REPORTS.

No. 179.—Petition of Thomas Black, of Otago.

Praying for remission of the "strangers' tax" in the estate of Edmund Hayes (deceased). I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 20th September, 1922.

No. 148.—Petition of Frederick James Brooks, of Lawrence.

Praying for compensation for loss of office as Clerk of Court, Lawrence.

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

20th September, 1922.

No. 254.—Petition of George Levi Collins, of Temuka.

Praying for compensation on account of an accident to his son while a pupil at the Temúka District High School.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, compensation should be paid to the petitioner, and that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. 20th September, 1922.

No. 140.—Petition of Thomas Charles Duncan, of Auckland.

Praying for reinstatement in the Public Service.

I am directed to report that, in view of the hardship of the petitioner's case, the Committee recommends that an endeavour be made to find him suitable employment in the Public Service, and in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

20th September, 1922.

No. 269.—Petition of Walter James Entwisle and Alfred Henry Entwisle, of Feilding. Praying for remission or reduction of land-tax.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the land-tax on this property should be assessed as on an individual property, and that the owners should not be called upon to pay the tax assessed on the accumulated properties of the McLean estate; and that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

20th September, 1922.

No. 58.—Petition of the Federated Association of Superannuated Public Servants of New Zealand.

Praying for an inquiry into the request that they may be granted a bonus similar to that received by public servants.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the application of the petitioners for an inquiry should be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th September, 1922.

No. 177.—Petition of John Milton Goode, of Wellington.

Praying for compensation for services rendered to the Public Service of New Zealand. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 20th September, 1922.

No. 111.—Petition of HARRIETT HUSSEY, of Brooklyn, Wellington.

Praying for compassionate allowance owing to the death of her husband.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the late husband of the petitioner was recommended for permanent employment in the Public Service, and considering his satisfactory record while employed in the Government Printing Office, the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner should be made some monetary payment by way of compassionate allowance, and that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

20th September, 1922.