

## TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1908.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11 a.m.

*Present:* Hon. Sir W. J. Steward (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Bowen, Hon. Dr. Findlay, Hon. Mr. Gilmer, Hon. Mr. Marshall, Hon. Sir G. M. O'Rorke, Hon. Mr. Paul, Hon. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Baume, Mr. W. Fraser, Hon. Mr. Guinness, Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Mr. Massey, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was resolved, That the evidence taken by the Committee be printed.

Mr. Campbell, Government Architect, attended and continued his evidence.

*Ballroom at Government House.*—On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Guinness, it was resolved, That, in the opinion of the Committee, the ballroom and drawing-room in the new Government House should be widened to 40 ft.

*Dining-room at Government House.*—Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Committee, the dining-room in the new Government House should be extended in length to 41 ft.

Chief Judge Jackson-Palmer, of the Native Land Court, attended, and gave evidence before the Committee.

*Resolved,* That the Under-Secretary for Public Works, the Valuer-General, and the Chief Officer of the Deeds Department be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

*Resolved,* That the Chairman arrange with the Right Hon. the Premier as to the date of the next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned *sine die*.

## TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1908.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11 a.m.

*Present:* Hon. Sir W. J. Steward (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Carnecross, Hon. Dr. Findlay, Hon. Mr. Marshall, Hon. Mr. Paul, Hon. Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Fraser, Hon. Mr. Guinness, Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Mr. R. McKenzie, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. H. J. H. Blow attended and gave evidence.

Mr. J. M. Batham, Registrar-General of Lands and Deeds, attended and gave evidence.

Mr. G. F. C. Campbell, Valuer-General, attended and gave evidence.

*Resolved,* That the Commissioner of Taxes and the Director of the Museum be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 2nd September.

## WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1908.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11 a.m.

*Present:* Hon. Sir W. J. Steward (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Bowen, Hon. Mr. Carnecross, Hon. Dr. Findlay, Hon. Mr. Marshall, Hon. Mr. Paul, Hon. Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Baume, Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Mr. Izard, Mr. R. McKenzie, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Hamilton, Director of the Dominion Museum, attended and gave evidence.

Mr. P. Heyes, Commissioner of Taxes, attended and gave evidence.

Mr. C. Wilson, Chief Librarian, General Assembly Library, attended and gave evidence.

On the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, the Committee then adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 3rd September.

## THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1908.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11 a.m.

*Present:* Hon. Sir W. J. Steward (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Bowen, Hon. Mr. Carnecross, Hon. Mr. Marshall, Hon. Mr. Paul, Hon. Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Barclay, Hon. Mr. Guinness, Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Mr. Izard, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. H. J. H. Blow attended and gave further evidence.

Mr. G. F. C. Campbell attended and gave further evidence.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Guinness, it was resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the Government House site is the most suitable one for the new Parliament Buildings, and the Committee recommend that the old Parliament Buildings site should be utilised for Departmental Offices and for a Museum building.

The Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward moved, and it was resolved, That a sub-committee be appointed to draw up a report, and that the sub-committee consist of Hon. Sir W. J. Steward, Hon. Mr. Bowen, Hon. Mr. Guinness, Hon. Mr. Sinclair, and the mover.

The Committee then adjourned.