

JOHN C. FENSCKE.

JANUARY 12, 1877.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RAINEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 1313.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1313) granting a pension to John C. Fenske, late an employé of the United States Government, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report :

That the said John C. Fenske, a resident of New Ulm, Brown County, Minnesota, was in the employ of the United States Government on the 18th day of August, 1862, at Lower Sioux Agency, Minn., as wagon-maker; that at the time and place here mentioned, while defending the Government property from the depredations of an attacking party of Sioux Indians, he received a wound in the left lung by a discharged arrow; that he was treated in the hospital at Fort Ridgely, from August 20 to September 30, by Acting Assistant Surgeon Alfred Miller, for the following diseases, viz, chronic pneumo-thorax, asthma, and frequent palpitations of the heart, all resultant from the said wound; that whereas being in sound bodily health prior to the date mentioned, he has since been incapacitated for labor.

In his sworn affidavit, Acting Assistant Surgeon Alfred Miller states, " * * * that said disability is such as would entitle him (the claimant) to receive three-fourths of a full pension."

Finally, your committee, impressed with the justice of the case, are of opinion that the bill should pass.