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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 2, 1890.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 3957.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3957) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mary McIntosh, have examined the same and report:

First Lieut. Donald McIntosh was one of the officers killed at the memorable Custer massacre at the Little Big Horn River June 25, 1876. At the time of his death, and for some years previously, Lieutenant McIntosh had been acting captain commanding Troop G of the Seventh Cavalry. The widows of officers who fell in that action have been pensioned by special acts, as follows:

Elizabeth C. Custer, widow of General George A. Custer, \$50 a month.

Annie Gibson Yates, widow of Capt. George W. Yates, \$35 per month, with \$2 per month additional for each of three children.

Maria Custer, mother of Capt. Thomas W. Custer, \$20 per month.

Emanuel H. Custer, father of Captain Custer, \$50 per month.

Eliza F. Porter, widow of Lieut. James E. Porter, \$30 per month.

Grace Harrington, widow of Second Lieut. Henry M. Harrington, \$15 per month under the general law and by special act \$30 per month for two children under sixteen years of age.

Other wives of second lieutenants, including Mrs. McIntosh, who, as stated, was the wife of an acting captain, have been pensioned under the general law at \$17 per month. The precedent is in favor of granting the increase provided for in the bill.

The tragic nature of the conflict which robbed these women and children of protectors is so well known that it is unnecessary to dwell upon it. The number of beneficiaries is few, the circumstances peculiar, and your committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment:

In line 7 strike out "fifty" and insert "thirty."