

FRIDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1912.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. at the Provincial Council Chambers.

All the Commissioners were present.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: J. S. Wilson, R. E. Cowper, C. Bowyer, G. L. Cull, H. Oakley, W. H. Hagger, J. S. Myers, W. A. D'orridant, R. C. Bishop, J. A. Pannett, and E. T. W. McLaurin.

SATURDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1912.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. at the Provincial Council Chambers.

All the Commissioners were present with the exception of Mr. W. G. Macdonald.

Charles Lafferty, boot-dealer, made a correction in his evidence given on the 13th instant.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: C. E. Hampton, H. V. Free, R. Evans, and T. Brown.

C. Bowyer supported his evidence, given yesterday, by reading several letters referred to in his previous statement.

MONDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1912.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. at the Provincial Council Chambers.

All the Commissioners were present with the exception of Mr. W. G. Macdonald.

Mr. G. W. Leadley took his seat with the other Commissioners.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: F. F. Jolly, H. Hunter, H. O. Gill, F. H. Steel, F. Williams, F. Blakeway, G. Scott, W. Stephen, G. Sheat, J. Thornton, T. R. Leithead, F. Feaver, E. J. Newman, and C. Taylor.

Mr. O. J. T. Alpers, solicitor, appeared on behalf of W. Pearce, coal-merchant, and stated that his client refused to give evidence.

TUESDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1912.

The Commission met at the Provincial Council Chambers at 10 a.m.

All the Commissioners were present with the exception of Messrs. W. G. Macdonald and W. A. Veitch, M.P.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: T. B. Crawshaw, F. L. G. Jolly, A. W. Jamieson, G. T. Booth, J. Keir, W. T. Lill, and J. S. Scott.

Mr. G. Harper appeared on behalf of Mr. F. A. Cook, and stated that he had advised Mr. Cook to decline to give evidence.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: A. Mander, P. S. Pavitt, and G. B. Nelson.

AUCKLAND.

THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1912.

The Commission met at the Government Buildings, Albert Street, Auckland, at 2 p.m.

All the Commissioners were present with the exception of Mr. W. G. Macdonald.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: A. Withy, J. Flanagan, J. E. Makgill, A. Sanford, and W. P. Black.

FRIDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1912.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. at the Government Buildings, Albert Street, Auckland.

All the Commissioners were present with the exception of Mr. W. G. Macdonald.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: D. H. Lusk, T. Miller, F. Maskell, P. Virtue, W. F. Stewart, Emily Gibson, D. J. McGowan, and J. M. Carpenter.

A. G. Coles, boot-manufacturer, declined to give evidence, stating that he had none to give. He stated he would have no objection to giving his reason privately to the Chairman.

The following witnesses were examined on oath: R. H. McCallum and C. Taylor.

SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1912.

The Commission met at the Government Buildings, Albert Street, at 10 a.m.

All the Commissioners were present with the exception of Mr. W. G. Macdonald.

The following witness was examined on oath: J. W. Hall.

C. Taylor, ex milk-retailer, corrected and supplemented his evidence given on the previous day.

The following witness was examined on oath: A. Ross.

The Commission went into committee at 11.45 a.m., and adjourned at 12.50 p.m.