

Mr. Macdonald reported that he had visited Palmerston North yesterday, with the object of making certain inquiries respecting the Public Trust Department there and the position of the mortgaged properties in that district, but found Mr. Hankins (the agent for the Public Trust Office) absent, and he was therefore unable to obtain the required information.

Messrs. Hamerton and Moginie gave further evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock, resumed at 8, and adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 15TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present:* The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R., and A. Loughrey, Esq.

Messrs. Hamerton, Wilson, and Ronaldson gave further evidence, and Mr. J. H. Richardson, Government Life Insurance Commissioner, gave evidence.

*Resolved,* That the Public Trustee be requested to furnish to the Commissioners a statement of the account of Samuel Young, from its commencement, showing in separate columns charges for commission, legal expenses, postages, Expenses Account, property-tax payments, interest credited from time to time, giving dates and full particulars up to the present time.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock, resumed at 8, and adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 16TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present:* The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R., and A. Loughrey, Esq.

Messrs. Hamerton and Moginie gave further evidence, and Mr. Charles Meacham gave evidence.

*Resolved,* That a return be furnished of all postages charged to all accounts in the Public Trust Office from the 1st January, 1888, to the 31st March, 1891, giving dates when any postage has been charged, the name of the account charged, and particulars.

*Resolved,* That a return be furnished of all moneys paid to the Postmaster-General or to the Post Office for the privilege of sending all Public Trust Office correspondence free throughout the colony.

The Commission adjourned at 1 o'clock.

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MONDAY, 18TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present:* The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

Mr. Hamilton, agent at the Christchurch branch of the Public Trust Office, gave evidence.

*Resolved,* That a return be furnished of all moneys in the shape of interest that have been appropriated by the Public Trust Office towards Profit and Loss after said interest has accrued on any money standing in the books of the Public Trust Office, including Samuel Young's interest.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock, resumed at 8, and adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present:* The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R., and A. Loughrey, Esq.

Mr. R. C. Hamerton, Public Trustee, gave further evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock, resumed at 8, and adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present:* The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

Mr. Reid, Solicitor-General, and Mr. C. M. Crombie, Property-tax Commissioner, gave evidence. Mr. R. C. Hamerton, Public Trustee, gave further evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock, resumed at 8, and adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 21ST MAY, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present:* The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

Mr. R. C. Hamerton, Public Trustee, gave further evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock, resumed at 8, and adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present:* The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R., and A. Loughrey, Esq.