

FRIDAY, 10TH JUNE, 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 of John Bell against Constable McClellan:—John Bell, ship's-rigger, Auckland, and William John McClellan, constable, attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of John Bell against Constable H. P. Kennedy:—It appearing that the complaint had already been decided upon before a competent tribunal, the Commission decided they had no power to inquire into the complaint.

Complaint of John Bell against Sergeant Lyons:—John Bell, ship's-rigger, Auckland, and William Lyons, sergeant of police, attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of John Bell against Inspector Hickson and Sergeant Kelly:—John Bell, ship's-rigger, Auckland; James Hickson, Inspector of Police; and Joseph Swinburne Kelly, sergeant of police, attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Suggestions:—Henry Patrick Kennedy, plain-clothes constable, and Arthur Hume, ex-Commissioner of Police, attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Suggestions:—John Hinton, constable, Eden Terrace, Auckland, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of John Dean against Sergeant Greene:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., John Dean, market-gardener, Onehunga; William Haggan, driver baker's cart, Onehunga.

Complaint of John Dean that hotels at Onehunga are allowed to keep open after hours:—John Deans, market-gardener, Onehunga, and Bernard Greene, sergeant of police, Onehunga, attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint:—Annie Jane Cassells, widow, Auckland, attended in reference to a complaint lodged, but, as it appeared the matter complained of had arisen since the date of the Commission, the Commissioners decided they had no power to deal with the matter.

Complaint of ex-Constable John Haddock:—The Chairman intimated that he had communicated with the Premier with reference to ex-Constable Haddock's case. The Premier had replied that the promise he had made in the House with reference to Haddock's case had escaped his memory at the time of the preparation of the Commission, otherwise he would have made special provision for the case to be inquired into, and requested the members of the Commission to hold an inquiry, and report thereon.

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

SATURDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1898.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume and Mr. Tunbridge were in attendance.

Complaint of ex-Sergeant McMahon:—Mr. Jackson Palmer, solicitor, appeared for Sergeant McMahon. The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., John McMahon, ex-sergeant of police; John Strathern, inspector, Charitable Aid Office, Auckland; Alexander McGilp, constable, Rawene; Joseph Swinburne Kelly, sergeant of police; and William Lyons, sergeant of police, Auckland. The further consideration of the complaint was adjourned until Monday next.

At 12.45 p.m. the Commission adjourned until Monday next, at 10 o'clock a.m.

MONDAY, 13TH JUNE, 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 the Rev. F. W. Isitt were in attendance.

The Police and Permanent Artillery:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., Arthur Pole Penton, Commander New Zealand Forces, Auckland; Arthur Hume, ex-Commissioner of Police; and Sir Arthur Percy Douglas, Bart.

Ex-Sergeant McMahon's case:—Mr. Jackson Palmer, solicitor for ex-Sergeant McMahon, attended and intimated he did not intend to call further evidence.