No. 125.—Petition of The Public Trustee of New Zealand.

Praying that the value of the library presented to the nation should be exempted from the dutiable estate of the late Alexander Horsbrugh Turnbull.

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

27th October 1919.

No. 235.—Petition of John Stevenson, of Waianiwa.

Praying that his war pension in right of his deceased son, of £26 per annum, be increased to the sum of £60 from the date of the granting of the existing pension.

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

27th October, 1919.

No. 179.- Petition of H. A. VOLLHEIDE, of Wellington.

Praying for reinstatement in the Public Service, or, in lieu thereof, compensation for loss of office.

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

27th October, 1919.

No. 244.— Petition of John Wilson, of Dunedin.

Praying for a refund of duty on articles used in alterations to the old police-station at Dunedin.

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

the Government for consideration.

27th October, 1919.

No. 263 .- Petition of Marton C. Soufflot, of Ohakune.

Praying for a compassionate allowance in consideration of the services rendered by her late husband in the public service.

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

27th October, 1919

No. 74.—Petition of J. J. W. WHITE, of Blenheim.

Praying for compensation for loss incurred in conducting the Blenheim Public Trust Agency.

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

27th October, 1919.

No. 350.- Petition of Charles Murphy, of Gore.

Praying for reimbursement of loss occasioned by being compelled to remain at Sydney for an undue period by the New Zealand Health authorities during the influenza epidemic.

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

29th October, 1919.

No. 267.—Petition of The New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association (Incorporated).

Praying for an inquiry into certain alleged intimidation.

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

29th October, 1919.

No. 332. Petition of WILLIAM McKeever, of Tweed, New South Wales.

Praying for the military pension to be paid to him as a holder of the New Zealand Maori War medal, notwithstanding that he is living out of the Dominion.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. The Committee desires further to recommend that the statutory provision which debars holders of the Maori War pension resident out of the Dominion from receiving such pension whilst so resident should be repealed by a short Act this session.

29th October, 1919.