

NEW PLYMOUTH.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1898.

The Commission opened its proceedings for public business at the Courthouse, New Plymouth, on Wednesday, 22nd June, 1898, 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 the Rev. F. W. Isitt were in attendance.

Complaint of John Gilbert against Constable Gillespie:—Mr. Gilbert appeared, and was informed by the Chairman that his complaint could not be gone into, as the complaint arose before either himself or Constable Gillespie were in the Police Force, and that the complaint was over twelve years ago, and also because his (Gilbert's) services had been dispensed with.

General efficiency of the Force:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., Francis McGovern, Police Inspector, New Plymouth; William Grey, constable, New Plymouth; Hal Goodacre, boot-manufacturer, New Plymouth; Martin Dudley Stagpoole, sergeant of police, New Plymouth; Michael Roche, constable, New Plymouth; Charles Ahier, sawmiller, New Plymouth; John Duffin, ex-sergeant of police, New Plymouth; and Francis McGovern (recalled).

There being no further evidence forthcoming, the proceedings of the Commission closed at New Plymouth, and the Commission adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Friday next, at Wanganui.

WANGANUI.

FRIDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1898.

The Commission opened its proceedings for public business at the Courthouse, Wanganui, on Friday, 24th June, 1898, 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.

General efficiency of the Force:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., John Ellison, sergeant in charge, Wanganui; Charles Cargill Kettle, District Judge and S.M., Wanganui; Benjamin McCaul, livery-stable keeper; John Ellison (recalled); Marguerite Williamson, wife of Hugh Williamson, chemist, Wanganui; Margaret Bullock, widow, Wanganui; Luke Lynch Carolan, cab-proprietor, Wanganui; Frederick Hamilton Spencer, clerk in holy orders, Wanganui; Thomas Godfrey Hammond, Wesleyan missionary, West Coast, North Island; and Francis McGovern, Inspector of Police, Wanganui and West Coast district.

There being no further evidence forthcoming, the Commission, at 4 p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 9.30 a.m., at Palmerston North.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

SATURDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1898.

The Commission opened its proceedings for public business at the Courthouse, Palmerston North, on Saturday, 25th June, 1898, at 9.30 a.m.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and the Rev. F. W. Isitt were in attendance.

General efficiency of the Force:—Edward Wilson, sergeant of police in charge of sub-district, Palmerston North, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Correction of evidence:—Edward Wilson, sergeant of police, Palmerston North, and Arthur Hume, ex-Commissioner of Police, attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of Constable Gillespie:—It being reported to the Commission that Constable Gillespie was unable to attend through illness, his complaint was not dealt with.

Complaint of F. Pirani, M.H.R.:—It being reported to the Commission that Mr. F. Pirani, M.H.R., was unable to attend through illness, his complaint was not dealt with.

Complaint of W. Hamer, of Foxton, against Constable Gillespie:—There being no appearance of Mr. Hamer, his complaint lapsed.

There being no further evidence forthcoming, the proceedings of the Commission at Palmerston North closed, and the Commission adjourned until Monday next, at 10.30 o'clock a.m., at Wellington.

WELLINGTON.

MONDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1898.

The Commission resumed its sittings at the Parliament Buildings, Wellington, on Monday, 27th June, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.