

No. 326.—Petition of J. C. BROWN and 409 Others, of Denniston.

PRAYING for amending legislation remedying the injustice contained in section 75 of the Defence Act of last session, so as to enable members of the Denniston Rifle Volunteers to own their own hall.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the Denniston Hall should be vested in the trustees who were appointed when the corps was disbanded, on or about the 22nd May, 1911, on behalf of the residents of Denniston, provided that the trustees set aside one night per week for the purpose of drill of Territorials at a rental to be mutually agreed upon by the Minister of Defence and the trustees.

16th October, 1913.

No. 314.—Petition of J. A. GORDON and 18 Others, of Thames.

PRAYING that the Military Pensions Act and regulations be amended to provide a pension for all who saw active service from 1863 to 1881.

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

16th October, 1913.

No. 339.—Petition of WALTER GRIMMER, of Streamlands, Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation on account of alleged miscarriage of justice for resisting arm-to-arm vaccination.

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

16th October, 1913.

No. 367.—Petition of KATE KENT, of Wellington.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as messenger in the Customs Department for thirty-one years.

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

16th October, 1913.

Nos. 200 and 201.—Petitions of THOMAS H. and ELIZABETH JOHNSTON, of Waihi. (Second Report.)

PRAYING for compensation for petitioners and their children on account of alleged wrongful committal and detention of T. H. Johnston in a mental hospital.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. A copy of the evidence is attached hereto [*vide* I.—1B].

21st October, 1913.

No. 405.—Petition of JOHN BELL, of Auckland.

PRAYING for inquiry and compensation for alleged wrongful conviction.

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

30th October, 1913.

No. 374.—Petition of GEORGE DEAN, of Auckland.

PRAYING for inquiry and compensation on account of alleged wrongful committal and detention in Avondale Mental Hospital.

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

30th October, 1913.

No. 368.—Petition of CHARLES FINCHAM, of New Plymouth.

PRAYING for compensation for military services rendered as a member of the Taranaki Military Settlers.

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

30th October, 1913.

No. 350 (1912).—Petition of CHARLES E. DIXON, of Nelson.

PRAYING for compensation for loss on the Alexander's Bluff Bridge Contract through the alleged action of the Government Engineer.

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

6th November, 1913.

No. 5.—Petition of WILLIAM SMITH DRYDEN, of Ward.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of injuries received whilst a ganger on the Main Trunk line.

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

6th November, 1913.