No. 103.—Petition of F. Annear, of Palmerston North.

That his services as chief stevedore for the New Zealand Government, and the broken state of his health through overwork whilst so employed, may be taken into consideration and some further compensation be paid to him.

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

Government for favourable consideration.

31st January, 1922.

No. 247.—Petition of John Swann, of Aotea, Raglan.

Petitioner alleges that he contracted ill health while on military duties in Samoa, and complains of subsequent harsh treatment having aggravated his troubles. He prays for a compassionate allowance to meet expenses.

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

petition.

31st January, 1922.

No. 351.—Petition of Patrick W. O'Sullivan, of Palmerston North.

For compensation for loss and injuries to health suffered through wrongful arrest as an alleged deserter.

I am directed to report that the Committee repeats the recommendation made on a similar petition on the 5th November, 1920—viz., "That the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration."

[Debate on the question, "That the report do lie on the table and be referred to the Government for consideration," interrupted by the 5.30 p.m. adjournment.]

31st January, 1922.

No. 223.—Petition of Kate Dovey, of Remuera, Auckland.

Praying for a pension or monetary compensation in respect of her late husband's services in the Defence Department.

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

the Government for favourable consideration.

8th February, 1922.

No. 209.—Petition of Duncan Macpherson, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for continuation of allowance granted to him for injuries received whilst carrying on his duties on the Hospital Ship "Marama."

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion the allowance should continue, and

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion the allowance should continue, and therefore recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8th February, 1922.

No. 202.—Petition of E. E. EDWARDS, of Wellington.

Praying for adequate relief for disabilities alleged to have been the result of war services.

I am directed to report that, owing to the death of the petitioner, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th February, 1922.

No. 356.—Petition of Christian Kienle, of Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation for loss through being interned on Somes Island.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion a matter of policy is involved in this petition, and has therefore no recommendation to make.

8th February, 1922.

No. 341.—Petition of A. E. Neilson, of Karori, Wellington.

PRAYING for reinstatement as a permanent officer in the Defence Department, and for compensation for loss of employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee is satisfied that the petitioner was an efficient officer of the Defence Department, and recommends that the Government should favourably consider his claims.

The Committee further recommends that in carrying out the scheme of retrenchment the Government should adhere to the policy of giving preference to efficient officers who have been on active service.

8th February, 1922.