

No. 140.—Petition of JOHN DIKE, of Melbourne.

PRAYING for reinstatement of his pension under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915, which has been cancelled by the Commissioner of Pensions because petitioner has returned to Australia.

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

10th September, 1925.

No. 148.—Petition of MARY JAMIESON, of Coromandel.

PRAYING, as the widow of a miner's phthisis pensioner, for a compassionate allowance equal to a widow's miner's phthisis pension, and subject to the same conditions, which, because of a technicality, she is debarred from enjoying under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915. Petitioner also prays for reimbursement of the expenses incurred by the funeral of her late husband.

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

10th September, 1925.

No. 186.—Petition of MARY O'BUGLIEN, of Auckland.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance in lieu of a widow's pension, owing to the death of her husband from miner's phthisis, which, because of a technicality, she is debarred from enjoying under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make regarding this petition, because, as petitioner is in receipt of an old-age pension of £39 per annum and a war pension of £52 per annum, the granting of a widow's pension under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915, would reduce her old-age pension pound for pound.

10th September, 1925.

No. 15/24.—Petition of W. WILSON, of Mornington, Dunedin, and 52 Others.

PRAYING for the *per capita* allocation of the residue of the Kaitangata Relief Fund to the surviving widow and children of the deceased miners killed in the Kaitangata disaster, 1879.

I am directed to report that this Committee has no recommendation to make regarding this petition.

10th September, 1925.

No. 111.—Petition of BEATRICE BRAY, of Kilbirnie, Wellington.

PRAYING that she may be granted a widow's pension under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915.

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

22nd September, 1925.

No. 216.—Petition of ROBERT COULTER and 2 Others.

PRAYING for legislation to enable the Public Trustee, as administrator of the Kaitangata Relief Fund, to afford assistance to any of the descendants of the original beneficiaries of the said fund.

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

22nd September, 1925.

No. 132.—Petition of FRANK COCKBURN SLOAN, of Waitekauri, Ohinemuri County.

PRAYING, as a former lessee who has, by exercising his right under a Hauraki pastoral lease, acquired the freehold of his property, for payment to him of the surface rents, which are levied "per acre" on gold-mining claims situate thereon.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedy, the Committee has no recommendation to make regarding this petition.

22nd September, 1925.

No. 242.—Petition of MARTHA BOYLE, of 12 Rossmoor Crescent, Wellington.

PRAYING, as the widow of a miner who died of miner's phthisis, for a compassionate allowance in lieu of a widow's pension under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915.

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

24th September, 1925.