

on arrival inspected the sawmill of J. Trounson, and went up the cable tram belonging to the Siberian mill to see the method of bringing down the logs. In the afternoon the Commission drove to the Kauri Park, Waima, at the head of the Kaihu Valley, and inspected the fine specimens of kauri-trees growing therein and in the adjoining bush belonging to Mr. Trounson. A return was made to Dargaville by the 5 p.m. train, and at 6 a.m. on the morning of the 5th May the Commission returned by steamer to Helensville, stopping at Te Kopuru *en route* and inspecting the Kauri Timber Company's mill there. On arriving at Helensville at 3.45 p.m. the train to Auckland was caught and Auckland reached at 6.30 p.m.

On Thursday, the 6th May, the Commission inspected the following mills in the City of Auckland:—

Millar's West Australian Hardware Company (Limited).
Messrs. Macklow Bros.
Messrs. Leyland, O'Brien, and Co.'s sawmill, Mechanics' Bay.
Mr. D. Goldie.
Waitemata Sawmilling Company.
Parker, Lamb, and Co.
Leyland and O'Brien's mill in Customs Street.
Kauri Timber Company (Limited).
And also the new Cemetery Bridge, in course of construction.

AUCKLAND, FRIDAY, 7TH MAY, 1909.

The eighteenth meeting of the Commission was held in the Land Board Room, Government Buildings, Auckland, on Friday, the 7th day of May, 1909, at 9.30 a.m.

Present: The Hon. T. Y. Duncan (Chairman), and all the members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.

Letter, dated 21st April, 1909, from J. Lomas, Chief Advisory Officer, Department of Labour, giving the information required by the Commission as to the cost of workers' homes.—Received.

Evidence.

Mr. Edward Phelan, general secretary to the Auckland Timber-workers' Union, examined from 9.55 a.m. to 12.40 p.m.

Mr. Th. de Schryver, Imperial Export Company of Canada, 12.40 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The Commission adjourned from 1 to 2 p.m.

On resuming, Mr. de Schryver's examination was continued from 2 p.m. to 3.25 p.m.

Mr. W. C. Johns, builder, of Ponsonby, Auckland, 3.25 to 4.35 p.m.

Mr. George Stevenson, staircase-maker, Auckland, 4.35 to 5.35 p.m.

The Commission then adjourned.

AUCKLAND, SATURDAY, 8TH MAY, 1909.

The nineteenth meeting of the Commission was held in the Land Board Room, Government Buildings, Auckland, on Saturday, the 8th May, 1909, at 9.30 a.m.

Present: The Hon. T. Y. Duncan (Chairman), and all the members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Evidence.

Mr. J. McGill, bush contractor, Mercury Bay, examined from 9.40 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.

Mr. Charles Cowan, sawmill-worker, Mangapeehi, 9.45 a.m. to 11.5 a.m.

Mr. G. A. Pearce, sawmiller, Mamaku, 11.5 a.m. to 12.55 p.m.

Mr. H. Valder, sawmiller (Ellis, Burnand, and Valder), Hamilton, 12.55 p.m. to 1 p.m.

It was decided to adjourn the hearing of Mr. Valder's evidence until Tuesday, 11th May.

The Commission then adjourned.

AUCKLAND, MONDAY, 10TH MAY, 1909.

The twentieth meeting of the Commission was held in the Land Board Room, Government Buildings, Auckland, on Monday, the 10th May, 1909, at 9.30 a.m.

Present: The Hon. T. Y. Duncan (Chairman), and all the members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Evidence.

Mr. H. B. Coupe, sawmiller, Mamaku, examined from 9.40 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Mr. W. Steele, sawmiller, Mamaku, 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The Commission adjourned from 1 to 2.15 p.m.

Mr. David Goldie, timber-merchant, Auckland, 2.20 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Mr. W. F. Mason, secretary, South Auckland Sawmillers' Association, 3.45 p.m. to 4.20 p.m.

Mr. George Fraser, Phoenix Foundry, Auckland, 4.20 p.m. to 4.40 p.m.

Mr. John Mitchell, architect, Auckland, 4.40 p.m. to 5.50 p.m.

The Commission then adjourned.