

Consideration of the petition was resumed.

Mr. Hull, Sub-Inspector of Sheep, was further examined, and, being thanked, withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

It was resolved that Mr. Douglass, Chief Inspector of Sheep, Dunedin, be forthwith summoned before the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned till Saturday, 24th August, at 11.30 a.m.

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SATURDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1889.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Hon. Mr. Peter, Hon. Mr. Pharazyn, Hon. Mr. Walker, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. J. McKenzie.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Acland being absent, it was resolved that the Hon. Mr. Pharazyn do take the chair.

Consideration of the petition of G. Ross was resumed.

Mr. Hull, Sub-Inspector of Sheep, was in attendance and gave evidence.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee then adjourned.

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MONDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1889.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Hon. Mr. Pharazyn (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Peter, Hon. Mr. Walker, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Lance, Mr. Lawry, Mr. J. McKenzie, and Captain Russell.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The petition of Ross and others was further considered.

Papers laid on the table: (1.) From J. McKenzie, Esq., M.H.R., to Hon. Mr. G. F. Richardson, *re* Mr. Ross's complaint against Sub-Inspector Hull (L.S. 89/339). (2.) From Inspector Douglass, being report of a visit to Waihemo District (L.S. 89/372).

Mr. Douglass, Chief Inspector, Dunedin, was in attendance and gave evidence, and, being thanked, withdrew.

Mr. G. Ross attended and gave evidence, and, being thanked, withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Ross be directed to attend the next meeting of the Committee, and to bring further evidence on this matter.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow at 11 a.m.

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TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1889.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Hon. Mr. Acland (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Campbell, Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Captain Morris, Hon. Mr. Peter, Hon. Mr. Walker, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Lance, Mr. Lawry, Mr. J. McKenzie, and Captain Russell.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Paper laid on the table: Return of Expenditure by the Hurunui Rabbit Board for the Years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

Consideration of the petition of G. Ross was resumed.

Mr. Ross was present and again examined, and, being thanked, withdrew.

Mr. Doris attended and gave evidence, and, being thanked, withdrew.

The Committee then adjourned.

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THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1889.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Hon. Mr. Acland (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Peter, Hon. Mr. Walker, Hon. Mr. Wigley, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Lance, Mr. Lawry, Mr. J. McKenzie, and Captain Russell.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Clifton, Chief Inspector of Sheep, Wellington, attended and gave evidence, and, being thanked, withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Lawry, *Resolved*, That the Island of Motuihi, situated in the Auckland Harbour, and known as the Quarantine Island, should at once be declared a quarantine-ground for imported stock.

A petition from Cyrus Goulter and others was read.

*Resolved*, That consideration of this petition be postponed.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Sub-Inspector Hull be again called before the Committee.

*Resolved*, That a sub-committee be appointed, to consist of the Hon. Mr. Acland, Hon. Mr. Pharazyn, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Buchanan, to draw up a draft report to be submitted to the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned.