

AUCKLAND, TUESDAY, 11TH MAY, 1909.

The twenty-first meeting of the Commission was held in the Land Board Room, Government Buildings, Auckland, on Tuesday, the 11th 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 the 7th May, from the Secretary of Customs, forwarding a return showing the importation of Oregon pine into New Zealand from the 1st January, 1907, to the 30th April, 1909.—Received.

Letter, dated the 7th May, from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Invercargill, covering a statement as to the area of land in Southland denuded of forest by sawmilling during the last twenty years.—Received.

Letter, dated the 4th May, from the Warden, Greymouth, forwarding information respecting sawmill areas and royalties in the Greymouth District.—Received.

Evidence.

Mr. H. Valder, sawmiller, Manunui (examination continued), from 9.35 a.m. to 12.10 p.m.

Mr. R. J. Roberts, architect, Devonport, Auckland, examined from 12.10 p.m. to 12.25 p.m.

Mr. G. H. Norie, Railway Storekeeper, Newmarket, 12.25 p.m. to 12.50 p.m.

The Commission adjourned till 2 p.m.

Mr. Stanley Milroy, secretary to the Kauri Timber Company, Auckland, from 2.5 p.m. to 4.55 p.m.

Mr. William McArthur, sawmiller, Putaruru, 4.55 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The Commission then adjourned.

AUCKLAND, WEDNESDAY, 12TH MAY, 1909.

The twenty-second meeting of the Commission was held in the Land Board Room, Government Buildings, Auckland, on Wednesday, the 12th 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.

Hon. Edwin Mitchelson, timber-merchant, Auckland, examined from 9.35 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Mr. G. H. Norie (explanation regarding evidence given by him on the previous day), 11.30 to 11.35 a.m.

Mr. John Strauchon, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland, 11.35 a.m. to 11.55 a.m.

Mr. James Trounson, sawmiller, Kaihu, 11.55 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Mr. H. P. Kavanagh, Timber Expert, Lands Department, 12.45 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Information required.

It was resolved, That the Commissioner of Crown Lands be asked to supply in his return of areas held for sawmilling purposes in the Auckland District information showing—(a) upset price fixed by the Department for each area, at per 100 sup. ft.; (b) price agreed to be paid by the successful tenderer.

The Commission adjourned from 1 to 2 p.m.

Evidence.

Mr. H. P. Kavanagh (examination continued), from 2 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.

Mr. John Jenkins, builder, Arch Hill, 3.50 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. D. T. McIntosh, District Railway Engineer, 5 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

The Commission then adjourned.

AUCKLAND, THURSDAY, 13TH MAY, 1909.

At 8.45 a.m. on Thursday, the 13th May, the Commission visited the workshop of Messrs. Cousins and Atkin, coach and tram-car builders, in Lorne Street, and the furniture-factory of the Direct Supply Company.

The twenty-third meeting of the Commission was held in the Land Board Room, Government Buildings, Auckland, on Thursday, the 13th 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. W. J. Cousins, coachbuilder, Auckland, examined from 9.35 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.

Mr. T. H. White, mill-manager, Kauri Timber Company, and president, Auckland Sawmillers' Association, 9.45 a.m. to 12.25 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Mahoney, architect, Auckland, 12.25 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The Commission adjourned from 1 to 2 p.m.

Mr. Edward Bartley, architect, Auckland, from 2 p.m. to 3.5 p.m.

Mr. Alfred McKenzie, Foreman of Works, Harbour Board, 3.5 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Mr. Theodore Jacobsen, architect, Auckland, 3.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Mr. W. A. Holman, architect, Auckland, 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.

Mr. A. Grayson, president, Builders' Association, 3.50 p.m. to 4.25 p.m.