

The Secretary, Mr. Leckie, read the Commission.

Mr J. Kennedy, Inspector under the Employment of Females Act; the Rev. T. Flavell, President, Early-closing Association; Miss A. P. and Miss A. Q., shop-assistants, were examined and gave evidence.

The Commission sat from 10 to 12.30 in the morning, and from 7.30 to 9.30 in the evening.

CHRISTCHURCH, 5TH MARCH, 1890.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Fulton, Jones, and Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. A. R., journeyman baker; Mr. W. D. Meers, late clothing manufacturer; Mr. C. Woodham, baker; Mr. James McDonald, labour-agent; Mr. F. S. Parker, President of the Tailors' and Tailoresses' and Pressers' Union, and President of the Trades and Labour Council; Master A. S., feeder of lithographic machine; Mr. A. T., hairdresser; Mr. Robert Clark, Secretary, New Zealand Early-closing Association; and Mr. E. C. Brown, manager of the D.I.C., Christchurch, were examined and gave evidence.

The Commission sat from 10 to 12 in the morning, and from 7.30 to 9.45 in the evening.

CHRISTCHURCH, 6TH MARCH, 1890.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Fulton, Jones, and Wright.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. C. P. Hulbert, hat-manufacturer and outfitter, and President of the Drapers' Association; G. H. Blackwell, Manager of Kaiapoi Woollen Factory; Mr. F. C. Gerard, journeyman compositor; Masters A. U., A. V., A. W., bookbinders' assistants; Mr. John P. Cooper, printer; Mr. James McIntosh, bookbinder; Mr. Thomas E. Cooper, paper-ruler; Mr. A. Andrews, bookbinder; Mr. Edward McCleary, printer; and Mr. A. X., shop-assistant, were examined and gave evidence.

The Commission sat in the morning from 10 to 1, and from 7.30 to 9.45 in the evening.

CHRISTCHURCH, 7TH MARCH, 1890.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Fulton, Jones, and Wright.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. C. J. Rae, representing railway servants, waited on the Commission and stated their desire to bring forward their grievances.

The Commission stated that they found they could not with the time at their disposal do justice to so large a question, and recommended the Society to carry out their original intention of appealing to Parliament.

CHRISTCHURCH, 10TH MARCH, 1890.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Fulton, Jones, and Wright.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. William E. Tribe, draper; Mr. A. Y., journeyman bootmaker; Mr. M. A. Baxter, tailor, Secretary, Tailors' Association; Misses A. Z., B. A., B. B., B. C., B. D., B. E., B. F., B. G., tailoresses; Miss B. H. and Mr. B. I., trousers-makers; and Mr. B. J., tailor, were examined and gave evidence.

The Commission sat from 10 to 1 in the morning, and from 7.30 to 10.30 in the evening.

CHRISTCHURCH, 11TH MARCH, 1890.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Fulton, Jones, and Wright.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. B. K., drapers' assistant; Mr. B. L., bootmaker; Mr. B. M., bootmaker; Messrs. B. N. and B. O., drysalters; Mr. B. P., draper's assistant; and Messrs. B. Q., B. R., B. S., tailors, were examined and gave evidence.

The Commission sat from 10 to 12 in the morning, and from 7.30 to 10.30 in the evening.

CHRISTCHURCH, 12TH MARCH, 1890.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Messrs. Fulton, Jones, and Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

AUCKLAND, 25TH MARCH, 1890.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Mr. James Fulton, Mr. Thomas Thompson, M.H.R., and Mr. Francis Cherry.

The Secretary, Mr. Leckie, read the Commission.

Mr. Richard Gamble, Inspector under the Employment of Females Act, was examined.

The Commission sat from 10 a.m. to noon.