No. 11.—Petition of HENRY PESKETT, of Woodend, Canterbury.

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Praying for a refund of stamp duty on a property purchased at Oxford in 1920.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry.

28th August, 1924.

No. 139.—Petition of R. H. Shaw and 3 Others, of Waikino.

Praying that a compassionate allowance be granted to mothers of two schoolboys killed by John Higgens at Waikino.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

28th August, 1924.

No. 152/23.—Petition of OLIVER MEWHINNEY, of Wellington.

Praying for reimbursement of costs in connection with certain litigation in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

I have to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

28th August, 1924.

No. 157.—Petition of M. R. Scannell and 106 Others, of Dunedin.

Praying for the resumption of operations under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act for the purpose of receiving fresh applications for building and acquiring homes.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the

Government for favourable consideration.

9th September, 1924.

No. 96.—Petition of W. Parkinson and 52 Others, of Auckland.

PRAYING for the revision of Customs duty on imported granite.

I have to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a view to increasing the duty on imported dressed stone. 9th September, 1924.

No. 77.—Petition of Charles Moeller, of Helensville.

Praying for an inquiry by the Public Service Appeal Board into the facts connected with his dismissal from the lighthouse service.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

9th September, 1924.

No. 143.—Petition of G. D. MACFARLANE and 101 Others, of Christchurch.

Praying for legislation dealing with the reduction of shipping freights in the interests of the fruit trade in the South Island.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

9th September, 1924.

No. 169.—Petition of Morris Ranson and 12 Others, of Auckland.

Praying for legislation which will have the effect of reducing the rentals of the shops they occupy in Newmarket.

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

16th September, 1924.

No. 192.—Petition of W. S. IRVINE, of Christchurch.

Praying for refund of stamp duty paid on an agreement to lease land which was not completed. I have to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1924.