

FRIDAY, 25TH 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 and Mr. Tunbridge were in attendance.

Robert Rae, of Kensington, butcher, wrote to the Commission saying he did not propose to proceed further with the complaint he had lodged, as the matter complained of had occurred some years ago, and the constable chiefly concerned had now left the Dunedin district.

Complaint :—Nicholas Azzariti, Port Chalmers, settler, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Susan Azzariti, wife of the said Nicholas Azzariti, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Denis Treacy, constable, Port Chalmers, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint :—R. R. Jones, of Dunedin, private detective, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint :—Denis Treacy, constable, Port Chalmers, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of J. M. Brennan, constable, Caversham :—William Stone Pardy, Inspector of Police, attended, and, being reminded he was still on his former oath, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint :—Sergeant John Dwyer, sergeant of police, Clyde, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint :—Sarah Jane Slattery, of Dunedin, wife of John Slattery, miner, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Sergeant William McLeod, at present stationed at Sydenham, Christchurch, formerly of Clyde, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. James Danvers Leece, constable, formerly of Clyde, at present stationed at South 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.

At 5.15 p.m. the Commission adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, 26TH 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.

Colonel Hume and Mr. Tunbridge were in attendance.

Complaint :—Charles Bonner, mounted constable, Queenstown, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

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

Complaint :—Sergeant John Dwyer attended, and, being reminded he was on his former oath, gave further evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Colonel Arthur Hume attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Suggestions :—Sergeant John Dwyer, Clyde, attended as a delegate for certain members of the Police Force stationed on the goldfields in the Otago district, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 1 p.m. the Commission adjourned till Tuesday next, at Invercargill, at 10 o'clock a.m.

#### INVERCARGILL.

TUESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1898.

The Commission opened its proceedings for public business at the Supreme Court Buildings, Invercargill, on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1898, at 10 o'clock.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Tunbridge and Colonel Hume were in attendance.

Complaint :—Arthur Chillas Henderson, solicitor, Invercargill, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. During the hearing of Mr. Henderson's evidence a new charge was sprung against Sergeant Macdonell, to which he was entitled to twenty-four hours' notice, but which he waived, and the case was proceeded with. John McDonough, police-constable, Invercargill, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Peter McDermott, labourer, Seaward Bush, Invercargill, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Richard Matthews, solicitor, Invercargill, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Mary Powell, wife of Thomas Powell, West Plains, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaints and suggestions :—William Walker, constable, Riverton, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Godfrey Cornelius Jeffery, police-constable, at present at Invercargill, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 5.30 p.m. the Commission adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a.m.