

W. Nosworthy, M.P., vice-president; C. Armstrong, chairman; C. Beckley, secretary; and Messrs. J. Wood, F. Porson, W. Smith, D. G. Wright, and W. Hood. W. J. Dickie, Esq., M.P., was present and introduced the deputation.

The Commission left Mount Somers at 3.30 p.m. and arrived at Christchurch at 9 p.m.

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SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1915.

The Commission met in committee at 11 a.m., and decided to visit Orari on Thursday, 11th March, at 10.30 a.m., to consider the application of the Orari Jockey Club; Fairlie at 2 p.m. the same day, to consider the application of the Mackenzie County Racing Club; Washdyke Junction at 5 p.m. the same day, to consider the applications of the South Canterbury Hunt and Trotting Clubs; Waimate on Friday, 12th March, at 9.30 a.m., to consider the application of the Waimate District Hunt Club; Palmerston South at 2.30 p.m. the same day, to consider the application of the Palmerston Racing Club; Mosgiel on Saturday, 13th March, at 10 a.m., to consider the application of the Taieri Amateur Turf Club; Wingatui at 10.45 a.m. the same day, to consider the application of the Otago Hunt Club; Naseby on Monday, 15th March, at 2 p.m., to consider the application of the Maniototo Jockey Club; Roxburgh on Tuesday, 16th March, at 10.30 a.m., to consider the application of the Bengerburn Jockey Club; Invercargill on Wednesday, 17th March, at 10.10 a.m., to consider the application of the Southland Trotting Club; Winton at 12 noon the same day, to consider the application of the Winton Trotting Club; Otautau at 2 p.m. the same day, to consider the applications of the Birchwood Hunt and Otautau Hack Racing Clubs; Clifden at 4.30 p.m. the same day, to consider the application of the Clifden Hack Racing Club; Lumsden on Thursday, 18th March, at 10.15 a.m., to consider the application of the Lumsden Hack Racing Club; and Hawea Flat on Friday, 19th March, at 11.30 a.m., to consider the application of the Upper Clutha Racing Club.

The Commission then adjourned.

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THURSDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1915.

The Commission left Christchurch at 8 a.m. and arrived at Orari at 10.30 a.m., and at once inspected the course and appointments of the Geraldine Racing Club in connection with the application of the Orari Jockey Club; and at 10.45 a.m. met the following deputation from the latter club, viz.: E. O'Malley, president; G. Warner, vice-president; G. Glover, secretary; and Messrs. W. Quirk, W. Mason, W. T. Turner, A. Brown, A. G. Macdonald, and A. W. Ensor, committee.

The Commission left Orari at 11 a.m. and arrived at Fairlie at 1 p.m., and at 1.30 p.m. inspected the course of the Mackenzie County Racing Club, and met the following deputation from the club, viz.: W. Wreford, J. Binney, W. T. Sams, J. Sherwin, G. A. Sherwin, H. Kerr, R. E. Gillingham, jun., and Edward Gillingham.

The Commission left Fairlie at 2.15 p.m. and arrived at Washdyke Junction at 4.30 p.m., and at once inspected the course and appointments of the South Canterbury Jockey Club in connection with the applications of the South Canterbury Trotting and Hunt Clubs. At 4.40 p.m. the Commission met the following deputation from the South Canterbury Trotting Club, viz.: Messrs. J. Hole, J. Robertson, F. J. Torrey, R. McLean, J. Gilchrist, H. Scarf, W. Connelly, and H. Fraser, secretary; and at 5 p.m. met the following deputation from the South Canterbury Hunt Club, viz.: H. Elworthy, master; H. Innes-Jones, secretary; A. Elworthy and C. L. Orbell. J. Craigie, Esq., M.P., was present and introduced the deputations.

The Commission then proceeded to Timaru.

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FRIDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1915.

The Commission left Timaru at 7.5 a.m. and arrived at Waimate at 9.30 a.m., and at once inspected the course and appointments of the Waimate Racing Club in connection with the application of the Waimate District Hunt Club; and at 9.45 a.m. met the following deputation from the latter club, viz.: E. S. Rutherford, master; R. G. Rattray, deputy master; E. C. Studholme and J. M. Rattray, secretary. The Commission also inspected the kennels of the club.

The Commission left Waimate at 11.25 a.m. and arrived at Palmerston at 2.5 p.m., and at once inspected the course and appointments of the Palmerston Racing Club; and at 2.30 p.m. met the following deputation from the club, viz.: H. O'Neill, chairman; E. Lefevre, president; M. Power, secretary; and Messrs. E. H. Clark, Joseph Challis, J. Sloane, and D. McDonald.

The Commission left Palmerston at 7.9 p.m. and arrived at Dunedin at 9 p.m.

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SATURDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1915.

The Commission left Dunedin at 9 a.m. and arrived at Mosgiel at 10 a.m., and at once inspected the course and appointments of the Taieri Amateur Turf Club; and at 10.15 a.m. met the following deputation from the club, viz.: R. Green, president; Messrs. A. F. Quelch and J. Ellis. J. Dickson, Esq., M.P., was present and introduced the deputation.

The Commission then proceeded to Wingatui Racecourse, and at 10.45 a.m. met the following deputation from the Otago Hunt Club, viz.: B. S. Irwin, vice-president; Hugh Gourley, vice-president; J. A. Jordan, master; A. C. Smith, treasurer; A. M. Shugar, secretary; Messrs.