

with the above-mentioned Act, with the object of recommending what amendments to the Act are desirable :

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

W. DOWNIE STEWART,
ALEX. D. McLEOD,
WILLIAM H. TRIGGS,
GEORGE SHIRTCLIFFE, and
HUGH T. D. ACLAND,

to be a Commission to inquire into and report on the following matters :—

1. The extent to which the Government should contribute towards the capital requirements of Hospital Boards, and the basis upon which such contributions should be given :
2. (a.) The extent to which the Government should contribute towards the net maintenance requirements of Hospital Boards in the Dominion.
(b.) The basis of allocation of any such contribution amongst the individual Boards.
3. The extent to which the Government should continue to subsidize voluntary contributions.
4. The extent to which the Government should contribute towards the funds of separate institutions under the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act.
5. The extent to which the Government should make grants in aid of various charitable societies and institutions.
6. The fees that should be charged for maintenance and treatment in public hospitals.
7. The present method of allocation of representation of contributory local authorities and the ratepayers on Hospital Boards, having regard also to the nature of the suffrage.
8. The desirability or otherwise of providing for Government representation upon Hospital Boards by means of nominated members.
9. The constitution and area of the present hospital districts, and whether the present grouping of local authorities in the various districts is the best and fairest method of distributing the cost of the base hospitals throughout the Dominion amongst the various local authorities.
10. Generally, as to any matters in connection with hospitals or charitable aid which may be referred to it by the Hon. the Minister of Public Health.

And with the like advice and consent I do further appoint you, the said

W. DOWNIE STEWART,

to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And for the better enabling you, the said Commission, to carry these presents into effect, you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places in the said Dominion as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine, on oath or otherwise, as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in the premises ; and you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such books, papers, plans, documents, or records as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matter of the inquiry hereby directed to be made, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever.

And, using all diligence, you are required to report to me, under your hands and seals, not later than the thirtieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, your opinion as to the aforesaid matters.