

GEORGE C. QUICK.

AUGUST 15, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 10738.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10738) to increase the pension of George C. Quick, have considered the same, and report as follows:*

The claimant was a private in Captain Miller's company of Illinois Mounted Rangers in the Black Hawk war. He was honorably discharged in August, 1832. His name was placed on the pension-roll at the rate of \$8 per month from July 15, 1882, for disease of feet, and his pension has since been increased to \$12, and then to \$16 per month, as the disability increased. The increase to \$16 was granted from the 5th day of December, 1883.

The board of examining surgeons at Saint Louis, Mo., under date of December 5, 1883, stated as follows:

The examination of the applicant reveals the following conditions: The arch of both feet is increased, contraction of plantar muscles. Skin of feet thin and scaly. Locomotion much impaired. Complains that walking causes cramps. Says that he can not perform manual labor, which statement we believe to be true.

On August 6, 1884, the board of examining surgeons at Duquoin, Ill., stated:

We find the plantar surfaces of both feet congested, soft, and tender.

There has also been filed with your committee the testimony of Drs. S. F. Wehr, C. G. Rayhill, and M. S. Carr, all reputable physicians, who testify to the condition of claimant's feet, and who state that he is unable to perform any manual labor.

The claimant is seventy-three years of age, and in poor financial circumstances. As his disability is such as to incapacitate him for manual labor, he should be allowed an increase of pension to \$30 per month, which is the rate allowed in similar cases for such a degree of disability.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill, amended, however, by striking out the words "forty-five" in line 8, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

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