

thereof, for the purpose of erecting or re-erecting necessary school buildings and additions thereto, or roading, subdividing, and improving the trust property.

16. That power be also given to the trustees to subdivide the endowment, lay out roads and streets, and dedicate same to the public.

17. That when practicable all leases of the trust property be open to public competition by tender or auction.

18. That the trustees appoint a reliable person (not being one of the trustees) in Wanganui to act as their solicitor, secretary, and general agent, to prepare all necessary deeds and agreements, to keep the books of account and minute-book, to collect rents and other moneys, and generally attend to the business of the trust.

19. That the school buildings be inspected annually by the District Health Officer.

20. That legislation be introduced to give full effect to these recommendations. That the religious instruction now being given at the school be continued; but the Bill to contain liberal conscience clauses similar to those in Mr. Bryce's Bill of 1876, intituled "The Wanganui Endowed School Act, 1876," clause 22, subclauses (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6); and Mr. Ballance's Bill of 1879, intituled "The Wanganui Endowed School Act, 1879," clause 31, subclauses (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6); and that the draft Bill be referred to the trustees for their consideration and report.

21. That the Inspector-General's proposals as to the establishment of a high school on the endowment (see his evidence) receive favourable consideration in the interests of free education.

We now return to Your Excellency the Commissions and extensions thereof with which you honoured us.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and six.

CHAS. C. KETTLE, Chairman.

A. W. HOGG.

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