

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 1867.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Ormond,Mr. Jollie,
Mr. Haughton.

On motion of Mr. Haughton, the Chair was taken by Mr. Jollie.

The Petition of the Rev. F. C. Simmons was laid before the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Haughton, *Resolved*, That it is desirable that the evidence of the Head Masters of all first class Schools, and of the Inspectors of Schools in the Colony, should be taken, either orally or in writing, as may be most convenient.On motion of the Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert, *Resolved*, That Mr. Carleton and Mr. Haughton be requested to prepare a draft of queries to be put to Head Masters and Inspectors, and to submit the same to the Committee at an early meeting.On motion of the Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert, *Resolved*, That the Chairman be requested to communicate with any persons who may be interested in the cause of education, and authorized to invite them to offer suggestions on the subject of inquiry before the Committee.On motion of Mr. Ormond, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Simmons be communicated with, and invited to attend the Committee to give evidence, and be informed that passages to and from Wellington will be provided for him.

Mr. Dillon Bell, who moved the appointment of this Committee, attended the meeting, but stated that he understood that not having specifically included the mover amongst the members of the Committee, he considered himself to be excluded by the present Standing Orders from serving upon it,—at any rate until an addition to the Committee had been authorized by the House, including his own name.

Adjourned to Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. Carleton,

Mr. Jollie in the Chair.

Mr. Haughton.

Minutes read and confirmed.

The Report of the Select Committee on the Grammar School Trust, as presented to the Auckland Provincial Council, Session 1862, was laid before the Committee by Mr. Carleton, on whose motion it was *Resolved*, That the evidence appended to the Report be taken into consideration.

The Report of the Inspector of Schools and Secretary of the Education Board of Otago, Session 1866, was put in by Mr. Haughton.

A series of queries authorized to be drawn up by Mr. Haughton and Mr. Carleton were submitted to the Committee and provisionally approved, and

On motion of Mr. Haughton, *Resolved*, That a copy be furnished to each member of the Committee for their remarks.

Adjourned to Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. Carleton,

Mr. Jollie in the Chair.

Mr. Haughton.

Minutes read and confirmed.

The Chairman laid before the Committee the following remarks by the Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert on the queries submitted :—

“I think the questions may stand as they are, but as I am certain that valuable as the object proposed to be entertained is, it will not be prudent, as a commencement for this year, to propose more than £2,000 per annum, which will be sufficient to send home two University scholars, and maintain them four years (one at Oxford and one at Cambridge), with an allowance of £250 per annum—not too much if it is to include travelling to and fro.

“I think that additional questions should be framed to elicit the practicability of having Provincial Scholarships established at the cost of the Provinces, the holding of which should form the condition of candidature for the University Scholarships, and it should be made a condition that the Provinces should open the advantages of their superior schools at the Provincial capitals to the outlying districts.

“I should also suggest that these queries should be forwarded to the Hon. Major Richardson and Mr. FitzGerald, and other names may occur, for their remarks.

“I would suggest that a general query should be added to this effect, viz.:—‘You are invited to offer generally any suggestions.’

“Upon second thought, I advise striking out the query about a ‘New Zealand University.’ It is yet too early. Let us begin with the scholarship system, and we shall work into the other in time.

“I have written these remarks because my time just now is so fully occupied that I may not be able to attend the meetings of the Committee as I could wish.

“WILLIAM FITZHERBERT.”