

FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr Hanan (Chairman), Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Graham, Mr Massey, Hon. Mr Millar, Mr Myers, Mr Reed, Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk read correspondence marked 46 to 48 :—

- (46.) Telegram to Frederick Bayly, dated 3rd November
- (47.) Telegram from Frederick Bayly, dated 3rd November
- (48.) Telegram to Frederick Bayly, dated 3rd November

The Committee then heard further evidence.

Mr Hine, M.P., with his counsel, Mr M. Myers; Mr. Walter Symes, with his counsel, Mr C. P. Skerrett, K.C. (with him Mr Sharp; and Mr Charles Edwin Major, attended.

Resolved, on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward, That Mr W T Jennings, M.P., and Mr Attack, manager of the Press Association, Wellington, be called to give evidence *re* allegation No. 4.

Resolved, to take allegations Nos. 1 and 2 together

(10.) John Granville, farmer, Mangamingi, was examined by Mr Skerrett, K.C.

(11.) John Douglas Ritchie, Land Purchase Officer, Wellington, was sworn, and produced official files, and was examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.

Mr M. Myers handed in exhibit marked BB.

(12.) Frederick William Flanagan, Valuer General, Wellington, was sworn, and produced exhibits marked CC and DD, and was examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.

(13.) Charles Bayly, sheep-farmer, Toko, was sworn, and examined by Mr Myers and the members of the Committee, and produced exhibits marked EE and FF

Mr M. Myers called Walter Symes to give evidence, and Mr Skerrett, K.C., objected.

The Chairman ruled that Mr Major be called first, on the understanding that Mr Skerrett, K.C., would call Walter Symes at a later date.

(14.) Charles Edwin Major, land agent, Auckland, who was not represented by counsel, was sworn and gave evidence, and was examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.

Mr M. Myers applied to have stated the order in which the other allegations would be taken.

Resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, That allegations numbered 1, 2, and 4 be continued next sitting-day, and that allegations numbered 6 and 7 be taken in their numerical order

Resolved, on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward, That Mr Hemingway, of Stratford, be called to give evidence *re* allegation numbered 4.

Resolved, on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward, That the Committee meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week at 10.30 a.m.

Resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, That, the hour of 1 p.m. having arrived, the Committee do now adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 8th day of November next.

The Committee adjourned accordingly

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present Mr Hanan (Chairman), Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Massey, Hon. Mr Millar, Mr Myers, Mr Reed, Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk read correspondence marked 49 to 85, as follows:—

- (49.) Subpoena to attend to W T Jennings, M.P., Wellington, dated 4th November
- (50.) Subpoena to attend to W H. Attack, dated 4th November
- (51.) Telegram from W E Griffin, dated 4th November
- (52.) Telegram to W E. Griffin, dated 4th November.
- (53.) Subpoena to attend to Hemingway, dated 4th November
- (54.) Telegram from Hemingway, dated 4th November
- (55.) Telegram to Hemingway, dated 5th November
- (56.) Telegram from Hemingway, dated 5th November
- (57.) Telegram from Sexton, dated 5th November.
- (58.) Letter from Mr M. Myers, dated 5th November
- (59.) Letter from Mr M. Myers, dated 5th November
- (60.) Subpoena to attend to Remana Nutana, dated 5th November
- (61.) Subpoena to attend to Pepene Eketone, Te Kuiti, dated 5th November
- (62.) Subpoena to attend to Pepa Tauke, dated 5th November
- (63.) Subpoena to attend, and notice to produce, to Mr Paterson, dated 5th November
- (64.) Subpoena to attend, and notice to produce, to W H. Grace, dated 5th November
- (65.) Subpoena to attend to Henry William Northcroft, dated 5th November
- (66.) Subpoena to attend to John St. Clair, dated 5th November
- (67.) Subpoena to attend to Patrick Sheridan, dated 5th November
- (68.) Notice to produce to Thomas William Fisher, dated 5th November
- (69.) Notice to produce to Jackson Palmer, dated 5th November
- (70.) Notice to produce to Joseph William Poynton, dated 5th November