

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

SYDNEY STREET SCHOOLROOM, WELLINGTON, TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1908.

The Conference assembled at 10 a.m.

The Hon. G. Fowlds, Minister for Hospitals and Charitable Aid, presided, and addressed the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Minister for his attendance and address was proposed by Mr. J. P. Luke (Wellington Hospital Board), and seconded by Mr. W. H. Cooper (Samaritan Home, Christchurch).—Carried by acclamation.

The Minister then left the chair, which was taken by the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Dr. T. H. A. Valintine.

The Inspector-General addressed the Conference.

The Conference resolved that the Press be admitted.

It was decided that the hours of meeting should be from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily; evening sittings to be held if necessary.

The Chairman ruled that each Board and separate institution should have one vote; that in the case of disagreement between delegates representing the same Board, if the numbers were equal, there should be no vote, but that otherwise the majority vote should be taken to represent the vote of that Board or Institution.

A roll of those present was then taken, the following delegates handing in their names: *Separate Institutions, Hospitals*: Northern Wairoa, Thomas Webb; Mercury Bay, C. O'Brien; Thames, Arch. Burns, A. Court; Waihi, J. J. Scanlon, W. G. Power; Coromandel, T. W. Rhodes; Wellington, Hon. C. M. Luke; South Wairarapa, Mark Maxton; Masterton, R. Brown; Dannevirke, George Wrath; Napier, C. H. Cranly; Charleston, J. R. Rayner; Grey River, W. R. Kettle; Reefton, E. J. Scantlebury; Kumara, E. Mulvihill; Westland, H. B. Bock; Waimate, T. Sinclair; Oamaru, J. Mainland; Dunedin, Alfred Tapper, Dr. Batchelor, J. Loudon; Cromwell, James Ritchie; Arrow, G. D. Baird; Wakatipu, John Cockburn; Southland, John Stead, A. F. Hawke; Wallace and Fiord, John Fraser, Joseph Lyle. *Hospital Boards*: Patea, G. V. Pearce, E. C. Horner; Wanganui, Gilbert Carson, William Ritchie; Wellington, C. J. Crawford, J. P. Luke, George Willis, F. T. Moore; Wairarapa, E. G. Eton; Ashburton, Henry Davis, C. Harper; North Canterbury, Frederick Horrell, William Dunlop, G. Payling; Otago, H. L. Tapley, Malcolm Stevenson. *Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards*: North Auckland, D. McCarroll, Joseph Vaughan; Auckland, G. Knight, L. J. Bagnall; Bay of Plenty, Rev. Canon Jordan; Waiapu, K. S. Williams; Waikato, William P. Chepnell, John Fisher; Taranaki, C. M. Lepper, F. C. J. Bellringer; Stratford, P. F. Ralfe, H. N. Liardet; Hawera, Jacob Marx, J. T. Quinn; Palmerston North, Walter Rutherford, J. G. Wilson; Picton, A. G. Fell, D. A. Chaytor; Nelson, G. Macmahon, Buller, G. R. Lamplough; Inangahua, E. J. Scantlebury; Grey, W. R. Kettle; Westland, J. McGuigan; South Canterbury, John Talbot, H. S. Russell; Waitaki, Robert Milligan; Maniototo, Robert Logan; Southland, A. Bain, Thomas Green; Wallace and Fiord, G. O. Cassels, H. E. Hurst. *Separate Institutions, Charitable Aid*: Hawke's Bay Children's Home, R. D. Maclean; Wellington Benevolent Institution, D. Robertson; Wellington Society for Relief of Aged Needy, C. P. Powles; Reefton Ladies' Benevolent Society, Jane T. Lewis; Hokitika Benevolent Society, James Toomey; Samaritan Home, Christchurch, W. H. Cooper; North Otago Benevolent Society, Andrew Fraser; Otago Benevolent Institution, Alfred Tapper, J. McRae Galloway, W. T. Talboys. *Charitable Aid Boards*: Thames and Coromandel, C. O'Brien; Patea and Wanganui, Gilbert Carson, William Ritchie; Wellington and Wairarapa, George Willis, R. C. Kirk; Hawke's Bay United, W. J. McGrath, C. H. Cranly; Ashburton and North Canterbury, T. C. Norris, P. B. Manhire, J. H. Davison; Otago and Tuapeka, H. L. Tapley, J. H. Walker, Malcolm Stevenson.

The Chairman asked for expression of opinion as to the method of procedure, and it was resolved to take the Bill clause by clause.

Motion No. 1, moved by Mr. P. B. Manhire (Ashburton and North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board), seconded by Mr. W. H. Cooper (Samaritan Home): "That the Bill be taken clause by clause, and that any particular Board that has sent a remit can move the same when the clause is before the Conference."—Carried on the voices.

Motion No. 2 (clause 1, subsection (1), of the Bill), moved by Mr. F. Horrell, and seconded by Mr. William Dunlop (both of North Canterbury Hospital Board): "That the Act come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1909."—Carried on the voices.

On clause 2 (the interpretation clause), Mr. J. P. Luke (Wellington District Hospital Board) moved and Mr. Bellringer (Taranaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this Conference the functions of hospitals and charitable aid should be administered by one Board."

Objection was then taken to the procedure, and it was resolved to adjourn till 2 p.m., to enable a committee to arrange the matter of procedure.

The Chairman asked the following members to act with him as a committee: Hon. C. M. Luke (Wellington Hospital Trustees), Mr. J. P. Luke (Wellington District Hospital Board), Mr. Cranly (Napier Hospital Trustees), Mr. Burns (Thames Hospital Trustees), Mr. Payling (Christchurch Hospital Board), Mr. Scantlebury (Reefton Hospital and Inangahua Hospital and Charitable Aid Board), Mr. Kettle (Grey River Hospital Trustees), Mr. Bellringer (New Plymouth Hospital and Charitable Aid Board), Mr. Galloway (Otago Benevolent Institution).