No. 25.—Petition of John Brown Barclay, of Dunedin.

FOR an annual payment or compassionate allowance in recognition of his service in the Lands and Survey Department.

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

7th August, 1923.

No. 390/22.—Petition of NORAH BUTLER, of Auckland.

Praying that she may be granted a pension under section 14 of the Finance Act, 1919, to which, she

claims, the loss of her husband justly entitles her.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitioner's case should be referred to the War Loans Appeal Board for consideration, and, if her appeal be sustained, that her case be treated retrospectively. The petition, therefore, is referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th August, 1923.

No. 16.—Petition of Annie J. Corliss, of Wellington. (First Report.)

Praying for a further gratuity in recognition of her late husband's services in the New Zealand Public Service.

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

7th August, 1923.

(Referred back to the Committee for further consideration.)

No. 115. -Petition of HARRY Evans and 14 Others, of Auckland.

Praying for legislation to license bookmakers under the control of the Racing Conference.

I am directed to report that, as a matter of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th August, 1923.

No. 62.—Petition of WILLIAM FORREST, of Auckland.

Praying for return of plant, or compensation, with respect to termination of the Okahukura Tunnel contract.

I am directed to report that, as at the time the contract was taken over by the Public Works Department there was an amount to the credit of petitioner held by the Department, the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

8th August, 1923.

No. 42.—Petition of Edward Ashton, of Rangiora.

Praying for a refund of land-tax, alleged to have been paid on land in the Rangiora Survey District.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the land-tax on this property be assessed the same as if the property had not changed hands.

8th August, 1923.

No. 4.—Petition of Philip Luscombe Hollings, of Wellington.

PRAYING for reinstatement to the office of Stipendiary Magistrate.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 14th August, 1923.

No. 114.—Petition of George Horace Hawk, of Onehunga.

Praying for compensation for services rendered to the Lands and Deeds Registry Department.

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

14th August, 1923.

No. 50.—Petition of Thomas Harle Giles, of Remuera.

Praying that he be compensated for deprivation of office as Commissioner of the Arbitration and Conciliation Court.

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

14th August, 1923.

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