

MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1890.

The Commissioners met at 9 a.m.

*Present* : All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

Mr. Hugh Calders, re-examined, gave further evidence, and Mr. William Dunn, having been sworn, gave evidence, before the Commission. The evidence of both these witnesses was taken down.

The Commissioners spent the afternoon considering points of evidence and perusing the various exhibits, and adjourned at 5 p.m. to the next day.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1890.

The Commissioners met at 9.30 a.m.

*Present* : All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. F. W. Martin, District Engineer, and James Bishop, mine-manager, were re-examined, and gave further evidence before the Commissioners. The evidence of these witnesses was taken down.

The Commissioners adjourned at 5 p.m. to the next day.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1890.

The Commissioners proceeded by the 9.30 train to Ahaura and Brunnerton, where they examined the mine and the different faults, and returned to Greymouth at 5.45 p.m.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1890.

The Commissioners met at 9.30 a.m.

*Present* : All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

Messrs. W. H. Boase, John Roberts, John Morris, and John Green, having been sworn, gave evidence before the Commission. Their evidence was taken down.

The Commissioners adjourned at 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1890.

The Commissioners spent the day inspecting the mines at Brunnerton.

SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Commissioners left Greymouth by the 9.30 train to Ahaura, and thence proceeded by coach to Reefton, and on Monday, 3rd November, journeyed by coach from Reefton to Westport.

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER.

The Commissioners examined the coal-staiths and other arrangements in connection with coal-storage, after which a formal meeting was held, at which all the Commissioners were present.

Mr. T. J. Waters, engineer to the Westport Coal Company, gave evidence before the Commission. His evidence was taken down.

The Commissioners adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Commissioners proceeded to Denniston, where they examined the coal-mines; and in the afternoon they took the evidence of Messrs. T. Brown, mine-manager, and J. Lomas, chairman of the Amalgamated Miners' and Labourers' Association. The Chairman proceeded to Wellington by steamer direct in the afternoon.

THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Commissioners spent the day in examining the harbour-works and appliances for coal at Westport, and in seeing soundings of the bar taken; and on Friday, 7th November, proceeded overland by coach to Nelson, where they arrived on Saturday evening, reaching Wellington by steamer on the following Monday evening.

TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Commissioners met in the Cabinet-room, Parliament Buildings, Wellington, at 2.30 p.m.

*Present* : All the Commissioners.

Mr. Brown reported the evidence taken by himself and Mr. Moody on the 5th November at Denniston.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Commissioners sat during the day considering their report.