

No. 134.—Petition of H. C. FAULKE, of Wellington.

PRAYING (1) that provision be made during the present session of Parliament for a right of appeal by medical practitioners to the Supreme Court against decisions of the British Medical Association, New Zealand Branch; and (2) that legislation be introduced making illegal the boycott of medical practitioners not members of the British Medical Association, but on the Dominion roll, by members of the British Medical Association.

I am directed to report that clause (1) of the prayer of the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

22nd September, 1920.

No. 139.—Petition of ANN ANDREWS, of Christchurch.

ALLEGING that owing to behaviour of her husband she has no means of support, and praying for relief.

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

22nd September, 1920.

No. 255, Petition of ELLEN EMMETT and 296 Others, and No. 257, Petition of CHARLES BLOOMFIELD and 6,346 Others.

PRAYING that legislation be passed this session providing for assistance to blind folk.

I am directed to report that the Committee, whilst of the opinion that this is a matter of policy, wishes to express its sympathy with the prayer of these petitions, and refers them to the Government for immediate consideration.

22nd September, 1920.

No. 120, Petition of MARY E. BURKE; No. 121, Petition of MARGARET L. BAMBERY; No. 122, Petition of IDA M. P. BURKE.

PRAYING for compassionate allowance for injuries sustained through the alleged negligence of the Defence authorities in allowing one Onslow Mayhew to retain the use of firearms.

I am directed to report that this Committee again recommends the several petitions to the immediate and favourable consideration of the Government.

22nd September, 1920.

No. 267.—Petition of C. HEYWOOD and 29 Others, of Te Kopuru.

PRAYING that action be taken in respect to foreigners who did not offer their services to the Empire in the late war, so as to preclude them from digging or otherwise obtaining kauri-gum to the detriment of returned soldiers and others.

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

22nd September, 1920.

No. 200.—Petition of RICHARD OUTEN FULLBROOK, of Wellington.

PRAYING that compensation be given him for alleged miscarriage of justice.

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

30th September, 1920.

No. 160.—Petition of the WESTPORT HARBOUR BOARD.

PRAYING (1) for repeal of section 109 of the Finance Act, 1915; (2) for refund of all moneys paid into the Consolidated Fund by virtue of section 109; and (3) for the appointment of a Parliamentary Committee to inquire into petitioner's administration since 1914, and whether proposed Bill is necessary or desirable in the interests of the Dominion.

I am directed to report that, as a matter of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make, but is of opinion that in the event of the Government taking over the Westport Harbour ample local representation should be given on the controlling authority.

6th October, 1920.

No. 101.—Petition of EMMELINE CANAVAN, of Invercargill.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of the death of her husband.

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

7th October, 1920.