

Evidence was given by Mr. H. Harroway (Chairman, Otago Education Board), Mr. W. S. Fitzgerald (Inspector of Schools, Otago District), Miss E. Wilkinson, Messrs. C. Young, A. Marshall, and A. Davidson (representatives of the Otago Educational Institute), and Messrs. C. G. Smeaton and J. Reid, B.A. (representing the assistant masters).

Mr. P. Goyen (recalled) explained a comparative table of staffs, which he placed before the Commission (Exhibit No. 60).

Mr. D. R. White (recalled) placed before the Commission a statement of certificates held by teachers in the colony (Exhibit No. 61).

Exhibits were also laid before the Commission by Messrs. Smeaton (No. 56), Reid (No. 57), Harroway (No. 58), and Pryde (No. 59).

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

The president of the Educational Institute (Mr. W. G. Macdonald) expressed the thanks of the Institute for the patient hearing granted to teachers when giving evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 6 p.m. till 10 a.m. on the 22nd May, at Invercargill.

INVERCARGILL.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. in 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. T. S. Weston, 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.

Statements were received from Messrs. T. H. Newlyn, Christchurch, and W. Macandrew, Mataura.

Evidence was given by Messrs. J. Cowie (Chairman, Southland Education Board), G. R. George (member of the Southland Education Board), J. Neill (secretary, Southland Education Board), and Mr. W. H. Clark, B.A. (honorary secretary, Southland Educational Institute).

The Commission adjourned at 5 p.m. till 10 a.m. next day.

THURSDAY, 23RD MAY, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

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. T. S. Weston, Mr. S. Luke, Mr. H. Hill, B.A., Mr. J. Smith, 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. W. McAllister (member of the Southland Education Board), J. Hendry, B.A. (Inspector of Schools, Southland District), and the following teachers: Mr. W. G. Mehaffey, Miss J. B. Hamilton, and Mr. A. Clark (representing the Southland Educational Institute), Messrs. C. W. G. Selby and J. Porteous, M.A. (representing the assistants).

A statement was received from Mr. D. McNeil.

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

The Commission adjourned at 5.30 p.m. till 10 a.m. on the 27th May, at Timaru.

TIMARU.

MONDAY, 27TH MAY, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. in the office of the Borough 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.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Grey Educational Institute forwarding a copy of a resolution passed in favour of the suggested alternative scale submitted by Mr. Hogben.

The secretary handed in Exhibit No. 63.

Evidence was given by Mr. W. B. Howell (Chairman, South Canterbury Education Board), Rev. G. Barclay (member, South Canterbury Education Board), Messrs. J. G. Gow, M.A. (Inspector of Schools, South Canterbury District), A. Bell, M.A. (assistant secretary and Assistant Inspector), and J. A. Johnson, M.A. (president of the South Canterbury Educational Institute).

The Commission adjourned at 5 p.m. till 10 a.m. next day.

TUESDAY, 28TH MAY, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

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.