

No. 7.—Petition of H. R. WILLCOX and 74 Others, of Invercargill.

PETITIONERS pray that the site of the Otatara Rifle Range, Invercargill, be changed, on account of danger to persons using the channel of the Waihopai River.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the Government is pledged to remove the range if it is proved to be dangerous, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th December, 1921.

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No. 149.—Petition of ALFRED EDWARD WELLBOURN and Another, of Broad Bay, Dunedin.

PETITIONER alleges that through ill health contracted whilst on military duties he is unable to earn a living, and prays for maintenance for himself and wife.

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

15th December, 1921.

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No. 107.—Petition of ROBERT CURRIE, of Lowther, Southland.

FOR remission of £78 death duty on the estate of his late brother, who was killed in action in France.

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

21st December, 1921.

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No. 173.—Petition of GILBERT WEATHERSTON, of Green Island, Otago.

PRAYING for a further allowance to meet his disabilities incurred through rheumatic troubles contracted whilst in military camp.

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

21st December, 1921.

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No. 229.—Petition of Major E. L. HORNIBROOK, of Wellington.

PETITIONER alleges that he has been seriously damaged in reputation and has suffered pecuniary loss through alleged malicious prosecutions, and he prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having investigated the charges brought against Major Hornibrook, is of opinion that the said charges are unfounded, and it recommends that legal expenses, up to the amount of £25, should be granted to him.

21st December, 1921.

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No. 5 Session I, and No. 15.—Petitions of CAPTAIN W. T. BECK, D.S.O., of Auckland.

THAT adequate compensation may be granted to him in recognition of his long service in the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that Captain Beck should receive the same treatment as was afforded to officers retired in 1920–21, and therefore recommends that his petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

21st December, 1921.

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No. 291.—Petition of M. P. KENNY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER alleges that owing to injuries received while on military duties he is unable to do any hard work, and he prays for relief.

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

21st December, 1921.

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No. 5.—Petition of JOSEPH INGLEY, of New Plymouth.

THAT he be granted the New Zealand War Medal and all the privileges appertaining thereto.

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

21st December, 1921.