## THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1888.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. R. A. Lawson continued his evidence, and Mr. A. T. Brindley, having been duly sworn, gave evidence before the Commission, and their evidence was taken down.

The Commission then adjourned to 10 a.m. on the following day.

#### FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1888.

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. A. T. Brindley, Sir James Hector, Mr. D. Reid, and Mr. James Marchbanks were duly sworn, and gave evidence before the Commission. Mr. Hay (recalled) also gave evidence. All the evidence was taken down.

At 5 p.m. the Commission adjourned to the next day.

## Saturday, 25th February, 1888.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Commission examined plans and documents, and adjourned at 1 p.m. to Monday, 27th February.

A telegram was received from the Under-Secretary for Public Works, extending the term of sitting of the Commission a fortnight.

# Monday, 27th February, 1888.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. A. T. Brindley (recalled) gave evidence. Messrs. James Gore, W. N. Blair, and R. A. Lawson each made a statement, in which they reviewed the previous evidence given before the Commission. This concluded the evidence.

The Commission adjourned to the next day.

#### TUESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1888.

The Commission proceeded to Seacliff by the 8.10 a.m. train to further inspect the asylum building, and returned to town at 7.40 p.m.

All the Commissioners were present. It was decided to adjourn to Thursday, 1st March, to wait for the transcription of evidence.

#### THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1888.

The Commission met in the Ministers' room, Bond Street, at 9.30 a.m.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

The Commissioners spent the day discussing and weighing the evidence and compiling their report, and at 5 p.m. the Commission adjourned to the following day at 9.30.

### FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1888.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment at 9.30 a.m.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from Mr. R. A. Lawson requesting a further meeting of the Commissioners for the production of correspondence which he stated had taken place between Messrs. Ussher and Blair. Mr. Lawson was informed that any further evidence of that nature he might be capable of producing could not, in the opinion of the Commissioners, influence their report.

The Commissioners spent the day compiling their report, and adjourned at 5 p.m. to the

next day.

#### SATURDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1888.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment at 9.30 a.m.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The Commissioners conferred together, and continued and concluded their report.

Adjourned at 5 p.m. to Monday, 5th March.

## Monday, 5th March, 1888.

The Commission met at 9.30 a.m.

Present: All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.