

WEDNESDAY, 16TH 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 previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk read correspondence marked 117 to 121, as follows:—

- (117) Telegram from Pepa Tauke, dated 15th November
- (118.) Telegram to Pepa Tauke, dated 15th November
- (119) Telegram from Keritoke te Ahu, dated 12th November
- (120.) Subpœna to attend to Joseph McCluggage, dated 15th November
- (121) Telegram to officer in charge, Post office Savings bank, Auckland, dated 15th November

Mr Hine, M.P, with his counsel, Mr M. Myers, and Mr Henare Kaihau, M.P, with his counsel, Mr Skerrett, K.C (with him Mr Sharp), attended.

(31) James Carroll, Native Minister, was further examined by the Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward, members of the Committee, Mr M. Myers, and Mr Skerrett, K.C.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain the minute-book of the Native Affairs Committee for the year 1906. This could not be produced, through being lost in the fire of December, 1907

(32) William Herbert Herries, member of the House of Representatives for Tauranga, was sworn, and examined by Mr Massey, Mr Skerrett, K.C, and the members of the Committee.

*Resolved*, on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J G Ward, That, the hour of 1 p.m. having arrived, the Committee do now adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 17th November next.

The Committee adjourned accordingly

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Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk read correspondence marked 122 to 128, as follows:—

- (122.) Letter from C. P Skerrett, K.C, dated 16th November
- (123) Telegram to Rua Pekamu, dated 16th November
- (124.) Telegram from Chief Postmaster, Auckland, dated 16th November
- (125.) Telegram from W E Griffin, dated 16th November
- (126.) Letter to Hon Mr W C F Carncross, M.L.C., dated 16th November
- (127) Notice to produce to Controller-General, Post-Office Savings-Bank, Wellington, dated 16th November
- (128.) Notice to produce to Mr H. Otterson, dated 16th November

*Re* allegation No. 4:—

Mr Hine, M.P, with his counsel, Mr M. Myers, and Mr Skerrett, K.C (with him Mr Sharp), attended.

33) Joseph McCluggage, storekeeper, Whangamomona, recalled, was sworn, and examined by the Right Hon. Sir J G Ward and the members of the Committee.

(34.) Walter Charles Frederick Carncross, member of the Legislative Council, residing in Eltham, was sworn, and examined by the Right Hon. Sir J G Ward and the members of the Committee.

*Re* allegation No. 8:—

Mr Hine, M P, with his counsel, Mr M. Myers, and Mr Henare Kaihau, M.P, with his counsel, Mr Skerrett, K.C (with him Mr Sharp), attended.

35) Robert Daniel Kelly, clerk in the General Post Office, Wellington, produced exhibit marked M 1, and was examined by Mr M Myers, Mr. Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.

(36) Henry Otterson, Clerk House of Representatives, Wellington, was examined by Mr M Myers and the members of the Committee.

Mr M Myers stated that he did not intend to proceed with paragraph (f) of the charge.

(37) Keritoke te Ahu, aboriginal Native, Huntly, was sworn, and examined, through Mr Barclay, Native interpreter, by Mr M Myers and the members of the Committee. Produced exhibits marked N 1, O 1, P 1, Q 1, R 1, S 1, T 1, U 1, and V 1

Mr Skerrett, K.C, asked that he be allowed to defer his examination of the witness.—Agreed to.

(38.) Rewatu Hirako, aboriginal Native, Mapiu, was sworn, and examined, through Mr Barclay, Native interpreter by Mr M. Myers and the members of the Committee.

Mr Skerrett, K.C, asked that he be allowed to defer his examination of the witness.—Agreed to.

(39.) Kaahu Huatare, aboriginal Native, Otorohanga, was sworn, and examined, through Mr. Barclay Native interpreter, by Mr M Myers and the members of the Committee.

Mr Skerrett, K.C., asked that he be allowed to defer his examination of the witness.—Agreed to,