

As Constable Christie was entitled to twenty-four hours' notice, the further consideration of the charge was adjourned until to-morrow. Mr. Macdonald said, with regard to the charge as to the child, Mr. Christie's child, a month old, died. Mr. and Mrs. Christie desired that it should be buried in Dunedin, where other of their children were buried. It was put in a coffin, and Mr. and Mrs. Christie brought it, wrapped in brown paper, to Dunedin, in a first-class railway-carriage. Mr. T. E. Taylor said those were the facts. It was a breach of the railway regulations. He was satisfied with the admission.

Suggestions:—Ward George Wohlman, police-constable, Dunedin, attended as a delegate from the members of the Police Force, Dunedin, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 6 p.m. the Commission adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1898.

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

Present: Messrs. Wardell and Poynton.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

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

General efficiency of the Force:—David Pinkerton, M.L.C., attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of J. J. Meikle:—A letter, dated the 2nd April, 1898, was received from Mrs. Jane Meikle, wife of J. J. Meikle, referring to the evidence given at Invercargill by Constable James Danvers Leece. Constable Leece attended, and, being reminded he was still on his former oath, gave further evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint:—James Danvers Leece, constable, South Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Political interference:—Alexander Samuel Adams, barrister and solicitor, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

General efficiency of the Force:—Christopher Conn, sergeant of police, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. James Bennett Dales, constable and assistant-clerk, Police-office, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Thomas Griffiths, constable, Balclutha, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Suggestions:—Ward George Wohlman, constable, Dunedin, attended, and, being reminded he was still on his former oath, gave further evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Ernest Bingham, constable, South Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Charge against Constable Christie:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., Robert Angus, labourer, Balclutha; George Thomson, J.P., dealer, Balclutha; George Campbell, farmer, Cannibal Bay, near Balclutha; Adam Patterson, storekeeper, Catlin's River; Thomas Griffith, constable, Balclutha; and John Gibson Smith, medical practitioner, Balclutha.

Sale of liquor within the Clutha District:—William Stone Pardy, Inspector of Police, Dunedin, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 6.15 p.m. the Commission adjourned until 10 a.m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1898.

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

Present: Messrs. Wardell and Poynton.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

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

Charges against Constable Christie:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., James Hogg, watchmaker, Balclutha; Rev. Father James O'Neill, Catholic priest, Milton; and Andrew Christie, constable, Mosgiel.

Constable Walker's complaint:—At the request of Constable Walker, of Riverton, the Commission examined his defaulters' sheet, and the same was noted in evidence.

Sergeant Macdonell, of Invercargill, wrote forwarding extract from official reports relating to a charge against Constable Griffiths, and the same was ordered to be noted on the evidence.

Sergeant Dwyer, of Clyde, wrote forwarding a letter from the Stipendiary Magistrate, Queenstown, in reference to his conducting cases in Court, and the same was ordered to be noted on the minutes.

Constable Drury, of Waitati, attended in compliance with a summons, but, as Mr. Taylor had left for Christchurch by the express train, the constable was excused from further attendance.

Thanks:—Resolved, That the Chairman send a letter to his Worship the Mayor of Dunedin, thanking him for the use of the rooms in which the sittings had been held.

This concluded the whole of the Dunedin business, and the Commission adjourned until Wednesday next, at 10 o'clock a.m., at Oamaru.