

CONFERENCE OF INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS (INCLUDING PRINCIPALS OF TRAINING COLLEGES),

15TH FEBRUARY, 1910.

LETTER OF INVITATION.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 5th January, 1910.

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister of Education, to invite you to attend the ensuing Conference of Inspectors of Schools, which is convened to meet in Wellington on Tuesday, the 15th February proximo, at 10 a.m.

One of the chief matters, it is understood, for the deliberations of the Conference will be the question of the rearrangement and adjustment of the syllabus of instruction in public schools, held over for further consideration from the Conference of 1907. Any proposals for amendment in this matter of which you desire to give timely notice, and any suggestions you have to make for additional subjects of discussion and notices of motion thereon, I shall be glad to receive at your earliest convenience for embodiment in the agenda paper.

Of the precise place of meeting in Wellington you will be informed later. For the Conference three days have been provisionally allotted.

I have, &c.,

G. HOGBEN,
Inspector-General of Schools.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1910.

The Conference met in the Legislative Council Chamber at 10 a.m.

Present: Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., Inspector-General of Schools (Chairman); Dr. W. J. Anderson, M.A., Assistant Inspector-General of Schools; Messrs. T. H. Gill, M.A., LL.B., Inspector of Secondary Schools; W. E. Spencer, M.A., M.Sc., Inspector of Secondary Schools; M. H. Browne, Inspector of Technical Schools; E. C. Isaac, Inspector of Technical Schools; W. W. Bird, M.A., Inspector of Native Schools; J. Porteous, M.A., Inspector of Native Schools: Inspectors—Auckland—Messrs. D. Petrie, M.A., J. Grierson, C. W. Garrard, B.A., W. A. Burnside, B.A., J. T. G. Cox, G. H. Plummer, LL.B., R. D. Stewart; Taranaki—Messrs. W. A. Ballantyne, B.A., and R. G. Whetter, M.A.; Wanganui—Messrs. T. B. Strong, M.A., B.Sc., G. D. Braik, M.A., and J. Milne, M.A.; Wellington—Messrs. T. R. Fleming, M.A., LL.B., F. H. Bakewell, M.A., and J. S. Tennant, M.A., B.Sc.; Hawke's Bay—Messrs. H. Hill, B.A., and J. A. Smith, B.A.; Marlborough—Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A.; Nelson—Messrs. G. A. Harkness, M.A., and A. Crawford, B.A.; Grey—Mr. E. A. Scott; Westland—Mr. A. J. Morton, B.A.; North Canterbury—Messrs. T. Ritchie, B.A., E. K. Mulgan, M.A., T. S. Foster, M.A., and W. Brock, M.A.; South Canterbury—Messrs. J. G. Gow, M.A., and A. Bell, M.A.; Otago—Messrs. P. Goyen, C. R. D. Richardson, B.A., C. R. Bossence, and Dr. J. R. Don, M.A.; Southland—Messrs. A. L. Wyllie, M.A., and J. Hendry, B.A. Training Colleges—Principals—Auckland—Mr. H. A. E. Milnes, B.Sc.; Wellington—Mr. W. Gray, M.A., B.Sc.; Christchurch—Mr. E. Watkins, B.A.; Dunedin—Professor D. R. White, M.A.

Messrs. J. S. Tennant and T. H. Gill were appointed Secretaries of the Conference.

The Chairman suggested that a business committee be appointed to deal with (1) the appointment of committees set up to consider matters referred to them; (2) to draw up each day's order paper.

Mr. Stewart proposed, Mr. Mulgan seconded, That Messrs. Fleming, Mulgan, Morton, Stewart, Harkness, and the Secretaries be a business committee.—Agreed to.

Mr. Fleming moved, Mr. Petrie seconded, That the meetings of the Conference be open to the Press.—Agreed to.

The Conference decided to sit from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

It was agreed that the resolutions be in writing, and the time-limits be ten minutes for the mover, with an additional ten minutes if the meeting so decided, and five minutes for each subsequent speaker.

Mr. Stewart moved, and Mr. Hill seconded, That the standing orders of the New Zealand Educational Institute be adopted.—Lost on division by 35 to 6.

Mr. Hill moved, and Mr. Morton seconded, That every member present must exercise his vote.—Carried.

Mr. Mulgan moved, Professor White seconded, That the following committees be set up: (a) Syllabus, (b) Teachers' Certificates, (c) Scholarships.—Agreed to.