

- (7) The desirability of occupiers of business premises instructing their staffs in the principles of fire-prevention, evacuation drill, and the elementary principles of fire-fighting ;
- (8) The effectiveness of the operations conducted and the equipment employed by the Christchurch Fire-brigade to combat the said fire ;
- (9) Whether, as the result of the evidence submitted, the Commission has any, and if so, what recommendation to make as to the principles which should in the public interest be adopted for protection against fire in existing buildings generally of a type similar to the Ballantyne building ;
- (10) And generally upon such other matters arising thereout as may come to your notice in the course of your inquiries which you consider should be investigated in connection therewith and upon any matters affecting the premises which you consider should be brought to the attention of the Government ;

And We do hereby appoint you, the said

Sir Harold Featherston Johnston

to be Chairman of the said Commission :

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such time and place as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and so that these presents shall continue in force, and the inquiry may at any time and place be resumed although not regularly adjourned from time to time or from place to place :

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose save to His Excellency the Governor-General, in pursuance of these presents, or by His Excellency's direction, the contents of any report so made or to be made by you, or any evidence or information obtained by you in the exercise of the powers hereby conferred upon you except such evidence or information as is received in the course of a sitting open to the public :

And it is hereby declared that the powers hereby conferred shall be exercisable notwithstanding the absence at any time of any one or any two of the members hereby appointed so long as the Chairman, or a member deputed by the Chairman to act in his stead, and one other member be present and concur in the exercise of such powers :

And We do further ordain that you have liberty to report your proceedings and findings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do :