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No. 338/1921.—Petition of the Trustees of the Wellington Society for Relief of the Aged AND NEEDY.

That a gratuity be paid to the superintendent and matron of their home, in recognition of extra services rendered during the war.

I am directed to report that, as the matter has now been settled by Cabinet, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

12th September, 1922.

No. 361/1921.—Petition of D. Pringle and 4 Others.

That section 75 of the Defence Amendment Act, 1912, may be amended so as to exclude the property owned by the Manawatu Mounted Rifles in Palmerston North, and used as an orderly-room, &c., from the operation of the said section.

 $\dot{\mathrm{I}}$ am directed to report that the Committee recommends that, as the petition refers to a matter

of policy, it should be referred to the Government for consideration.

12th September, 1922.

No. 131.—Petition of Thomas Mulcahy, of Auckland.

Praying for a pension or other relief on account of serious disabilities caused by his war services. I am directed to report that, as the petitioner still has a right of appeal to the Imperial Naval authorities for recognition of his services in the Navy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th September, 1922.

No. 99.—Petition of Frederick Annear, of Wellington.

PRAYING for a pension or other allowance in recognition of his arduous services during the war. I am directed to report that, the petitioner having died, the Committee makes no recommendation. 28th September, 1922.

No. 296.—Petition of Mrs. Honorah Annear, of Wellington.

Praying for a compassionate allowance on account of the loss of her husband, who lost his life through illness contracted whilst acting as stevedore for the Defence Forces during the war.

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

28th September, 1922.

No. 362.—Petition of John Stevenson, of Waianiwa.

Praying that his war pension may be increased to £60 per annum as from the date of granting of the existing pension.

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

28th September, 1922.

No. 316.—Petition of LENNOX G. PIRIE, of Wellington.

Praying for a war pension or other relief.

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

4th October, 1922.

No. 60.—Petition of FLORENCE E. HESLIN, of Dunedin.

For pension in recognition of her late husband's war services, he having died from disease contracted whilst serving at the front.

I am directed to report that the Committee finds that since the Pensions Board considered the case and refused to grant a pension fresh evidence as to cause of death has become available; it therefore recommends that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th October, 1922.