

G. W. Macintosh, president of the Acclimatization Society.
 A. Cowie, secretary of the society.
 Gabriel Hodges and James Knox, representing the Otago Builders' Association.
 E. H. Wilmot, Commissioner of Crown Lands.
 E. O'Neill, Crown Lands Ranger.
 J. R. Scott, secretary, Otago Dairy Association.
 A. S. Ross, Dairy Instructor and Butter Grader.
 The Commission adjourned at 4 p.m.

FAIRLIE, SATURDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1913.

The Commission held a sitting here at noon, having journeyed from Dunedin *via* Ranfurly, Cromwell, and the Mackenzie Plains. On the 12th and 13th March they inspected the Naseby and Gimmerburn Plantations and the Ranfurly Nursery. At Fairlie on the above date the evidence of Mr. R. L. Banks, engineer to the Mackenzie County Council, was taken regarding the county's plantations.

The Commission then proceeded to Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH, TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1913.

The Commission met at 9.30 a.m., at the Lands Office.

All the Commissioners were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters were read from Mr. M. Murphy on afforestation and the value of *Pinus radiata*.

The following witnesses attended, and gave evidence:—

Edward Herring, retired farmer, Papanui.

Richard P. Grady, of A. M. Grady and Co.

J. C. Helmore.

H. G. Ell, M.P.

John H. Maynard.

Dr. Morton Anderson.

Professor Charles Chilton, D.Sc.

Robert Nairn, nurseryman.

W. B. Buckhurst, Crown Lands Ranger.

H. S. Price, Chief Draughtsman, Canterbury Land District.

John Dryden Hall, farmer, Hororata.

The Commission adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

On the 19th and 20th March the Commission inspected the State nursery and plantations at Hanmer.

HOKITIKA, MONDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1913.

The Commission met at the Lands Office at 7.30 p.m.

Letters were read from Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, *re* scenic reservation at Ruawai, Kaipara; A. N. Harrop, on growth of native trees; J. G. Wilson, *re* the planting of sand-dunes; H. E. Pacey, of the National Dairy Association, Auckland; and W. B. Leyland, regarding butter-box tests.

The Commission adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

GREYMOUTH, TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1913.

The Commission met at the Courthouse at 10 a.m.

All the Commissioners were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. G. H. Boyd and J. W. Caldwell, director and secretary of the West Coast Sawmillers' Association, attended and handed in a statement dealing with the export of white-pine and the use of red-beech as a timber for sleepers.

The Commission adjourned at 11 o'clock a.m., and proceeded to Reefton, examining *en route* Mr. A. Whitehorn, Crown Lands Ranger for the South Nelson District.