

THURSDAY 17TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission opened its proceedings for public business at 10.30 a.m., at the City Council Chambers.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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

The Commission fixed the order of business, and arranged for the calling of witnesses.

William Stone Pardy, Inspector of Police, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 5 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned till to-morrow at 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 9.30 a.m.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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

Inspector William Stone Pardy attended, and, being reminded he was still on his former oath, continued his evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint:—Constable Hugh Mulholland, of St. Clair, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint:—Mr. Alexander S. Adams, solicitor, Dunedin, attended as counsel for Mr. John Hay, and, after discussion he promised to have the complaint lodged by Mr. Hay put in proper form.

Complaint:—Frederick Mallard, ex-Inspector of Police, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 5 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock a.m.

SATURDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10 o'clock a.m.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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

Complaint:—Mr. John Hay attended, with his solicitor, Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams stated that since yesterday's sitting he had had an opportunity of conferring with Mr. Hay, and that he was instructed to state that Mr. Hay did not now propose to proceed further before the Commission with the complaint lodged.

Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., lodged the following complaint:—That there has been a lax administration of the law relating to the suppression of houses of ill-fame.

General efficiency of the Force:—William Stone Pardy, Inspector of Police, attended, and, being reminded he was still on his former oath, gave further evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. John Andrew Millar, M.H.R., Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Charge of Mr. T. E. Taylor—suppression of houses of ill-fame:—James McGill, Moray Place, Dunedin, builder, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. John Bryce Thompson, builder, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. William Stone Pardy, Inspector of Police, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Terence O'Brien, Chief Detective, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Joseph Albert McGrath, detective, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. John Cooney, plain-clothes constable, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Tudor Boddam, plain-clothes constable, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 5 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned until 10 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10 o'clock a.m.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Tunbridge was in attendance.

The Commission spent the morning perusing and answering correspondence, and going through documentary evidence.

At 1 p.m. the Commission adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock a.m.

TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10.30 a.m.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Tunbridge was in attendance.

The Commission spent the morning perusing documents and records.

During the afternoon the Commission visited the following suburban police-stations and inspected the quarters and examined the official books—viz., North Dunedin, South Dunedin, Caversham, St. Clair, and Anderson's Bay.

At 6 p.m. the Commission adjourned until Friday next at 10 a.m.