No. 262.—Petition of Mary A. Harding, of Palmerston North. (First Report.)

Praying for a reduction of the death duties on a deceased relative's estate.

I am directed to report that, in view of the existing legislation, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th October, 1919.

No. 56.—Petition of R. J. Acheson, of Wairarapa.

Praying for a compassionate allowance or increase of his superannuation so as to provide a living for his wife.

I am directed to report that, owing to the very special circumstances that have arisen since the petition was presented, the Committee have no recommendation to make, but would strongly urge upon the Government that the charge for Mr. Acheson's maintenance in the mental hospital be remitted.

20th October, 1919.

No. 119.—Petition of C. A. BLOOMFIELD, of Southland.

Praying for a gift of grass-seed to enable him to grass an area of burnt bush land, which he is unable to do without such help, being totally blind.

I am directed to report that upon this petition the Committee has no recommendation to make, but would urge upon the Government the great need for introducing legislation making provision for the sustenance of blind people.

20th October, 1919.

No. 120.—Petition of C. A. BLOOMFIELD, of Southland.

Praying for assistance to provide transport to New Zealand for his nephew and his wife and child, to help him on his farm, he himself being totally blind.

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

20th October, 1919.

Nos. 7 and 22.—Petitions of R. Fornester and L. Jones, of Auckland.

Praying for half civil pay while members of the New Zealand Army Postal Service.

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

20th October, 1919.

No. 2.—Petition of LILIAN M. FORSYTH, of Palmerston North.

Praying for compensation for services rendered by her late husband, who was employed as a Dairy Inspector and accidentally killed in the course of his duty.

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

20th October, 1919.

No. 18.—Petition of Marian Fraser, of Christchurch.

Praying for further compassionate allowance on account of services rendered by her late husband while a member of the Police Force.

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

20th October, 1919.

No. 279.—Petition of Joseph Ingley, of New Plymouth.

Praying that he may be awarded the Maori War Medal for services rendered during the Maori War.

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

20th October, 1919.

No. 246.—Petition of W. A. Johnston, of Wellington.

Praying for compensation for loss of wages and a refund of legal expenses incurred through alleged wrongful arrest.

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

20th October, 1919.