

Counties' Association and Electric-power Boards' and Supply Authorities' Association of New Zealand. Mr. Andrews was nominated as a person having experience in urban local government.

Mr. G. A. Monk was nominated by the New Zealand Counties' Association and the Electric-power Boards' and Supply Authorities' Association of New Zealand. Mr. Monk's nomination also had the support of the Municipal Association of New Zealand, the Harbour Boards' Association of New Zealand, and the Hospital Boards' Association of New Zealand. Mr. Monk was nominated as a person having experience in rural local government. These were the only nominations received.

On the 16th April, 1947, an Order in Council was issued setting up the Local Government Commission consisting of the following members :—

Israel Joseph Goldstine, Esq., O.B.E., of Auckland, who was appointed Chairman of the Commission.

William Charles Edgar George, Esq., who was appointed a member of the Commission having special knowledge of local government.

John William Andrews, Esq., Lower Hutt, who was appointed a member of the Commission as a person having special knowledge of urban local government.

George Alexander Monk, Esq., who was appointed a member of the Commission as a person having special knowledge of rural local government.

Mr. I. J. Goldstine was a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand practising in Auckland. He was for nearly sixteen years Mayor of One Tree Hill, had been President of the Auckland Suburban Local Bodies' Association, Vice-President of the Municipal Association of New Zealand, Chairman of the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Council, member of the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board, member of the National Patriotic Fund Board, and had been associated with many other public bodies.

Mr. W. C. E. George was a member of the Huntly Town Board for nine years, five of which he was Chairman, and was Mayor of the new Borough of Huntly for the first ten years. He was also a member of the Central Waikato Electric-power Board and various other local authorities.

Mr. J. W. Andrews had been Mayor of Lower Hutt for fourteen years, had been on the Executive of the Municipal Association for ten years, and had been President for nearly two and a half years. He had been a member of the Wellington Harbour Board, the Hutt Valley Electric-power Board, the Hutt River Board, the Town-planning Board, the Board of Health, the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council, the Wellington Hospital Board, and many other local authorities.

Mr. G. A. Monk had been a member of the Horowhenua County Council for thirty-five years, for thirty-two years of which he was Chairman, Chairman of the Horowhenua Electric-power Board for twenty-five years from its inception, a member of the Palmerston North Hospital Board for twenty-five years, a member of the Wellington Hospital Board for two years, a member of the Executive of the New Zealand Counties' Association for twenty-two years, and was at the time of his appointment Senior Vice-President thereof. He was also a member of the Board of Health, the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council, and had been a member of the executive of the New Zealand Electric-power Boards' and Supply Authorities' Association for twenty-one years.

It can thus be seen that the Commission is composed of men who have given a lifetime of service to local government and who have between them experience on practically every type of local authority in the Dominion.

As will appear in the sequel, the experience which the members have had in local-government work prior to their appointment has been invaluable to them in their work as members of the Local Government Commission, dealing, as it does, with every type of local authority.

The Commissioners took their oath of office on the 20th May, 1947.