

Mr. Tunbridge brought before the Commission a memorandum from Constable Carr, Patea with reference to the evidence of Colonel Hume referring to the constable; also, a memorandum from Sergeant E. Wilson, Palmerston North, calling attention to certain evidence given by Colonel Hume.

*Resolved*, That the officers in question would be given an opportunity at a later date of giving evidence, if they so desired.

Mr. T. E. Taylor handed in a complaint that he proposed to call evidence to prove that Inspector Emerson, in charge of the Hawke's Bay Police District, is of drunken habits and addicted to gambling.

At 5 p.m. the Commission adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10.30 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Wardell, Poynton, and Colonel Pitt.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Several letters were received, read, and dealt with.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., were in attendance.

Colonel Hume continued his evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Arthur Hobbins Wright, Sergeant of Police and District Clerk, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, and the same was taken down by the reporter.

James Armishaw, of Wellington, brickmaker, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., handed in a complaint that Constables Barrett and McKenzie have frequented licensed houses in Christchurch, contrary to the Police Regulations.

At 4 p.m. the Commission adjourned until to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.

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SATURDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10.30 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Wardell, Poynton, and Colonel Pitt.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., were in attendance.

Maria Smith, of Wellington, widow, attended, and made a statement. The Chairman informed her that if she would make specific charges the same would be considered by the Commission.

Colonel Hume made a correction of his evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 12 o'clock the Commission adjourned till 10.30 on Monday next.

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MONDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10.30 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Wardell, Poynton, and Colonel Pitt.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., were in attendance.

Inspector Pender, called by Mr. Taylor, attended, and, being reminded he was on his former oath, gave further evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Sergeant Arthur Hobbins Wright, District Clerk, Wellington, called by Mr. Taylor, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of Constable Foley:—John T. Foley, third-class constable, Manners Street, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, and the same was taken down by the reporter.

Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., handed in the following complaint:—"I desire to call the above witnesses to prove that the police have failed to enforce the laws of the colony" (names of twenty-one witnesses given).

At 5 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned till 10.30 a.m.

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TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10.30 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Wardell, Poynton, and Colonel Pitt.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., were in attendance.

Complaint of Constable Foley:—Colonel Hume attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. John T. Foley, being reminded he was on his former oath, continued his evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Peter Pender, Inspector of Police, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of Constable Florence O'Leary:—Florence O'Leary, police-constable, Newtown, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Mr. Taylor's charge, police failing to enforce the laws of the colony:—Robert Denton, engineer, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. John Arthur Daniel Chisholm, watchmaker, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Ernest Fraser Jones, general printer, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 5 p.m. the Commission adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

The Commission sat at 10.30 a.m.