

BLENHEIM.

SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. in the office of the Marlborough Education Board.

Present: Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R. (in the chair), Mr. T. Mackenzie, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. M. Gilfedder, M.H.R.; Mr. S. Luke, Mr. H. Hill, B.A., Mr. J. Smith, Mr. W. Davidson, and Mr. R. D. Stewart.

Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., Secretary for Education, also attended.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman presented a suggested list of dates of visits to the districts of the South Island, which was adopted.

Evidence was given by Captain Baillie, M.L.C. (Acting-Chairman of the Marlborough Education Board); Mr. R. McCallum (member of the Marlborough Education Board), who handed in Exhibits Nos. 11, 12, and 13; Mr. F. Birch (Chairman, Blenheim School Committee), Mr. N. T. Pritchard (Chairman, Grovetown School Committee), Miss M. C. Williams, Mr. C. C. Howard, Mr. D. A. Sturrock, and Mr. G. Wilmot (representatives of the Marlborough Educational Institute).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Board, its officers, and the witnesses.

The Commission adjourned at 5 p.m. until 10 a.m. on the 30th April, at Nelson.

NELSON.

TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. at the office of the Education Board.

Present: Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R. (in the chair), Mr. T. Mackenzie, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. M. Gilfedder, M.H.R.; Mr. S. Luke, Mr. H. Hill, B.A., Mr. J. Smith, Mr. W. Davidson, and Mr. R. D. Stewart.

Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., also attended.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A statement was received from Mr. E. Cowles, headmaster of the Richmond Boys' School; and a letter was received from the Assistant Secretary of the Education Department intimating that Mr. R. G. Thomson had been appointed second shorthand-writer to the Commission.

Evidence was given by Messrs. G. Talbot (Chairman, Nelson Education Board), T. Bailie and H. Philips (members of the Nelson Education Board), Stead Ellis (secretary, Nelson Education Board), Rev. J. P. Kempthorne (Chairman, Nelson School Committee), Rev. J. H. McKenzie (member, Nelson School Committee), F. G. Gibbs, M.A., and L. D. Easton (representatives of the Nelson Educational Institute), G. A. Harkness, M.A. (Chief Inspector, Nelson Education District), and W. F. Worley and F. V. Knapp (assistant masters, Nelson Boys' School).

Exhibits were handed in—No. 14 by Mr. Hogben, No. 15 by the secretary, and No. 16 by Mr. Gibbs.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Board, its officers, and the witnesses.

The Commission adjourned at 10.20 p.m. until 10 a.m. on the 4th May, at Greymouth.

GREYMOUTH.

SATURDAY, 4TH MAY, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. at the office of the Grey County Council.

Present: Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R. (in the chair), Mr. T. Mackenzie, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. M. Gilfedder, M.H.R.; Mr. S. Luke, Mr. H. Hill, B.A., Mr. J. Smith, Mr. W. Davidson, and Mr. R. D. Stewart.

Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., also attended.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Evidence was given by Messrs. S. R. Harris (Chairman, Grey Education Board), W. R. Kettle, and J. Petrie (members, Grey Education Board), F. W. Riemenschneider (secretary, Grey Education Board), and the following teachers: W. A. Rundle and H. Smith, B.A. (representatives of the Grey Educational Institute), and A. A. Adams.

The secretary laid before the Commission Exhibits Nos. 17 and 18, and Mr. Kettle Exhibit No. 19 (list of teachers, with salaries, for the Grey District).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Board, its officers, and the witnesses; also to the Grey County Council for the use of the room.

The Commission adjourned at 3 p.m. until 10 a.m. on the 6th May, at Hokitika.

HOKITIKA.

MONDAY, 6TH MAY, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall, Hokitika.

Present: Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R. (in the chair), Mr. T. Mackenzie, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. M. Gilfedder, M.H.R.; Mr. S. Luke, Mr. H. Hill, B.A., Mr. J. Smith, Mr. W. Davidson, and Mr. R. D. Stewart.

Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., also attended.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided that a return be obtained from each Education Board of the salaries of teachers for the December quarter, house allowance, &c.