

## SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATION COMMISSION.

## REPORT.

To His Excellency General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet; General on the Retired List and in the Reserve of Officers of His Majesty's Army; Doctor of Laws; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Companion of the Distinguished Service Order; Member of the Royal Victorian Order; Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the members of the South Island Representation Commission appointed by Your Excellency on the 7th day of April, 1927, have the honour to report that we commenced our sittings on the 2nd day of May last, for the purpose of dividing the South Island into electoral districts.

Notice of the boundaries as provisionally fixed by us under the authority of our Commission was duly published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 23rd day of May, 1927, and on the 29th day of June, 1927, the Commission again met, and the objections, petitions, and suggestions that were received were duly considered and dealt with by your Commissioners in the manner set forth in the attached schedule.

In accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, the Commission has declared that the Christchurch Licensing District shall comprise the Christchurch North, Christchurch East, and Christchurch South Electoral Districts, and that the Dunedin Licensing District shall comprise the Dunedin North, Dunedin West, and Dunedin Central Electoral Districts.

With regard to the objections and petitions received in connection with the elimination of the Ashburton Electoral District, it was found, after mature deliberation, that it was impracticable to give effect to the suggested alteration of boundaries, and it was unanimously decided to adhere to the boundaries as provisionally gazetted, but to alter the name of the proposed Ellesmere Electorate to that of "Mid-Canterbury."

Representations having been made that "Central Otago" would be a more suitable name for the proposed electorate comprising a large portion of the former Wakatipu Electoral District, it was decided to adopt the name of "Central Otago" instead of "Otago Central" as provisionally gazetted.

Your Commissioners subsequently finally approved and confirmed the boundaries of the electoral districts, and now respectfully submit for Your Excellency's consideration the names and descriptions of the same, together with a map showing the actual and nominal populations respectively, agreeing with the totals as allotted by the Joint Commission.

Given under our hands and seals, this first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

R. S. GALBRAITH.  
W. STEWART.  
W. T. MORPETH.

HARRY QUANE.  
HARMAN REEVES.