

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Pollen attended and stated the nature of his claim, and his evidence was taken down.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Montgomery, That the Committee do now adjourn till such day as may be fixed by the Chairman for the next meeting.

THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1886.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Mr. Moss (Chairman), Hon. Major Atkinson, Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Mr. Montgomery, Dr. Newman, Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, Mr. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Montgomery, That the question of Dr. Pollen's pension be postponed till next sitting day.

The Committee then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 8TH JULY, 1886.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Mr. Moss (Chairman), Hon. J. Ballance, Mr. Barron, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Dargaville, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Gore, Dr. Newman, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Wilson moved, That the Committee recommends Dr. Pollen's claim for the favourable consideration of Parliament.

Mr Barron moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, for the purpose of inserting the following in lieu thereof: "the Committee sees no reason for recommending that any further payment beyond that already authorized be made to Dr. Pollen."

Upon the question being put, "That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question," the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr. Dargaville, Dr. Newman, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Wilson.

*Noes*, 5.—Hon. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Barron, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Gore, Mr. Montgomery.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question being put, "That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted," it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Dargaville, *Resolved*, That the report be considered at a meeting of the Committee on Thursday next; and that notice of the same be given to each member of the Committee.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. Dargaville for Thursday next, That the resolution arrived at relative to Dr. Pollen's pension be rescinded.

The Committee then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 1886.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Mr. Moss (Chairman), Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Barron, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Dargaville, Mr. Gore, Mr. Montgomery, Dr. Newman, Mr. Peacock, Sir J. Vogel, Mr. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Dargaville moved the resolution of which he had given notice on the 8th July, 1886, as follows: That the resolution arrived at relative to Dr. Pollen's claim be rescinded.

Amendment proposed by Dr. Newman, "That the consideration of the motion be deferred to a convenient day, to be named hereafter, of which day due notice be given to each member of the Committee."—Carried.

The Committee then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1886.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Mr. Moss (Chairman), Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Barron, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Dargaville, Mr. Gore, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Montgomery, Dr. Newman, Mr. Peacock, Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, Mr. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Dargaville moved, That the resolution passed on the 8th July, on motion of Mr. Barron, relative to Dr. Pollen's pension, be rescinded.

Upon the question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

*Ayes*, 6.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Mr. Dargaville, Dr. Newman, Mr. Peacock, Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, Mr. Wilson.

*Noes*, 6.—Hon. J. Ballance, Mr. Barron, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Gore, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Montgomery.

The votes being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Noes.

So it passed in the negative, and the report was adopted and ordered to be presented this day.

The Committee then adjourned.