

It was decided,—(1) That the secretary be instructed to obtain from each Education Board a return of the number of appointments of teachers made during the past two years, and the number of teachers who were drawn from other districts during the same period; (2) that each Education Board be asked to furnish an estimate of the amount paid annually on account of the absence of teachers through sickness, and the supply of teachers on special service; (3) that the Secretary for Education be asked to prepare a return showing the salaries of teachers under the various Education Boards for the December quarter (*a*) by the Boards' scales, (*b*) by the proposed amended alternative scale; (4) that the Inspector-General be asked to prepare at his earliest convenience a complete scale showing the staffing of schools and salaries paid to teachers according to his alternative scheme.

Evidence was given by Messrs J. A. Valentine, B.A., J. P. Kalaugher, and M. McLeod (representing the South Canterbury Educational Institute), and the Rev. G. Barclay (recalled) also gave evidence.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Board, its officers, and the witnesses.

The Commission adjourned at 1 p.m. till 10 a.m. on the 1st June, at Auckland.

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AUCKLAND.

SATURDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m. in the office of the Education Board.

*Present*: Mr. S. Luke (in the chair); Mr. T. Mackenzie, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. M. Gilfedder, M.H.R.; Mr. T. S. Weston, Mr. W. Davidson, and Mr. R. D. Stewart.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hill on the 1st June, and to Mr. Smith on the 1st and 3rd June.

Statements were received from Messrs. A. M. Rust, A. Bramley, A. W. Tindall, H. von Blaramberg, and J. H. Burnard.

The secretary placed before the Commission Exhibits Nos. 64 and 65.

Evidence was given by Messrs. T. U. Wells (president of the Auckland Educational Institute), F. Brown (representing the second assistant masters), J. D. McNaughton (representing teachers of the Pukekohe district), J. Armstrong (representing headmasters, Auckland), A. Taylor (representing medium-sized schools), and Miss Shrewsbury, M.A. (representing assistant mistresses).

At 2.30 p.m. Mr. Hogg attended, and occupied the chair.

Mr. G. Hogben was also present from the same time.

The Commission adjourned at 5 p.m. until 10 a.m. next day.

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MONDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R. (in the chair), Mr. T. Mackenzie, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. M. Gilfedder, M.H.R.; Mr. T. S. Weston, Mr. S. Luke, Mr. H. Hill, B.A., Mr. W. Davidson, and Mr. R. D. Stewart.

Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., also attended.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Statements were received from Messrs. J. Moir, F. Jameson, and G. W. Murray.

Evidence was given by Messrs. W. R. C. Walker (representing the first assistant masters), H. Campbell (barrister), W. N. McIntosh (headmaster, Onehunga School), G. Squirrell (Chairman of the Auckland City School Committee), Miss Newman (representing infant mistresses), and G. Large (teacher, Waiuku School).

The Commission adjourned at 5 p.m. until 10 a.m. next day.

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TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1901.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R. (in the chair), Mr. T. Mackenzie, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. M. Gilfedder, M.H.R.; Mr. T. S. Weston, Mr. S. Luke, Mr. H. Hill, B.A., Mr. J. Smith, Mr. W. Davidson, and Mr. R. D. Stewart.

Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., also attended.

The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed.

It was decided that Commissioners be allowed an opportunity to correct questions in typewritten copies of evidence, and that the Government Printer be urged to proceed with the printing as rapidly as possible.

It was resolved, That an application be made to His Excellency the Governor for a further extension of time of forty days.

Statements were received from Messrs. H. H. D. Wily, N. H. S. Law, and J. C. Mill.

Evidence was given by Messrs. Vincent E. Rice (secretary, Auckland Education Board), L. J. Bagnall (Chairman, Auckland Education Board), R. Hobbs (ex-Chairman, Auckland Education Board), D. Petrie, M.A. (Chief Inspector of Schools, Auckland District), and O. Mays (Chairman of the Devonport School Committee).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Board, its officers, and witnesses.

The Commission adjourned at 5.45 p.m. until 10 a.m. on the 6th June, at New Plymouth.