

WEDNESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Present : Mr. Guinness (Chairman), Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. G. Hutchison, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera, Mr. Tanner.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Messrs. Wilson, Scott, Lord, Young, Taylor, Snodgrass, Blow, Montgomerie, Gordon, Morris, Hyndman, and the Hon. Mr. Seddon attended the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Seddon made a further statement, which was taken down by the reporter.

The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Present : Mr. Guinness (Chairman), Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. G. Hutchison, Dr. Newman, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera, Mr. Tanner.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Messrs. Wilson, Scott, Dalston, Lord, Young, Bell, Taylor, Gordon, Snodgrass, Montgomerie, Morris, Hyndman, Blow, and the Hon. Mr. Seddon were present.

The Hon. Mr. Seddon made a short statement, intimating that he did not propose to offer any evidence on the financial proposals of the company, which statement was taken down by the reporter.

Mr. Bell made a statement, which was taken down by the reporter.

The Hon. Mr. Seddon was then cross-examined by Mr. Wilson, which cross-examination was taken down by the reporter.

The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Present : Mr. Guinness (Chairman), Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera, Mr. Tanner, Hon. Mr. Ward.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. Wilson, Bell, Scott, Dalston, Young, Lord, Taylor, Gordon, Montgomerie, Snodgrass, Morris, Hyndman, Blow, and the Hon. Mr. Seddon were present.

The Hon. Mr. Seddon made a further statement in reply to questions by Mr. Wilson, which statement was taken down by the reporter.

The Committee then adjourned until Monday at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Present : Mr. Guinness (Chairman), Hon. Sir J. Hall, Dr. Newman, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Messrs. Wilson, Scott, Dalston, Taylor, Lord, Young, Snodgrass, Montgomerie, Morris, Hyndman, Bell, Gordon, Blow, and the Hon. Mr. Seddon attended the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Seddon made a further statement, which was taken down by the reporter.

The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Present : Mr. Guinness (Chairman), Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. J. Mills, Dr. Newman, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Messrs. Wilson, Scott, Bell, Dalston, Young, Lord, Taylor, Blow, Gordon, Snodgrass, Montgomerie, Morris, Hyndman, and the Hon. Mr. Seddon attended the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Seddon made a further statement, which was taken down by the reporter.

Mr. James Mill Morris made statements, which were taken down by the reporter.

The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Present : Mr. Guinness (Chairman), Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera, Mr. Tanner.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Messrs. Wilson, Bell, Scott, Lord, Young, Dalston, Taylor, Gordon, Blow, Snodgrass, Morris, Montgomerie, Hyndman, and the Hon. Mr. Seddon attended the Committee.

Mr. Morris made a further statement, which was taken down by the reporter.

Mr. Robert Hyndman made a statement, which was taken down by the reporter.

The further hearing of the petition was adjourned until Friday next.

The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Present : Mr. Guinness (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Ballance, Hon. Sir J. Hall, Mr. J. Mills, Dr. Newman, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shera, Mr. Tanner, Hon. Mr. Ward.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr. Newman, That Mr. Morris's expenses as a witness, viz., £28 12s. 4d., and Mr. Hyndman's, viz., £25 4s., be approved and recommended for payment.

The Committee then adjourned until Monday next at 10.30 o'clock for the further consideration of the petition of the New Zealand Midland Railway Company.